

## **PARTY PEOPLE**

## Open house at The Get Outside Center, 186 Main St. in Gloucester, Sept. 27

Hosted by Kestrel Educational Adventures and Cape Ann Vernal Pond Team By Desi Smith



Volunteer Colleen Anderson of the Cape Ann Vernal Pond Team answers questions from 12-year-old Gloucester residents Danielle Denman, left, and Alexia Carrancho, holding Maxine, an 8-year-old boa constrictor.



Cassandra Agront, left, watches her son Jayden, 6, of Gloucester, touch a milk snake as volunteer Colleen Anderson and Rick Roth, executive director of Cape Ann Vernal Pond Team, were on hand to educate visitors.



Danielle Denman, left, and Alexia Carrancho, both 12 and of Gloucester, hold some snakes brought by the Cape Ann Vernal Pond Team.



Rick Roth, executive director of Cape Ann Vernal Pond Team, handles a snake while on hand to educate visitors.



LEFT: A rattlesnake brought by the Cape Ann Vernal Pond Team. ABOVE: A 1-year-old yellow spotted salamander, an amphibian that can be found in wet areas on Cape Ann.



About 90 days after hatching, the larval spotted salamander transforms to its terrestrial stage, and takes its first breath as this amphibian did during the open house.

Jon Trefry of Lynn holds an albino Burmese boa constrictor outside The Get Outside Center to entice people to visit.





