



News of Blue



An informal newsletter for Blue Mountain Lake residents, friends and all who want to nurture the town and to protect the Eckford Chain: Blue Mountain Lake, Eagle Lake and Utowana Lake

Blue Mountain Lake, NY

July 2021



Every year since 1980, the extended family of John and Cathy Carr (of Durant Road) have come to Curry's Cabins for a Fourth of July reunion. This year, 42 kinfolk played games, staged contests, had cookouts, enjoyed the water. Here some of them pose after their Limbo Contest. Did the Vikings do the limbo between pillaging? Maybe it was the kangaroo, second from left, who won the Limbo contest.

Greetings from Paul Monroe, President Blue Mountain Lake Association



It has been a long, difficult year for all of us, and, hopefully you are enjoying a somewhat normal summer.

As always, the Blue Mountain Lake Association has supported the community over the last year, donating to local food banks, buying cleaning equipment to help Indian Lake schools keep classrooms open, supporting the Arts Center's efforts to stay open, plus our usual donations to local organizations.

The big issue this year is the discovery of the **hugely invasive Variable-Leaf Milfoil at the end of Utowana Lake**, found by surveillance provided

by Water Watch. Control and remediation of this invasive requires a strong, immediate—and expensive—response. BMLA has provided fundraising, obtained permits from DEC and APA, and hired the invasive management contractor, Aqualogic, to address the problem with an aggressive plan. For this action, the community has delivered generous support through both monetary donations and volunteer efforts. Eradication of this invasive is unlikely, and monitoring and remediation will continue for years to come.

Hope to see you soon,

Paul

VLM Battle Lines Drawn

Now that early reconnaissance has revealed presence of the dastardly Variable-Leaf Milfoil (VLM, *Myriophyllum heterophyllum*) in Utowana, and now that the community has rallied to the tune of \$140,000 to fight it, and now that a company (Aqualogic) has been contracted to start eradication, we are ready for battle!

This entails a slew of volunteers monitoring sections of each lake. It's not a difficult way to engage the enemy: simply paddle around your chosen section every week or so, watching for invasive aquatic plants. See page 3 for more information and how to volunteer.



The bad guys
Variable-Leaf Milfoil

The good guys
Ava Anderson and Sarah Collins hand out markers to be used to identify where VLM has been spotted. On the right is Kelly Lawrence who signed up for a section of Blue and is taking her marker.

Three meetings are coming up — and we encourage you to attend them. **See page 2.**

"We still have large sections of the Blue Mountain, Eagle and Utowana shorelines that need volunteers"

—Jessy Knoble Gray. **See page 3.**

Vets enjoy new ADKX exhibit on the Adirondacks and the Second World War



Celebrating their part: David Hanning, 95, and Charlie Smith, 97, World War II vets born and raised in the Adirondacks, chat at the grand reopening of the Adirondack Experience on July 1. One of this summer's special exhibits is "From Wilderness to Warfront: The Adirondacks & World War II."

The Adirondack Experience has reopened its doors this summer to a great number of happy members and visitors. The campus is alive with new activities and, during July and August, Monday and Wednesday evening programs include dancing, bingo, bands, lectures, paddling, and demonstrations. The new café deck is getting rave reviews. Two special exhibits will interest visitors: "From Wilderness to Warfront: The Adirondacks & World War II" and "Curious Creatures: Taxidermy in the Adirondacks." For more information, go to theadkx.org. *

BMLA Membership a Bargain!

Membership in the Blue Mountain Lake Association is **only \$25** for individuals, families and businesses. It is tax deductible to the full extent of the law. You can easily access the membership page on Paypal by going to tinyurl.com/BMLA-Membership or hovering over the image below with your phone camera. Or write a check (including your email address) to:

BMLA, PO Box 245, Blue Mountain Lake, NY 12812

Blue Mountain Lake Association

www.BlueMountainLakeAssociation.org

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BMLA and Water Watch

share a goal: keeping a close watch on the health of Blue Mountain Lake and its surroundings.

The Blue Mountain Lake Association is a community-based group dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the economic, cultural, and physical facets of the Blue Mountain Lake community for the benefit of current and future generations.

Water Watch is a group of community members, working with and through the Blue Mountain Lake community, to maintain the high quality of the Eckford Chain waters and shorelines.

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Info@BlueMountainLakeAssociation.org
rcunningham@passonnopaints.com (Dick Cunningham, treasurer, Water Watch)

Website, with lots of fun and important info:

www.BlueMountainLakeAssociation.org

Important meetings

❖ **Blue Mountain Lake Assn Annual Meeting**

Details about the year's efforts and plans for the future

BML Arts Center

Tuesday, August 3, at 7 pm

❖ **Indian Lake Town Meeting**

Here you can make your voice heard about issues of concern

BML Fire Hall

Monday, August 9, at 7 pm

❖ **Blue Mountain Lake "Water" Meeting**

A presentation by Aqualogic describing their findings and plans to combat our invasives, plus a presentation by the Adirondack Water Institute on the salt contamination of our lakes

BML Arts Center

Tuesday, August 10, at 7 pm

Want to see more newsletters?

Check out the BMLA website:

www.BlueMountainLakeAssociation.org

Banners Welcome Everyone!



Brenda and Jack Valentine in their "float" in the July 3 Indian Lake Parade. On the car is the banner which will festoon the streets of the three hamlets of the Town of Indian Lake—Indian Lake, Blue Mountain Lake and Sabael—welcoming to the area people "of all races, religions, ethnicities, genders and sexual orientations."

The banner project is one action by the newly formed Indian Lake Town Council and the Equality and Justice Committee in response to intolerant behavior recently witnessed throughout the country. More actions are planned in the future.

In Blue Mountain, committee member David Kahn, Executive Director of the Adirondack Experience, has helped coordinate funding, permits, and placement of the banners.

For additional information, contact Jack Valentine at 518-648-5636 or adkcamp@frontier.net.

Want to help monitor the lakes for Variable-Leaf Milfoil?

Jessy Knoble Gray, on behalf of the BMLA Water Committee is spearheading a volunteer effort to survey the Eckford Chain for invasive aquatic plants. She reports: "We still have large sections of the Blue Mountain, Eagle, and Utowana shorelines that need volunteers."

If you are willing to watch for these plants while out in your kayak or on your paddleboard or snorkeling, contact Jessy at Water@BlueMountainLakeAssociation.org. Volunteers will receive some training on what to look for and how to mark the area if suspicious plants are found. Jessy notes:

- ❖ It is not a huge time commitment. You're just looking, not touching.
- ❖ Surveying is in calm, shallow water near the shoreline as Variable-Leaf Milfoil does not grow in water deeper than 12 to 15 feet
- ❖ I, along with Ellen Collins, have buoys (markers) that volunteers should pick up. The buoys will alert boaters not to venture into possible milfoil infestation and also help in identifying areas for divers to harvest the plants.
- ❖ I have digital information on identifying invasive species *

To volunteer, contact Jessy at
Water@BlueMountainLakeAssociation.org

Corner Store Has New Boss

"I Do It All," says a brawny, confident Jeff Braunius smiling out from the JM Braunius Construction website. Today, Jeff, after 27 years in construction, has a new job, but his slogan "I Do It All," still applies. He's now the proprietor of the Corner Store, Blue Mountain Lake's iconic gift, gas and food market on the corner of Routes 28 and 30.

"Flip Joyce [owner] and Frances Parent [former proprietor] both encouraged me to take this on, and I couldn't be happier. It's super fun," says Jeff.

The "fun" includes inheriting an empty store and having to quickly build up the inventory to resemble last year's. And he did. There are food essentials, charcoal, fishing and camping gear, Adirondack cheese, Battenkill ice cream, North Country gifts. "The menu is a bit reduced," says Jeff, "but I love cooking and will add some specialties soon."

His big issue is to get the gas pumps functioning. This will be quite a project, but Jeff's can-do strategy will, no doubt, win out.

Jeff recently sold his house in Orange County and moved to Blue with his dog Lucy. "I like to bring Lucy by the store when it's quiet. She a great companion."

We wish Jeff, Lucy and the staff all the best. We're so glad Jeff took this on! *



Jeff Braunius at his new enterprise.

▲The Hedges
▲Blue Mountain Designs
▲Blue Mountain Inn
▲Hemlock Hall
▲Prospect Point
▲Blue Mountain Rest and
▲other Blue Mountain Lake hotels and gift shops are open and thriving. Stop in and say hi!

Welcome to the July newsletter:

Happy Summertime! Blue Mountain Lake and surrounding hamlets are again full of families, food, fun--and a fiend. The fiend is Variable-Leaf Milfoil, and we all have to be vigilant not to bring it into our lakes on motorboats or canoes.

Please forward this newsletter to anyone interested or send us their email address, and we'll put them on the list.

Contact us with suggestions and comments.

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Andy Coney: Membership@BlueMountainLakeAssociation.org
Or me, Mea Kaemmerlen, editor, meakaem@aol.com

Queen of Blue Mountain Steamboats on Exhibit

Why is a hotel in BML called “Steamboat Landing?” Which Adirondack icon commissioned the steamboat Tuscarora and where was she built? Is she still around?

The Tuscarora was the grande dame steamship of the Eckford Lakes (Blue, Eagle, Utowana) from 1900 to 1929, taking summer visitors on the last leg of their journey from New York City to the elegant Prospect House and other hotels on Blue Mountain Lake. If you want to know more, visit the lobby of Steamboat Landing, a lodge on Blue Mountain Lake, to see a fascinating exhibit on the Tuscarora and Steamboat Landing. The exhibit includes the Tuscarora’s original valance, steam gage, whistle and sign.

Says Ethan Vander Molen of Steamboat, “We’re indebted to Pete Halsh, the present owner of the Tuscarora, for creating this exhibit with the help of Al Pouch and Betsy Folwell.” *



Ethan Vander Molen proudly stands by the new Tuscarora exhibit in the lobby of Steamboat Landing which was the birthplace and winter home of many steamboats, including the Tuscarora.



Evan Wade has come to Blue as a summer Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). He hails from Charlottesville, Virginia, and will stay until August 16. Greg Glasgow was BML’s EMT for the first half of the summer.

Final Year for Half-Price Septic Pump-Out

Pumping out your septic every five years keeps it from clogging, leaking and losing efficiency. This protects your property and any water nearby. Who wants to be responsible for contaminating a lake or river?

For the third and final year, the Blue Mountain Lake Fund, the BML Association and Water Watch are offering a half-price pump-out. The standard cost is \$290, but for 19 homes on the Eckford Chain (Blue Mountain, Eagle and Utowana Lakes), J H Schrade will do it for \$145. Simply call Schrade at 518-251-3115, say you are part of the BML program, and make an appointment. For more information, contact Andy Coney at andyconey@pobox.com.

Bits and Pieces

ALWAYS BRING YOUR MASK ALONG! Some places still require masks — and it’s just a good idea for everyone’s safety.

* Yay! *The public toilets* across the road from the public beach are now open. The Port-o-Potty has been moved to the tennis court on Durant Road.

* *Indian Lake Library* is open.
Monday and Wednesday, 12 to 6
Tuesday and Thursday, 10 to 4
Friday, 10 to 6
Saturday, 10 to 1

Curbside pick-ups 6 days a week.

518-648-5444

Website: indianlake.sals.edu

* *Indian Lake Theater* is showing a half dozen different films every month to a maximum audience of 50 people. Wonderful that it’s open again.

* Good news: *Community Bank NA* has decided not to close the branch in Indian Lake after much protest. It’s now open Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

* *Christine Pouch*, former head of the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts, has joined the Town of Indian Lake as Economic Development, Marketing and Events Manager. Her office, along with the Chamber of Commerce, will be in the old Stewart’s in Indian Lake.

She reports that www.indianlakeadk.com is *Indian Lake’s new official website*, with events, attractions, businesses and more.

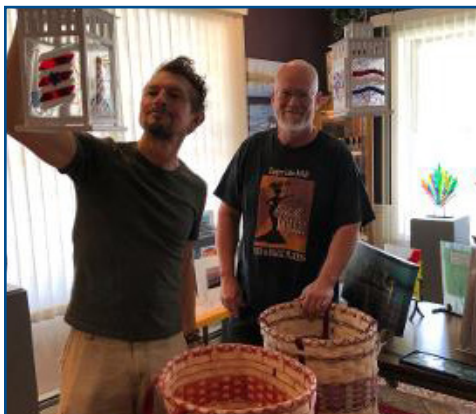
* *Food Trucks at Strong Rope*. Papa Dukes BBQ and Groundlings Food-fired Pizza occasionally park at Blue Mountain Lake’s Strong Rope Taproom. The taproom offers three signature beers on tap, local spirits, wine, cider, sodas and snacks, and cans and bottles to go. You can order pizza from the Corner Store across the way and enjoy it at one of Strong Rope’s picnic tables. Summer hours: Monday through Thursday 2 to 8pm; Friday and Saturday 12 to 9pm; Sunday 12 to 8pm *



*Fourth of July fireworks on Blue by a private resident
(photo by Mark Cunningham)*

Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts

ALCA opened on June 24 and will be open **Thursdays through Sundays 12 to 4 throughout the summer until October 11.** It has two public space improvements: 1) an outdoor tent, "The ALCA-Seltzer Space," and 2) a second art gallery in the performance space inside.



Andy Couch and George Cordes, General & Artistic Director, check out the many handcrafted items in the ALCA charming gift shop.

Galleries Check out the terrific art-work showing this summer—etchings, paintings, photographs, pastels and drawings on shelf mushrooms.

Auction The arts center is happily accepting items for this year's auction now. Drop them off Thursday through Sunday. The ALCA Auction and TentSale is now being planned for the end of the summer. Stay tuned for more information.

For more information and tickets:

Website adirondackarts.org

Phone 518-352-7715

Email info@adirondackarts.org

Booths' Boat Livery Alive and Well



*Mikus, Quinn, Quinby and Bob Booth at the BML boat livery
(photo by Katie Booth)*

It's the 44th year of the Booth family owning and managing the BML Boat Livery. Bob bought the livery from Russ Barrowman in 1977, and now he, his son Quinn and Quinn's sons Quinby and Mikus operate it, with occasional tours given by Uncle Michael Booth. The Florida-based Booths have a history in this area: as a child, Bob's mother spent many summers on Raquette Lake. "From Raquette," says Quinn, "my grandmother would take the steamboat, Tuscarora, up to the Prospect House on Blue for afternoon tea. Later, she rented summer places in Blue for the next generations to enjoy."

Today, the livery provides tours, storage, dock service and boat rentals, with a fleet of 30 motorboats, including pontoons, plus 15 kayaks, 23 canoes and some sailboats. It is one of the town's two inspection stations for invasive plants. "Quinby and Mikas work full time here and can do almost everything," says their father. "I could probably get a better paying job," says young Quinby, "but who can beat this?" He gestures to the lake, islands, mountain and big blue sky. *

Summer Theatre Festival

Bakersfield Mist by Stephen Sachs
A hilarious, thought-provoking comedy-drama! July 23, 24, 25 in BML, North Creek and Old Forge

Twelfth Night A Radio Play
Our Shakespeare in the Parks, outdoors, free, and family friendly
July 29 through August 2 in Long Lake, Newcomb, Inlet, BML and Tupper

The Great Arts Cabaret
A musical revue featuring opera, Broadway, and songbook—in an Adirondack great-camp setting. Family friendly.
August 19 through 22 in BML, North Creek and Indian Lake

Weekend Concert Series at BML

Bettman & Halpin
Saturday, August 7, 7:30 pm
Colorado folk duo with fiddle, guitar & vocals
Free Workshop: Songwriting for Budding Songwriters (1-2 hours)
Saturday, August 7, at 2 pm

Barry Oreck and Friends
Friday, August 13, 7:30 pm
Thought-provoking, often darkly humorous songs on personal to political topics

Martin and Kelly
Saturday, August 28, 7:30 pm
Bridging the boundary between traditional and new country. Sponsored by the Jane Jacobs Music Fund. *

Diner welcomes chef; chef welcomes everyone

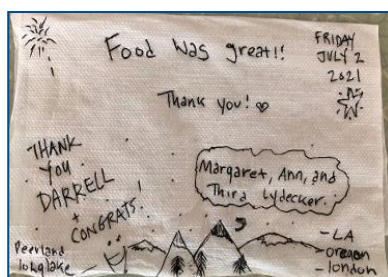
Chef Darrell's Mountain Diner Satisfies a Mountain Appetite

Grandma Gurt's spirit fills Blue Mountain Lake's new diner and its high-spirited chef. "I've always been high-spirited," says Darrell Spencer who grew up in Danbury, CT, the middle of seven kids, with a single mom, "but back then, I could be *trouble*." When his Grandma Gurt visited from Brooklyn, she always pulled him into the kitchen with her and put him to work. "When we were cooking, I was good as gold. It wasn't so much her cooking that rubbed off on me. It was the peace and quiet she created. She talked to herself and listened to Motown and blocked out everything else."

That has been Spencer's inspiration since his first job 40 years ago, as a dishwasher at the Ponderosa Steakhouse. And it served him well in his latest job, from 2012 to 2020, as executive chef at the Long Lake Camp for the Arts. "That was hard but rewarding—three meals a day for 400 campers and staff for two months. And the last year, I was executive chef at both



Chef Darrell Spencer has created a menu with something for everyone plus a few creative surprises. He's hoping to initiate a gourmet night to show off his signature dishes. "I'm a really good cook," he says, and his customers seem to agree.



A thank-you-note on a napkin left behind by happy customers

the camp and the Adirondack Hotel."

Spencer first studied his trade at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY, as one of only two Blacks. "I wasn't wild about it—our teachers were mean and rude," he says, "but now I understand that's how many chefs are. Later, I honed my skills at Vesuvio's Restaurant in Hensonville, NY. I learned how to make pasta from scratch, of course, but also about food cost, waste reduction, staffing and so on."

Last year, he contracted with Tom Warrington and Betsy Folwell to lease the 75-year-old Silk City Diner #59 they had brought from Ohio and restored. Built in Paterson, NJ, it has served as a diner in

Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, finally coming to Blue Mountain Lake in a 2017 blizzard.

Opening on June 14, Chef Darrell's Mountain Diner is a hit. It's open Monday, 7 am to 3 pm; Tuesday through Saturday, 7 am to 9 pm; Sunday, 7 am to 7 pm. Note that it's closed Tuesday through Sunday from 2:30

to 4:30 for prep. Most popular dishes? "The spinach omelet, eggs Benedict and anything turkey—panini, melt, club, full dinner." The menu includes Grandma Gurt's cranberry nut muffins, blueberry pie and extra large chocolate chip cookies. The all-day breakfast is a big hit.

The diner's constant full house and North Country issues of staffing and deliveries don't stop Darrell from thinking big. Recently, he added dinner hours six days a week. "And I'd like to have a weekly "gourmet night" with two or three signature dishes. Now, we're putting in four additional outside tables, and we have live bands at least once a week." *



Darrell welcomes bikers, hikers and everyone else.

Music at the Diner

Thanks to Lenny Baglieri, proprietor of Blue Mountain Rest across from Chef Darrell's Mountain Diner on Route 28/30, the diner has live music. Playing every other Tuesday, 6 to 8, starting July 13 is Bunkhouse Mutiny with three or four musicians. Playing every other Thursday, 6 to 8, starting July 8, is 60 Shades of Grey which can have up to 10 players. Lenny plays the congas in both bands.

Yoga classes in ALCA tent

Every Thursday morning at 8 am until September 2, popular Kripalu Yoga teacher Nanette Shovea will teach a yoga class under the tent of the Adirondacks Center for the Arts. The fee is \$10, and classes will happen rain or shine excepting high winds and torrential rain events.

All ability levels from beginner to advanced are welcome to explore the practice of mindful breath and movement, honoring our own body and personal degree of strength and flexibility. Variations and modifications on poses will be offered. Freedom to explore personal options are welcome.

Dress in loose or comfortable fitting attire. Bring your own mats or clean sanitized mats will be provided. Social distancing is required. Non-vaccinated participants should wear masks. *

American Legion turns our (smelly) trash into treasure



On one particular early morning, the Can and Bottle Brigade of the American Legion Post 1392 in Indian Lake collected 6,000 return-deposit bottles and cans—and that's only half a week's worth! That day's volunteers were, left to right, Jack Valentine, Bob Harris, Jim Paschal, Darcy Zocchi, Bob Sklenarik, Ken Cannon and Larry Foy.

What are you doing Monday and Friday mornings at 6:30 am? Struggling out of bed? Searching for your first cup of coffee?

Think about this next time you squint at the sunrise from your cozy bed: twice a week—fall, winter, spring and summer—up to a dozen volunteers, some of them Legionnaires, gather at the “Indian Lake dump” (aka Transfer Station) at 6:30 am to plow through a mountain of (mostly) empty bottles and cans that claim the 5-cent return deposit.

This is a project of the “Can and Bottle



Jim Paschal retrieves 5-cent deposits from non-deposit recyclables.

Brigade” of Indian Lake’s American Legion Post 1392 to raise funds for the community. It gets 4 cents on every bottle or can (the transport company, TNJ Five Cent Return Center, takes its penny) and that adds up. In the summer months, they process around 6,000 items each morning, twice a week. Says the Commander Ken Cannon, a Legionnaire, “We make over \$10,000 a year

doing this. And, during this Covid year, it’s been a lot busier with city folk here.”

The results are regular donations to the community, including the local food pantry, scholarship money for an Indian Lake student, prize money for the best floats in the Indian Lake parade.

The group’s morning moves ahead with military precision, punctuated by a few quick laughs and stories about bear sightings. It soon becomes very noisy and very smelly. Bottles and cans are raked from the huge public dumpster into bins which are dumped onto a work table. Thousands of cans and bottles then are separated into more bins which are emptied into huge clear plastic bags, tied and put aside. All wear thick gloves, working quickly and efficiently. It’s not easy or clean work. Says Commander Cannon, “Some leave us nice clean bottles and others leave us a mess.”

Work continues at a fast assembly-line pace. “We see where help is needed,” says volunteer Jack Valentine, “and we jump in.”

This particular morning, they process 22 bags (about 300 bottles or cans per bag) and load them onto two pickup trucks, headed for the basement of the American Legion Hall awaiting a weekly pickup by TNJ. Then, as tradition has it, they go to the One-Stop for a well deserved breakfast.

Bob Harris, a Legionnaire, has been doing this twice a week for 16 years. “It’s very gratifying. It’s important to be part of the community.” *

Blue Mountain is for the Birds

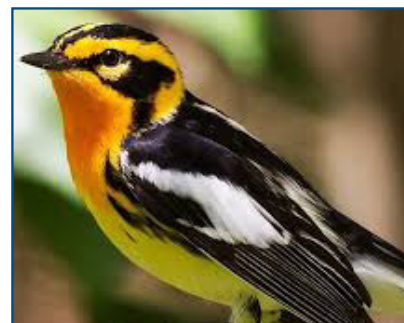
Ellen Bütz

Everywhere you look in Blue Mountain Lake you see birds. On the lake, common mergansers swim by with their bopping ducklings. Mallards dabble in the shallows, while loons dive deep in open water. In the marsh near Lake Durant, there are red-winged blackbirds, great blue herons, fly catchers and cedar waxwings.

In the woods, you’ll find black-capped chickadees, white- and red-breasted nuthatches, woodpeckers from the tiny downy to the crow-sized pileated and blue jays shouting to each other as they fly through the trees.

Listen well in the evening. Those beautiful flute-like sounds are hermit and Swainson’s thrushes singing on their nesting territories. Near the summit of Blue Mountain, the chickadee who sounds hoarse could be a boreal chickadee with a brown cap and pinkish flanks.

Look up and you’ll see ravens, ospreys, broad-winged hawks, and, if you’re lucky, even a bald eagle soaring on the wind. At night, listen closely and you might hear a barred owl asking



A Blackburnian Warbler

“Whooo cooks for yooou?” And everywhere, in different habitats, you’ll find tiny, beautiful warblers, like the bright yellow warbler, the flame-dipped blackburnian and the yellow and black magnolia.

I’ve mentioned just a few of the birds you’ll see if you take a quiet moment and watch carefully in Blue Mountain’s blessedly unspoiled habitats.

To identify birds, a pair of 7- or 8-power binoculars with a broad field-of-view will help. A field guide is also a good investment. *The Birds of North America—Golden Field Guide* is small and easy to use.

Or try a bird ID app on your phone. Both the Audubon Bird Guide and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology’s Merlin Bird ID are free. Enjoy! *

Great Camp Sagamore adds specialty tours



Here's a note from stringer Ellen Bütz:

"Great Camp Sagamore is adding some specialty tours this summer. They go into greater depth about Sagamore's infrastructure including the lighting system, the water supply for the camp, and the self-sufficient food production system. I'm a parttime tour guide there this summer and it's fun explaining the systems my grandfather helped build."

Note: Ellen's grandfather was Richard Collins, superintendent of Sagamore from 1897 to 1924, when he bought The Hedges in Blue Mountain Lake.

Below is information on tours of the Great Camp Sagamore, a 27-building National Historic Landmark in Raquette Lake that was once a private Adirondack camp for the Vanderbilt family. For more information and for tickets, go to <https://www.sagamore.org/tours>

Great Camp Sagamore Tour (2 hours)

Till Sept 6, 10:00 and 1:30 Sept 7 through Oct 11, 1:30

Specialty Tours: all start at 1:00

Water Flow to Great Camp Sagamore

July 20 Aug 3, 17 & 31 Sept 14 & 28 Oct 1

Lighting Great Camp Sagamore

July 29 Aug 12 & 26 Sept 9 & 23 Oct 7

Feeding Great Camp Sagamore

July 31 Aug 14 & 28 Sept 11 & 25

Etsy has popular Keep Blue Blue items

Looking for great gift ideas or want to show your Blue Mountain Lake pride? Check out the Keep Blue Blue mugs, t-shirts, hats, window stickers and more at www.etsy.com/shop/KeepBlueBlue. Some local stores have some items. All proceeds go to BMLA Project Fund.



Paddling and running races on for 2021 in BML

Andy Coney

BluMouLa—BuFuRa Sunday, July 25th

BluMouLa-BuFuRa ("Blue Mountain Lake—Buoy Funding Race") draws racers from across New York and New England as well as lots of locals. With three race distances—14 miles, 7 miles and 1.5 miles—there's something for everyone. Canoes, kayaks, guideboats, and paddleboards are welcome. Note: mandatory boat inspections will be held before the race.

Don't wait till race day to sign up! Significant savings are available for pre-registration and pre-payment. Save up to \$20 per paddler or rower. See website for details: www.BMLBuoyRace.com

For more information and to register: www.BMLBuoyRace.com

8:30-9:45	Number pickup and late registration at Fire Station
8:30-10:15	Mandatory boat inspections for invasive species prior to launch (except local boats arriving by water)
10:00	Captains' meeting
10:30	14- and 7-mile race start
10:32	1.5 mile race start
2:15 pm	Prize ceremony

Blue Mountain Sizzler 5K Sunday, August 8

The 5th annual Blue Mountain Sizzler 5K is for runners and walkers of all abilities—and is fun for spectators too.

For more information and to register: www.runreg.com/blue-mountain-sizzler

7:15 am	Number pickup and late registration behind the Arts Center (No parking on Durant Road)
8:20 am	Early start for all walkers and any runners expecting to finish in over 45 minutes
8:30 am	Main start

For questions on both races, email AndyConey@PObox.com or call 518-352-7364 or 978-618-2256.