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Chris Van Dusen kicks off Summer Education Events

The Downeast Lakes Land Trust "Explorations & Adventures" series had a great start on Tuesday, July 10. Maine author and illustrator Chris Van Dusen was a fantastic guest. He shared his artwork and books, read stories, gave a drawing lesson, helped the kids make newspaper pine trees, and joined in roasting marshmallows: just like in "A Camping Spree for Mr. Magee".

The event was great fun and inspiration for 25 happy kids (plus their families). **Lots more great events** are coming soon - starting with author Susan Hand Shetterly on July 16 and 17. Plan your trips to **Grand Lake Stream** now!

Syd Lea a Field & Stream Conservation Hero

Field & Stream honors Downeast Lakes Land Trust President and Vermont poet Laureate Sydney Lea for his extraordinary volunteer contributions to conservation with Downeast Lakes Land Trust.

In 2001, Lea volunteered to co-chair a \$35 million capital campaign to permanently protect 350,000 acres of undeveloped forest, including 450 miles of lakeshore habitat around Grand Lake Stream, Maine. The project was successful, and Lea is now working on the trust's **West Grand Lake Community Forest** campaign to protect an adjacent 22,000 acres.



Each month **Field & Stream** profiles three Heroes of Conservation, sportsmen who go above and beyond in the protection of fish, wildlife and habitat. Mr. Lea will receive a \$500 conservation grant from **Field & Stream's** Heroes of Conservation partner Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. and is eligible for the Heroes of Conservation grand prize, a new Toyota Tundra.

West Grand Campaign Faces Deadline

With 5 months to go before a December 2012 deadline, the **West Grand Lake Forest** around Grand Lake Stream remains at risk.

An additional \$2 million is needed to secure a conservation easement that will guarantee 17 miles of lakeshores and 22,000 acres will never be developed and will always be open to public recreation.

Pledges and contributions now can ensure the future of special places – from West Grand Lake and Grand Lake Stream, to Big Musquash and Big Lake, and many more. You can make a difference by joining the effort!

Starting with the unanimous vote at town meeting to contribute \$40,000, the West Grand Lake Community Forest Project has quietly built momentum. It was the #1 forest conservation priority for the federal Forest Legacy Program in 2011, and has attracted over \$13 million in funding, including major challenge grants at stake now.

Acquiring the conservation easement to be held by the Maine Department of Conservation will extend our option to buy the property. Community-focused forest management will ensure ongoing wildlife habitat improvements and a continuing timber economy.



RSVP Now for the Annual Picnic, Sunday, July 29

10th ANNUAL MEETING AND PICNIC 12:00 to 2:00 PM

Get together for a cookout by Grand Lake Stream Guides, Benefit Auction, and DLLT news, on the east side of the dam at the outlet of West Grand Lake. Make plans to enjoy the Grand Lake Stream Folk Art Festival and the Downeast Lakes Land Trust Annual Picnic.

New supporters are welcome! Please consider bringing a friend. Reservations required by July 20. Seating is limited!

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Grand Lake Stream, America: Fun on the 4th!

The Grand Lake Stream, America festivities on the 4th of July drew enthusiastic crowds, from the morning breakfast to the evening concert by The Burns Sisters. As part of the community event, the land trust coordinates the 3 mile "Race for Grand Lake Stream". In the third annual race, Bobby Farrell set a new course record of 19:20. See the [complete results here](#).



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