



YOU Can Drive a Pair of Oxen

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At Gilford's Heritage Festival on Saturday, September 26th, people will have an opportunity to drive a pair of oxen-to actually lead two oxen, weighing a ton each, that are yoked together and who will go where you lead them. Kathy Salanitro of Gilford will be in front of the Gilford Library from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with two pairs of oxen; she will give demonstrations on how to yoke them, how to drive them, answer questions, and then anyone who is interested may try driving them. It is amazing that these five year- old huge Brown Swiss are so gentle and well trained. Just a tap of the driving stick and a voice command and they will move in the direction you give them.



Bring a camera and take a photo of your child driving a pair of oxen, or of yourself. You will get a certificate stating that you drove a pair of oxen during Gilford's Heritage Festival. Kathy Salanitro has exhibited her oxen at fairs throughout the state and once gave a demonstration at the Gilford Elementary School, with the fourth graders having the opportunity to drive the oxen.

She is listed in the *Lakes Region Where to Go* publication and her brochures are available at Tourist Information Booths throughout the Lakes Region. She has hosted tour busses of people who have enjoyed driving her oxen. If you are interested in learning more about her farm and its oxen, her web site is www.oxkfarm.com and click under Discovery Center.