

# WESTFORD NEWSLETTER

June 2014

## Westford Town Office

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## Town Office Notes

### Dogs

Dog licenses were due April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have not licensed your dog(s) please do so before June 12<sup>th</sup> to avoid additional fees that may be assessed. Per State Statute a list of dogs that remain unlicensed as of June 12<sup>th</sup> will be turned over to the Selectboard and Dog Warden.

A current rabies certificate is required. If you are unsure if the current certificate is on file, please call the Town Office. For your convenience, you may mail or drop off the fee and rabies certificate along with a self-addressed stamped envelope and we will mail the license to you. The fee is \$16.00 unless your dog is spayed or neutered, in which case the fee is \$13.00.

With warmer weather, we want to remind you to please keep your dog(s) under control at all times either by voice command or restrained by a leash, fence or other appropriate apparatus. Please contact the Dog Warden (Diane Forsey 363-2545) for dog problems.

### Senior Luncheons

Our senior luncheon is Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Brick Meeting House. We do not meet in July and August. We will resume in September. Hot Dogs, hamburgers, salads, etc. will be our menu. We hope that everyone can come. Hopefully, we will see a couple new faces. If you have any questions, please call me at 878-3090. Need a ride? Call the same number and I will arrange for you to have a ride. Looking forward to seeing you there. Carol Howrigan, President

### Friendly Reminders

- **Burn permits** are needed prior to any burning. Burn permits are available online ([www.westfordvt.us](http://www.westfordvt.us)), from the Fire Warden (Dennis Angiono, 879-1231) or from the Town Office during regular office hours.
- **Yard waste**, such as leaves, brush and topsoil are not considered household garbage. You can compost yard waste or bring it to a participating Chittenden Solid Waste drop off center. For a list of centers please visit [www.cswd.net](http://www.cswd.net).
- **Metal items** can be put in the metal dumpster located at the town garage.
- **Hazardous waste materials** must be brought to a participating CSWD drop off center.
- **The Rover** will be accepting household hazardous waste in Westford **Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 9am-1pm** at the Town Garage. This is a free service sponsored by the Chittenden Solid Waste District.

### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the July Newsletter is 12:00 noon on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\***

**This is the last month the newsletter will be mailed to you unless you have called the town office to be placed on the mailing list.**

In an effort to save taxpayers money, the Selectboard has decided to change the way the newsletter is distributed. Given today's technology, the newsletter is available electronically by email and on the Town's website, therefore mailing of hard copies will be limited to those who contact the Town Office to request to be put on the mailing list. This change goes into effect for the July Newsletter.

If you currently receive your newsletter in the mail and would like to continue to, please contact the Town Office at 878-4587.

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The Westford Public Library would like to extend a special thank you to Linell Vilaseca for her nearly two decades of service on the Westford Public Library Board of Trustees. She has helped in countless ways and her leadership and enthusiasm will be greatly missed. From leading meetings and writing policy, to helping at the Fourth of July Book Sale and Welcome Baby Tea - Linell has served this community well. We wish her the best of luck in all her new endeavors. The Board has appointed Alison Weinhagen as her replacement. Again, thank you Linell for all you have done for the community.

## Library Hours

<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>1-7pm</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>10am-6pm</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>1-7pm</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>10am-2pm</b>

## Congratulations to the First Graders at Westford Elementary School for getting their library cards!

Library cards do expire every two years-so if you have a 3rd grader, theirs is about to expire. 4th graders and up who have not renewed their cards may not be in the system. Children 15 and younger need a parent's signature to get a card - make sure your card is up to date so you can read all summer long!

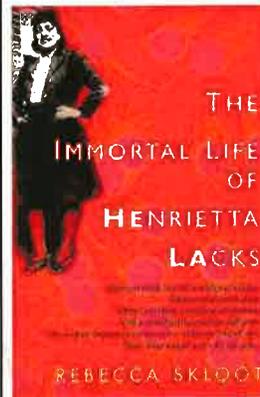


## Book Group Discussion

Wednesday, June 18, 6pm

### The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

By: Rebecca Skloot



Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor black tobacco farmer whose cells—taken without her knowledge in 1951—became one of the most important

tools in medicine, vital for developing the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, in vitro fertilization, and more. Henrietta's cells have been bought and sold by the billions, yet she remains virtually unknown, and her family can't afford health insurance.

This phenomenal New York Times bestseller tells a riveting story of the collision between ethics, race, and medicine; of scientific discovery and faith healing; and of a daughter consumed with questions about the mother she never knew. (amazon.com)

Extra Copies Available at the Librarian's Desk.

## FIZZ, BOOM, READ!

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM AND SCHEDULE IN THE TOWN NEWSLETTER AND ON OUR WEBSITE [WESTFORDPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG](http://WESTFORDPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG)



## **Early Literacy Storytime : Birth to Pre-School Every Thursday at 11am No registration required!**

6/5/14: Theme: Silly Stories

6/12/14: Theme: Dads - Father's Day

\*6/19/14: Theme: Color and Light

\*6/26/14: Theme: Weather and Meteorology

Storytimes marked with a (\*) are considered part of the Summer Reading Program

Storytime consists of several stories around a theme, as well as a theme-based craft. All ages and levels of attention are encouraged to come. Don't worry if they fidget - they are still getting a lot out of it!

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## June Library Events

- June 4 - First graders visit the Library to get their library cards
- June 4 - Trustees Meeting
- June 5 - Second graders visit the Library
- June 13 - Art Opening: 7/8 Grade Photography Club 6-7pm. Refreshments served.
- June 14 - Last day for accepting donations to the Fourth of July Book Sale
- June 18 - Summer Reading Program Begins!
- June 18 - Book group: The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks - 6-7pm
- June 20 - \*\*\*Kick Off the Summer Reading Program Concert 6-7pm - The Swing Peepers on the Common\*\*\*
- June 25 - Read with JR 5:30-6:30pm (pre-registration and permission slip required)
- June 27 - Drop-in Nature Prints 4:30-6:00pm - drop in anytime to make a picture using color changing paper.
- June 28 - Drop-in Nature Prints 10:30-Noon - see description above  
Storytime every Thursday 11am

### Art Opening: Friday, June 13 - 6-7pm The 7/8 Grade Photography Club

The culmination of a year of hard work will be on display for the month of June at the library. See the works of a talented and dedicated group of young artists. The whole community is welcome and 7/8 grade students and families are especially encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.



### Summer Reading for Adults? Yes!

Fill out a raffle ticket for every book you read this summer to have a chance to win a \$25 gift card.



**FIZZ, BOOM, READ!**  
Summer Reading Program runs June 18-August 8!  
Sign up at the Library.  
Events!  
Prizes!  
Fun!  
See the brochure included in this newsletter.

Summer Reading Kick Off Concert!  
The Swing Peepers  
Friday, June 20  
6-7pm  
On the Common  
Bring a picnic!



## FREE SUMMER FUN!

Passes are available for a 3 day check out  
Passes may not be reserved

- Vermont State Parks - day use (2 passes)
- Vermont Historic Sites
- Shelburne Farms (2 passes)
- Shelburne Museum
- ECHO Center (2 passes) (\$4/person)
- Birds of Vermont Museum
- American Precision Museum (Winsor, VT)

## WE WANT TO DELIVER YOU BOOKS!

We have funding to provide outreach services to FIVE childcare providers in Westford. You DO NOT need to be a registered daycare - just provide care to at least 2 children that are not your own. Perfect for grandparents, friends or neighbors. Contact Bree to sign up. No names, just numbers, will be given to the granting agency!

**LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS IS JUNE 14** - The Library is now accepting donations of books, audiobooks, and DVDs for our annual Fourth of July Book Sale. Please make sure items are in GOOD condition - clean and free of mold. We do not accept textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, VHS or cassette tapes, music CDs, or old travel guides.

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## Summer Reading at a Glance

June 18 - Registration for SRP begins  
June 19 - Storytime 11am - Color and Light  
June 20 - SRP Kick-off Concert 6-7pm -

The Swing Peepers on the Common  
June 25 - Read with JR 5:30-6:30pm  
June 26 - Storytime 11am - Weather  
June 27 - Drop-in Nature prints 4:30-6:30  
June 28 - Drop-in Nature prints 10:30-Noon

July 2 - Float Building 3-5pm  
July 3 - Storytime 11am - Sound and Music  
July 4 - Parade and Book Sale

July 9 - Read with JR 5:30-6:30pm  
July 10 - Storytime 11am - Movement  
July 10 - Deconstruction Days 3:30-5:30pm  
July 11 - Deconstruction Days 4:30-6:30pm  
July 12 - Deconstruction Days 10:30-Noon  
July 16 - Pop Up Cards that POP! 6-7pm  
July 17 - Storytime 11am - Water  
July 17 - Creative Solar Creatures 6-9pm  
July 18 - Wind Powered Lego Cars 5-7pm  
July 18 - Family Movie Night: The "Building Block" Movie 7-9pm

July 23 - Read with JR 5:30-6:30pm  
July 24 - Storytime 11am - Five Senses  
July 25 - Drop-in Squishy Circuits 4:30-6pm  
July 26 - Drop-in Squishy Circuits 10:30-  
Noon

July 30 - All about the Moon - "Moon  
Selfies" 6-8pm  
July 31 - Storytime 11am - Cooking

August 1 - Drop-in Codes and Compasses  
4:30-6:00pm

August 2 - Drop-in Codes and Compasses  
10:30-Noon

August 6 - Read with JR 5:30-6:30pm

August 7 - Storytime 11am - Sink or Float  
August 8 - End of SRP Ice Cream Party  
and Raffle Drawing

## Raffles and Prizes

### **Kid's Raffle (0-8years old)**

Raffle tickets given for coming to Library events and for every ten books recorded on reading log!

Prizes: Movie tickets, bug catchers, puzzle games, lots more!

### **Tween Raffle (9-12 years old)**

Raffle tickets given for coming to Library events and for every three books recorded on your reading log!

Prizes: Movie tickets, \$25 gift card to the Essex Family Fun Center, and more!

### **Teen Raffle (13-18 years old)**

Raffle tickets given for coming to Library events and for every book read.

Prizes: Movie tickets, \$25 UMall gift card

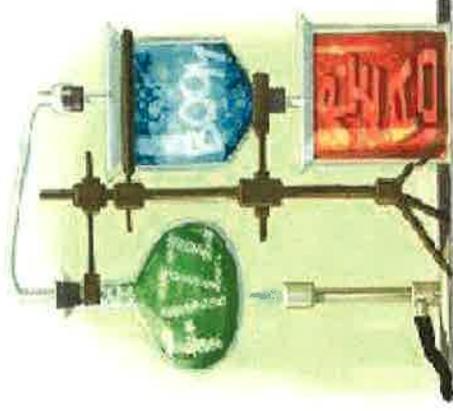
### **Adult Raffle (19 and older)**

Raffle tickets given for every book read during the summer.

Prize: \$25 Sweet Clover Market gift card

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## Summer Reading Program



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June 18-August 8



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Bree Drapa, Librarian

## **Fizz, Boom, Read!**

Visit the library starting June 18 to sign up for our Summer Reading Program! List the books you read (or your family reads) on your reading log, come to programs and be eligible for prizes at the Ice Cream Party (8/8). The more events you attend, the better your chances of winning!

**Find the Safety Glasses!** Find the safety glasses and win a prize! Visit weekly as the glasses move throughout the library.

Children 9+ may attend these events without an adult, younger children need to bring an adult. For more information see the Library's Unattended Minor Policy.

### Summer Reading Program Events

June 20 - Kick Off Concert: The Swing Peepers on the Common 6-7pm.

Family friendly and fun! The Swing Peepers, a vocal-harmony and multi-instrument duo, perform inventive, earth-friendly and interactive songs and stories. The Swing Peepers are lively, improvisational, and endearingly goofy. Bring a picnic and celebrate summer! Brought to you by grants from the VT Dept. of Libraries, the Smith Fund and the Winnie Bell Learned Fund.

June 25 - R.E.A.D. with JR 5:30-6:30pm  
Nancy McKee and her Newfies are back! Read to JR or Rainbow, both trained Delta therapy dogs and lovers of the written word. Bring your own books from home, or choose one of the dogs' favorites at the library.

### **Permission slip and pre-registration required**

June 27 (4:30-6pm) & June 28 (10:30-Noon) - Drop in Nature Prints  
Come in anytime on either day to explore the beauty of nature and the wonder of science. We will be using special color changing paper to make this project.

July 2 - Float Building 3-5pm  
Help create/decorate our AWESOME float - it's a "robot". **Sign up to ride the float at the library by this date.** All ages welcome and goodie bags will be given to all riders. You do not need to attend this event to ride the float. Thank you to J. Hutchins, Inc for pulling our float.

### July 4 - Parade and Library Book Sale

Meet at the Town Garage at 10:30am, parade at 11am. **All riders need to have signed a Summer Reading Program permission slip.**  
**Library Book Sale 9am-1pm** (\$5 per bag)

### July 9 - R.E.A.D with JR 5:30-6:30pm

See June 25 for details

### **Permission slip and pre-registration required**

July 10 (3:30-5:30), 11(4:30-6:30pm)&12 (10:30-Noon) - Deconstruction Days!

Come anytime on any day - we'll have lots of things to deconstruct! Have you ever wondered what the inside of a computer looks like? A printer? We'll have lots of things to take apart - complex and simple, for every age! Bring tools if you can, but we will have extras. And when we are done - we'll make some "robot art" creations for display in the Library!

### July 16 - Pop Up Cards that Really POP! 6-7pm

These are no ordinary cards! Using copper tape, batteries, and LEDs we will create cars that light up! Be a "maker" of something super cool! All supplies provided - great for any age.

July 17 - Creative Creatures: a Maker Program 6-9pm (Limited Number of Spots Available)

**This three hour class will be taught by a member of the Vermont Maker Group. We will be making light up creatures using solar cells, LEDs and lots of recycled plastic. Best for ages 10+ (parents use your judgment on younger children)**  
**Permission slip and pre-registration required**

E-textiles date TBD either 7/31 or 8/7 6-9pm (Limited Number of Spots Available)

Light up clothes? Are we in the future? No! The future is here with these maker creations. Another class taught by the Vermont Makers Group. We will be sewing with conductive thread and using batteries and LEDs to make wearable creations. Best for ages 10+ (parents judgment for younger children)  
Permission slip and pre-registration required.

### July 18 - Wind Powered Lego Cars 5-7pm

Balloons + Legos = a whole lot of FUN! Try to build the fastest car, the longest run, the greatest creation you can. If you like Legos you might want to stay for:

July 18 - Family Movie Night: The "Building Block" Movie - 7-9pm

Because of our movie license agreement we can not advertise the name of the movie - but I think you can figure it out! Popcorn and drinks provided.

### July 23 - R.E.A.D. with JR 5:30-6:30pm

See June 25 for details

### **Permission slip and pre-registration required**

July 25 (4:30-6pm) & July 26 (10:30-Noon) - Squishy Circuits!

Be a maker! Have fun learning about electricity while making circuits out of conductive play-doh! Light up your creations using batteries and LEDs. This activity is fun for older kids or the youngest scientist in your family.

### July 30 - All about the Moon (Moon Selfies!) 6-8pm

Have you ever wondered how far the moon really is? How big it really is? We will make plaster moon casts and use lights and cameras to take Moon "Selfies". Fun for all ages!

August 1 (4:30-6pm) & August 2 (10:30-Noon) - Compasses and Codes

Drop in anytime and learn to use a compass and decode clues in an indoor and outdoor scavenger hunt. You get to keep the compass and decoder!

### August 6 - R.E.A.D. with JR 5:30-6:30pm

See June 25 for details

### **Permission slip and pre-registration required**

August 8 - End of the Summer Reading Program Ice Cream Party and Raffle Drawing 4:30 - 5:30pm

Who doesn't love ice cream? And prizes? Help yourself to a sundae feast, and give yourself one more chance at a raffle ticket! We will pass out certificates and do all drawings (kids, tween, teen, and adult). You do not need to be present to win.

### SCIENCE STORYTIME! -

Thursdays 11am

For ages birth - six.

6/19: Color and Light

6/26: Weather and

Meteorology

7/3: Sound and Music

7/10: Movement and

Kinetics

7/17: Water and Hydrology

7/24: Five Senses and Perception

7/31: Cooking

8/7: Sink or Float



# WESTFORD SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

## *On the Common*



### **(Friday) June 20 THE SWING PEEPERS @6pm**

*Kick off the Summer Reading Program at this Library with this folksy, family friendly concert. Great music – with or without kids!*

### **June 29 THE AEROLITES @7PM**

*A dynamic Vermont band, frequent collaborators with nationally known groups: rock, folk, Americana, and Funk.*

### **July 13 STARLINE RHYTHM BOYS @7PM**

*Spirited country and juke joint sounds, echoing from the Tennessee Hills and Texas Honkytonks of the '40s and '50s*

### **July 27 MUD SEASON @7PM**

*Westford rooted acoustic renditions of old and new folk, Americana & contemporary*

### **August 17 BILL STAINES @6PM**

*“A modern day Stephen Foster. His music will be around a hundred years from now” (composer David Amram). One of the most durable and beloved singers on the folk music scene today, Bill has been writing songs, touring, and recording for four decades.*

Free Sunday concerts, 7:00 to 8:00 pm. August 17 concert 6PM, June 20 Concert is a FRIDAY at 6PM. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Rain location is the Brick Meeting House (June 20 rain location will be the Library). Co-sponsored by the Westford Library, Westford Recreation Dept., and the Westford Parenting/Education Committee.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

June 2014

The Westford Recreation Department was created to provide recreational, educational, athletic, cultural, and entertainment activities to all Westford residents and neighbors. We strive to offer programs for a wide variety of ages, abilities and interests. We depend on community input, support and volunteers to make these programs successful.

**Coordinator's Corner-**

A special thank you to Brent Carpenter for volunteering to coach both the Tiny Sticks Lacrosse Team, as well as the 3/4 Lacrosse Team. This was a transition year for Westford Lacrosse, and Brent was able to keep two teams running, and we are very appreciative of his time and dedication.

We are seeing a decrease in our attendance for sporting events and other recreation department events. It is hard to get a pulse on this decline and I would like to hear from you. Are you not getting notified of events? Are your children attending classes/sports outside of Westford? Do you not feel that we offer the selection you need? Please feel free to either call or email me in confidence to voice your concern or make suggestions. We are here to serve the needs of our community, so we need to know what those needs are. As always, you can contact me at (c) 338-8235 or WestfordVTRec@gmail.com.

*Yours in Recreation~ Heather Armata*



Our Next Committee Meeting is June 18th. Please let us know if you would like to attend, and we'll put you on the agenda! Thanks!

**June 15th!!! Father's Day Hike on the Schultz Trail**

Come join us for a hike on one of Westford's nicest trails! We will meet at 10:00am at the Shultz Trail off of Old #11 Road. Hike at your own pace and celebrate Father's Day with your friends and neighbors. Co-sponsored with the Conservation Commission.



THANK YOU to the families that joined us for the Welcome Baby Tea on May 10th. It was great to meet the newest members of our community! A special thanks to Abby Retzloff of Building Bright Futures for all the goodies and for taking over the future Welcome Baby Tea celebrations. Our Rec Department was pleased to fill the void in the community, but are now handing the torch back to Building Bright Futures.

**Week Long Summer Soccer Camp**

When: July 7-11th  
 Time: 8:30-11:30am  
 Where: Westford Elementary School  
 Who: Coach Asa Hoover  
 Ages: Grades 3-6 (what your child is entering in the fall)  
 Fee: \$55/week  
 Contact: Heather @ 338-8235 or WestfordVTRec@gmail.com



Want to stay up to date on Rec Happenings? Like our Rec Dept page on Facebook or sign up for Front Porch Forum. You will be in the know!!



**Recreation Department Committee Members**

Heather Armata, Coordinator	338-8235	George Lamphere	879-6488
Maureen Carpenter	893-5096	Randy Aiken	872-0841
Noel Boutin	878-3632	Meredith Irish	373-9980
Martha Bennett	878-9269		

Or Email us at: [WestfordVTRec@gmail.com](mailto:WestfordVTRec@gmail.com)

**KEEPING YOUR ACTIVITIES LOCAL AND AFFORDABLE!!!**



**Integral YOGA w/ Tiffany @ RBMH**  
Every **WEDNESDAY** evening, now

from 6:30-8pm at the Red Brick Meeting House. \$13 drop-in fee; \$100 for 10-class punch card.

Contact Tiffany at tiffshannon@gmail.com. Watch Front Porch Forum for updates/cancellations.



**Pick-up Adult Volleyball!!!**

When: **Monday** evenings

Where: The Westford Elementary School

Time: 8:00-10:00pm

Fee: \$2 donation per player suggested

Contact: Tammy Brown 872-8333

We are **LOOKING** for **MORE** players! All abilities welcome!!!



**YOGA with Cat Earisman @ RBMH**

Cat Earisman, E-RYT will be coming to the

RBMH on **THURSDAY** evenings to teach Flow Yoga! Breathe, stretch, strengthen and laugh in this athletic style of yoga---all abilities welcome, because everyone is encouraged to work at their own level. Class will be held from 6:15-7:30, and you can prepay for the month for \$40, or drop in for \$12.



**ZUMBA**  
fitness

**ZUMBA FITNESS CLASSES are HERE!**

**Tuesdays** at the RBMH from 6-7:00pm

Fee: \$5/Class and your **First class is FREE!**

Zumba fitness is the Latin inspired dance fitness class that has taken the world by storm. No fitness or dance experience required. Let Stephanie take you through great music & fun moves that will get your heart moving. Modifications available for all fitness levels. Drop-in class...no pre-registration required!

**4th of July Celebration!**

The Perfect Scoop Shop will be back on the Common selling ice cream and water. Please come support us and enjoy tasty Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream at the same time!! **NEW THIS YEAR... 4th of July, 4 mile Run or Walk for \$4!** Start

location will be the Covered Bridge and start time will be 8:30am. A great way to get your 4th of July celebration started! Registration the morning of the race at 8:00am on the bridge. Parade is at 11:00, so please plan accordingly when parking.



**SUMMER SOCCER**

Who: Pre-K to Grade 2

When: Mondays, starting July 14th and running until August 18th

Time: 6-7:00pm

Where: Westford Elementary School

Fee: \$25/child and a max family fee of \$60

Basic skills and fun games are the focus, with mentoring and further skill development for kids with more soccer knowledge. The primary goal is to keep kids moving and developing a strong sense of sportsmanship while having summer fun!

**GREAT ESCAPE.....BROMLEY.....SIX FLAGS!!!!!!**

The Recreation Department is once again offering discount tickets to several adventure parks and not only do you save money, but you also support programming for the Recreation Department!!!

The following are available for purchase at the Westford Town Offices (878-4587), during normal business hours:

**Great Escape Adult (over 48 inches) Tickets: \$39/ticket (normally \$54.99 at gate)**

**Great Escape Parking Passes: \$15.00 (normally \$20.00)**

**Bromley Adventure Park: \$31/ticket (normally \$45.00 each)**

**Six Flags New England Adult (over 54 inches): \$42/ticket (normally \$59.99 at gate)**



WESTFORD RECREATION



# Westford Summer Camp

@ The Westford Elementary School

Theme: Nature and Outdoor Activities

JUNE 23—27, 2014

Daily 8:30-4:30pm

Ages: 5-12

\$165/5 Days & 10% sibling discount per each additional child

minimum 6 kids to run program

[registration due by June 16th](#)

## Tentative Daily Schedule:

8:30-9:00 Welcome Time

9:00-10:00 Daily meeting to explore themes

10-10:30 Healthy Snack (provided)

10:30-12:00 Outside exploration

12-12:30 Lunch

12:30– 1:00 Reading of Themed materials

1:00-3:00 Outdoor games & free play

3:00-3:30 Healthy Snack (provided)

3:30-4:30 Craft & Free Choice

4:30 pick up

## Daily Themes; Morning/Afternoon:

Meadow Exploration/Water Games

Predator & Prey/Olympic Games

Birds/Obstacle Courses

River Exploration/Soccer, Kickball

Nature Art/Native American Games

## Policies:

\* Healthy snacks include carrots and hummus, crackers and cheese, homemade muffins, nuts and berries, juice and water

**\* \$25 non-refundable deposit due at time of registration and is applied toward your full week tuition**

\* Registration is on a first come, first served basis

\* Full registration is due one week before the start of camp, or your space will be forfeited and given to the next person on the waitlist

\* If enrollment is less than minimum amount allowed, and the camp is cancelled, you will be reimbursed your deposit and any monies paid toward tuition.

## About your Instructor:

Naturalist and educator Sarah Stein M.Ed. creates experiences that allow your children to use their senses within nature, developing a relationship with their local environment. Nature serves as a tool, to achieve passionate enjoyment, creativity and engagement, which are a springboard for life.



Mail your registration form to; Westford Recreation Dept., 1173 VT Route 128, Westford, VT 05494 with checks made payable to the Westford Recreation Dept. Questions?? Call Heather at 338-8235 or email [WestfordVTRec@gmail.com](mailto:WestfordVTRec@gmail.com)

# WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT – REGISTRATION FORM

NAME (Parents) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS (only to be used for WRD mailings) \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL/WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

DOCTOR'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Please list **medical conditions**, physical limitations, allergies, or restrictions WRD should be aware of:

NAME	PROGRAM	GRADE	T-SHIRT SIZE	FEE
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this program? Please circle:      Front Porch Forum      Town Newsletter

Parent/Neighbor    Westford Elementary School    VTGrandpa.com    Rec Dept. Member    Other \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Please contact a Recreation Department member if your financial situation is preventing you from signing yourself, or your child, up for a program. Scholarships are available.\*\*\***

**RELEASE/WAVIER AGREEMENT:**

I am fully aware of the inherent risk, and give my consent for the above named applicant(s) to participate in the program(s) listed above. I hold harmless the Town of Westford, Westford School, their employees, elected officials, and/or any volunteers or instructors from any and all liability from any injury, claim, costs or loss of services which may be incurred by me, or us, or our minor children on account of participation in said program(s). Permission is hereby granted for me or us, or my child(ren) to receive emergency treatment if needed and I authorize the attending physician to administer any needed medical attention. Furthermore, I certify that I, or we, or my child(ren) are in good health and that there are no limitations to my/our participation except in writing above. I have read this document carefully and sign it voluntarily with full knowledge of its significance.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Send registration with check payable to:  
WESTFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
Town of Westford, 1713 VT Rt.128, Westford, VT 05494**

## SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

I would like to begin this newsletter submission by first acknowledging the very high level of engagement of Westford voters during this budget cycle. Thank you for your thoughtful participation. Two close votes underscore the challenge facing education finance in our town and statewide. We take this forward and recognize the need to explore both the details within our building and the broader issues outside of it.

Difficult budget cycles can create a divide within a community. The debate and discourse we experienced brought our town to the front page of the newspaper, and caused our local discussions to come to the attention of legislators. We may have differing opinions, but our strength lies in recognizing all sides share a common passion to preserve the Westford we all love.

At our May meeting, we learned that two dedicated faculty members would be retiring at the end of this school year. Huge thanks go out to Cindy Friel (Kindergarten) and Beth Smith (Reading Specialist) for their contribution to our Westford students. We wish you the best in all your future endeavors.

We also received the resignation of board member Glenn Dukes. Thank you to Glenn for his two years of service on the school board. Glenn also participated on the negotiations, policy, and communications committees. His insight and humor will be missed.

The board is required to appoint a new member to serve out the remainder of Glenn's term (March 2015). Anyone who is interested in joining the board, contact Mark Drapa with a letter of intent by June 16. Please include any supporting information that you would like the board to know as they consider the appointment. By email: [madrapa@ccsuvt.org](mailto:madrapa@ccsuvt.org). By mail: Mark Drapa, c/o Westford School, 146 Brookside Road, Westford, VT 05494.

Meetings are generally the first Monday of each month at 6:30. Board members are also expected to participate on several committees. On average, the monthly time commitment is from 10 to 12 hours. Budget season is December to January, and involves extra meetings.

Several opportunities for community-board collaboration are upcoming. School visioning work will draw leaders and membership from the town as the steering committee forms. This group will guide the visioning process as it grows to include a large cross section of all our town residents. Also, the board voted to move forward with the formation of an investigative committee in response to the non-binding advisory article voted on at the Annual Meeting. The composition and charge of the group will be forthcoming. Watch for more information soon--many volunteers will be needed.

Finally, we will be looking to improve our communications strategy. In the past year, we've moved to more frequent online communication through use of the board website, Front Porch Forum, fully televised and online archived meetings, and offering automated news feeds of board business. However, we recognize we can always do better in an effort to serve everyone. Mailings have not been used for several years, but we have heard that some community members feel these would still be appropriate for special purposes, such as non-regular votes. The goal of the board is to provide open and transparent leadership while inviting the full participation of every Westford voter. Thank you for your feedback.

Respectfully,  
Mark Drapa, Scott Cooledge, Martha Heath, Andre Roy

## WESTFORD SCHOOL & GREEN UP DAY

On Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> Westford School students, teachers and parent volunteers headed out all over town to pick up garbage for Green Up Day. This year we collected 41 bags of trash, plus large items like a mattress, sheetrock, car parts, metal bars and a roll of carpet! In addition, there were 10 boxes of recyclable glass and plastic and 20 boxes of returnable bottles and cans. Well done Westford School!



## WESTFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION TRAIL WALK

Sunday, June 15 at 10:00 am  
Rain or shine

Join your fellow Westfordites and celebrate Dad with a trail walk on the Shultz Trail! Meet at the end of Old #11 Road and we'll amble the 2+ mile round trip through the woods. Go all the way, part of the way, or do it twice! Get to know one of Westford's best trails.

## UNITED CHURCH OF WESTFORD SUMMER SCHEDULE

June 1, 8:30am – Traditional Worship Service  
June 8, 8:30am – Alternative Worship Service  
(Rev. Katherine Arthaud officiating both)

No Sunday Services for the months of July and August. Sunday Services will resume after Labor Day, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>.

The church **will remain open** all summer for weddings, funerals, food shelf and community functions as needed.

Rev. Katherine Arthaud is available for phone calls, visits, weddings, baptisms, funerals, etc. Call 802-233-8639 if you would like to speak with her for any reason. (email: [karthaud@aol.com](mailto:karthaud@aol.com))

During our 2 month suspension of Sunday Services, we ask for continued financial support of the church's operating expenses. Send checks to: UCW, PO Box 53, Westford, VT 05494.

Thank you.

## WESTFORD CEMETERY REMINDERS

Artificial flowers, glass containers and items with wire are **NOT** allowed in any of the Westford cemeteries. They will be removed by cemetery officials. Also the planting of trees and shrubs is **NOT** permitted. There are signs posted in each cemetery.

Thank you for your cooperation,  
Westford Cemetery Commission, Brookside Cemetery Commission, Pleasant View Cemetery Association



## WESTFORD FARMERS' MARKET

Starts June 20<sup>th</sup>!!!

We are happy to announce there WILL be a market this year, Fridays 3:30pm-6:30pm, starting June 20! Come by for fresh Westford grown vegetables from Laura and Kabita's Fresh Food Farm, Euro Mediterranean style cooked food, pottery and handicrafts, live music, library events and more. If you are interested in vending or would like more information, please contact Laura Baum at 802-734-5203 or email [laurabaum108@yahoo.com](mailto:laurabaum108@yahoo.com). Yeah community!

## Westford's 4<sup>th</sup> of July



Westford Common  
Parade, Fun, Food  
11:00am – 1:30pm  
Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>



Parade line up  
10:30 @ Town Garage  
Parade Start 11:00 am

Local Music by Local Artist  
Library Book Sale  
Everyone is invited!!  
Come join us on the Green!!

THE WESTFORD PLANNING COMMISSION & BRANDY SAXON OF PLACE SENSE PRESEN

# WESTFORD TOWN CENTER REVITALIZATION PROJECT



## PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Join us for an evening of discussion and refreshments as we discuss our progress.

**WHEN: MONDAY JUNE, 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM**

**WHERE: BRICK MEETING HOUSE**

For more information please contact Melissa Manka, Planning Coordinator, at  
planner@westfordvt.us or 878-4587.