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N I C H O L S NEWSLETTER

VOLUNTEERS COMING TOGETHER FOR THE
 BETTERMENT OF OUR NICHOLS COMMUNITY

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN THE HEART OF THE NICHOLS FARMS HISTORIC DISTRICT, NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

NIA 2009 Children's Summer Camp was a Great Success!

The 2009 Summer Camp was a great success, prompting one mother to comment, "This camp just gets better every year!" More than 100 neighborhood campers enjoyed classic and all-new programs that encouraged creativity and curiosity all while having some spectacular summer fun!

Nichols now has many young artists, scientists and dinosaur experts. From bags, to birdhouses, to bread, the campers in the art classes made it all. The dino-troupe cracked open geodes, and unearthed fossils. And young scientist-campers launched tagged balloons which were found all over the state and mailed back – at last check, one balloon was found as far away as New London! And those are just a few of the highlights...

...the programs for 3, 4, and 5-year-olds explored underwater-themes, learned new songs from the musical magic of Green Gal (thanks to Tara Brophy), hiked the NIA grounds, and many new friendships were forged

Thank you to all the young adult volunteers, many of whom return year after year to give their enthusiasm and caring with the campers. And to our teachers, who shared their expertise, energy and talent, in spite of the hot, hot temperatures! NIA members Nick Brophy and Wendy Palmieri are also deserving of many thanks for stepping in and volunteering their time to direct the camp.

The NIA Camp is a wonderful opportunity for the young families in our community to come together, and for our children to learn and have fun. We hope, with the support of our members, it will continue to be eagerly anticipated summer tradition for the children of Nichols.

We Appreciate.....

Once again the Nia Summer camp was a hit. It is a beloved tradition in our community and we are so fortunate to have such amazing volunteers. Once again, Ailis Martin put together a fun filled summer experience for the children. Each year she is creative in offering unique and exciting classes for our kids to experience. The NIA would like to extend a very special thank you to her. This year the sessions were directed by Nick Brophy and Wendy Palmieri and their smooth running of the camp is tremendously appreciated. The Nichols community is filled with wonderful volunteers and their time and effort in making these activities possible is extremely appreciated. Thanks to all!

NIA Family Picnic

Sunday, September 14th
 4:00-7:00 pm

In the Nichols community summer doesn't end on Labor Day. We have the NIA Family Picnic to look forward to!!

Please join the annual picnic festivities immediately following the General Meeting on the grounds at the Starkweather House at 4:30pm.

Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided along with lemonade and water. Each family is asked to bring a side dish or a dessert to be shared with 8-10 others members.

This year there will be some fun new activities for the kids this year; face painting, Bungles the Clown, animal balloons, bean bag toss, watermelon eating contest and a visit from a Nichols fire truck. The night once again will be topped off by a visit from the ice cream man.

Volunteers are needed to help with the setup, clean up and to man the grill. Please contact Sheila Bowen to RSVP sheilab11@att.net or 203-378-1860.

Fall General Membership Meeting

Sunday, September 13th
 4:00 p.m.

The fall general meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the Starkweather House on Sunday, September 13th.

The meeting kicks off our Family Picnic event. Please join the executive board for an update on the state of the NIA.



Garden Club News

The Nichols Garden Club will meet Tuesday, September 8 at 7:30pm. We will begin the 2009-2010 season with our annual 'Kick Off' dinner for the members in a location to be announced by phone committee.

Please contact Eileen Giarniero @ 377-6363 for membership information.



Jingle Bell Run Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers for the 2009 Jingle Bell Run. This annual event for our community takes a big effort on the part of many volunteers to put together.

If you have some "road race expertise" to offer, would like to help chair the event or simply be one of the many helpers, please contact Fred Palmieri at 375-6331.

It will be race time soon and we look forward to another successful race!

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Get event information, contact information and learn about NIA's rich history. You can also access past newsletters at <http://www.nicholsct.org/news.php>

SAVE-A-DATE

Harvest Wine & Cheese

Saturday, October 24th @ 7:00 p.m.

Starkweather House

Halloween Parade

Sunday, October 25th @ 3:00 p.m.

NUMC parking lot

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