

April Special Events – Parks and Recreation

The annual **Easter Candy Hunt** will be held on Saturday, April 13 at the Sage Park Auxiliary Field. If the field is wet or unusable or in case of inclement weather, the Easter Candy Hunt will be held at the Berlin High School “A” gym. This event is open to all **Berlin youth only** ages 2 to 10 years old. **If held outdoor**, youth ages 2, 3, 4 and 5 will meet the Easter Bunny at 1 p.m. for their hunt and ages 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 will meet the Easter Bunny at 1:30 p.m. for their hunt. **If held indoor**, youth ages 2&3 will meet at 1 p.m., ages 4&5 will meet at 1:30 p.m., ages 6&7 and 8, 9, 10 will meet at 1:45 p.m. Everyone should meet in the B gym until your age group is called. Groups may be broken down, as needed. Parents for youth ages 2-3 are required to accompany their child during the Easter Candy Hunt. However, we ask that you allow the children to pick up the candy by themselves. **Parents are asked not to participate in the hunt for all other age groups. Please provide your own basket for the hunt.** Parents are asked to keep your child off the field until the hunt is ready to begin. Please call the information line, 860-828-7100 for latest status regarding the hunt site. If canceled for the day, the event will be held on Saturday, April 20 at the same time and place.



The annual **Youth Fishing Derbies** will be held at Sage Park Pond. Both derbies will be held from **8-10 a.m.**, Saturday, April 13 for ages 3-7 and Saturday, April 27 for ages 8-15 for **Berlin youth only**. *An adult must accompany ages 3-10.* You must register at the Parks and Recreation Department to be eligible for raffle prizes which are given away at both derbies and you must be present to win. **NEW THIS YEAR!** – You can register in person or on-line, through WebTrac.

The deadline to register is the Friday before each event. ****Remember the Parks and Recreation Department closes at 1 p.m. on Friday!!** And on-line registration also ends Friday at 1 p.m. There is a limit of 5 fish per child and only one fishing pole in the water per child. The event will be held if raining, however, in case of severe storms call the recorder phone for information.

PLEASE NOTE – From April 13-May 31, only 3-15 year old **BERLIN RESIDENTS** are allowed to fish at Sage Park Pond. An adult can accompany youth, if supervision is necessary. **The pond is closed to the public on Friday, April 12 and Friday, April 26.** All other uses of the pond for fishing during this time are prohibited.

CARE – The Parks and Recreation Department is teaming up with Jim Shirley and the Connecticut DEEP to offer the **CARE** (Connecticut Aquatic Resources Education) program. This program is free to educate families about fish and fishing. We will be offering a program on April 24 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at The Berlin Community Center, for children ages 8 and older and their parents to learn about fishing tackle, how to cast, knot tying, safety, regulations and how to identify their catch. After the class room instruction, volunteers will be available on Saturday, April 27, at the fishing derby, with fishing gear and tackle, for those who may not have any. Registration is required and can be done on-line or at the Parks and Recreation Department. Minimum of 15 required to run the program. Parents and children need to register individually, space is limited.