

College to Host Exercise to Test Emergency Preparedness

Campus and community members should not be alarmed to see more fire trucks, police cruisers and ambulances around the community, particularly at NMCC, on Saturday, September 20. Local responders, hospitals, law enforcement officials (local, county and state), and regional hazardous materials response teams will be joining forces to test their preparedness during an exercise at the College.

“We will be using a terrorism scenario; however, these agencies would be working together in a mass casualty or major emergency of any kind, here or in another part of the state. We will be thoroughly testing our ability to work together smoothly,” said Vern Ouellette, director of the Aroostook County Emergency Management Agency, the group coordinating the exercise in collaboration with the Maine Emergency Management Agency.

The exercise will test communication systems and operating protocols that are used statewide, providing valuable information on best practices to be shared and improvements that could be implemented.

“All of the agencies responding have good plans and extensive training, and this scenario will put all that to the test. We expect all response units to do well, but also that we will find things to improve upon. That’s why we exercise, to test our plans and training in the field, and to get better at what we do,” said Ouellette.

This particular exercise will test not just the responders on the scene, but also the City’s Emergency Operations Center and The Aroostook Medical Center’s ability to handle multiple patients and decontamination capabilities.

Funding and support of this exercise is provided through the Maine Emergency Management Agency Exercise Program and the Department of Homeland Security.

Monday, September 15:

Indoor Soccer, 7:00 pm, Gym

Tuesday, September 16:

General Advisory Council Meeting, 7:30-9:30 am, Edmunds Conference Center

Student Senate Meeting, 12:15-12:45 pm, Christie Lecture Hall

PrISM, 1:00-2:00 pm, MRT 211

Rock Wall Climbing for NMCC Students, 6:00 - 9:00 pm, UMPI Gentile Hall (*A van will provide transportation for anyone who needs a ride, departing from Andrews Hall at 6pm; this is a free event for NMCC students.*)

Wednesday, September 17:

Constitution Day Presentation, 2:30-3:30 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

Enrollment Task Force Meeting, 3:00-4:00 pm, Reed Commons Keegan Room

PrISM, 6:00-8:00 pm, CHR 108I

Movie Night - National Treasure Double Feature, 7:00-11:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

Thursday, September 18:

NESHM Meeting, 7:30-10:00 am, Edmunds Conference Center

PrISM, 1:00-2:00 pm, MRT 211

Open Gym (Dodgeball), 9:00-11:00 pm

Friday, September 19:

Bowling & Pizza, 6:00-8:00 pm, Caribou Sports Inn (*Free for students; bring your ID. A van will be provided for transportation, leaving at 5:45 pm in front of Andrews Hall.*)

Saturday, September 20:

Emergency Training Exercise, NMCC Campus

What's Happening on Campus...

Weekly Menu

LUNCHTIME IN THE REED COMMONS

Monday

SPECIALS

Soup: Italian Wedding

Deli: BLT

Grill: Honey Dijon Ckn.

LINE ENTREES

Pork Chops

Beef Stew

Roasted Red Potatoes

French Fries

Hot Vegetable

Spice Cake

Tuesday

SPECIALS

Soup: Bean Sausage

Deli: Greek Wrap

Grill: Milano

LINE ENTREES

Chicken Cordon Bleu

Turkey Burger

Baked Potatoes

French Fries

Hot Vegetable

Angel Food Cake

Wednesday

SPECIALS

Soup: Gumbo

Deli: Chicken Salad

Grill: Pastrami

LINE ENTREES

Chicken Fingers

Monte Cristo

Chicago Dog

French Fries

Hot Vegetable

Bread Pudding

Thursday

SPECIALS

Soup: Tomato

Deli: Roasted Portebella

Grill: Grilled Cheese

LINE ENTREES

Beef/Ckn. Fajitas

Pizza Burger

Rice/Spicy Rice

French Fries

Hot Vegetable

Hawaiian Wedding Cake

Friday

SPECIALS

Soup: Corn Chowder

Deli: Salami Italian

Grill: Philly Steak

LINE ENTREES

Chicken a la King

Egg Noodles

Nacho Supreme

French Fries

Hot Vegetable

Cheese Cake

Menu is subject to change. Don't see what you like here? Check out our daily salad bar and pizza offerings.



Mount Katahdin Weekend Getaway

September 19-21

Students looking for a great outdoor adventure should sign up for this trip! Our annual Katahdin hike will be the perfect combination of relaxation and challenge.

Just 15 minutes from the gatehouse to Maine's highest mountain are the Twin Pine Cabins where we have two lakeside cabins reserved with a breathtaking view of Mount Katahdin. Canoes and campfires are complimentary along with plumbing, showers, beds and electricity ☺

The cost for NMCC students is \$30 and can be paid in cash or charged to your student account! This trip could normally cost a few hundred dollars per person so it's an incredible deal. Food and transportation are also included! This is an opportunity that would be hard to pass up!

Even if you're not up for the Summit hike, but are looking for a weekend getaway in a gorgeous spot, this is a great chance to enjoy the camp, the lake and some beautiful nature trails! Come and join us!

Sign up can be done in the ResLife office in Andrews Hall, or by emailing Adam Canales or calling him at 760-1118. Space is limited. If you would like more information about the trip, please don't hesitate to email or call Adam, or stop by the ResLife office. Hope to see you there!

Community News

An Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk will be held in Presque Isle on Saturday, September 20, starting at the Aroostook Center Mall. Suicide is the third leading cause of death among 15 to 24 year olds, and the second leading cause of death among college students. The impact suicide has on the lives of family members, friends, co-workers and the community is devastating. The Aroostook walk will raise money to help prevent these losses through education and community outreach.

You can help! Form a team to walk that day. Or if you can't walk, sponsor someone who is. For more information or to register, go to www.outofthedarkness.org.

RC Students to Make Stairs & Steps

NMCC's residential construction students are now taking orders for stairs and steps for homes. Get stairs/steps at a great value, while helping to provide students valuable practice at angles/corners. To get more information or place an order, contact Guy Jackson at 768-2781, or stop by the RC lab in the Mailman Building.

Students Invited to Senate Meetings

The Student Senate will meet each Tuesday, from 12:15-12:45 pm, in the Christie lecture hall. All students are invited to attend and have their opinion heard. The Senate is also still looking for members to represent their respective programs.

Constitutional Day Activities

Wednesday, September 17, is Constitution Day, and several activities are planned to commemorate the occasion:

- ☆ **The Constitutional Powers of the President Presentation** - by humanities instructor Dave Raymond at 2:30 p.m. in the Edmunds Conference Center. In light of the upcoming election, Raymond will discuss the debate of the presidency at the Constitutional Convention, the powers enumerated in Article II of the Constitution, the amendments to the Constitution that affect the presidency, and a brief overview of the presidents who have helped define the office.
- ☆ **Constitutional Crossword Puzzle Challenge** - Students, pick up your copy of the crossword puzzle (available NOW at various campus locations), complete it and turn it in at the information window in the Christie lobby. All successfully completed crossword puzzles will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 bookstore gift certificate. The winner will be announced on Sept. 17.
- ☆ **Book Display** - Stop by the NMCC library to check out the books regarding the Constitution and the executive branch of American government that will be on display on Monday, September 15, through Friday, September 19.
- ☆ **National Treasure Double Feature** - *National Treasure* at 7pm and *National Treasure: Book of Secrets* at 9pm in the Edmunds Conference Center; refreshments will be served and both DVDs will be raffled off!



Saturday, September 27 - 9 am - 8 pm

Sunday, September 28 - 10 am - 4 pm

The Forum - Presque Isle

\$3 Admission
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