

# Mi-Te-Jo NEWS



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## The Countdown Begins!

With less than 100 days until opening weekend thoughts of campfires, s'mores, boat rides, and summertime are upon us. After over three feet of snow this winter, we're sure you are all ready for some sunshine and camping fun.

The snow has definitely kept us busy and it seems as if we have been getting a storm every few days. So let's all cross our fingers that all the snow will be melted by opening weekend and we'll have a warm and sunny summer! Get your countdowns ready and fasten your seatbelts for another great camping season!

## Bugs & Firewood

Asian Long Horned Beetles, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, and Emerald Ash Borer are all nasty insects showing up throughout the country and posing potentially devastating effects on our campgrounds. How does this affect us? These invasive pests have one mission, to infest and destroy our trees. Their main transportation is through firewood.

After much thought and controversy, in order to protect our vegetation, the decision has been made to ban any and all firewood from being brought into the campground. The implementation of this rule is the most effective

### 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Welcome Back Seasonals!	May 13
Welcome All! Official Season Opening!	May 15
Armed Forces Weekend	May 20-21
Memorial Day Weekend	May 27-30
Antique Tractor Pull/Free Fishing all day	June 4
Fourth of July Weekend	July 1-4
Stratham Fair	July 21-24
Elliot Tractor Show	July 29-31
Mi-Te-Jo's 19 <sup>th</sup> Annual Thank You Camper's Party	August 27
Labor Day Weekend	Sept. 2-5
Fall Pot Luck Super	Sept. 10
Rochester Fair	Sept. 16-25
Take Your Tractor Camping Weekend	Sept. 16-18
Deerfield Fair	Sept. 29- Oct. 2
Harvest Weekend	October 1-2
Fryeburg Fair	October 2-9
15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Abenaki Pow-Wow	October 8-9
Season Closes	October 15

way to prevent the spread of these pesky bugs.

We feel very strongly about doing our part to keep the bugs out. We understand that not everyone feels as strongly, however we believe these measures are necessary to reduce the risk of these bugs moving onto our property. Gary understands that campers like to bring their own firewood but, until this situation is resolved it will not be permitted. There will be plenty of wood available and we are working on a more efficient way to sell and deliver it to keep it affordable for all. Racks of woods will now be delivered on pallets

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## Woodall's Contest

### America's Top 100 Favorite Campgrounds

Woodall's Campground Directory is running a contest to determine the top 100 campgrounds in the country voted by you the camper. Signs and codes will be posted for those of you who wish to vote. As an added bonus all voters will be entered into a drawing to win a seven day cruise to Hawaii.

Wouldn't you like to be camping at a campground that was one of America's Top 100 Favorites? Spread the word and please be sure to vote!

## The Third Grandchild!

For those of you who have not heard, Christmas day brought us our third granddaughter. Layla Ann Bernard was our very own Christmas blessing. Congratulations to Melissa and Ryan!

Gary is now working on a tractor seat which will fit Lillian, Kaylenn, and Layla. Look for them in this season's tractor parades and expect all three girls to be dressed in their John Deere best!

*Enjoy your vacation?  
Don't forget to go to our  
website, click on Share Your  
Experience, and give us a  
review. We appreciate all  
comments and feedback.*

## Recycling



We would like to thank everyone for their continual support of our recycling program. Last year's combined recyclables were almost a 7 ton increase from 2003 when we started the program!

<b>2003</b>	2,600 lbs or 1.6 tons
<b>2009</b>	13,620 lbs or 6.81 tons
<b>2010</b>	16,460 lbs or 8.23 tons

## The Channel

Yes Mr. M, the channel was finally dug out. After years of anticipation we received the necessary permits and with the good weather this past fall we were able to finally get the job done. The removal of all the excess sand will be a great convenience for those boaters who enter and exit the channel. Please remind your little swimmers that the channel is not the place to play. This will ensure the safety of both boaters and children.

## Life-size Chess Games

The bocce and shuffleboard courts were long overdue for some attention. This whole area is being revamped. The newly designed area will include two new shuffleboards as well as a giant chess board with 3 foot pieces. For those campers looking for an intellectual game this life-size challenge is perfect for you!

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in large bags. Both the pallets and the bags will carry refundable deposits. This was an extremely tough decision for us but we feel it was the right decision to protect our woods and your vacation spot. Thank you for understanding our position and respecting this decision.

If you have any further questions or would like more information you can call the campground or go online to [www.dontmovefirewood.org](http://www.dontmovefirewood.org) or the United States Department of Agriculture's website [www.na.fs.fed.us](http://www.na.fs.fed.us).

## Wednesdays at the Movies

Last year began our first year of Wednesday night at the movies. Campers gathered under the pavilion in the Meadow for family fun, good movies, candy, and popcorn. All seemed to run smoothly and we hope that everyone enjoyed watching the movies as much as Lori enjoyed working the popcorn machine! If you have any movie suggestions or ideas for improvement feel free to stop by the office and let us know!

*Boaters seemed extremely happy with the four new aluminum docks put in last year.*

***That means four more will be replaced this year!***



## Site Improvements

Gary is always looking for the best way to increase camper comfort. This winter he made several changes to sites in order to do so. Drainage was improved around sites 45 & 47; this will prevent your tents from floating away as well as help keep run off out of the lake. Waterfront sites A, B, C, & D were all raised in order to divert water and avoid run-off.

Mulch was put on the back sides of sites 110-113 in order to prevent run-off water down the back side of the hill and site flooding. Lastly sites 99 & 100 had trees removed in order to make them more accessible to larger trailers.

## Tractor Weekends

Tractor weekends have continued to be popular amongst campers and tractor lovers alike. Our antique tractor pull will be held in June and two parades will be held over Fourth of July weekend and Take Your Tractor Camping weekend.

The Milton Fire Department thanks you for your patronage and appreciates your support as they continue to cook up tasty treats to keep our pullers and viewers happy.

## New Natural Playground

The area between the cabins and the playground has been an ongoing work in progress for the past few years. This spring Gary was finally able to complete what he likes to call the natural playground. Is it a ship, a fort, a tree house, or a car? We'll leave that up to the imagination of your children. This new area is less structured and designed for children under the age of 10. It provides them with a place to let their mind's run wild and gives parents a pleasant place to sit amongst the trees and enjoy.

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## Adult Rec Hall Office

We all know that in today's society even when we are on vacation it is often times tough to get away from your work and it's important for many of us to continue doing business even outside of the office. To better accommodate those of you who need to stay connected, we are going to add a few things to the adult rec hall computer area. New additions this year will include a printer, fax machine, and copy machine.

Last year's Wi-Fi system seemed to work out well and hopefully any remaining kinks will be fixed for the upcoming season. A reminder that the internet at the campground is not intended for watching movies or downloading large files.



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