

# The Raymond Road Runner

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## Town Of Raymond Comprehensive Planning

By: Jim Stephenson, Chairman, Comprehensive Plan Committee

The quality of life for all current and future Raymond residents is on the line.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee has begun the long and complex task of determining which direction Raymond should be pointing. Do we want to apply "Smart Growth" recommendations to reduce sprawl? Do we need more or different business zones? Do the lakes need more protection? Do we need a bonafide village for

the town, etc., etc., etc? A lot of questions and the answers, along with more questions, I'm sure, will hopefully come from public input to guide the volunteers who have committed themselves to work on this plan for the next few years and eventually get it before the town for a vote.

Why a comprehensive plan?

Chaos is the alternative. Planning by definition is not a technique to restrict, but rather a means of cultivation, of directing and organizing aspects of growth, natural resource utilization, and the infrastructure of the town in a *pro-active* manner that

enhances both the immediate and the long-term health and welfare of the residents of the community.

The guidelines for the comprehensive plan are in accordance with state guidelines, which have been well thought out and placed into law. Examination of regional coordination is important to allow the most benefit in terms of coordinated development of services and directing growth in a manner that allows the most efficient utilization of these services. For the plan to work best for all the community public input is paramount to its development.

While in the Bahamas I heard their mantra "nobody move, nobody get hurt". The opposite is true in our town of Raymond. Changes are happening so quickly with the existing growth pressures. If we don't take action now, Raymond, as you know it and love it will gradually cease to exist. The Raymond you desire will never be.

Please participate in the public hearings, questionnaires and surveys that will be taking place as a part of the process. The Comprehensive Plan Committee is currently meeting at 4:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month.

### Road Runner Articles Due

Articles for the next edition of the Road Runner newsletter are due by September 15th. Please provide them by any of the following methods:

#### E-Mail; Diskette; Paper

Articles should be saved in Rich Text Format (RTF) on diskette or as e-mail attachments.

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## Milfoil And Raymond's Lakes

By John Rand, Raymond Conservation Commission

Milfoil was the hot topic at the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Raymond Waterways Protective Association meeting on August 5th at the Town office. Excellent presentations were given by Charlie Turner and Phil Boissonneault. By now, most of us have heard about the real and substantial threat that milfoil and other so called Invasive Aquatic Species (IAS) pose to Maine's lakes. For a town like Raymond, where lake resources represent a major portion of the local economy, the threat can not be ignored.

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection, the Lakes Environmental Association (in Bridgton), the Volunteer Lakes Monitoring Program (in Turner), Portland Water District and a number of other groups and citizens have mounted a major state wide effort to address the milfoil threat. The following summarizes the issue, what is being done about it at the state and regional level, and what we can do here in Raymond to reduce the threat of milfoil infestation.

### The Problem

- Maine is one of the only states in the country without significant milfoil infestation in lakes.
- Milfoil is transported from infested lakes to clean lakes mostly by motor boats/jetskis, boat trailers and fishing/boating gear.
- One plant fragment of milfoil can be enough to establish a colony in a lake, pond or stream which then can spread rapidly to form a dense mat of vegetation on the water surface.
- Milfoil infested lakes have severely degraded fisheries habitat, impacted swimming and boating resources, reduced property value and reduced aesthetics.
- A property devaluation study of milfoil infested Vermont lakes indicated decreases in waterfront property values of \$12,000/year.
- Managing milfoil can take precious volunteer and financial resource away from existing water

quality protection efforts (phosphorus and erosion control) in lake watersheds.

- Milfoil is very difficult and expensive to control once established.

### Economic Impacts

Raymond's total property valuation is about \$400,000,000. Waterfront properties (land and buildings) represent about 50 % of this total valuation, with residential and commercial property making up a majority of the rest. Any loss of waterfront property values from milfoil or other water quality problems will clearly have an effect on the Town's valuation and on the tax revenue that can be generated. It is entirely possible that lost revenue from devalued waterfront property would need to be made up, at least in part, from non-water front property, i.e. the rest of the Town! The point here is that milfoil is not just a waterfront property owner problem but a town, state, and nation-wide issue!

### What Maine is Doing

Unfortunately, there is no simple solution



The flowers of Eurasian water milfoil are reddish and very small. They are held above the water on an immersed flower spike that is several inches long.

to the problem. Prevention is by far the best management tool for dealing with milfoil. Maine has launched a major effort to address the threat of milfoil and other IAS. In June 2001, emergency legislation was enacted - "An Act to Prevent Infestation of Invasive Aquatic Plants and to Control Other Invasive Species" (L.D. 1812).

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Stagnant milfoil mat

# Raymond Village Library News

The Summer Reading Program has been a great success. The facilitators, Lisa Friedlander and Jeri Keane, are so pleased at the participation of 70 to 80 youngsters. Be sure to check out page 8 for pictures. A more detailed account of all the activities of this fun program will be in the October Road Runner .

We are looking for suggestions for future readings. Please come tell us about your favorite books.

We are now beginning to reap the vegetable rewards of our gardens. There are many books at the library, regarding preparation and preserving this bounty. A few titles are; "Let's Preserve", by Cooperative Extension, "Putting Food By", by Ruth Hertzberg, Beatrice Vaughan, and Janet Greene, and "Stocking Up", by Carol Hopping and the staff of Rondale Food Center.

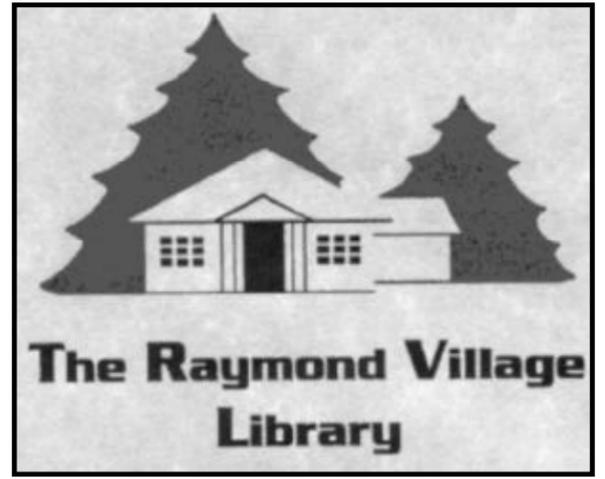
The library will be closed on Labor Day, September 3.

### Library Club

The Raymond Village Library Club's regular October meeting will be held on October 4th at 7 PM. All are welcome. After a short business meeting, we will hear a presentation on letterboxing — a fun activity which we hope will catch on in this area. What is "letterboxing"? Come and find out!

### Book Discussion Group

Due to author Katharine Graham's recent death, her book has been almost impossible to obtain. Therefore, we will delay the discussion of her book until another meeting and instead hear Maine native Elizabeth Hobbs read selections from her book "Poems From the Lake." The group will meet in October, with more information to follow.



Ms. Hobbs' books can be found at Cricket's Corner and will also be available the night of the reading.

## A Book Review By Ginger Wallace

"Florence Harding" by Carl S. Anthony.

Florence Harding was so determined her husband be president that she masterminded his campaign and in 1921, Warren G. Harding won an overwhelming victory to become the 29th President of the United States.

Nicknamed The Duchess, Florence Harding was the first First Lady to vote, the first to fly, the first to meet the press, and the first to invite Hollywood stars to the White House.

She was loyal; she ignored her husband's escapades. She was compassionate; she lobbied for veterans' rights and often visited wounded soldiers. She was intelligent; she attended Cabinet meetings and was a respected advisor to her husband, especially concerning veterans' and women's rights.

This is the story of a strong, little known First Lady. It details her life and her relationship to a weak-willed but appealing man.

## Free Parenting Classes

Tired of feeling like your child is in charge and not you?  
Losing your cool?  
Learn why children do the things they do!!!!

Classes will start Tuesday,  
Sept. 25th at 7pm at  
Raymond Elementary School and run for 5 sessions.  
Material provided.

For info call Eileen 655-4193

## September 2001

### Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>FB</b> =Fire Barn <b>JS</b> =Jordan-Small <b>KC</b> =Kokatosi Campgnd <b>RE</b> =Raymond Elementary <b>TG</b> =Town Garage RT85 <b>TH</b> =Town Hall <b>VL</b> =Village Library						<b>1</b> Town Office Closed (Labor Day)
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> LABOR DAY LIBRARY CLOSED NO SCHOOL	<b>4</b> 7:00PM TH Selectmen	<b>5</b> 7:00PM RE School Committee	<b>6</b> 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 6:30PM KC Lions Club	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 4:00PM TH Comprehensive Plan Committee 7:00PM TH Planning Board 7:00PM RE School Committee	<b>13</b> 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 10:00AM Appeals Board Site Walk	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:00PM TH Selectmen	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23/30</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00PM TH Appeals Board	<b>25</b> 7:00PM TH Conservation Commission	<b>26</b> 9:00AM VL Library Board Meeting	<b>27</b> 10:00AM VL Story Time 10:00AM VL Baby Time 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

## A Heartfelt Thank You To The Town Of Raymond

By: Eleanor Thompson

I want to take this opportunity on behalf of Lloyd Thompson's family and friends to thank the town of Raymond and its Fire Rescue Department for the support and concern you have shown following my husband's death on June 23rd.

Lloyd was a lifelong member of the Raymond Fire Department. It was a very important part of his life; in fact serving in the Department to Lloyd was like being part of a family. Lloyd enjoyed his work helping others in need in our community. He volunteered his time because he cared about the welfare of other people. He was deeply committed to his work with the Raymond Fire & Rescue Department as well as serving in the capacity of Assistant Emergency Management Director.

Lloyd would often drop his own plans in order to respond to a need within these departments. He never hesitated to help out when his "family" needed him. He loved his volunteer work and serving his community.

I would particularly like to thank Fire Chief Denis Morse and the members of the Fire Rescue Department. We will never forget your selfless concern for the well being of our family. The planning and thought that went into Lloyd's memorial service was evident and greatly appreciated. On behalf of my family, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Raymond community.

## Hazardous Waste Day A Success

On Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> the towns of Raymond, Casco, Naples, and Frye Island combined efforts in hosting a Hazardous Waste Day at Raymond Elementary School. Each town had a representative present to record the items and amounts delivered. Clean Harbors of Portland once again took care of what was brought to the site.

Items delivered were varied from asbestos pipe liner to contents of an old chemistry set. Many people took advantage of the day and cleaned out their basements and garages of those things which might otherwise harm our environment. The towns' thanks go to these citizens who care about our communities and waterways.

## Senior Citizens Dinner To Start In October

Due to a change in the Raymond School Committee's workshop meeting on Wednesday, September 19, the planned Senior Citizens dinner will be canceled. Our first dinner will be held on Wednesday, October 17. We invite all Raymond seniors to join us in the cafeteria of the new Raymond Elementary School at 5:30 PM to enjoy a delicious meal and great company.

## Raymond Food Pantry

The Raymond Food Pantry is open at the Town Office during business hours for receiving dry goods. If you need perishable foods like frozen meats, please make an appointment so that a Pantry volunteer can meet you. This service is to give families a little extra help when they need it. All requests are kept confidential.

Please call the Town Office at 655-4742 or the Pantry coordinator at 428-3206 for an appointment or come in during business hours for bagged foods.

## Ever Considered Becoming a Mentor to a Child?

Spending even just an hour a week as a big brother/big sister or a foster grandparent may make more of a difference in a child's life than you might realize. Call Eileen at 655-4193 or Lori at 655-4277 to learn more about the Raymond Mentoring Partnership.

## Mentor Training held at Raymond Elementary School

Training for mentors participating in the school-based Raymond Mentoring Partnership will be offered twice at the end of September: 9/26 from 9:30-11:30am and 9/27 from 7:00-9:00pm. Topics include discussing what mentoring is, program goals and expectations, activities to do with mentees, safety issues, and answering any related questions. Call Eileen at 655-4193 or Lori at 655-4277 for more information and to sign up for a time.

## POT ROAST SUPPER

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 15th,  
from 4:30 to 6:00pm

Raymond Village Community Church  
UCC

Main St. (Rt. 121) Raymond

Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,  
String Beans,  
Carrots, Rolls, Beverages & Dessert

Adults \$6:50

Children (under 12) \$3.00

Children 5 and under FREE

Handicap Entrance

Take out available



Low or No-Cost Health and Dental  
Insurance For Families with Children

## FINALLY, PEACE OF MIND FOR PARENTS!

Maine offers  
free or low-cost  
health insurance  
for children!

Through Cub Care and Medicaid.

Thanks to a program for families,  
children in a family of four earning  
up to \$2,942 a month can receive  
benefits that cover:

- ◆ Regular checkups
- ◆ Prescription drugs
- ◆ Immunizations
- ◆ Hospital care
- ◆ Doctor visits
- ◆ and more!
- ◆ Eyeglasses



It's easy to apply! The application is only two pages, and families can apply through the mail. Just fill out the two-page application and mail it to your local DHS office with proof of four weeks of income.

For an application, information or assistance filling out the application  
please call the Department of Human Services toll free hotline

1-877-KIDS NOW

or

the Covering Kids and Teens hotline:

1-800-965-7476

*The Covering Kids and Teens Campaign is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Maine Department of Human Services. The Campaign is a collaboration of Consumers for Affordable Health Care, the Maine Ambulatory Care Coalition, the Maine Children's Alliance, and the Maine Equal Justice Partners.*

## Troop 800 News

### What will you be doing?

By: John Hanley, Troop 800 Committee

Another school year is approaching, and that in itself to some boys ages 11 and up, can occupy a lot of time between homework and extracurricular activities. But do you need more? Is there something going on in Raymond that you are missing out on? Would you like to participate in a weekly "event" and one or two weekend activities every month with other Raymond kids? What are those guys in Troop 800 doing?

Over the last year the scouts in Troop 800 learned about and participated in tribal customs and folklore, gun safety and marksmanship, citizenship in the community with a visit by our State Representative Joe Bruno, a week of Scout Camp in the summer at Camp Hinds, computer science, computer game development, the Raymond Website, how to make web pages, rope-making, bike tune-ups and safety, rocket building and launching, first aid, firemanship, a visit by Raymond EMTs and firefighters and had an edible wilds dinner which featured meat from various game animals and edible plants from the wild. Hiked Tumbledown Mountain, went skiing at Mt. Abram, several swims at St. Joseph's pool, winter camping, weekend overnight hikes, a four day canoe excursion, winter cookout and ice fishing on Raymond Pond, a day trip to the Air National Guard Base in Bangor and the Klondike Derby at Camp Hinds. Scouting offers opportunities to experience these activities plus learning about and participating as a leader in a variety of situations. Also part of the mix are some fund-raisers and community service projects. These involved working together and having some fun as well. We are currently finalizing our 2001-2002 schedule and will publish it in the October Road



New and old Troop 800 members after the Webelos crossover ceremony.

Runner and on our website.

There are over 30 boys between the ages of 11 and 18 in Troop 800 and did you know that you do not have to have been a Cub Scout to join? Would you like to know more? We will be having a Boy Scout sign up at the Jordan Small Middle School Open House on September 20<sup>th</sup> or you can contact one of the names listed at the end of this article. Signing up can take place during regular Troop meetings

held most Tuesday nights at Raymond Village Community Church.

To keep up to date on upcoming Troop 800 activities check out the Troop's web pages on the Town's website at <http://www.raymondmaine.org> which includes information and things that the Scouts have been up to. To contact by phone: Tom Wiley, Scoutmaster, 655-2048 or John Hanley, Troop Committee Chair, 998-5304.

## Cub Scout Pack 800 Wants You!

Pack 800, chartered by Raymond Village Community Church, joins with America's favorite cool cat Garfield to invite you and your son to become a part of one of America's leading values-driven organizations. The Cub Scout program is a valuable resource that can help families accomplish worthy goals while building and strengthening relationships within the family.

Cub Scouting combines fun with educational activities and lifelong values. It also helps parents to help their boys strengthen character, develop good citizenship, and enhance both mental and physical fitness. In addition, the program provides boys with positive peer groups and tools to shape their future.

In Cub Scouting, boys learn ideals like honesty, bravery, and respect. These values help boys make constructive decisions throughout their lifetimes and give them the confidence they need to grow and develop. According to a recent study conducted by Louis Harris & Associates, "Character may be defined as the 'willingness to do what is right, regardless of circumstances.' Cub Scouting teaches boys what is right, in part by encouraging them to reflect on lessons learned through Cub Scouting activities."

Pack 800 will be hosting a recruitment campaign. It will be held at the Raymond Elementary School on September 18th and 20th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Join us for more information. Garfield always brings his buddy Odie and encourages every boy to bring a buddy, too.

Cub Scouting: Everything you could want for your son and more.



## Raymond Elementary School Report

By: Norma Richard, Principal

We have a number of new families that have enrolled their children in the Raymond Elementary School. We would like to welcome each family and student to our school and to the Raymond community. As we begin the 2001-2002 school year, it is a great time to review routines and procedures for parents and visitors to the Raymond Elementary School. These include the following:

1. Parents and other visitors are required to sign in at the office whenever they visit the building. Please proceed directly to the main office when you enter the school. It is to the left of the media center (library). We also require that you use the main entrance. To enhance the safety of the children and staff, all other doors will remain locked during the day.
2. We still require that you sign children out if they are dismissed early or are not going to take the bus home. We do this for several reasons. The first is that we have a record of who is taking children and the time when they are dismissed. Also, we can verify children on each of the buses in the event of an accident or bus break-down.
3. If children are leaving during the day we will

call them to the office to be dismissed. We do this to minimize disruptions to classrooms.

4. The School Committee has approved a change in lunch prices to \$1.50 for this year. New lunch money envelopes will be sent home for your convenience.
5. Our school phone number is 655-8672. The fax line is 655-8664. If you are calling for Mr. Bois, Dr. Waters or the district business office, please call district number at 655-8666. This will avoid tying up one of the school lines.
6. We ask that all parents have emergency plans in place in the event that school is dismissed early due to weather or other emergencies. With over 300 children in our school, we are unable to call parents directly when there is an early dismissal. Parents should discuss emergency plans with their children and provide the school with a written copy of any change in busing plans.
7. We will be posting our school driveway to remind all parents and visitors that the speed limit in a school zone is 15 mph. Fines are doubled in a school zone. For the safety of students and staff, please observe at all times the 15 mph speed limit on school property.

## Coming In September

Innisbrook Wraps presents an All-Star Lineup this fall at the Raymond Elementary and Jordan-Small Schools. Our fall Innisbrook sale will begin on September 21. This is our major fund raiser of the year. Proceeds will be used to support classroom activities, field trips, and special events.

Just wait until you see our All-Star Lineup!

- \*Award Winning Designs
- \*Great Kids Products
- \*All new "Tween" Sections
- \*Home Decor Collection
- \*Gourmet Food and Chocolate

Innisbrook Schools can also order on the web 365 days of the year at [www.innisbrook.com](http://www.innisbrook.com). The Raymond Schools customer # is 104999. Families and out of town friends

can order and re-order over 150 Innisbrook products on-line all year long! A great way to buy gifts and have more time to spend on your beautiful autumn days. Products will be delivered right to your door and your child's school will receive the 50% profit.





## Troop 800 Boy Scouts At Camp Hinds, Summer 2001

By: Kyle Woodbrey

When we arrived at camp the parking lot was packed with scouts and vehicles. We loaded two pickup trucks with gear and walked down to our campsite. When the trucks arrived at our campsite we picked our tent buddies and tents. Next we got our gear and set up.

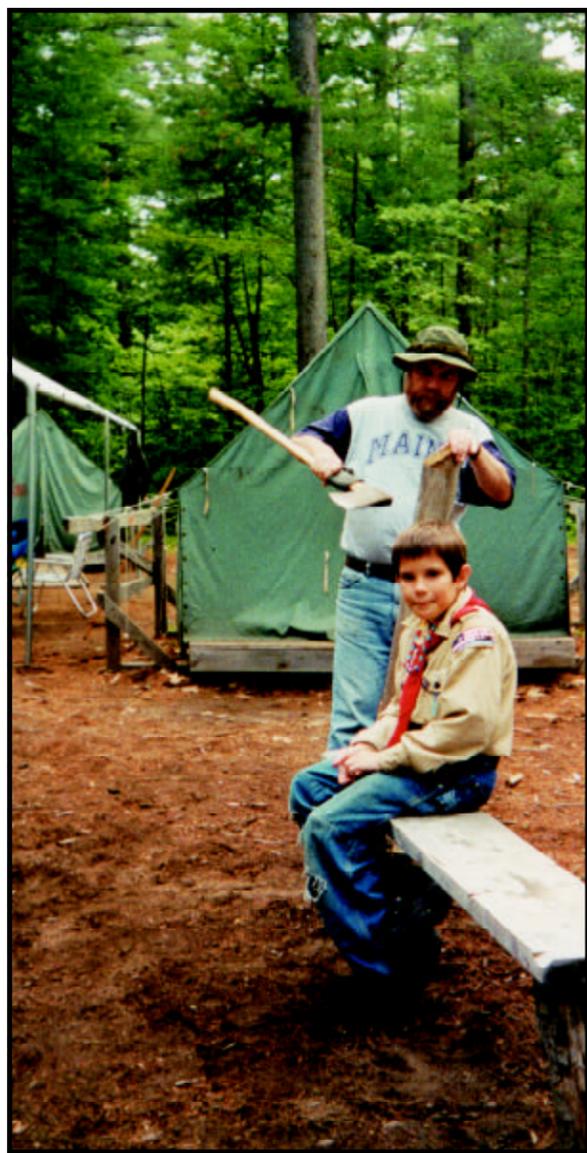
That night we ate supper in the Mess hall. Matt Randal, the program director, and a few staff talked to us about what we would do that week. Later we went to a campfire. There were songs and skits. I think everybody had a great time.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday started with a Polar Bear swim in the lake for anybody who got up early enough and wanted to go. Breakfast in the Mess hall was delicious. We had cereal, pancakes, waffles, or eggs. After, we would go to merit badge classes such as Metalwork, Swimming, Basketry, Leatherwork, Art, and many more. Next would be a cafeteria-style lunch. We had Siesta after lunch; it was very quiet. After Siesta we had Troop Rotations. In Troop Rotations we would go to Basic Scout Skills, Twenty-two Shooting, Troop Time, and Troop Games. Supper came next in the Mess Hall. Open Areas, after supper, were things like Archery, Twenty-twos,

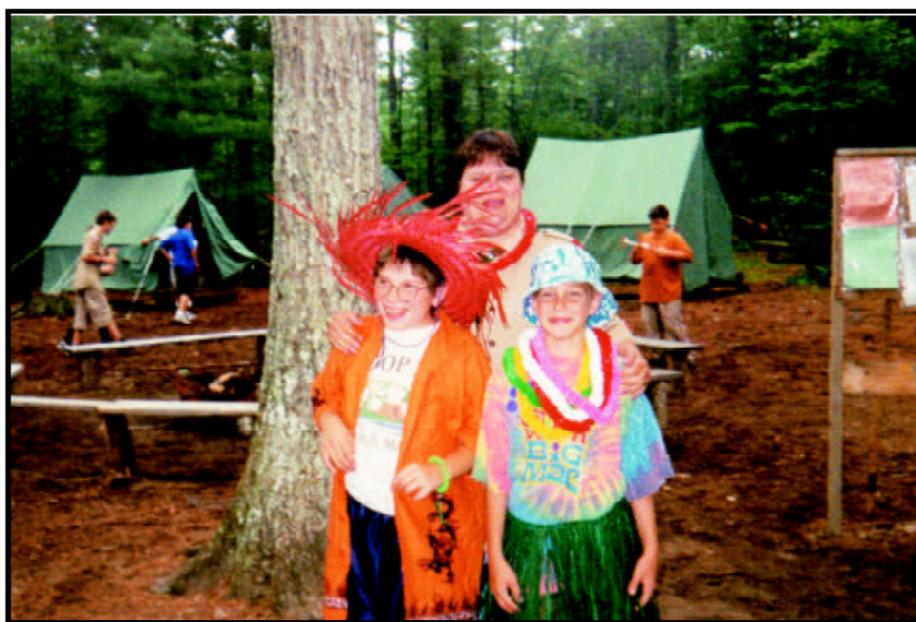
and Scout Crafts. Monday night was Finger Printing and Fishing merit badges.

Friday we copied Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday except parents came and instead of Open Areas we had another campfire. It was loaded with fun.

We left for home late that night. We were tired, but we had an awesome time.



Anyone need a haircut?



Preparation for the Scout Luau



Scouts honing their shop skills?

## New Recreational Area Planned for Jordan-Small Middle School

Earlier this year a committee was formed to explore potential for the area behind Jordan-Small Middle School, currently left vacant after the demolition of the tire and log playground.

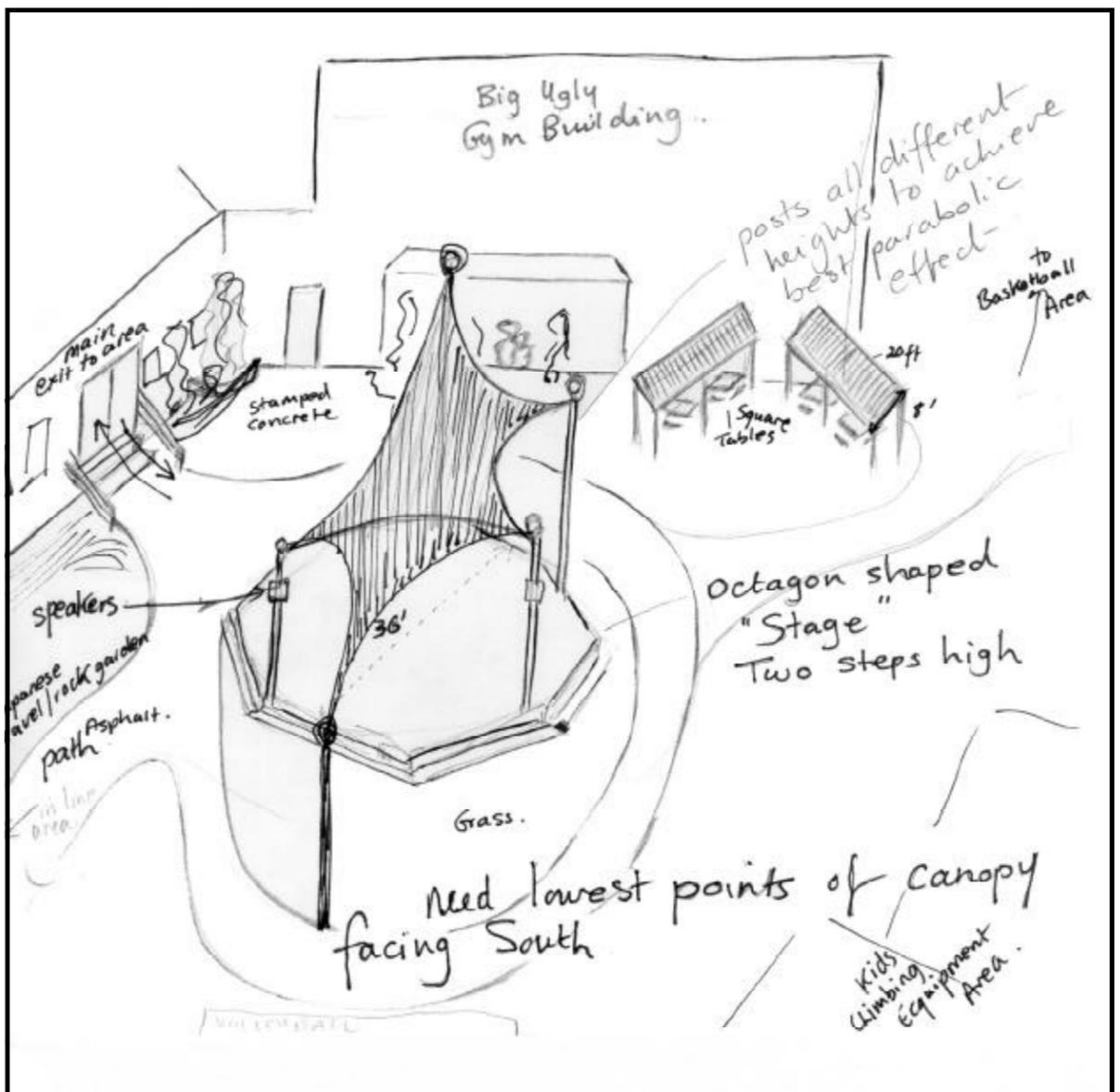
The committee surveyed the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to get an idea of what they would like to see. Bear in mind that these students had already spent half the year having recess in a closed off area of the parking lot. We felt that they truly had perspective on this problem. It became apparent that many students wanted areas for team sports, swings, and climbing apparatus. Many had enjoyed using scooters and in-line skates in the fall but there was also a plea for shade, grass, and even tables to gather for conversation or trading cards.

The committee also considered the lack of amenities in Raymond for young adolescents and the potential for creating a functional outdoor site for the needs of the community at large.

After much research a blueprint was created containing the following:

- Re-Paving the basketball court area with appropriate grade asphalt.
- Replacing the basketball posts and creating a mural on the lower brick surface of the gym. A bleacher and lighting for twilight hours.
- Creating a wide circular, walking path providing access in inclement weather.
- Building a covered low stage within the circle. This will provide a shaded conversation area and also serve both school and community for outdoor performances. A portable outdoor sound system is included in the budget.
- Installing "Teen" style climbing apparatus focusing on upper body.
- Installing two swing sets....consensus is never too old to sit on a swing!
- Creating a sand volleyball court.
- Paving an area for in-line skating. Already a success in the parking lot last fall.
- Installing four tables with overhead shelters....conversation areas and functional for community events.
- Planting shrubs and creating a rock and gravel "Japanese garden" to add visual interest and enhance areas close to the buildings. We were impressed that many students wanted plants and grass and a place that looked good as well as serves their needs.

The goal of this project is to create a mature recreational area for teens, as well as facilities such as the stage, which can also be used for Founders Day or outdoor concerts, basketball and volleyball areas which might be utilized by the community when school is not in session.



Conceptual drawing of the proposed Jordan-Small Middle School recreational area.

## Fall Fund-raising for JSMS Recreation Area

There are no funds allocated for this project. The budget is close to \$200,000. We are sure we can count on community support and ask that all Raymond residents consider donating to this project and support upcoming fund-raisers. Creating an attractive outdoor area will not only benefit all Raymond students but also the community at large.

The initial phase will include removing asphalt in the immediate recreation area, paving the circular path, building the platform for the stage and installing some climbing apparatus. (As funds become available)

**YOU CAN HELP!** We need help fund-raising this fall. No matter how busy you are, you can make a big difference to the success of this project by offering a little of your time and energy.

• We are looking for people to help fund-raise as soon as possible.

• People who might help with construction of stage area.

• Person/s with use of backhoe to remove asphalt in old playground area.

• General labor is needed to install climbing apparatus, post holes, and etc, similar to the work on RES playground.

If sufficient funds are raised we plan to break ground in October. Please call at any time if you think you can help so that we may build a database of resources in the community.

Jo @ 655-3167, Diane @ 655-4766

Or E-mail [reclcommittee@hotmail.com](mailto:reclcommittee@hotmail.com)

## Put Your Pinecones To Use

### A Pinecone Wreath

- 75 to 100 pinecones of various sizes and types
- Tub, sink or large pan of warm water
- 12-inch or larger 3-wire wreath form

1. Soak the pinecones in the warm water for about 30 minutes, so they'll close up.
2. Push about an inch of the base of each cone into the wreath form, spaced close enough together so they help hold one another in. Vary the size and type of cone and also the angle of placement.
3. Set the wreath aside to dry. As they dry, the cones will expand and not only wedge themselves in more tightly, but will fill in any spaces.
4. Decorate with a bow or whatever you choose.

### Fire Starters:

- Candle stubs, or paraffin wax and knife
- Wide can
- Saucepan
- Small pinecones
- Glitter
- Old newspaper

1. Melt the wax in a wide can which has been set in a saucepan of simmering water. Do NOT melt the wax directly in a pan: it is very flammable. If using a paraffin block, shave pieces into the can using the knife.
2. Dip the cones in the hot wax and place on the newspaper.
3. While the wax is still hot, sprinkle with the glitter.

### More Fire Starters:

- Medium-size pinecones
- Water
- Double-boiler
- Knife
- Paraffin
- Old saucepan or large can
- Newspaper
- Crayons (optional)
- Old muffin pan
- Scissors
- Candle wicking or heavy cord

1. Choose cones which will fit in the muffin cups. Closed cones can be made to open up by baking

them on an old cookie sheet for 30 minutes at 200 degrees.

2. Boil water in the bottom of the double-boiler, reduce heat to simmering, and put the top pan on. With a knife, grate the paraffin into the old saucepan or large can and set this into the top pan of the double-boiler.
3. When the paraffin has melted, dip each pinecone to coat completely and place the cones on the newspaper to cool.
4. Melt more paraffin, as need, until all the cones are coated. Then, if desired, add some crayons to the paraffin for color.
5. Pour the melted paraffin (colored or not) in each of the muffin cups about 1/2-inch deep.
6. Cut wicking or cord into 2-inch lengths. Place one wick in each muffin cup, positioning it to one side and so that at least 1 inch extends above the paraffin.
7. Let the paraffin firm up a little and then press a pinecone into each cup. Let harden completely.
8. Run hot water into the sink or into a larger pan and dip the muffin pan in it to loosen the fire starters. Lift each one out.

## Milfoil and Raymond's Lakes

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Highlights of the new law include:

- Public education about the costs and impacts of milfoil, how to identify it, and how to prevent the spread of it.
- Inspection of boats and trailers at entry points into the state and at boat launch ramps.
- A sticker program whereby instate boat owners (motor boats and jetskis) will pay \$10/year for a Lake and River Protection sticker and out-of-staters will pay \$20/year. Revenue from the sticker program will help pay for education, inspection, program administration and emergency orders to restrict or prohibit boat use on infested water bodies.
- \$500 fine for anyone launching a contaminated boat into a water body.
- Establishment of an Interagency Task Force to guide the milfoil program.

To get the program rolling in 2001, approximately \$500,000 was transferred from the state's Rainy Day Fund to a newly created Lake and River Protection Fund. Maine DEP and the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will use these monies to implement the first year of the program. The law requires both of these Departments to reimburse the Rainy Day Fund starting next year once revenues from the sticker program start rolling in.

At first look, it appears that the state and several dedicated lake groups are going to save Maine from the milfoil scourge. This is not the case! The word on the street is that stopping milfoil will be very unlikely; the best we can do is delay the arrival and perhaps the magnitude of its impact on Raymond's waterways.

### What Raymond Can Do

A Raymond Milfoil Committee was formed at the RWPA meeting to help spread the word on the issue. The committee's goal is to map out a long term milfoil plan for the Town of Raymond. The plan should dovetail with state resources and programs that are getting underway. However, the very same inspection and education programs that are called for in the state law require support at the local level. Raymond must rise to the milfoil threat and mobilize a Town supported effort to help keep our lakes free of milfoil! Preliminary elements of the Raymond Milfoil Plan include:

- Educating all users of our waterways (that means each of us, our visiting friends and relations, and people from away that use our lakes) about the risks of milfoil and the importance of cleaning boats and gear.
- Training volunteers to identify the plants and how to report and manage colonies.
- Monitoring our lakes for milfoil.
- Inspection of boat launches during busy times.
- Providing convenient locations where boats can wash off.

Anyone interested in contributing to any or all of the committee's efforts can E-mail me at [jbr@ime.net](mailto:jbr@ime.net). We hope to be meeting soon. By all means, check out some of the following resources:

#### Maine DEP:

<http://janus.state.me.us/dep/blwq>

#### Maine Volunteer Lakes Monitoring Program:

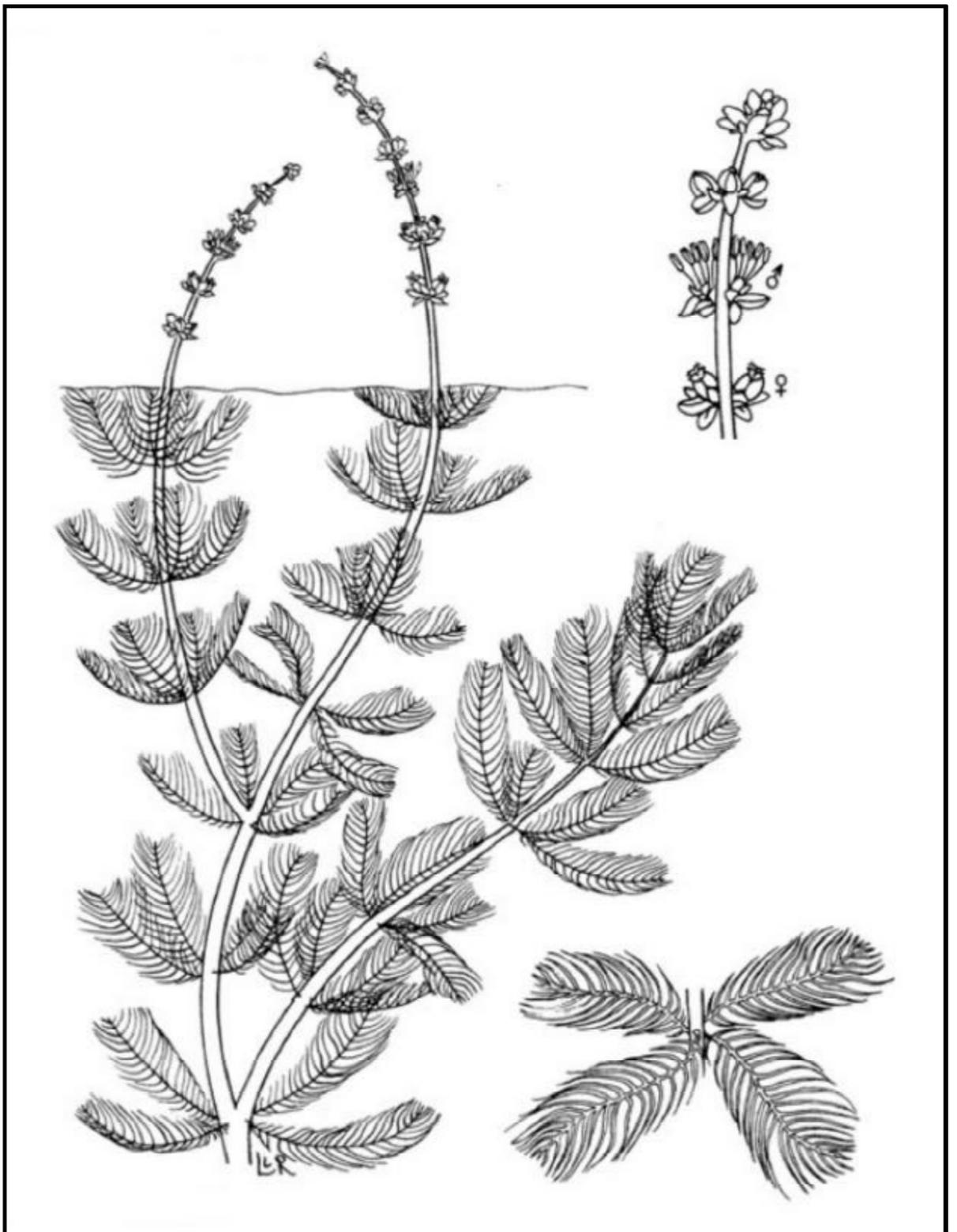
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#### Lakes Environmental Association:

<http://www.mainelakes.org>

#### Portland Water District:

<http://www.pwd.org>



*The exotic Eurasian water milfoil is submersed. It tolerates a wide range of water conditions, and often forms large infestations.*

*Eurasian water milfoil stems are reddish-brown to whitish-pink. They are branched and commonly grow to lengths of six to nine feet. The leaves are deeply divided, soft and feather-like. Leaves are about two inches long. The leaves are arranged in whorls of three to six leaves about the stem. The flowers of Eurasian water milfoil are reddish and very small. They are held above the water on an immersed flower spike that is several inches long.*

## Get Involved with Lake Conservation!

### A hands-on conservation workshop on Crescent Lake

Do you have a trail that leads to the edge of the lake that washes out during rainstorms? After rainstorms, can you see more tree roots and rocks in walkways that lead over a steep bank? Are you unsure of what permits are necessary for construction work near the lake? If so, then this workshop is for you. Come help other volunteers from Raymond and Casco build check dams, open-top culverts, and waterbars on a trail that is eroding into Crescent Lake. Knowledgeable local residents and staff from the DEP and Soil & Water Conservation District will be on hand to participate, answer questions, and explain the projects.

So, bring a shovel, a garden rake, or a pick and join in the good wholesome work on a beautiful fall morning! We hope to see you there!

#### Who:

Anyone interested in learning more about conservation, erosion control, and watershed protection.

#### What:

Volunteers will spread mulch and build check dams, open-top culverts, and waterbars to help stabilize an eroding

trail to the lake. The erosion problems on the trail are representative of most trail erosion problems throughout the Raymond Pond and Crescent Lake Watersheds.

#### When:

Saturday, September 22 from 8:30am until 12:30pm.

#### Where:

On the west shore of Crescent Lake. Take Conesca Road to Crescent Woods Road (Fire Lane 224) to Fire Lane 224B. Follow signs from there to the work site.

#### What to bring:

A shovel, a garden rake, and/or a pick. Coffee and donuts will be available in the morning, and a barbecue lunch will be served for volunteers at around noon.

To help the project planners have enough refreshments for everyone, please call Jeff Brinck at 839- 7839 ext 110 if you plan to attend or e-mail him at [jeff-brinck@me.nacdnet.org](mailto:jeff-brinck@me.nacdnet.org).

The rain date for this event will be September 29th at the same time and location.

## Raymond Recreation Youth Group-2004

In spite of a rainy start, we were able to make a modest profit on Founder's Day! Amanda and Angela Scripture, Clint Randall, and Tom Miranda sold used books, balloons, plants, watermelon and raffle tickets. When business was slow, Amanda and Angela "worked the crowd" and performed gymnastic feats for donations! We'd like to thank those of you who stopped by to support our teen group. It meant a lot to all of us. Special thanks to Sue Brockelbank and Cathy Dodge of the Raymond PTA for donating funds to our group and co-sponsoring our table. Also, Lori Rand, of Communities For Children, for co-sponsoring our table. Gail and Matt Waisanen donated water and utensils for our table. Congratulations to our raffle winners:

**Jenna Richardson:** Deluxe bird feeder and supplies, generously donated by Blue Seal Feeds of South Windham

**Andrew Miranda:** Family entertainment basket, including a beautiful afghan made by Gail Waisanen.

**Sandy Clarke:** Limited Edition Hat, donated by Bull Moose Music of Windham and music gift certificate.

We will use the donation from the Raymond PTA to reward our teens who have donated 10 hours or more of local community service with an outing to Fun Town! We have worked at several PTA events and look forward to

upcoming opportunities!

I have received inquiries from several of our current 8<sup>th</sup> graders. I must admit that Gail and I cannot assume sole responsibility for another age group. Fortunately, Sue Carr has offered to help work with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders as an advisor, but I'd like to see one more adult step forward. Advisors work together to keep contact lists updated, notify the teens of upcoming events, and help the teens make decisions about events. We also maintain a record of local community service hours that may be used for school requirements or the pursuit of scholarships and awards. Teens who want to participate must be willing to work with each other to make decisions, stay in contact with each other, and sign and follow the expectations of a behavior contract. Parents are expected to help as chaperones, provide transportation to and from activities, and sign a release form. The primary focus of this group is to provide opportunities for teens to stay connected to their town and peer group. We plan several fun activities through the year with an emphasis on keeping costs below \$10.00 and travel at a minimum so all that who want to, may participate. We also seek out local community service projects that help build communication and job skills, confidence and self-esteem. We hope to continue offering workshops and classes to help the teens in their years ahead. We are sponsored by the Raymond Recreation Association, which provides us with insurance so

we may have access to local public buildings. We also enjoy alliances with the Raymond PTA and Communities for Children and hope to include the Raymond Lion's Club in the near future. If you are an 8<sup>th</sup> grader who would like to become involved with this group or an adult who is willing to make a commitment to this population, please contact Candi Scripture at: 655-5368 or E-mail: scandiusa@netscape.net. Remember to RSVP for all events!

### Upcoming Events:

Saturday, September 8: "Last days of summer celebration!" at Crescent beach on Webb's Mill Rd from 1:30-3:30, members only. Bring \$5.00 for pizza and soda...don't forget your towel! Chaperones needed. Rain date: Sunday, September 9. RSVP BY: 9/5/01!!!!

Tuesday, September 18: Bowling at Beacon Lanes, 5:00-7:00 for grades 8-10. \$7.00 includes pizza and 2 strings, \$4.50 bowling only. RSVP NO LATER THAN: 9/14/01!!!

\*\*\*Upcoming in October: Haunted Bowling, Game Night, American Heart First Aid course, craft classes, and "Meet the Teen Day" for those looking for local babysitting/yard work jobs.

Contact Candi for more information!



*Lots of delicious food was served!*



*Lances were hurled through a colorful target.*



*Rings were tossed at castles.*



*Huge stone balls were rolled at little wooden people.*

Images from the closing celebration of the 2001 Raymond Village Library Summer Reading Program



*Rings were tossed over castles.*

## Your Grocery Shopping Can Benefit The Raymond PTA

The Raymond PTA is asking Raymond families and friends to join us in several fund-raisers that are easy and won't cost you a thing! In fact, friends and family members from around the state can also participate and raise money to support our PTA. The PTA will use these funds to support the Reflections Program, scholarships for graduating seniors, Jump for Hearts, the school libraries, field days, teacher breakfasts, and many other school events during the year. These things enrich our children's learning environment and support our teachers.

**MAKE YOUR SHOPPING COUNT WITH SHAW'S SUPERMARKET AND SCHOOLPOP.** Register your Shaw's Rewards Card with Schoolpop and 2% of all purchases at any Shaw's store in Maine will be donated to the Raymond PTA every time you use your card.. Encourage family members throughout the state to participate.

You can register by:

- \*going on-line at [www.schoolpop.com](http://www.schoolpop.com)
- \*Call toll-free: 1-877-456-1032 (Mon- Fri, 9am - 9pm)

**HANNAFORD & SHOP 'N SAVE HELP SCHOOLS.** From September 17 through November 24, 2001, Hannaford and Shop 'n Save Supermarkets will support local K - 12 schools and reward their customers who purchase participating General Mills Products. This fall you can earn "School Dollar" coupons from the cashier when you purchase General Mills Products.

- \* Buy 3 General Mills Products = \$2 School Dollars
- \* Buy 5 General Mills Products = \$4 School Dollars
- \* Buy 8 General Mills Products = \$6 School Dollars

**BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION** This year the school libraries received over \$340.00 from the Boxtops for Education Program. Students have brought home baggies with a reminder to collect Boxtops all year long, including during the summer months. The PTA will treat all children who bring in Boxtops in September to a special Ice Cream Party.

The best thing about all of these programs is that we can earn money for our school while shopping for groceries. I hope that you will participate and support the Raymond Schools and the Raymond PTA.

Thank You,  
Sheri Reed  
Fund-raising Chairperson