



May 2021

Hello, CFN Community! As the weather warms and vaccinations increase, we are feeling excited but are remaining cautious as we resume our outdoor, in-person programming. We hope to strike a balance of safely gathering and having fun together in small groups. Our May calendar of events is full of many opportunities for both kids and adults to meet-up and connect. Check out the lineup below and RSVP to the events page on Tinyhood! See you around!

MAY EVENTS:

- **Rescheduled Moms' Night Book club – Tuesday, May 4 from 8-9pm (35 Stacey Circle, West Concord).** Due to rain this past week, we have rescheduled this gathering and thus have given you a few more days to finish reading [The Vanishing Half](#) by Brit Bennett. Bring your own chair, beverage, and perhaps a blanket for this fireside book discussion with Katherine Manning (Moms' Night Coordinator) and Erin Piro (CFN Co-President).
- **Newbury Field Self-Guided Hike – Saturday, May 1-31 (Newbury Field near #1127 Lowell Rd).** Between May 1 through Memorial Day, meet up with another family or take just your own on a hike through CLCT's Newbury Field. The self-guided hike is set up like April's Corey Bourquin hike. Staked signs will guide your walk to help you find the following landmarks: 1) The Boardwalk, 2) The Beaver Deceiver, 3) The Pitch Pine, 4) The Log Circle, and 5) Picnic Rock. Explore, observe, discover, play, and appreciate this diverse landscape! For all ages. Estimated Time: 50+ mins. Not stroller accessible. Dogs welcome. Park at Chamberlain Woods (right-hand shoulder of Lowell Road across from house #1127 and #1155) and then walk across Lowell road and down the driveway of house #1127. There are also two parking spaces at the trailhead. This event is partnered with [Concord Land Conservation Trust](#) and is open to the public.
- **Bedford LEAP School Preschool Playdate – Saturday, May 8 from 10-noon (376 Concord Rd, Bedford, MA 01730).** The first of two outdoor Preschool Playdates will take place on the playground at The LEAP School in Bedford on Saturday, May 8 from 10am-noon. This is a low-key gathering for your children to enjoy a new outdoor space to explore and play. If you'd like a tour of The Bedford LEAP School, please indicate this [when you RSVP](#). Masks required. Each family attending will sign the CFN COVID-Waiver.
- **May Board Meeting – Wednesday, May 12 at 7:30pm (via Zoom).** This meeting is open to the entire membership. Feel free to join us as we discuss upcoming events, new programming, and open positions starting in the fall.

- **Lincoln Nursery School Playdate – Saturday, May 15 from 10:30-noon (51 Sandy Pond Rd, Lincoln MA 01773).** Come join us for a morning of playtime fun at Lincoln Nursery School at de Cordova Sculpture Park and Museum. We will meet at the Lincoln Nursery School outdoor play space and then continue on a guided walk around the sculpture park and neighboring trails. Masks required. Each family attending will sign the CFN COVID-Waiver. [Please RSVP](#) if you plan on attending.
- **Rapscaillon Dad’s Night Out – Thursday, May 20 (5 Strawberry Hill Rd, Acton MA 01720).** Chris Johnson and Matt Maitland (Dads’ Night Coordinators) are organizing this outdoor Dads’ Night at Rapscaillon in Acton at the end of May. The entire outdoor patio is reserved for this event! CFN will cover the cost of appetizers and attendees may purchase a beverage of choice. [Please RSVP](#) so we can get a headcount.
- **Mom’s Night In: Backyard Firepit – Friday, May 21 at Katy Goldman’s House.** Join us on Friday, May 21st for some fun by the fire! Katy Goldman has graciously offered to host the May MNI at her home at 20 Adin Drive. Katy will provide chairs and the warm fire, and you can bring your own beverages, food, and blankets. Be sure to [RSVP](#) as we are going to cap the event at 15 people.
- **Playtime Theater Meetup – Saturday, May 21 at 10:30am (53 Church St, Concord, MA 01742).** Looking for something to do with your children over Memorial Day weekend? Let’s meet up to watch the high school Playtime Theater actors perform a creative version of *The Lorax*. The children in the audience may even participate by sharing a joke or a special talent. This is the last performance of the season and is held inside [The Concord Youth Theater](#), which is a large open space. Masks and physical distancing are required. Cost is \$5 per person. Rebecca Lemaitre (Family Outings Coordinator) will post more details in coming weeks.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT – ROSIE’S PLACE:

- Mother’s Day is around the corner, and there are many women in need of basic items. Please help us provide care packages for the women of Rosie’s Place, a women’s shelter in Boston. Lauren Scanio (Community Outreach Chair) is organizing and collecting the donations. Please sign up [HERE](#)! Donations can be dropped off to Lauren’s side door at 31 Alford Circle by **Friday, May 14**. Thank you!

THANK YOU:

- The Easter Bunny Drive-Thru Event and Goodie Grab Bag was a great success thanks to **Ann Thornley** (Egg Hun Chair) who organized this SOLD-OUT event! Thanks for all your time, hard work, and coordination, Ann! We appreciate it! Many thanks to **Justin Piro** for willingly donning The Bunny costume and spreading joy to the many CFN children who drove to Stacey Circle to see The Easter Bunny. It was a nice COVID-friendly celebration!

- April's Self-Guided Hike at CLCT's Corey-Bourquin Land was created by **Sheri Long** (CFN Co-President). Activities included A Mindful Moment, Flora, Fauna and Fungi, Skunk Cabbage, Barred Owls, Haircap Moss, and Pine Needles and Cones. We hope our CFN Families enjoyed this hike! If you missed it, you can still enjoy [Corey-Bourquin](#) with you children as it's a short, easy and interesting trail loop.
- **Annie O'Malley** (Arts & Crafts Coordinator) organized this April Vacation Art in the Park. Although it was a bit windy, children still enjoyed making colored pasta faces on paper plates. Thanks, Annie!
- **Katherine Manning** (Mom's Night Coordinator) organized several Emerson Playground Meetups in April. Thanks for getting this started, Katherine! If anyone wants to continue planning playground meet-ups, please email Katherine at katherine.g.manning@gmail.com. Tuesdays at 10:30 seem to be a great time, so perhaps we can keep this going or even find other times on the weekends for more families to join in!

Have a wonderful month, Everyone! Hope to see you at our upcoming outdoor, in-person events!

Best,
Sheri Long and Erin Piro (CFN Co-Presidents)