

Directions to Grand House

From the North:

Take I-95 South to exit 74. At the end of the off-ramp, turn right onto Flanders Road. Follow Flanders Road for about 3 miles. Turn left onto Grand Street. Grand Street is the first left. Grand House is number 23, a light blue house.

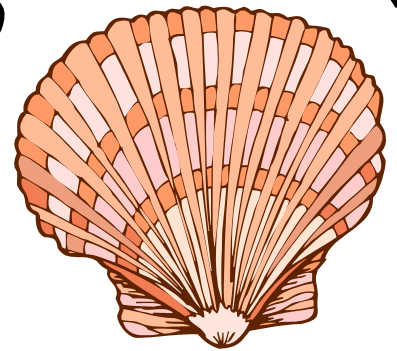
From the South:

Take I-95 North to exit 74. Follow the directions above.

There is no parking at the Grand House. You must park at Dairy Queen and come through the back fence. Grand House is a light blue House #23.

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Summer Friends



2008



Mission Statement

Summer Friends seeks to...

provide a community-based social skills program for adolescents with pragmatic language difficulties and/or High Functioning Spectrum Disorders in order to foster social success and friendships. Participants will feel connected to a social group where they have a voice and a growing self-confidence. Summer Friends endeavors to be a place where each person feels included, respected and a part of the conversation wherever it may be.

The Summer Friends pilot program was initiated in 2006 by Steve Buck, Special Education Director for East Lyme School System, to help students who may be doing well in school, but struggle with social skills and generalizing those skills across environments. With the assistance of Speech Language Pathologist Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager, Teacher's Vita Wayman, Emily Macione and the Lighthouse Voc-Ed Center, we have designed a community summer program. Throughout the summer we will be practicing the art of conversation, social interactions with the same gender and opposite gender peers, perspective taking, problem solving, understanding and reading social cues, and helping to develop a social life in the community. We will be giving each student and family an evaluation form at the end of the summer to help us with planning for next year. A cookout is planned for the first Saturday in June from 12-3 at 23 Grand Street in Niantic, for everyone involved in Summer Friends.

During the past school year, the Summer Friends group met each Friday afternoon to continue working on social skills. This summer, we will be meeting Monday through Thursday and asking that our students and their families plan activities for the 5 Fridays. We will help the students with ideas and the planning needed for an activity. We hope this experience will help with generalizing social skills.

Schedule

Open House – June 7th – Cookout/Picnic at:
23 Grand Street Niantic from 12-2 PM
– meet and greet –

5 week program generally second week of July through second week of August.

Hours	2-5 p.m. Monday–Friday at Grand house.
Mondays -	Afternoon meeting Music with Sue Johnston Discussion and Closure
Tuesdays -	Afternoon meeting Guy Talk group Girl Talk group Discussion and Closure
Wednesday -	Afternoon meeting Healthy Minds and Bodies for cooking, exercise, and games Discussion and Closure
Thursdays -	Afternoon meeting Community Day – a choice of the beach (Hole in the Wall), movies, Book Barn, and out to eat at Constantine's on 8/7/08!
Fridays -	Game and Leisure Day