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# STRIVE Newsletter

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CAMP STRIVE provides teens and young adults (ages 15-24) the opportunity to make friends, play games, and learn valuable skills in a safe and fun environment. Each week, campers participate in activities that include: sports & games, cooking & nutrition, arts & crafts, and field trips to local attractions.

**CAMP STRIVE: Summer Session will run  
June 21<sup>st</sup>-August 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-5:00pm**

CAMP STRIVE costs \$45 per day or \$200 if signed up for the whole week. The cost includes: CAMP STRIVE t-shirt, craft supplies, snack & all field trips. Campers should bring a bag lunch each day.

Early drop off and/or late pickup can be arranged for an additional fee of \$7 per day and must be arranged in advance. We do not accept half-day registrations. Cash, credit card, and check are accepted and payment must be received before or on the first day of camp.

### June 2010 Schedule:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	21 Around the World Week	22 Hawaiian Luau	23 Learn to cook a Japanese meal	24 Museum of African Culture	25 Greek Festival in Portland	25 Hot Air Balloon Festival
	28 Earth Week	29 Scarborough Marsh	30 Pineland Farms	1 Maple Springs Farm (raspberry picking)	1 Shaker Village Farm tour	2 Perry Macmillian Arctic Museum

The complete summer schedule and camp registration forms are posted on the STRIVE website. Please visit <http://pslstrive.org/camp> to download forms, or contact Kim Kelley at [kkelley@pslservices.org](mailto:kkelley@pslservices.org) or (207)774-6278.

### **STRIVE is pleased to announce that we will be offering TWEENS CAMP this summer!**

TWEENS Camp will run daily (9:00-5:00pm) from June 21<sup>st</sup>-August 27<sup>th</sup> and will be open to 11-14 year olds with developmental disabilities. Cost is \$45/day or \$200 if signed up for the entire week. The cost includes the Friday afternoon TWEENS social event! For more information or to sign up, please check out the STRIVE website or email [info@pslstrive.org](mailto:info@pslstrive.org)!! See page 3 for theme weeks.

### Mission Statement

To assist teens and young adults with intellectual and emotional disabilities in utilizing resources within their community so they can participate as viable members of the community.

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# STRIVE NEWS



Erica Gervais & Kelsie O'Sullivan

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, members of the STRIVE community participated in STRIVE PRIDE Day. Volunteers spent the morning cleaning, planting flowers, and picking up trash outside STRIVE and the afternoon enjoying a delicious BBQ lunch!!



Volunteers picked up trash behind the STRIVE building.

Thank you to everyone who helped make STRIVE beautiful!

Thank you to everyone who donated to STRIVE in May!

- Paul Barnes
- Anthony and Joan Barrasso
- Francis Egan
- Karen & Terry Johnson
- Robert Junkins
- Henrietta Laron
- Alan McHale
- Esther and Paul Pappas
- Christopher and Nancy Pierce
- Rose Sinclair
- Stephen & Gayl Sinclair
- Kathleen Son
- Cynthia & Larry Vaughn
- Margaret & Craig Wilson

We appreciate your generous support.

## BookWorks! Sale: June 5<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-2:00pm 47 Atlantic Place



Buy three, get one free!  
Fill-A-Bag with books for only \$8.00!  
All Romance: buy one, get one free!

FMI: Contact Kim Kelley at [kkelley@psslservices.org](mailto:kkelley@psslservices.org) or (207)774-6278

## BookWorks! Community Partnership Fundraising Program

Each month, BookWorks! will partner with a community group for a day of fundraising. BookWorks! will open for extended hours on the fundraising day, and 25% of total book sales will be donated to the community group.

BookWorks! will staff the store from 10am-8pm and can provide examples for emails, posters, flyers, etc. The community organization will be responsible for promoting the event.

Please contact Kim Kelley at (207)774-6278 or [kkelley@psslservices.org](mailto:kkelley@psslservices.org) for more information on how to get your organization involved!

## STRIVE WISH LIST

General Office Supplies

Frozen Pizzas

Craft Supplies

Children's rug

xBox 360 and/or Wii video games

Paper Cutter

Sports Equipment

Storage Shed

Volunteers to work shifts at Bookworks!

Picnic table for STRIVE U

# STRIVE NEWS

## STRIVE U NEWS

Applications for the STRIVE U Experience are still available! If you haven't heard about it yet, the STRIVE U Experience will be a snap shot of a typical week at STRIVE U. The week-end long event is being held October 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> at Camp Tall Pines in Poland, Maine.

FMI contact: Erin Berg at  
(207)774-6278 or  
[eberg@pslservices.org](mailto:eberg@pslservices.org)



### 2010 AUCTION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Interested in Planning one of STRIVE's most successful fundraisers?  
Love Event Planning? Enjoy collecting items?

We need your help!

2010 Auction Planning Committee  
Next Meeting: June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30  
STRIVE Center

This group meets once a month  
for about an hour.  
Looking for individuals who would  
be willing to contact community  
partners for donations.



Contact Kristina Smalley FMI:  
[ksmalley@pslservices.org](mailto:ksmalley@pslservices.org)

### TWEENS CAMP Theme Weeks:

- June 21-June 25: Around the World
- June 27-July 2: Where the Wild Things Are
- July 6-July 9: Game Show Week
- July 12-July 16: Silly Sports & Goofy Games
- July 19-July 23: Career Week
- July 26-July 30: Barnyard Bonanza
- August 2- August 6: Carnival Week
- August 9-August 13: Beach Week
- August 16-August 20: Arts & Crafts Week
- August 23-August 27: Grand Finale Week

Please check out our website: [www.pslstrive.org](http://www.pslstrive.org) for more info!!



**Calling All Runners!!!  
Didn't get into this year's race?  
STRIVE HAS SPOTS!!**

Please contact Kristina Smalley to hold a bid  
number. Spaces are limited.  
**All runners must commit to fundraising \$300  
for STRIVE. Deadline is JUNE 29<sup>th</sup>!!**

**[KSmalley@pslservices.org](mailto:KSmalley@pslservices.org)  
207.774.6278 x:202**

### TWEENS SCHEDULE:

The TWEENS program runs every  
Friday afternoon from 3:30-5:30pm  
and is sponsored by the  
Maine Down Syndrome Network.



**June 4: GoodDogz Training—** Learn how to act safely around dogs in this fun and interactive presentation with dog trainer Nancy Freedman-Smith and her K9 companion.

**June 11: Fire Truck—** South Portland Fire Department will bring their fire truck over to STRIVE for a lesson on fire extinguishers and all of their fire equipment.

**June 18: A Day at the Movies and Fun Science—** Join us for popcorn and a movie on the big STRIVE wall!

**June 25: Summer BBQ Kickoff—** Join us for games outside, a special performance by A Capella group Overboard and some tasty BBQ treats!



# Volunteer News

## Aktion Club

Aktion is participating in an ongoing collection of soda can tabs- if you would like to help us collect the tabs please drop them off at STRIVE.

Aktion Club is part of the Portland Kiwanis and is an all ages volunteer club for individuals with developmental disabilities. If you are in need of volunteers or have a project that you think would be good for our club please contact us! We are here to help!



If you would like to get involved please contact Kristina Smalley.

## Thank you to all of our Volunteers!

In May, STRIVE honored this year's most active volunteers but wanted to extend our appreciation to all of our 200 volunteers. We truly appreciate your involvement with the STRIVE programs.



**BookWorks! is looking for individuals to staff our store during the summer months.**

**Are you a teacher who has free time this summer and would like to help out STRIVE?**

**Shifts available include**

**Mondays: 4-5**

**Tuesdays: 10-12, 2-6**

**Wednesdays: 11-1, 5-6**

**Thursdays: 10-12, 2-3, 5-6**

**Fridays: 12-3, 4-5**

**Please contact Kim Kelley at [kkelley@pslservices.org](mailto:kkelley@pslservices.org) or (207)774-6278 to get involved!**



Jon Jennings of the Maine Red Claws and Bob Thing of Hammond Lumber Company present STRIVE members & volunteers with a \$12,500 check from the "3 Points for STRIVE" program.

## THANK YOU TO OUR 2010 VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR



**Anthony Barrasso & Judith Sarapas**

# Members' Page



## Hawaiian Luau

*STRIVE's Beach Bum Theme Night*

**FRIDAY June 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**STRIVE NIGHT: 6:00 - 9:00pm**

**Pull out your Hawaiian Shirt!  
 And Join Us for a night filled with fun activities, music, treats and most importantly great friends!**

**Smoothies  
 Limbo  
 Photo Ops  
 Prizes to the best dressed!  
 Blue Crush Movie  
 Games**

### Hey sports fans!

Join in on the fun this summer with Monday Night Sports class! This active series will teach you the basics to soccer, baseball, basketball, table sports, & more.

No experience necessary—get ready to have some fun and play ball!

**Mondays (June 28<sup>th</sup>—September 13<sup>th</sup>)  
 5:30-7:00 at the STRIVE Center.**

**\$20 for series.**



Contact Kim Miller at (207)774-6278 or [kmiller@pslervices.org](mailto:kmiller@pslervices.org) to sign up!



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS



William Irons	June 1
Brandon Temple	June 1
Ruby Hernandez	June 2
Carolyn Lewis	June 5
Nick Mercier	June 6
Joshua Morrill	June 8
Kyle Herrle	June 8
Eric Johnson	June 8

Tabitha Booth	June 9
Brad Ouellette	June 11
Henry Berube	June 12
Brandon Kinney	June 16
Dylan Markee	June 17
Parker McCormack	June 23
Nathan Lopez	June 28
Anna Bulger	June 30

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM STRIVE!!!**

# Members' Page

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW STRIVE ADVISORY BOARD!

**President: Caroline Frawley**

**Vice President: Eric Hughes**

**Treasurer: Kelsie O'Sullivan**

**Secretary: Abby Theriault**

**Editor: Kate McHale**

**Fundraising Chair: Caitlin Killarney**

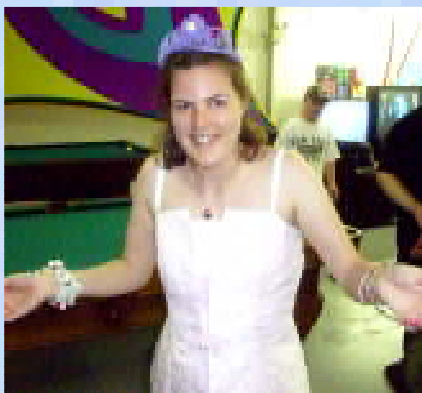
**Social Chair: Patrick Cox**

**The STRIVE Advisory Board meets twice a month and is responsible for planning STRIVE Theme Nights!!**

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### **Congratulations to Grace Decker-Fetherolf**

### **Winner of the Best Dressed at STRIVE's Hollywood Premiere**



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STRIVE is on Facebook! Check out our page for the latest STRIVE news, it is updated daily!

Please visit: <http://www.facebook.com/STRIVENation> to sign up for Facebook and connect with STRIVE!



## JUNE EVENTS

**BookWorks! book sale**  
Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm

**Gerbusters**  
Monday night from 5:30-7:00pm  
June 7<sup>th</sup> is last class in series

**Intro to Sports**  
Monday nights from 5:30-7:00pm  
Class series starts June 28<sup>th</sup>

**TWEENS Program**  
Every Friday afternoon from 3:30-5:30pm

**Friday Night Social**  
Every Friday evening from 6:00-9:00pm

**Aktion Club Meeting**  
Every other Wednesday from 3:30-4:00pm  
(6/2, 6/16, 6/30)

**Member Advisory Board Meeting**  
Every other Friday from 5:00-5:30pm  
(6/4, 6/18)

**Hawaiian Luau Theme Night**  
Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00pm

**CAMP STRIVE**  
Runs daily (9:00-5:00pm) starting June 21<sup>st</sup>

**TWEENS CAMP**  
Runs daily (9:00-5:00pm) starting June 21<sup>st</sup>

**ON THE HORIZON:**

**Healthy Relationships - Wednesday nights**  
July 7<sup>th</sup>-September 8<sup>th</sup> (6pm-8pm)



# STRIVE PICTURES

Do you have pictures that you would like to share with us? If so please send them to [info@pslstrive.org](mailto:info@pslstrive.org)



Volunteers Tim Kerr (left) and JJ Sarapas (right) pose with Judith Sarapas, one of the 2010 Volunteers of the Year. Judith volunteers at BookWorks, during major fundraising events and assists with the Aktion Club.



DJ Charette played baseball outside STRIVE with the After School Program.



Eric Hughes and Niels Doughty pose together at the Volunteer Recognition Night held at STRIVE.



Chandler Hawkes and Emma Campbell spent the afternoon at the East End Beach with the After School Program.



**Jesse Robinson,**  
"Volunteered" of the Year



**Noel Thompson,**  
Alumni Volunteer of the Year



**The Maine Red Claws & Hammond Lumber Company,**  
Businesses of the Year



**MEMIC,**  
Employment Partner of the Year



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