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THE OCEAN PARK ASSOCIATION PRESENTS INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES

OCEAN PARK, MAINE – The Ocean Park Association proudly presents a full slate of activities for the Independence Day holiday. July 4th in Ocean Park is a family-friendly, patriotic, unpretentious way to celebrate Independence Day.

The first event of the holiday period is the **Morning Worship at the Temple**, 50 Temple Avenue, on Sunday, July 1st at 10:00 am. The service will be led by Rev. James McBride, Director of Missions for the Delaware Baptist Association, and will feature patriotic music selections performed by the Temple Choir and Temple Brass, as well as fitting hymns sung by the congregation. Programs for children are available in Jordan Hall, 48 Temple Avenue.

The **Twenty-First Annual Family Sand Sculpture Competition** is scheduled for Tuesday, July 3rd from 3:00-5:00 pm. The contest takes place on the Ocean Park Beach between Randall and Ancona Avenues, and the theme is “The Pirates of Ocean Park.” Participants must register at the Ocean Park Association office at 14 Temple Avenue. Judges will announce the winners at 4:45 pm on the beach, followed by a beach concert with the “Singing Pirate” David Peloquin. The contest winners will be recognized at the parade on July 4th.

The **Decorated Bike Contest** opens the July 4th activities at the Agnes L. Park Recreation Building on Colby Avenue between West Grand and Clover Avenues. Registration begins at 8:00 am, and the contest judging is at 9:00 am. Also at 9:00 am is the Religious and Cultural Committee Tag Day. The **Fifty-Seventh Annual Independence Day Community Parade** kicks off at 10:00 am at the Bell Tower on Temple Avenue, followed by the Ocean Park Band Concert at 10:45 am. The parade features the Ocean Park Kazoo Band, the Ocean Park Beach Chair Brigade, and family-built floats from multiple generations of Ocean Parkers. At 7:30 pm caller Ray Hilton leads a **Square Dance** in the street in front of Jakeman Hall, 14 Temple

Avenue, preceded by a square dancing exhibition with the Pepperell Squares Dance Club at 7:00 pm.

All events are open to the public. In 2007 Ocean Park, a Chautauqua community, will celebrate its 127th season of providing cultural, educational, religious, and recreational programs. Visit the website at www.oceanpark.org.

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