

Daycamp parade just out of this world

The town's Music, Arts and Drama program turns kids into costumed creatures from Outer Space



Sentries on a starship bound for Acton, these Jedi knights, Peter Roe (left), 11, and David Roe, 8, await the start of the town recreation and parks department parade, winding up a summer of programs. The parade, followed by games inside the Acton arena kept spectators and participants equally amused Thursday evening.



This little buccaneer seems to be contemplating his next battle with a certain amount of anxiety. Seeing the dragon at right, no one could blame him. Kids participating in the recreation and parks summer program's closing parade dressed in a variety of costumes, ranging from scallawags like the one above to everyone's favorite ogre, Darth Vader.



This savage-looking, sleeping-bag dragon coiled and skipped its multi-legged way through Acton Thursday night as kids and parents celebrated the end of another successful season of programs sponsored by the town recreation and parks department. The dragon was awarded first prize for the best float in the parade.



It's not as easy as it sounds, but the idea is to douse the flame of the candle using a water pistol at five paces. It takes a steady hand and loads of concentration, but this little girl finally snuffed out the flame to win her prize. The event was one of several games played Thursday in the Acton arena as the recreation department held a parade and arcade-carnival to close its summer program for 1980.



Careful, Adam McDowell, you could become the next item on the frog's menu. Not to worry as four-year-old Adam will tell you, "Kermit" steaks to insects and leaves the elves alone. Kermit (Jan Clark) and Adam participated in the recreation and parks department parade Thursday evening in Acton, officially ending the department's successful summer program for another season. The Herald's Chris Aagaard joined Jennifer Rowe of the Georgetown Independent and Gord Murray of the Acton Free Press to judge the best float in the parade. Tough decision, but the coiling dragon took top marks over the other floats.



MAD? It was absolutely insane, but as these kids would confess they had a good time this past summer participating in the recreation and parks department Music Art and Drama program (M.A.D.). But the program, along with others ended for the season last Thursday evening with a big parade through Acton featuring clowns, floats, pirates and these four space cadets.



A true "Star Wars" float has to have at least a couple of Princess Leias on board to buffer Darth's sneer. Michelle Evans (left), 10, and Carey Ann Clark, also 10, decided that the now-classic female heroine should grace the space float in the parks and recreation department parade.



M.A.D.

Seven-year old Tanya Flowers of Georgetown was one of a number of "space sprites" on board the space float in the recreation and parks department parade through Acton Thursday night.

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What's a parade without a little clowning around? Here youngsters cartwheel their way along Mill Street in Acton, following the recreation and parks department summer program parade to its grand and boisterous finale outside the Acton Community Centre. A carnival was held inside the arena following the parade.