

Family-Owned Business Adds More Curriculum

‘It’s Elementary’ New Educational Program From Quassy Amusement & Waterpark

MIDDLEBURY, Conn. – It won’t be your average walk in the park for elementary students taking a fieldtrip next spring.

“It’s Elementary” is a new educational program being introduced at Quassy Amusement & Waterpark here as part of its continued effort to combine learning during a visit to the family-owned property.

“We have more than a half-dozen exceptional programs for visiting students,” said Quassy’s George Frantzis II. “This new four-page worksheet will provide even more value to youngsters as they learn while visiting an operational business – in this case an amusement park.”

Spelling, math quizzes as well as art are incorporated into “It’s Elementary.”

“We designed it so students would tour the park to get some of their answers,” the park official added. “It will really trigger the thought process.”

Other Park Programs

Students who have a nose for news will have the opportunity to do some online reporting in another popular educational program sponsored by Quassy.

News Team Quassy returns for its third year with local and area schools invited to take part in a revolving schedule of video reports about the locally-owned facility.

“In this age of online social media, News Team Quassy provides an excellent outlet for students to create some informative and educational videos,” Frantzis said. “Teams selected for the project will have to conduct research on a variety of subjects and present factual reports that can be shared with others.”

Teachers interested in the video project should contact Ron Gustafson, director of educational programs, at 203-758-2913.

Schools selected to be part of News Team Quassy will receive reporting assignments from the park along with deadlines. The finished reports, running five to seven minutes in length, will be posted on Quassy’s YouTube Channel, Facebook Fan Page and related school sites. All reports will be approved by school faculty and Quassy Amusement & Waterpark prior to being posted.

Topics will include educational reports on lasers, roller coaster physics, history of Quassy and more.

Other Educational Programs

Quassy Amusement & Waterpark hosts a variety of free educational programs for schools visiting the lakeside facility during its season. They include:

- “Wacky Science” – An interactive stage presentation in which students help uncork some fun and educational experiments. Along with a proven lineup will be some new experiments for 2016. 25-minute presentation at the Carousel Theatre stage.

- “Fun With Physics At Quassy” – A projects booklet for all grade levels packed with activities and experiments students can complete while at the park. Accredited by the American Association of Physics Teachers, the booklet is sent electronically to faculty members prior to visiting Quassy.

- “Laser 101” – One of the park’s newest programs. Learn how lasers work and then see them in action in the Quassy Quest Laser Maze. 30-minute classroom session with worksheet.

- “The Commotion About Motion at Quassy” – A guided physics tour with some educational demonstrations along the way. 30 minutes with worksheets provided.
- “Quassy History Tour” – A guided tour of one of the nation’s oldest amusement parks. 30 minutes to an hour.
- “ABCs About News” – Journalism workshop for aspiring writers. Learn how to conduct interviews, collect the facts and write a news story. One hour with students providing their own pencil and paper.
- “Photography” – A workshop with Quassy’s professional photographer. Students must provide any working camera - film or digital - to participate. Class time varies from two to four hours.

All of the above educational programs are free of charge when making advance fieldtrip reservations with the park office at (203) 758-2913. Note: Tour and “Wacky Science” schedules fill up quickly, so schools are advised to book as soon as possible.

Quassy also offers “Quiz Show Mania,” the park’s own version of a popular educational game show for students. Complete with electronic scoreboards, sound system and a Quassy host, there is a fee associated with booking the game show for schools staging a day-long event at the park. Call for details.

About Quassy

Quassy Amusement Park & Waterpark is in its 107th year and features more than two-dozen rides and attractions.

Rides include the award-winning “Wooden Warrior” roller coaster, “Music Fest,” “Yo-Yo” super swings, “Free Fall ‘N’ Drop Tower,” “FRANTIC,” “Grand Carousel” and more.

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 Web site 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.

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It’s Elementary

Quassy Amusement & Waterpark has launched a new educational program titled “It’s Elementary” for this school year. Elementary students can complete a variety of math and spelling quizzes while touring the lakefront property with some questions related to the park’s rides, including the “Grand Carousel.” (Quassy photo)

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