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Belmont Old Home Day events set for this weekend

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PICTURED HERE is the Belmont Old Home Day parade during a past year. COURTESY PHOTO

BELMONT — Mark your calendar for Saturday, Aug. 11.

Belmont Old Day has returned to the second Saturday in August and will bring old favorites and a few new surprises. Due to the construction in the downtown area daytime events have been moved to Belmont High School this year.

The Old Home Day Committee is excited to work cooperatively with the Shaker Regional School District in utilizing this beautiful facility. The theme of “Celebrating Our Community” starts there. The day will kick off with a

breakfast by the First Baptist Church at 7 a.m.

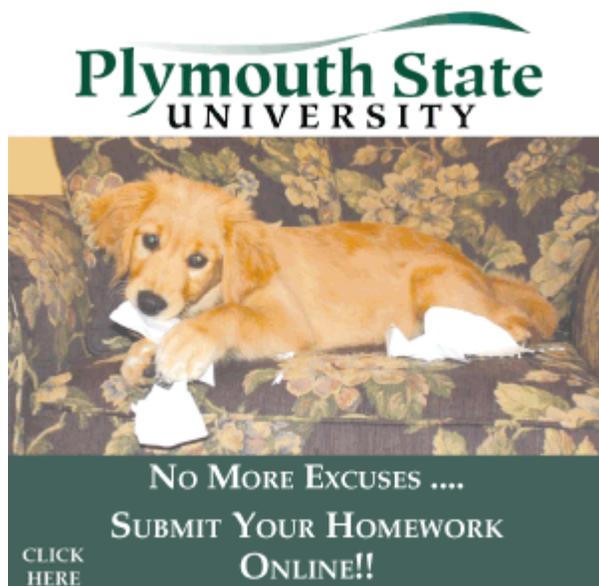
The annual 10-mile run will still start at Belmont Middle School, but the Fun Run will take off at 9:30 a.m. along the beautiful cross country trail at the high school. The children’s games will start off at 10:30 a.m. with the Pedal Tractor Pull, a crowd pleaser for sure.

Things start to really heat up at 10:30 a.m. when the Moulton Sanbornton Band performs. At 11 a.m. the Granite State Disc Dogs show off their high flying acrobatics. Bring a lawn chair to enjoy the smooth country tunes of the Jandee Lee Porter Band from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the soccer field.

Due to the venue change there will be a Children's Parade instead of our typical large parade at 1 p.m. We encourage children to decorate their bikes, fill a wagon, dress as a group, form a marching kazoo band or whatever they choose, to march through a surely captive crowd of onlookers.

The day is not nearly over even after the parade. There is still the Belmont High School Band to enjoy and the "Community Showcase" which will begin at 1:30 p.m. Belmont is full of talent and the crowd is going to love the groups assembled to show us their talent.

The Winnepesaukee Squares are going to kick up their heels and hopefully teach us a thing or two about their dance moves. The East Athletic Cheerleaders are then going to show off their dance and acrobatic skills.



All day you can check out our vendors. Old Home Day is a large fundraiser for many non-profit local organizations. There will be sausage subs, fried dough, lemonade, sandwiches, cotton candy, ice cream and more. Local crafters and artisans will have goods for sale and there will be community information booths as well. You can walk off the great food by checking out the trails of the Town Forest which run just behind the high school.

The activities for Old Home Day will continue into the evening with a Chicken BBQ at the Belmont Fire Department at 5 p.m.

The evening entertainment will be at Bryant Field. Starting at 6 p.m. you can try your skills at

climbing a rock wall or even bungee jump. Starting at 7.p.m. the national recording artists Eric Grant Band will entertain the crowd.

The evening will come to an end with the spectacular fireworks display sponsored by Atlas Pyro Vision.

Old Home Day is a day of celebration of our great community. We come together to recognize our community achievements. This may be a year of change, but it will still have traditional and new opportunities for all to enjoy. I hope to see everyone on Saturday, Aug. 11 in "Celebrating our Community".

For a full schedule of events, Children's Parade entry form, vendor forms and Community Showcase entry forms go to www.belmonthn.org.

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