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*Dean Kamen, Travis Snider, the WHEB Radio Morning Buzz and a Celtics' Dancer  
Love It Here!*

**Concord, New Hampshire, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010** – What do a dancer, an inventor, a baseball player and a radio morning show all have in common? They all love New Hampshire!

**Dean Kamen**, perhaps best known for the invention of the Segway, says “my favorite place in New Hampshire is at my workshop at DEKA Research and Development in Manchester.”

New Hampshire’s geographic diversity and scenic beauty are big draws for the other local celebrities.

“I love the landscape, and how green everything is” says **Travis Snider**, who plays outfield for the Toronto Blue Jays and recently completed a rehab stint with the New Hampshire Fisher Cats.

For the crew of the **Morning Buzz** radio show on WHEB in Portsmouth, it’s a matter of not wanting to live anywhere else. “It’s clear that NH has.....everything!” The “crew” features host Greg Kretschmar along with Andy Blacksmith, Scott "Roadkill" McMullen, Laura Boyce and Kelly Brown.

**Celtics' Dancer** Co-Captain Alison P. grew up in Bedford and now lives in Boston, but misses New Hampshire. “What’s not to love? There’s the ocean, and the old mill buildings. I moved to the north end of Boston when I made the Celtics cheerleading team but I still miss New Hampshire.”

As part of the state’s summer NH Dream Vacation promotion, celebrities who love it here are lending their famous faces to the summer promotion, says Tai Freligh, Communications Manager for the New Hampshire Division of Travel and Tourism Development. The contest, which runs through Labor Day, allows visitors to participate in an interactive photo contest with the winner receiving a custom-designed NH dream vacation worth \$2,500.

There are two ways to win this year. The grand prize package is a New Hampshire Dream Vacation with a value of up to \$2,500. Some restrictions will apply. Five popular vote prizes of a \$500 NH dream vacation will also be given away. Additionally, Irving Oil is providing gas gift cards in the amount of \$50 that are being awarded weekly to randomly selected contest participants.

Head to [www.nhdreamvacation.com](http://www.nhdreamvacation.com) now to download your contest sign and start taking pictures around New Hampshire.

New celebrities with New Hampshire ties are being added to the celebrity page on the New Hampshire Dream Vacation site ([www.nhdreamvacation.com](http://www.nhdreamvacation.com)) each week throughout the length of the contest.

#### ABOUT THE DIVISION OF TRAVEL AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

The Division of Travel and Tourism Development, as part of the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development, works with the state's seven travel regions to increase visitation, travel and visitor expenditures in order to expand business activity and employment throughout the state. The division is responsible for domestic and international advertising and public relations, literature publication and distribution, [www.visitnh.gov](http://www.visitnh.gov) administration, grant administration and research to monitor and measure the impact of travel and tourism to the state. For more information about New Hampshire tourism, call 603-271-2665 or visit [www.visitnh.gov](http://www.visitnh.gov)

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