

PROGRAM FOR CELEBRATION WEEKEND

1994

Appendix W

Friday Evening, June 24 - Friday Night Celebration: Dinner, Dancing and Singing (Israeli Folk Music), Sunset Gathering - Guests Welcome

SATURDAY, JUNE 25 - OPEN HOUSE ALL DAY - all activities will be outside on the Basin Farm - rain or shine - there's a pavilion

8:30 a.m. - Welcome: Overview of Days' Activities (last minute changes, lay-out of facilities, etc.)

9:00-10:45 - Presentation on "Roger Williams and the Roots of Religious Freedom in the United States"

11:15-12:30 - The 1984 Raid: How It Happened and Why It Happened - Part I

12:30 - 1:30 - Picnic Lunch (bring a blanket or chairs if you wish)

1:45 - 3:00 - The 1984 Raid: How It Happened and Why It Happened - Part II

3:15 - 4:30 - Youth Testimonies: Children of the Raid Speak Out

4:30 - 6:00 - Focus on the Children: Questions and Answers, Social Time / Meet Guests, Singing and Dancing, Activities

6:00 - 7:00 - Cook-Out Dinner on us

8:00 - Evening Offering around sunset - as a people we gather together to sing, dance, speak and praise our God - all are welcome

8:45 p.m. - Story Telling and Bonfire

Sunday, June 26 - Another Day Full of More of the Same; All are Welcome

Monday, June 27 - Break Camp, return home

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How To Find Us

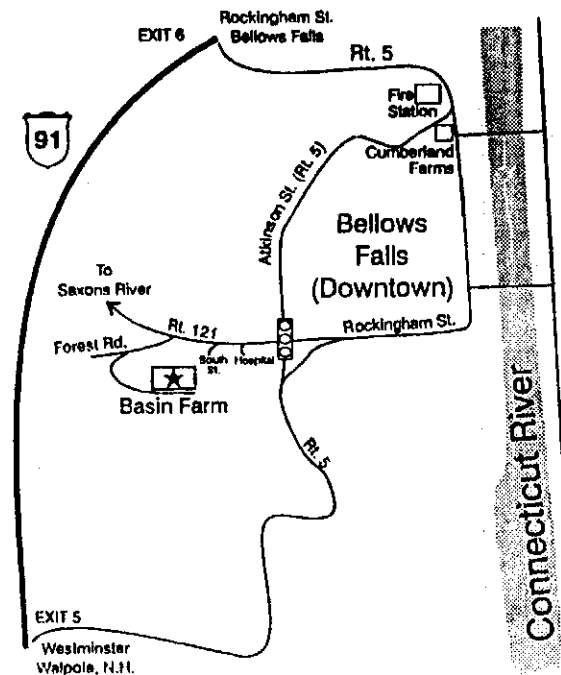
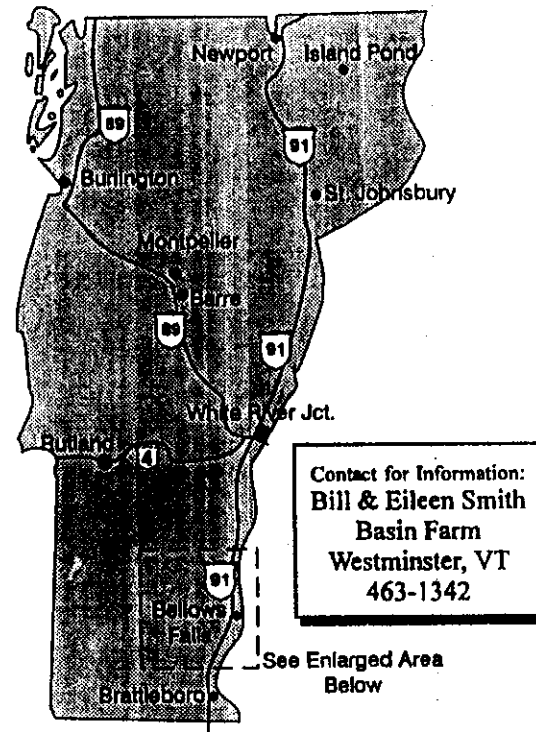
Ten years ago this month, on the morning of June 22, 1984, the State of Vermont raided the Northeast Kingdom Church Community and seized 112 children from their homes because state officials had fear that they might be abused. The seizure of the children was ruled unconstitutional in court and the children were returned home that same evening. Those children are now between 10 and 28 years old. How are those children today and what are they doing?

We, the parents and children of the Community in Island Pond, invite you to join us on Saturday June 25 at our Basin Farm Community in Westminster, Vermont, for a social event, a gathering for festivity and education.

The raid was a controversial event in 1984 and today in 1994 there continue to be many who still wonder what the truth is about us as a people. Who are we? How do we live? How do we really raise our children? Are we a group to avoid or to find out about? To be afraid of or to look at a second time? Is what you've read or heard about us true or is it false?

As a people, we will be gathered at the Basin Farm for the weekend. You are welcome any time, but on Saturday June 25, in particular we have scheduled a day of events that we hope will interest you.

We invite you to get to know us. Please take this opportunity to find out for yourselves. Come meet us. Talk to our children. Witness our life together. Your families are welcome. Stay as short or long as you like.



A Special Invitation

from the
Children & Parents
of the
Community Church in
Island Pond

to a
10 Year Anniversary
Celebration
to commemorate their deliverance
from the
1984

Island Pond Raid

Saturday June 25, 1994

at the
Basin Farm Community
Westminster, Vermont
Please Come!