



NEW ENGLAND STATES EXHIBITION, NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR 1964-1965
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NEW ENGLAND COMMUNITY EVENTS AT THE FAIR

A colorful, moving, spectacular parade of more than 150 community events highlighting every facet of New England community life will be one of the outstanding features of the New England States Exhibition at the New York World's Fair.

Presented on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays on the Village Green, the events will range from historical pageants presented by communities observing special anniversaries, through marching bands and drum corps, drill teams, maypole dancers, ethnic group song and dance presentations, water dowsing and scallop opening demonstrations, to frog-jumping contests and a 400th anniversary presentation of Shakespeare.

Adult groups, youth organizations, choirs, choral groups, barbershop harmonizers, craftsmen and several college units will all participate in the program designed to inform, entertain and interest Fair visitors from every corner of the country and the world.

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Musters of patriotic societies, spelling bees, baton twirlers, square dancers, a recreation of an historic wedding, a drum band, banjo artists, a ski demonstration, a choral tribute to President Kennedy, the Pershing Rifles, folk singers, a Kiltie band, a colonial musket drill, acrobats and gymnasts, tambourinists, maple sugar candy making, ancient and modern corps, snowshoers and the Society in Dedham (Mass.) for Apprehending Horse Thieves, marine sculpture and glee clubs will all be included in the Village Green performances.

The 1964 program will commence Friday, May 8, when the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston will re-enact its traditional Drum Head Election and will continue until October 18 with the Okemo Mountain Ski Area ski demonstrations from Ludlow, Vt., ringing down the curtain on the first year's activity.

Tuesdays and Thursdays have been designated "rain days" in the event the participants have weather trouble. All groups participating in the program have raised their own funds to travel to and from the Fair and the six-state program has touched off considerable interest in more than 150 communities throughout the New England region.

The program got underway more than 18 months ago when newspaper editors and others through the six states were surveyed for suggestions for representative community events. The New England States program is one of the most comprehensive and continuous of its kind at the World's Fair and is expected to attract thousands of visitors to the two-acre New England site at the heart of the Fair, adjoining the Unisphere.