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CHOCOLATE POT CHAT

by Tom Deam

The weather now makes one think of hikes, bikes, and where to cool off or have a cool one. It's safe to say most are not thinking about the coming Ski Season.

The Banquet was great. We all sat outside in pleasant weather and company: Bo and Joannie Duris, Bob Presutti, Bill Schweikert, Sue Menick, and myself and Charlene. A good crew!

Some upcoming dates to remember: **Refresher weekend is December 4th & 5th**, OEC on the 4th and Nordic the 5th. **CPR Recert will be November 14th from 1:00pm to 4:30pm**, followed by pizza and the November Patrol meeting. This was all discussed at the March meeting.

One item that came up at the March meeting was a comment about not being able to contact the Visitor Center with the radio. To be blunt, I find waiting until a meeting to address the problem wrong no matter how minor it might seem to anyone. Communication is essential for Patrollers on the trails. If a problem arises, fix it then by letting Visitor Center staff or the Patrol and Assistant Patrol Reps know. Patrolling on the trails without a way to get help is, well, dumb. *

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturdays, June 26th, July 10th, & August 14th
PATROL PARTY AT HIGHLAND LAKE

Rain or shine. Join Bob and Joannie for a day or weekend of paddling, swimming, hiking on local trails, fishing (BYO poles), or just hanging out on the deck at their place on Highland Lake in NH. Group cook-out each Saturday night. Three kayaks and a canoe available, or bring your own thing that floats. Duris Cottage: 1853 Valley Road, Washington, NH. Phone: 603-495-3974. Please RSVP to Joannie at jvduris@charter.net or 978-928-5587 for a head-count and directions. MapQuest and GPS will both send you on roads you can hike but not drive.

Saturday, August 21st. PATROL PICNIC & DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT AT TULLY LAKE

Bring the entire family for a day of fun at Tully Lake in Royalston (take Route 2 to Athol, then head north on Route 32). We'll meet for a BYO lunch in the main picnic area on Route 32 at 11:30am. After lunch folks can just hang out, hit the beach or trails, or head down to the disc golf course. Go to www.corpslakes.us/tully, click on Lake Map, then Disc Golf, to find a PDF version of the course map, and/or check out the clickable map with photos of all 18 tee areas and baskets. Bob & Joannie have a pack full of Frisbees, laminated maps of the course, and score cards. We'll bring hiking poles to fish all those Frisbees out of the water on the third basket! RSVP to Joannie at jvduris@charter.net so we know how many picnic tables to claim. *

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Don't forget to check our website for the latest patrol news and dates of upcoming courses and events. If you don't remember the user name and password for entering the 'patrol room', contact Bill Schweikert at: webmaster@nmnsp.org

The next issue of the Rattlebone will be published in September.

Please get all articles, information, dates, etc. to Joannie Duris by September 15th.

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