

Beech Mountain Lakes Community Newsletter

June 2021

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-Support Our Restaurant -



Check Out Our Daily & Weekend Specials!

Find us on Facebook @ The Lakeside Lounge Restaurant

Attention Residents!

Please drive with caution!



Many fawns have been spotted on the sides of



Beech Mountain roads. The speed limit is 25 mph!

School will be out for the Summer, so there will be children out and about and others enjoying the beautiful BML Summer weather.

Drive Carefully!



Do you need to contact us?

Administration– 570-788-1010



Recreation– 570-788-1199

Restaurant - 570-788-3101

Security– 570-788-5071

Lakeside Restaurant & Lounge Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday ... CLOSED

Thursday... 3PM to 8PM

Friday... 3PM to 8PM

Saturday... 3PM to 8PM

Sunday ... 3PM to 8PM

*Hours Subject To Change



Check out our website or call for

updated weekly and monthly food /drink specials.

& specials for the month of June!

Dine –in, take out, & delivery options available.

If you have a question

or if you would like place an order

Call : 570-788-3101

New restaurant Facebook Page is now available

@ Lakeside Restaurant and Lounge

Outside Deck is now open !!!

Come on down to the restaurant and enjoy a good meal, an ice cold drink, while taking in the views of our beautiful lake.



June Weekday Specials

Thursdays: Cheesesteak or Chicken Cheesesteak w/FF- \$8.00



Fridays: Steamed Clams - \$8.00



Saturdays: T- Bone Barritz , Choice of 2 Sides, Served W/ Soup or Salad- \$24.95



Sundays: Cheese Pizza W/ 1 Free Topping - \$12.00





6/2 - Justin Spare
 6/5 - Lillian Dynarski 6/13- Rebecca Kania
 6/12 - Jill Symbula 6/20 - Eileen Blazic



6/16 - Penny & Frank Cundro
 6/19 - Fritz & Phil Yarnall
 6/27 - Bill & Diane Lindsay



**Would you like to have your Special Announcement posted in the Newsletter?
 Contact Rec @788-1199 or
 E-mail- recreation@bmla.us**

Community Yard Sale

Beech Mountain Lakes Community Yard Sale
 day will be held on Saturday, June 12th

From 9:00AM—3:00PM.

At BML Private Residences.

You can sign up at the Recreation Department

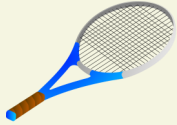
\$10.00 For Permit .

Maximum 50 Participating Residents.

Recreation Department Phone Number :

570—788-1199

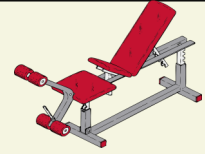




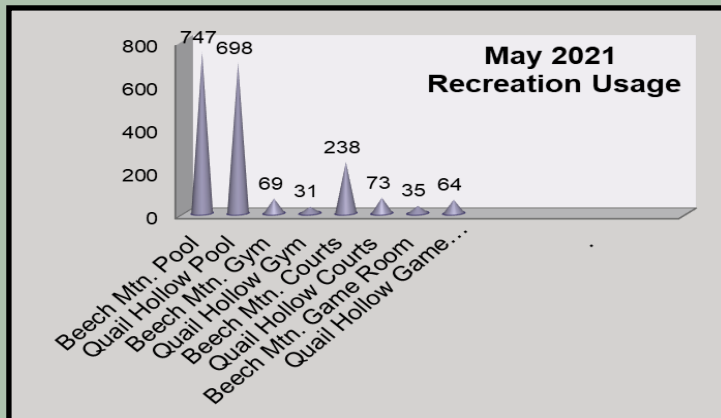
Recreation Hours

Recreation hours daily are 9:30AM - 9:00PM

Reservations are needed to use amenities at the clubhouse.—Call Rec @ 570-788-1199 to set up your reservation today !



May 2021 Usage Log



Don't forget to wash hands for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap. Use hand sanitizer when needed and practice social distancing - 6 feet apart.



IMPORTANT

Reminder!



When coming to clubhouse for your reservation (use amenities), you need to have your Membership Card with you to present to the recreation attendant on duty when signing in.

We are no longer accepting the membership account numbers verbally.

Thank You For Your Cooperation!

BML Recreation Department



**BEACH TAGS WILL BE ISSUED
TO USE THE BEACH THIS SUMMER!
MORE INFO TO FOLLOW IN THE NEXT WEEK**

Snack Shack Is Now Open!

Every weekend (Saturday and Sunday) from 12:00PM - 4:00PM .

Until after June 15th, then it will be open daily from

12:00PM– 4:00PM

Weather Permitting*



There will be snacks and drinks!



Snacks

KIDZ CAMP 2021

Unfortunately Kidz Camp this year will not be in session.

However, our craft lady and staff will be putting together craft boxes again for the children of BML.

If you would like your child to receive weekly craft boxes, you can call or stop by the Recreation Office to register your child/children.

(570) 788-1199

Boat Rentals Start Saturday June 19th 12pm-7pm

**Kayaks, Canoes, Row Boats, Paddle boards! 18+
See the Recreation Attendant on duty for rentals!**



Campground is now open for site rentals for the season. Please call The Recreation Department to do so or if you need more information at 570-788-1199



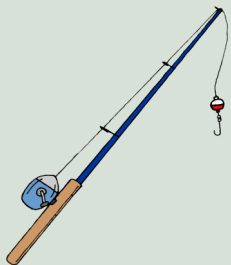
Fishing Derby

The fishing derby that was held May 15th at the spillway, turned out to be quite successful. Thankful to see so many people of our community joining us for a fun filled event.

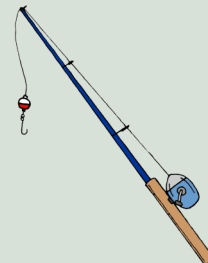
We are also thankful for all of the donations made by numerous residents and local business and those who volunteered their time to help set everything up, run the event, and the clean up afterwards.

Congratulations to all who won prizes!

The Recreation Committee is continuously working on more events and activities to offer to our community.



Stay tuned for updates!



**FINANCE REPORT APRIL 2021 YTD
PRE-AUDIT**

DUES COLLECTION: 88% OF BILLED.	(90% at this time in 2020)
\$585.5K WHICH IS \$36.6K OVER BUDGET	
<p>INCLUDES: Membership Dues, Quail Hollow Reimbursement, Misc. Income, Late Fees, Interest Income, Resale Certificates, ACC Filings, CEO & ACC Fines \$ Fees, Rental Fee Income, Garbage Fees, and Over/Short.</p>	
<p>NOTE - Collections Income is not included in this number.</p>	

NON-OP EXPENSE: \$228.8 WHICH IS \$11.5K UNDER BUDGET
<p>INCLUDES: Unrestricted Reserve Fund, Garbage Expense, Lake/Dam/Spillway Reserve Acct, Reserve Fund, Building Replacement Fund, Property & Liability Insurance, D&O Insurance, Dam Insurance, Interest Expense, Bad Debt, and Dock ROI to Capital.</p>
<p>NOTE- Collection Inc to Reserve Fund and Depreciation Expense are not included in this number.</p>

NET DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSE/(INCOME): \$368.5K WHICH IS \$71.3K OVER BUDGET			
		Y.T.D.	Y.T.D TO BUDGET
INCLUDES:	Administration:	\$56.2K	\$21.7K Under Budget
	Clubhouse:	\$42K	\$3K Over Budget
	Recreation:	\$10.3K I	\$7.4K I Over Budget
	Maintenance:	\$33K	\$9.7K Under Budget
	Security:	\$56.9K I	\$2.6K Under Budget
	Campground:	\$10.3K I	\$8.8K I Over Budget
	Food & Beverage:	\$24.2K L	\$.2K L Under Budget
	Road Maintenance:	\$176.3K	\$119K Over Budget

TRANSFER FEE INCOME: \$2.4K WHICH IS \$1.1K UNDER BUDGET

THE BOTTOM LINE EXCLUDING THE ABOVE MENTIONED ACCOUNTS IS A NET INCOME OF:			
ACTUAL	\$1.1K	PLAN	\$31.6K

CASH IN THE BANK:		
OPERATING FUNDS	\$649,897	(OP SAVINGS & CHECKING, PETTY CASH)
CAPITAL FUNDS	\$458,741	(LONG AND SHORT TERM CAPITAL)
RESTRICTED FUNDS	\$460,643	(SPILLWAY, BUILDING REPLACEMENT)
TOTAL	\$1,569,281	TOTAL MAR 2020 \$1,469,399

May Letter

I hope June is warmer and dryer than May was.

The docks are in and most of the private boats are in the water. The boat rentals will not start until June 19. The employee manning the boats cannot start before then. The deck is open, but the restaurant is in desperate need of staff. If you know anyone looking for a summer job, please have them contact BML at 570-788-1010. Recreation & Maintenance need help as well. I have checked with local restaurants regarding per hour rate, they are less than ours. I am sure you have seen all the "Help Wanted" signs on every restaurant in the area. It is a tough market. The ads we placed in the Standard Speaker did not result in a single applicant.

The bids for paving are in, we just have to meet with the engineer to verify the specs.

We are still in search of a General Manager. We have gotten several applications, but no one has experience in HOA management. I assume it is the same situation as with wait staff.

Security continues to be a HUGE issue. We are trying to find a company that suits our needs. Of course, like the rest of us, they cannot get employees. You will be receiving a survey from the Security Committee regarding security. Please complete and return it. The surveys will help us to meet the needs of the community.

GFL appears to be improving. Just a reminder, GFL will not pick up garbage or recycling unless it is their container that can be lifted by the truck. Large item pick up is Tuesday.

Much work is being completed in the Clubhouse as well as other areas. Decks and entryways are being sanded and painted, the clubhouse is being power washed, and many other much-needed repairs are being accomplished. More storage has been created by cleaning out existing areas. The Volunteer Committee has been a great help in the landscaping area. Thanks to Dorothy Beozzo, the entrance looks beautiful.

Jo

BEECH MOUNTAIN LAKES ASSOCIATION, INC.

2021 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

June 30h... July 28th... August 25th...

September 29th... October 27th.... November 24th

December 29th - Only if Deemed Necessary



Open Session Board Meetings Start at 6:30 PM and are held in the Community Room.

5/30/2021

BMLA Board of Directors

Dave Davis

Public Meeting Minutes (Wednesday, May 26, 2021 – 6:30pm-7:30pm)**Attendees (Community Room):** Jo Robbins, Kevin Schuettrumpf, Dave Davis, Kevin Ferra, Karen Amici & Joe Baranko (Slusser Law Firm).**Telephone Conference:** Lena Fowler & Jake Meyer (part time).**Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Dave Davis):**

- Approved April 28th Board Meeting Minutes.
- Reviewed highlights of the 2020 financial statement prepared by Joseph Lenahan of Zavada & Associates.
- Reviewed April 2021 Financial Reports.
- Landmark Community Bank has advised the BMLA Board that the SBA has approved our request for forgiveness of our Paycheck Protection Loan.

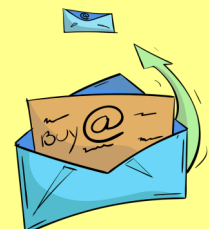
Legal Report (Jo Baranko): No report.**Department Reports (presented by Karen Amici):**

- Recreation (Jacqueline Dynarski)
- Maintenance
- CEO/ACC Agent (Ray Drasher) – Ray was in attendance at the meeting. He introduced himself to the residents and explained how he performed his duties. Ray also answered several questions from the floor.

Quail Hollow: Kevin Ferra advised the Board that they experiencing high occupancy rates as anticipated.**Committee Reports:** Board members were provided with copies of committee meeting minutes prior to the session.

- Advisory (presented by Chris Blazic) – Chris reviewed in detail the minutes of the May 24th meeting. Board has approved the committee's request to proceed with the purchase of the "BML" brochure (estimated cost of \$500 for 1000). Approval contingent upon a final editorial review and "price break" analysis.
- Appeals – no appeals currently in process.
- Finance (presented by Kevin Walsh) – Kevin advised that the committee did not meet in April.
- Recreation (presented by Brian Griffith) – Brian reported on the results of the fishing derby held on Saturday, May 15th. The event was well attended and by all indications a successful event. Thank you to the recreation & volunteer committees as well as the BML administration & maintenance departments.
- Restaurant (presented by Wendy Boyer) – Wendy advised that the committee did not meet in April.

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Beech Mountain Lakes E-mail Addresses:Administration– administration@bmla.usGeneral Manager: generalmanager@bmla.usBoard of Directors- bmlaboard@bmla.usRecreation– recreation@bmla.usRestaurant - restaurant@bmla.us

5/30/2021**BMLA Board of Directors****Dave Davis**

- Security (presented by Mike Kloton) – Mike advised the Board that the committee is proceeding with the distribution of the security survey on June 12th. The Board accepted the Security Committee’s recommendation to close the owner’s lane between the hours of 10pm and 6am and have all vehicles stop at the guard shack. A plan will be developed to implement the recommendation with advance notification to all residents.
- Volunteer (presented by Karen Amici).

Questions/Comments from Residents (approximately 25 individuals):

- Several residents had questions and comments regarding Deep Woods plans to subdivide the land north of the lake and the amenity rights that would be associated with those properties. Attorney Baranko (Slusser Law Firm) assisted the Board in addressing the concerns. BMLA response can be summarized as follows:
 - Attorney Baranko has been actively engaged in researching this issue since October of last year. His opinion is that no amenity rights are associated with these properties.
 - A second law firm with experience in litigating such matters has been retained to review the research and a report is expected in the next several weeks.
 - The results of the review will assist the Board in establishing an action plan.
- Several residents complained regarding the fires being built at the Quail Hollow units. This is in violation of Policy 5.1 (Open Burning) which prohibits fires directly on the ground and requires the use of fire pits with spark screens.
- Several residents commented on the large number of vehicles on our roads without current stickers or “mirror hanging” visitor passes. The Board acknowledged that a recent vehicle audit by our security firm was apparently performed in an incompetent manner and the results had to be discarded.

David D Davis

David D. Davis – Secretary/Treasurer

Mohegan Sun Arena, Wilkes-Barre

The Greater Wyoming Valley Chamber's EPIC Awards 2021 - Tuesday, June 8th, 5:30pm

Mohegan Sun Casino, Poconos

Live Harness Racing - Every Thursday, Saturday, Sunday & Tuesday : Various Times

Black Dog a Tribute to Led Zeppelin - Thursday, June 3rd @ 7:30pm

Best of the Eagles - Thursday, June 10th @7:30pm

Patty Rosborough with Oscar Collazos and Scott Bruce: Friday, June 11th @6:30

Patty Rosborough with Oscar Collazos and Scott Bruce : Saturday, June 12th @ 9PM

Back in Black - A Tribute to AC/DC : Thursday, June 17th @ 7:30pm

Head Games a Tribute to Foreigner : Thursday, June 24th @ 7:30pm

Penn's Peak, Jim Thorpe

Jake Kaligis Band: Thursday, June 3, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

Rick Horvath of Green River performs his 90's Alternative Rock Show : Friday, June 4, @ 6:30 PM

Sapphire - 80's Tribute Band : Saturday, June 5th @ 6:30 PM

Band of Brothers - Deck Party: Thursday, June 10, 2021 @6:30 PM

Kricket Comedy Presents "Jokes On Us" : Saturday, June 12th @ 6:30 PM

Shellshocked Churchills - Deck Party: Thursday, June 17th @6:30 PM

Bark at the Moon - Ozzy Osbourne & Black Sabbath Tribute: Friday, June 18th @ 6:30 PM

Nightwind - Deck Party: Thursday June 124th @ 6:30 PM

Boy in Black - Johnny Cash Tribute: Friday, June 25th @ 6:30 PM



Mauch Chunk Opera House

CALIGULA BLUSHED (SMITHS/MORRISSEY) :Friday, June 4th @ 8PM

Jim Florentine (Comedian) : Saturday, June 5th @7PM & 9:30PM

Lotus Land (Tribute to Rush): Saturday, June 12th @ 8PM

Eaglemania tribute to The Eagles: Friday, June 18th @ 8PM

British Invasion Years: Saturday, June 19th @ 8PM

Experience Janis (Janis Joplin show) : Friday, June 25th @ 8PM

Kashmir (The Led Zeppelin Show) : Saturday, June 26th @ 8PM

Knoebles Amusement Park—Elysburg

(America's Largest Free-Admission Amusement Park) - <https://www.knoebels.com/events>

Rob Brown Collective: Friday, June 4th at 1:30 PM, 5:00 PM, 8:00 PM

Deaf Day : Saturday, June 5th

Autism Awareness Day : Sunday, June 6th

Senior Citizen Day : Wednesday, June 9th

Looker : Friday, June 11th at 1:30 PM, 5:00 PM, 8:00 PM

Left Edge Band : Monday, June 14th at 1:30 PM, 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM

Tom & Randy : Wednesday, June 16th at 1:30 PM, 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM

Chris Ruble : Thursday, June 17th at 1:30 PM, 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM

Bi-Annual Carousel Organ Rally: Saturday, June 19th and Sunday, June 20th

Fathers Day Celebration - Sunday, June 20th

Learn to Swim at Knoebels Pool : June 21st—June 30th: This event is open to children 5 and over, of all swimming abilities. Registration: 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM, Class: 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

Chris Woodward and Shindiggin : Tuesday, June 22nd at 1:30 PM, 5:00 PM, 8:00 PM

Garden Drive-in , Route 11 Hunlock Creek

2 movies each screen (2) every Friday, Saturday , and Sunday starting at dusk.

Outdoor Flea Market every Sunday 6AM– 3PM

Scranton Cultural Center

Virtual Underground Microphone : Every Tuesday throughout May at 7:00PM

FREE Outdoor Summer Concert feat. Young Lion: Friday, June 11, 2021 @ 6:00 PM –8:00 PM

Nescopeck State Park

Wednesday, Jun 9 5:30pm GO Teach Hiking Hybrid Educator Workshop

Virtual Session: Wednesday, June 9, 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm In-person hike: Saturday, June 12 from 9:30 am to Noon -OR- Thursday, June 17th from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm Cost: Free!...

Wilkes-Barre, PA

Wilkes-Barre City to Open Splash Pad on June 4th On The City Square

(<https://www.wilkes-barre.city/home/news/wilkes-barre-city-open-splash-pad-june-4th>)

Scranton, PA

Mac & Cheese Festival : Saturday June 26th Starting @ 10:30 AM





TIPS FROM PENN STATE MASTER GARDENERS

HELLO BEECH MOUNTAIN

GARDENERS!

May has been a treat for Beech Mountain gardeners. Flowering trees and shrubs have never been so beautiful. Along with beautiful flowers we also experienced a lot of pollen.

WHAT IS ALL THIS YELLOW DUST?

What do you call a Beech Mountaineer who is blowing the yellow dust off his driveway and deck with a leaf blower? A pollinator!

People with pollen allergies as well as the rest of us have been asking, "Why is there so much pollen this year?" I have not seen this much pollen since I lived in a pine forest in Alabama. Pollen is turning everything yellow.



The answer to the question, Why so much this year?, requires a look back to last summer. 2020 was a banner year for trees in Beech Mountain and all northeast Pennsylvania. That was noticeable in the fall when we began collecting the largest crop of tree leaves, we had ever seen. And some of those leaves were extraordinarily large.

Those leaves were busy last summer taking carbon dioxide from the air and through photosynthesis making carbohydrates. Most of those carbohydrates were not used last summer or fall. They were stored in branches and buds and roots. The tree put the carbohydrates to work this spring producing flowers and with them, pollen.

In April and early May we were treated to the best display of flowering trees I have ever seen here in Beech Mountain. At the end of May our rhododendrons gave us a spectacular display. Many of these trees and shrubs required insects to spread their pollen from one flower to another, but some of our most common trees, the oaks, rely on the wind to spread their pollen.

In late May the oak trees flowered. Our oaks produce separate male and female flowers. The female flowers are inconspicuous in the spring but will produce acorns in the fall. The male flowers are born on structures called catkins. Each individual stem produces many flowers each producing pollen.

This year our trees produced an overabundance of male flower and an overabundance of pollen. This was all thanks to the great season the oak trees had last summer. We can expect another banner year for acorn production. That should make the squirrels and deer very happy.

TREES OF BEECH MOUNTAIN.

Quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides*) is one of Beech Mountain's large tree species. The species name *tremuloides* is derived from the Latin word *tremulus*, which means "to tremble." Quaking Aspens get their name from an unusual leaf stem (petiole.) Most leaves have round petioles. Quaking Aspen have flat petioles that allow the leaves to flutter in a light breeze.



Aspen trees can be clonal, which means that they can reproduce by sending up new sprouts (new trees) from their root systems.

Each new sprout is genetically identical to the original tree. A large stand of aspens, is usually a single organism connected by its roots!

There is one clonal stand of quaking aspen in Utah (named Pando) that is about 100 acres in size. It consists of roughly 47,000 trees, all of which are genetically identical. This stand is believed to be the largest living organism in the world.

Our quaking aspens contribute to the allergy season each spring. These trees are much less common than oaks and it is their seeds that cause the problem.

The tiny seeds are entangled in a cottony mass that allows them to be windborne. If you live in the neighborhood of a female aspen (male and female trees are separate) you must have noticed the fluffy cotton floating in the air, and landing just about everywhere. Hopefully some rain will reduce the allergens.

Penn State Extension

*TIPS from Master Gardeners is an educational outreach from the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service. Master Gardener volunteers utilize research-based information to provide education on best practices in horticulture and environmental stewardship.

Father's Day Word Search

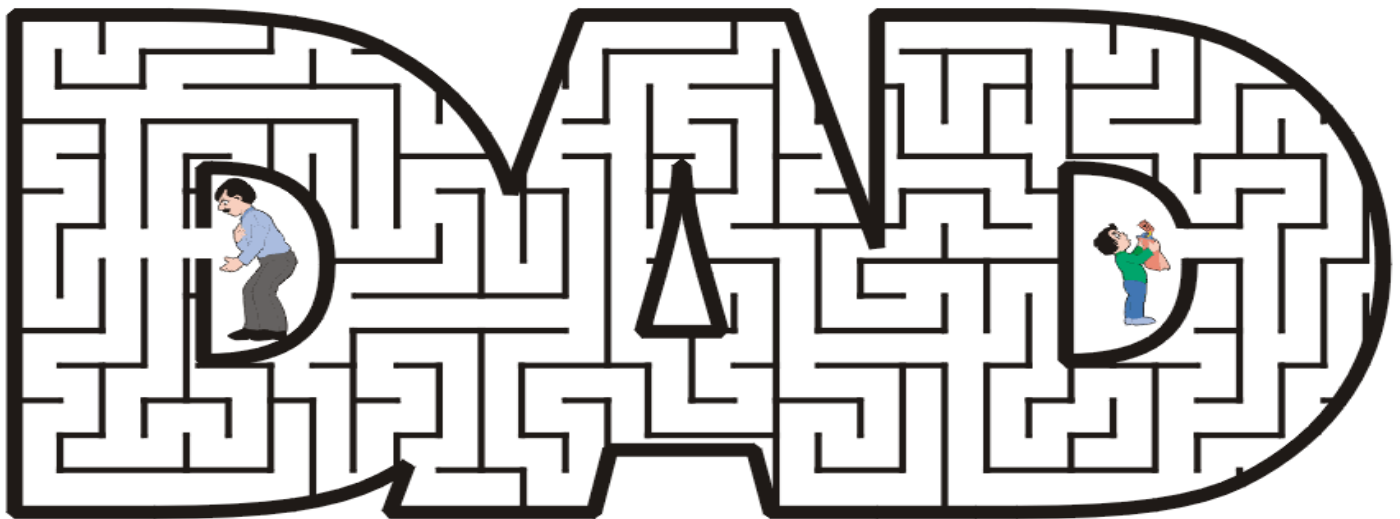
Father's Day is Sunday.
Can you find these words that have to do with dad?

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| ATHLETIC | FUNNY |
| BRAVE | GOLF |
| DAD | KIND |
| DADDY | SPORTS |
| ESPN | TENNIS |
| FATHER | TIE |
| FISHING | TOOLS |
| FOOTBALL | |

MARTY WESTMAN/MCT

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Help the father find his way through the DAD shaped maze to find his gift giving son.





HOW TO ROCK SUMMER WITH COLORFUL SQUIRT GUN TIE-DYE

TO DO THIS ACTIVITY YOU WILL NEED:

FABRIC PAINT

PLASTIC SQUEEZE BOTTLES

SQUIRT GUNS

WHITE T-SHIRTS

DIRECTIONS



First, slide a piece of cardboard into your child's white t-shirt. I grabbed a crushed shipment box from our recycling bin and cut it to size with scissors.

Next, prepare the paint by pouring 3 tablespoons of fabric paint and 1 cup of water into each squeeze bottle. Shake each bottle very well!

Arrange the t-shirts outside on the lawn far away from driveways, buildings, and basically anything you *don't* want to be painted. I propped the t-shirts upon shoeboxes, but you could also use logs, an easel, or a cardboard box.

HERE COMES THE FUN PART

Next, invite children to pour the paint **into** their squirt guns. The squeeze bottles make this process super simple, easy, and *semi* mess-free!

When your child's squirt gun is out of paint, they can refill with a new color! Be sure to flip the t-shirt over occasionally to make sure both sides get painted.

Note: If squirt guns aren't your thing, a plastic spray bottle provides a similar effect.

Each t-shirt was as bright and unique as the child who made them!