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Town of Acton Recreation Department



ACTON RECREATION FALL NEWSLETTER



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Disney's "Beauty and the Beast"

For Grades 4-12 ~ Directed by Mary Spinosa-Wilson



Step into the enchanted world of Broadway's modern classic, Disney's BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. Based on the Academy Award winning animated feature, the stage version of Disney's BEAUTY AND THE BEAST includes all of the wonderful songs from the film, written by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, (the team responsible for LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS), plus new songs written especially for the Broadway version by Mr. Menken and Tim Rice (ALADDIN, AIDA). The cast will be transported to a lovely French provincial town where the beautiful Belle lives with her father – a dotty inventor. When her father doesn't return from a trip to the local fair, Belle rushes off to find him. To her dismay, she discovers he is being held captive in an old castle by a horrible beast. She trades her freedom for his and the "tale as old as time" begins.

All participants will be expected to be at all rehearsals. All participants will be cast in the show. A rehearsal schedule will follow once the show is cast.

Audition info: Please prepare a song to sing (sheet music requested). There will be a selected reading from the script and a simple dance will be taught at auditions for purposes of choreography. Please bring a photo for the audition form which you will need to fill out. Please let us know if you have conflicts so we can try to work around them. For more theatre group information, please email Mary Spinosa-Wilson at:

Wilson.family.home@verizon.net

DAY/DATES: 3 performances June 20, 21, 22

AUDITIONS FOR AGES 8-18: Friday evening, Feb. 8 and Saturday afternoon Feb. 9

REHEARSALS: Fridays and Saturdays, starting Feb. 29. Parents attend the first rehearsal; anticipate extra rehearsals during tech week.

LOCATION for Rehearsals: Friday, 7-9:00pm Acton Town Hall, Room 204; Saturday, 1-4PM at Danny's Place, Adm. Building, 15 Charter Rd. (off Rt. 111) on the Central School Campus (formerly the Merriam Elementary School Building)

FEE: Extended early bird rate if paid prior to Nov. 2: \$345.00 Beginning Nov. 3: \$395.00

MIN/MAX: 25/45 Cancellation Policy: Full payment is due at time of registration. All cancellations received in writing up to 15 days prior to the program are subject to a \$50 cancellation fee. No refunds will be issued with less than 15 days notice from start date of rehearsals.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Registrations are now being accepted for all Fall/Winter 2007/2008 Programs. Registration forms and more information can be found at the Town Hall or by visiting the Recreation Department page of www.acton-ma.gov

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HORSEMANSHIP PROGRAM

This program is designed to introduce your child to horsemanship. It is a step-by-step approach to safety, care & riding. Students will have the opportunity to learn about different types of tack, grooming, proper tacking, safety and basic riding skills. This program is open to children ages 7-13. For any questions, please call 978-761-7736 or email: deb7736@yahoo.com Website: www.americanspiritfarm.com

CLASS DAYS: Please choose which class day you want-- Tuesdays 4:30-5:30pm, Saturday 9:30am-10:30am, Sunday 12:30-1:30pm

1. Session 2: Tuesdays 4:30-5:30pm - October 30th to December 4th
2. Session 3: Tuesdays 4:30-5:30pm - January 8th to February 12th
3. Session 5: Saturday 9:30am-10:30am - November 3rd to December 8th
4. Session 6: Saturday 9:30am-10:30am - January 12th to February 16th
5. Session 8: Sunday 12:30-1:30pm - November 4th to December 9th
6. Session 9: Sunday 12:30-1:30pm - January 13th to February 17th



LOCATION: American Spirit Riding Program, Proctor Hill Farm, 526 Great Road, Littleton **Equipment/Supplies Needed:** Students must wear boots with a heel

Work boot or English riding boot style is best) no sneakers please. Long pants (that stretch – like stretch jeans). ASTM approved helmet. **FEE:** \$149

INSTRUCTOR: Deb Brosnan, MA Riding Instructor License # 4229 **MIN/MAX:** 2/6

JR. CHEFS

A POPULAR RECREATION PROGRAM FAVORITE! The gourmet creations continue. Last winter we had our fourth program with Jr. Chefs. We look forward to offering Jr. Chefs again with all new cooking themes. Jr. Chefs will gain experience in the kitchen creating exciting hearty meals while having fun in the kitchen! All children need to wear sneakers to class and bring a small container—we always have leftovers to share!

This class is for age appropriate for youth aged 10-14 years. Fee includes all materials.

INSTRUCTORS: Cathy Fochtman, Maura Haberman **LOCATION BOTH SESSIONS:** Commercial kitchen at Church of the Good Shepherd, 164 Newtown Road, Acton

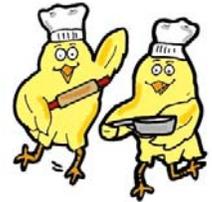
CLASS TIME BOTH SESSIONS: 2:15-3:45 PM **MIN/MAX:** 7/12 for each class/session

SESSION 1 FALL: FEE SESSION 1 (4-classes) \$54 per child for all 4 sessions, or \$20 per class

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| 1. DAY/DATE: Thursday, Oct. 25 | CLASS: Breakfast foods | | |
| 2. DAY/DATE: Thursday, Nov. 1 | CLASS: Pumpkin this and pumpkin that! | 3. DAY/DATE: Thursday, Nov. 8 | CLASS: Chili & Cornbread |

SESSION 2 WINTER: FEE SESSION 2 (5 classes) \$90 per child for all 5 sessions, or \$20 per class

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| 1. DAY/DATE: Thursday, Jan. 10 | CLASS: Classic cookies | 2. DAY/DATE: Thursday, Jan. 24 | CLASS: Calzones |
| 3. DAY/DATE: Thursday, Feb. 7 | CLASS: Can you grill it? | 4. DAY/DATE: Thursday, Feb. 28 | CLASS: Cupcake fun |
| | | 5. DAY/DATE: Thursday, Mar. 13 | CLASS: Irish Classic Foods |



GINGERBREAD COOKIE WORKSHOP

A POPULAR HOLIDAY FAVORITE! During this class, kids will roll, cook and decorate their gingerbread

cookies. A quick and pretty wrap makes them a favorite to bring home. Don't miss out on early sign up as this class fills up! This class is for kids ages 8 and up.



FEE: \$18 includes all materials. **INSTRUCTORS:** Cathy Fochtman, Maura Haberman **LOCATION:** Commercial kitchen at Church of the Good Shepherd, 164 Newtown Road, Acton **CLASS DAY/TIME:** Thursday, Dec 13 2:15-3:45 PM **MIN/MAX:** 7/12

NEW~ WEEKDAY WALKERS

Enjoy simple exercise by walking with others when you meet at NARA Park to energize and revitalize! This class is

designed for all walking levels. NARA Park offers a safe, non-motorized environment with multi-terrain areas. The loop around NARA Park is approximately 1 mile and the nearby Town Forest trail offers even more distance and variety. Class will meet weather permitting on the below listed dates. No rain makeup classes with this program. Please bring a filled water bottle with you to each class. Parents with strollers welcome!



CLASS MEETS AT: NARA Park Bathhouse **DATES:** Tuesdays and Thursdays (6 weeks), Oct. 16, 18, 25, 30, Nov. 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20 No rain make-ups **TIME:** 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM **INSTRUCTOR:** Acton Recreation Department **MIN/MAX:** 6/30 **FEE:** \$15

~HOLIDAY TIME IN NYC~

1. DO YOUR OWN THING BUS TRIP: If you have had this experience before, you know how great NYC is during the holiday season: MAGICAL! This is your chance to get away to New York, New York! The Big Apple! Here you can get an early start on your holiday shopping, spend a day sightseeing, or visit one of New York's world class museums. From the world's largest department stores to the finest museums and Broadway, the Big Apple has it all! Travel round trip on a luxury DVD/VCR equipped Silver Fox Coach. A coffee stop (on your own) will be made along the way. For your convenience, a map of NYC illustrating points of interest will be provided for all. On arrival in NY, stops will be made at both Rockefeller Center and Macy's for your convenience. You're on your own to enjoy the "Big Apple." You'll depart for home at 6:30PM, arriving back approximately 10:30 PM after a delightful New York holiday. Under 18 must have parent/guardian. **WHEN:** Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007 **TIME:** 6:30 AM-10:30 PM (pick-up/drop-off est. time) **FEE:** \$54 per person!!! What a great deal! **PICK-UP/DROP OFF LOCATION:** Acton Town Hall **MIN:** 30/**MAX** 42 **Host:** Acton Recreation Department **Registration Deadline:** Nov. 1, 2007 **Cancellation:** Full payment is due at time of reservation. Sorry for this special trip, no refunds will be issued, however, you may find a replacement to take your place.

2. ROCKETTES CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR BUS TRIP—FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE! Don't wait for this trip will sell out. **NEW YORK DAY TRIP INCLUDES:** Round-trip, deluxe lav-equipped motor-coach transportation. Beverages & donuts served en route. Coach will drop in New York City at Rockefeller Plaza and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Time for holiday shopping and browsing, stroll 5th Avenue, do some ice skating or just enjoy the holiday magic. Reserved orchestra or first mezzanine seating for the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show, featuring the Rockettes. (3:00 pm show) All taxes and gratuities included except customary gratuities to driver/escort-tours escort throughout. **WHEN:** Sunday, Dec. 9 **TIME:** 6:00AM Departure, 6:00PM depart NYC returning, approximately 10:00 PM **FEE:** \$149.00 per person **PICK-UP/DROP OFF LOCATION:** Acton Town Hall, 472 Main Street, Acton, subject to change **MIN/MAX:** 30/54 **Registration Deadline:** November 1, 2007 **Cancellation:** Full payment is due at time of reservation. All cancellations received in writing up to 31 days prior to the trip are subject to a \$50 cancellation fee. No refunds will be issued as of Nov. 9, 2007.





HOLIDAY COOKIE SWAP & WRAP

Join Acton Recreation for a fun holiday morning gathering. If you would like to wrap gifts, please bring a four rolls of paper and we will all use each others paper for a great variety. We will supply the ribbons and the tape. If you would like to take home a great variety of holiday cookies, bring two dozen of your favorite holiday cookies for swapping! Coffee and refreshments will be provided. If you just want to come for coffee, please join us.

DAY/DATE: Wednesday, December 19 **TIME:** 9:30 AM-11:30 AM **LOCATION:** Church of the Good Shepherd, 164 Newtown Rd., Acton—multipurpose room

FEE: FREE **Hosted by:** The Acton Recreation Department Please register by Dec. 10 **MIN:** 15



LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP

Spring Blooming Bulbs Have you given up on bulbs because your tulips are eaten each spring by critters? Learn about spring blooming bulbs that repel pests and can be beautifully integrated into your existing landscape. A demonstration bed will be constructed and participants will leave with instructions, a resource list and bulbs to start their home landscape project. Class held at NARA, 25 Ledge Rock Way. Meet at the Bath House. Limit 12 participants. This is great class for **ages 16-99!** **DAY/DATE:** Saturday October 20 **TIME:** 10:00 AM-11:30 AM **FEE:** \$20 Take home materials fee separate—pick and choose take home materials **MIN/MAX:** 8/12



FLORAL ARTS WORKSHOPS

Join Cathy Fochtman, Master Gardener, for one or the entire series of workshops creating fresh seasonal floral creations for your home. Cathy has exhibited at Worcester County Horticultural Society's Flora in Winter event at Tower Hill Botanic Garden. In the spring, Cathy assists at the NE Flower Show in Boston. Limit 8 participants per class. All classes held in the NARA Park Bathhouse Building located 25 Ledge Rock Way (off Rt. 27) N. Acton, MA 01720. This is great class for **ages 16-99!**

October – Just for Kids! Special Fall Floral Class

For ages 8-12 -Spooky Halloween Arrangement Saturday, October 27, 2007 from 10:00-11:30 AM Fee: \$20, cost of materials paid on workshop day **MIN/MAX:** 3/6

December – Winter Green Snow Queen Arrangement

For ages 16 & Up Saturday, December 8, 2007 from 10:00-11:30 AM Fee: \$20, cost of materials paid on workshop day **MIN/MAX:** 3/6

January – Pot et Fleur

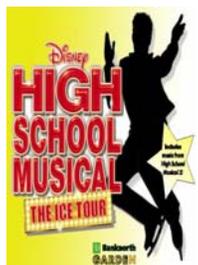
For ages 16 & up Saturday, January 26, 2008 from 10:00-11:30 AM Fee: \$20, cost of materials paid on workshop day **MIN/MAX:** 3/6

February – Spring's Promise Arrangement

For ages 16 & up Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008 from 10:00-11:30 AM Fee: \$20, cost of materials paid on workshop day **MIN/MAX:** 3/6

DISNEY'S HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL: THE ICE TOUR

Disney's High School Musical: The Ice Tour is the one and only live fusion of songs, dance and team-spirited fun inspired by the smash hit Disney Channel Original Movie "High School Musical" and this summer's highly anticipated "High School Musical 2." Get'cha head in the game and celebrate the sounds, the songs, the bop and the pop in this all-new ice show starring a cast of world-class skaters. Experience the Wildcat frenzy and rock the house in *Disney's High School Musical: The Ice Tour!* Tickets will be available through the Acton Recreation Department. *Based on Disney's newest hit!*



DAY/DATE: Monday, Feb. 18, 2007 (School Vacation Week!) **TIME:** 11:00 AM Show **FEE:** \$35.00, no refunds (tickets only no transportations) **LOCATION:** TD Banknorth Garden, Boston **MAX:** 90 tickets –First Come, first serve!

Excellent Show Seating!!! Seats are in Section 12 —
Rows 10-14
Sections 15-20 are blacked out for performance.



SHOWTIME! GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

DOODLE BOYS LIVE!

DAY/DATE: Saturday, November 24th. **Front row balcony** **TIME:** 1:00 PM Show **FEE:** \$42.00, no refunds **LOCATION:** Lowell Memorial Auditorium

MAX: 19 tickets only –first Come, first serve! Get ready to rock along with the Doodlebops in their live U.S. concert tour! Straight from their hit TV show on Playhouse Disney, Deedee, Rooney, and Moe Doodle are getting on the bus, and ready to sing and dance in an interactive concert experience that will have kids and their parents rockin' and boppin' together! This candy-colored trio is sure to deliver an unforgettable performance that will be a treat for the whole family!

VIENNA BOYS CHOIR

DAY/DATE: Friday, December 14 **TIME:** 7:30 PM Show **FEE:** \$54.00, no refunds **LOCATION:** Lowell Memorial Auditorium **MAX:** 20 tickets only –first come, first serve! Great holiday show!

RAIN—THE BEATLES EXPERIENCE

DAY/DATE: Thursday, November 1 **TIME:** 8:00 PM Show **FEE:** \$53.00, no refunds **LOCATION:** Lowell Memorial Auditorium **MAX:** 20 tickets only –first come, first serve!

In their production of "Rain: The Beatles Experience", this show is a multi-media, multi-dimensional event which features 5 different scene and costume changes, 3 video screens, and live camera projection, combining television commercials and historical video footage from the '60's. As anyone who has witnessed Rain in concert will attest, the music is first and foremost, and is recreated with the utmost care and integrity. Rain distinguishes itself by focusing on details, and delivers a perfect note for note performance. All the music is performed live, with no pre-recorded tapes or sequences.

CHICAGO

DAY/DATE: Thursday, February 7 **TIME:** 8:00 PM Show **FEE:** \$53.00, no refunds **LOCATION:** Lowell Memorial Auditorium **MAX:** 20 tickets only –first come, first serve!

Chicago is one of Broadway's most popular and thrilling smash-hit musicals. The winner of six Tony Awards, it's an electrifying tale of greed, murder and show biz, filled with such hit songs as "All That Jazz" and "Razzle Dazzle." Chicago features some of the best dancing on Broadway, with a gorgeous ensemble performing sizzling numbers choreographed in the style of Bob Fosse. It's no wonder The New York Times calls it "the best musical in town."



INDOOR FIELD HOCKEY PLAY

Keep your field hockey skills sharp over the winter by playing field hockey at an indoor facility. This class is geared to help work with improving our game and increasing skill level. This is open play for anyone in grades 7-12. This is a non-instructional class designed for open play. Many participants bring their own sticks, but we do have some available. If you need a stick, please note it on your form. You must provide your own mouth and shin guards—they are mandatory for participation. DAY/DATE: Thursdays, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20 Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Feb. 7, 14, 28 March 6 TIME: 3:00-4:00 PM LOCATION: Acton Indoor Sports, Great Road FEE: \$140.00 INSTRUCTOR: Laura Sikalis & Acton Recreation Staff AGES: Grades 7-12 MIN/MAX STUDENTS: Min. 14

MONSTERBASH 2007



Join the ghoulish fun and do the monster bash! Prizes for best costume, DJ spinning fun music and games, dancing ~ a huge hit last year, only better this year! Don't miss out on this spooky fun night! DATE: TUESDAY, OCT. 30

TIME: 6:00-8:00 PM

LOCATION: NARA PARK AMPHITHEATRE,

25 Ledge Rock Way, Acton FEE: \$5.00 per person (includes pizza slice and drink) ~ Sorry, no refunds on this special event AGES: For all ages—parents must accompany children under 14.

REGISTRATION PLEASE: By Oct. 16TH so we may plan accordingly for all materials needed



MONSTERBASH 2007 REGISTRATION FORM (May be used for multiple kids)

Participant name(s) & age: _____

Parent name: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

WAIVER: By signing below: I agree to hold harmless the Town of Acton and/or its employees from claims or liability related to any accident that may occur. I give permission for medical treatment to be given if the need arises. I acknowledge the refund policy for the program in which I have signed up for.

REFUNDS & WITHDRAWALS: You may withdraw from a program up to 7 (seven) business days prior to the start date—an administrative fee of \$10 will be applied to all registrations. After that time, no refunds will be issued. All refunds must be submitted in writing to the Recreation Department requesting withdrawal and refund. It will take two-three weeks for the refund to be processed. Refunds will not be made for classes missed due to inclement weather. Exception to policy: a written letter from a licensed physician excusing participant from a program.

NOTE: Certain programs, special events and trips have separate refund policies and will be duly noted in description and /or on form.

CLASS CANCELLATION POLICY: Classes are cancelled if Acton Boxborough Schools have closed or have early dismissal due to weather. Notification via email for Recreation Dept. run programs will be made if a class is cancelled due to poor weather or field conditions. Programs run outside of the Recreation Department are responsible to notify participants of class cancellations. Efforts will be made to make-up weather cancelled classes, but are not guaranteed. Any class cancellations due to an illness of an instructor will be made-up or refunded. Refunds will not be offered due to a participant's inability to partake in missed make-up sessions.

Parent Signature Required: _____

Mail completed form with payment payable to Town of Acton and mail to Acton Recreation Department, 472 Main Street, Acton, MA 01720 or deliver in person at the Town Hall.