

REMY ALFF, 2019 CCC CAMP SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Moore School student Remy Alff was the recipient of the 2019 Debra Bell Levesque Scholarship for a one-week session at the Barry Conservation Camp this past summer. He attended the October Conservation Commission meeting to share his experiences and presented the Commission a picture of an eagle in a pine tree, which he painted.



(CCC vice-chair Judi Lindsey with Remy Alff)

Remy said he loved his week at camp “because of all the awesome activities and the food was amazing.” He especially liked sleeping in a cabin, hiking, canoeing, The Barry Olympics and shooting sports. He learned new outdoor skills and made many new friends.

Remy offered advice to others who receive this opportunity: don't be nervous about going away and not knowing anyone. You make friends quickly there. Also, get there early for check-in to get the best bed selection, and “if you play the ‘M&M game’, sit next to a counselor!”

Camp scholarship recipients are chosen from entries submitted by interested students. Although the deadline for the 2020 scholarship has passed, we encourage all Candia students ages of 10 to 16, who like the outdoors, to consider applying for the 2021 scholarship. Applications may be downloaded from the CCC website, www.candiaconservationcommission.org. **The deadline for applications is January 15 of each year.**

The camp is operated by NH Fish and Game in partnership with 4-H through UNH Cooperative Extension. More

information about the camp can be found at <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/barrycamp/>.

CALENDARS!

Every year the Commission puts out a calendar with pictures of landscapes and wildlife taken around town. 100% of the proceeds from the sales of these calendars goes to the Debra Bell Levesque Scholarship Fund, established in memory of a former Conservation Commission member. The 13-month calendars may be purchased for \$10 at the town office building, at the library, or from commissioners.

We invite everyone to submit photos for next year's edition by August 30. Please check our website, (www.candiaconservationcommission.org) for guidelines. Be sure to include the location and name of the photographer.

2019 OLD HOME DAY

This year's Old Home Day was held on a perfect August day. It was bigger than ever and very well attended. Judi Lindsey, Leon Austin and Betsy Kruse staffed the Conservation Commission booth and were busy all day. We were happy to share our knowledge about conservation with many visitors.

One of the major attractions this year was the bear pictured at right. It was carved with a chainsaw by Leon Austin and was raffled off to a lucky family from Candia.

The money raised in the raffle went directly into the Debra Bell Levesque Scholarship fund, which is used to send a Candia student to Conservation Camp each summer.

(Right: Leon and Melanie Austin with the bear Leon donated)



HEMLOCK DRIVE TOWN FOREST TRAIL WORK DAY

Periodically members of the Conservation Commission and volunteers take time to maintain some of the trails in our Town Forests. On a beautiful Saturday in July, we focused on the main trail of the Hemlock Drive Town Forest. There was much work to be done clearing weeds and widening the path. We discovered some sizable potholes which needed filling so people wouldn't get swallowed up.



(Volunteer Jim Lindsey on Trail Work Day)

There was so much needing attention we couldn't finish that day. Judi and Jim Lindsey returned another day armed with a weed wacker and spray paint (for marking trails) to continue the process.

There is still more we need to do to complete clearing the trails and marking them. We will be scheduling another work day when the weather warms up. We welcome extra hands. Please contact us through the Commission web site (listed below) if you are interested in helping out.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO "GIVE BACK?"

The Conservation Commission has openings for regular and alternate members. Our mission is to advocate for and help protect Candia's natural resources. We review wetlands impact applications submitted to the New Hampshire State Department of Environmental Resources and can be helpful as consultants for the Planning Board in their deliberations regarding new development projects in town.

We oversee the town forests and protected lands on which we help maintain trails. We offer free programs to residents on issues like land protection, climate change and wildlife management. We are always in the market for new ways to

engage and educate town residents. We welcome suggestions and extra hands to help make them happen.

If you appreciate our natural environment, are blessed with the ability to enjoy it and are interested in "giving back." We invite you to lend a few hours each month to the Conservation Commission. Our monthly meetings usually conclude within 2 hours and time commitments between meetings is flexible and optional.

Join us for a meeting or two to learn more about how you can help the Commission preserve Candia's natural resources.

CCC KIDS CLUB



(Members of the CCC Kids Club)

Students in Mrs. Lindsey's CCC KIDS club enjoyed an autumn day behind the Smyth library exploring a variety of plants and their seed pods. In addition they enjoyed learning about bats by viewing a bat skeleton enclosed in plexiglass and a stuffed bat. The purpose of this club, now in its 2nd year, is to get children outside enjoying and bonding with nature so they'll become knowledgeable and caring adults who will take care of their town's water resources, forests and wildlife.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

The CCC holds monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Office Building. The public is welcome to attend. Visit our website for more information and to confirm meeting times and dates.

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**Remember to vote on Tuesday, March 10, 2020
at the CYAA Field House!**