

Thank You From Kidfest

By Kathy Kinter

KidFest 2009 was a success! Thanks to the efforts of so many volunteers, Clifton's fourth annual children's festival took place on May 9th at the Clifton Town Park and great fun was had by all who attended. This year's festival was held in conjunction with The Acacia Lodge's First Spring Festival, which was wonderful! The Lodge members were so great to work with and such an enormous help to us in so many ways. We are lucky to have them in our community, and if you ever get a chance to chat with one of them, I highly recommend it. They are an eclectic and interesting group!

This year's KidFest benefited The CBA, Shelter House (which runs the Katherine P. Hanley Homeless Shelter), Moms for a Cure, and featured a raffle hosted by The Bryce Foundation, a local foundation set up by Emily and James Anderson in memory of their son Bryce, to help support families struggling with a child with cancer.



There were many wonderful performers, vendors, and activities at the festival including an interactive yoga demonstration, puppet and magic shows, singers, and even a hip hop dance lesson teaching the kids the main dance routine from the Hannah Montana movie - and the teacher was actually one of the lead dancers from the movie! Eggspectations provided delicious food, and Wooney & Co. did some of the best face-painting around! Thanks also to Astrojump, the Parker Family, Phoebe & Rick Peterson, Fairfax Corner, and Eggspectations for all their support for two years in a row!!!! Thank you Clifton Cafe for all the free sno-cones!! Thanks to the Clifton Store for their donation. Thank you to Peterson's Ice Cream Depot for all the support! Thank you to the Nitz, Nickum and Netschert Families for power, phone and parking help!



So many people made this year's event happen, but a few went the extra mile: Ester & Pat Pline, Robin Graine, Sara Singhas Noonan, Colette & Marcus Silva, Julie & Randy Thompson, Lisa & Erich RussekRobbins, Jacquie Lambertson, Jeff Harper, John Kinter, Claudia Anton, and Deb Dillard. THANK YOU!!!!!! KidFest would not have happened without you.

Thank you also to Hoa Lam, Jill Hill, Kelly Layfield, Andrea Neyland, Cindy Sealy, Mary Mills, Merle Engel, Carolyn Machado-Ulm, Emily Dillard, Elaine and Fred Ansick, Steve Bittner, Shannon Pbermeyer, Fawn, Freeman, Nick and Xander Hecket, Matt and Laura Kehoe, Blair Diseati, Pat Layden, Boy Scout Troop 1104, and our high school volunteers. You all made a difference! And of course, no CBA event could ever happen without the help and support of Michelle Stein!



And finally, thank you to my sweet Sammy who stayed patient with a stressed out mommy and kept me smiling even when the rain wouldn't stop!

Kathy Kinter was chairperson of KidFest, 2009.

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Boy Scout Troop 1104



Troop 1104 Salutes Scouts Who Received Eagle Rank

Chris Marr, Bobby Richard, Zach Schebish, Will Ridenour and Chris Messier were all recognized at an Eagle Court of Honor. In this photo they are surrounded by all their brother Eagles from the audience and they are affirming their Eagle Oath. Eight days later, one of the other scouts in the background, Mial Fessenden, had his Eagle Court of Honor.



Troop 1104 has had 86 scouts earn the rank of Eagle in its 40-year history.

A regular program of physical conditioning starts early for Scouts and Adult Leaders preparing to backpack their way through Philmont Scout Ranch in 2010. Philmont, the Boy Scouts of America's premier High Adventure™ base located in the rugged New Mexico wilderness, will challenge our Scouts for 11 Days and a minimum of 82 miles. Those scouts and adults participating at Philmont must be physically prepared to carry a 35- to 50-pound pack (containing all their own food, water, cooking and sleeping gear) over steep, rocky trails at elevations ranging from 6,500 to 12,500 feet while protecting themselves and their gear from wild animals such as bear.



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