

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:

We believe that for all those who participated in Winterfest 2008 last Saturday in Camden it was a great day.

This Midcoast Maine Celebration of Winter, just completing its sixth year as a revived historic event, has evolved each year into one of the most awesome collaborations - public and private, profit and not-for-profit, young and old, participants and observers - of the year.

We, the intrepid Winterfest Committee, would like to thank the following thirteen organizations for their participation in this year's ice-carving competition: Station Maine, Five Town Communities That Care, Center for Furniture Craftsmanship, The Teen Center, Midcoast School of Technology & Hospitality, Riley School (4th Place), Camden Hills Regional High School Art Club (2nd Place), Camden Hills Regional High School Varsity Hockey Team (1st Place), Five Towns Football (sponsored by Lions Club), Odeon Youth Orchestra (3rd Place), Youth Arts, Friends of Pathways, and Harbor Family Services.

The following businesses, organizations and individuals all gave generously in terms of time, ideas, funds, supplies, and equipment: The First Bank (our lead sponsor), All That Jazz, Boynton McKay Food Company, Camden Bed & Breakfast Association, Camden Downtown Business Group, CHRHS Hockey Team, Camden Printing, Cappy's Chowder House, EBS, Anne Edmonds, French & Brawn, Hannaford, HAV II, Marti Stone Photographer, Midcoast Recreation Center, Party Fundamentals, Penobscot Bay YMCA, Planet Toys, Peter Ott's, Rankin's Hardware, Samoset Executive Chef Tim Pierce (and Samoset's Eric Fleury and Larry Platt), Samoset Resort, Trillium Caterers, Waterfront Restaurant, Wayfarer Marine, Don White.

[We would especially like to thank our trusty food committee who joyfully volunteer every year: Judy Emery, Kris El-Hajj, Maria Bradeen, Laura and Liza Morong, Kate McMorrow.](#)

Our thanks also go to the joyful and hardworking staff of the Camden Public Library whose help before, during and after the event was invaluable. Special thanks to Amy Hand and Susan Lewis in the Children's Library for their significant additions to the activities.

Camden Winterfest is a yearly seasonal event sponsored by the Camden Public Library and the Committee for Camden Harbor Park & Amphitheatre. It is a free community event and open to all. All funds raised from food sales (after event expenses) benefit the maintenance of Harbor Park and the Bok Amphitheatre. It is estimated that the event netted \$1,000.00 this year.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Winterfest 2008.

The Winterfest Committee

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