

Quassy Cares Neighbors In Need Weekends

Quassy Amusement Park Slated To Open April 24 With Community Service Initiatives

MIDDLEBURY, Conn. – Quassy Cares Neighbors In Need Weekends will usher in the 113th season at Quassy Amusement Park here, park officials announced today.

The lakeside property will support a number of community service initiatives while offering guests discounted all-day ride passes when they donate items for charitable organizations. The Quassy Cares weekends are April 24 and 25, and May 1 and 2.

When making donations of nonperishable food items, personal care and toiletries, or dog food and dog toys, patrons may purchase an all-day ride wristband for only \$10. The wristband price will be \$23 without a donation. One donated item per guest will be required to receive the discount.

“With so many families struggling during the COVID crisis, the park decided to dedicate its first two weekends to causes that will assist in a number of ways,” said Quassy President Eric Anderson.

Food items will be given to local food pantries with personal care items targeted to Acts 4 Ministry of Waterbury, Conn. Dog food and dog toys will go to Brass City Rescue, of Middlebury.

Quassy also has a long-standing relationship with the Greater Waterbury Campership Fund, which helps send underprivileged children to summer camp.

“The park will continue to support campership,” Anderson noted. “We have always given a portion of opening weekend proceeds to them, though that didn’t happen last year due to our late opening (June 20) because of the pandemic. However, we did make a contribution late in the season.”

Playing, But Safe

As in 2020, Quassy will operate under guidelines from the state and local health department related to COVID, including social distancing and the wearing of facemasks.

“Once we got open last June, our guests caught on to the protocols pretty quickly,” the park official added. “With inoculation ramping up, we could very well see more restrictions rolled back, but need our customers stay informed.”

Quassy will operate 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the two opening weekends. Parking is \$10 and guests may purchase wristbands or individual ride tickets at the lakefront property. The discounted all-day ride passes will be available only at the park with the item donation and will not be sold online. There is no general admission fee to walk through the amusement park.

Plenty To Do

With more than 20 rides, redemption arcade and food and beverages, families will find plenty to do during the Quassy Cares weekends. The park is also planning to have a number of service organizations on hand to share information.

In addition, Brass City Rescue will be at the park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., April 24, for adoption of animals. Those interested should pre-register at brasscityrescue.org to see if they qualify and to expedite the process.

Rides include the award-winning Wooden Warrior roller coaster, Tidal Wave swinging ship, Frantic inversion, Quassy Express train and Grand Carousel. The park announced it will open Sweet Sensations ice cream and novelty food stand in the heart of the property this spring.

Quassy Beach and Splash Away Bay waterpark will not operate for opening weekends. The waterfront season starts Saturday, May 29.

Presenting partners of the Quassy Cares Weekends are Price Chopper supermarkets and the Republican-American newspaper.

About The Beneficiaries

Brass City Rescue Alliance: Our goal is to help the animals and citizens that need us. Our reach is far, wide and we do our best to never refuse aid. Through education, support and lifesaving, we hope to make a difference in Connecticut.

We aim to get as many dogs adopted as possible via our rescue. We have our own dog shelter and hold weekend adoption events to find forever homes for our pups. We provide veterinary care, behavioral assessments and training to make each animal successful in its new forever home. Though we no longer adopt cats out, we do assist other local rescues in the networking of homeless cats, including trapping and trap-neuter-release.

Acts 4 Ministry: A non-denominational, tax exempt 501(c)(3) charitable organization that supports the needs of families and individuals in financial distress through the collection and distribution of reusable furniture, clothing, and housewares.

A Waterbury-founded and established organization, Acts 4 serves Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills communities. Since incorporation in 2005, the organization has cumulatively provided more than 200,000 articles of clothing, furnished over 1,100 residencies, and stocked cabinets with more than 30,000 houseware items. All items were provided free of charge through the mission of providing a gift of love to someone in need. The organization recognizes that not every person shares the comforts of home.

Through a team of dedicated volunteers and staff, the organization strives to create a sense of normalcy for the client and to provide quality products through caring for each donation as if we owned it ourselves.

Great Waterbury Campership Fund: Donations to the Greater Waterbury Campership Fund send eligible children to summer camp. Children may apply provided they meet the following qualifications:

- Family income is at or below 185% of federal poverty guidelines
- Resides in Bethlehem, Cheshire, Middlebury, Prospect, Southbury, Thomaston, Waterbury, Watertown, Wolcott, or Woodbury.

About Quassy

Quassy Amusement Park & Waterpark is in its 113th year and features more than two dozen rides and attractions.

Rides include the award-winning Wooden Warrior roller coaster, Reverse Time, Frantic, Music Fest, Yo-Yo super swings, Free Fall 'N' Drop Tower and Grand Carousel. Last year the park introduced Tidal Wave, a giant swinging ship.

Splash Away Bay waterpark has dozens of ways to get drenched on warm summer days, including 15 slides, Saturation Station modular play area and a splash pad for toddlers.

Quassy also features a laser maze attraction in its huge arcade building.

The park also has a restaurant, redemption arcade, games, live entertainment and special events.

Season passes are on sale now at the park office and through the Quassy website at www.quassy.com. Company picnics, school fieldtrips and other catered events are also being scheduled through the park office at (203) 758-2913.

Quassy is located at 2132 Middlebury Road, Route 64, in Middlebury, Conn., on the shores of Lake Quassapaug.

For more information, see these websites:

www.quassy.com

acts4.org

brasscityrescue.org

<https://www.unitedwaygw.org/campership-1>

With logo and photos

Ready To Roll

Quassy Amusement Park opens April 24 for its 113th season of operation. Shown is the Middlebury, Conn., park's marquee ride, the award-winning Wooden Warrior roller coaster. (Quassy photos)

More Than 20 Rides

Quassy Amusement Park has more than 20 rides for all ages. The Middlebury, Conn., property celebrates 113 years of operation in 2021.

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