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Special points of interest:

- ✓ The STREAM Program added 5 new activities to the calendar in August.
- ✓ This month's STREAM theme was "The Solar System".
- ✓ STREAM went to the Otter River Sportsman Club on August 19, 2014.
- ✓ The Friday Lunch Club went to Papa Gino's in Gardner this month.

This month in STREAM...

The month of August kicked off to a great start with the STREAM members attending Gardner's Annual Sidewalk Sale on Friday, August 1, 2014. There were multiple tents to visit that sold various hand made items as well as tents set up representing local businesses. Some tents even had games to play. Fun was had by all who attended!

The offsite trip of the month was a Field Day at The Otter River Sportsman Club in Templeton, MA on August 19, 2014. The ORSC was kind enough to donate the use of their facilities to the STREAM program for the day, allowing our individuals to enjoy their beautiful location for free. Those that joined us for the Field Day played all kinds of games including bean bag toss, ladder

ball, whiffle ball, and kite flying. After enjoying a nice picnic lunch everyone teamed up and had STREAM's first ever relay race involving buckets of water and a big car washing sponge. The object of the game was to see which team could transfer water from one bucket to another the fastest by passing the water logged sponge from one teammate to the next with the end

teammate squeezing the water into the end bucket. Both teams received ribbons for their participation. The Field Day was such a success that another one was scheduled for September! August was a busy month for the program with plenty of activities to choose from. The theme for August was the Solar System which was incorporated into many of these activities. The fan favorite was making the planets out of paper mache. Some new additions to the calendar were: Telephone Skills, Knitting Club, Men's Group, Women's Group, and Conversational Skills. By the end of the month everyone was looking forward to the Labor Day break and eager to see what September had to offer.



Pictured above - A view of STREAM's first ever Field Day and relay race set up at The Otter River Sportsman Club.

STREAM's First Ever Field Day!

The STREAM program went on an outing to the Otter River Sportsman Club in Templeton, MA on August 19, 2014. It was a beautiful sunny day just perfect for our first Field Day. When we arrived, people played various games including volleyball, baseball and bean bag toss. We brought sandwiches for a picnic lunch and ate them in the pavilion. After lunch we picked teams and had a sponge relay race with water. The goal was to fill a bucket up with the water to the marked line on the container.

The team that reached the line on the bucket first, won! My team won but everybody that participated received a gold ribbon for their efforts. After the race, some of us threw the wet sponge at Ray, one of our STREAM staff members, and he got drenched! It was all in good fun and everyone was laughing and genuinely enjoying themselves. Later, I was able to fly a kite with the bumblebee transformer on it. Melissa, another STREAM staff assisted me and the kite went very high up into the sky. When the wind stopped

blowing, the kite drifted down back to the ground like a leaf falling from a tree. It was so much fun! I also got the chance to blow bubbles with Linda and sometimes other people were chasing them down trying to pop them. I am a lifetime member of the Otter River Sportsman Club and it makes me proud to be involved with an organization that gives back to the community. The STREAM program truly appreciates the ORSC's generosity by allowing us to use their facilities. We look forward to visiting again.

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