

Saratoga Race Course Welcomes Return of Berkshire Bank Family Mondays, Presented by Mister Softee



Children and families enjoy a wild animal and reptile exhibit during Berkshire Bank Family Mondays, presented by Mister Softee, at Saratoga Race Course on Monday, July 27. The weekly family festival featuring an array of free activities and games is held each Monday of the meet from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Saratoga Pavilion.



Volunteers from Skano Elementary School help children create sand and spin art during Berkshire Bank Family Mondays, presented by Mister Softee, at Saratoga Race Course on Monday, July 27. The school raised funds throughout the afternoon, which was supplemented with additional grants by the New York Racing Association and Berkshire Bank.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. ó The New York Racing Association, Inc. (NYRA) today welcomed the return of the newly expanded and enhanced Berkshire Bank Family Mondays, presented by Mister Softee, for the 2015 summer meet at Saratoga Race Course.

The weekly family festival, held each Monday of the meet from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Saratoga Pavilion, enables families and children to experience and enjoy a wide array of games, attractions and educational activities against the backdrop of historic Saratoga Race Course.

The Saratoga Pavilion is located adjacent to the Horse Sense exhibit, which provides racing fans with the opportunity to pet a retired thoroughbred and learn more about the sport's equine athletes.

Schools and PTAs will have an opportunity to fundraise for their operations during Berkshire Bank Family Mondays. The featured organization for the first Monday of the season was Skano Elementary School, part of the Shenendehowa Central School District in Clifton Park.

“Last year we spent a lot of money to have a picnic and bring everyone together during the summer and this year we’re raising money, we’re bringing in money to get people together so that’s a really good benefit,” said Liz Coleman, president of the Skano Elementary PTA. “It’s a good chance to see friends you normally wouldn’t see over the summer, get together to support Skano and have some fun.”

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The 2015 summer meet at Saratoga Race Course continues through Labor Day, Monday, September 7. For more information about Saratoga Race Course, call 518-584-6200 or visit www.nyra.com.