

June 25, 2020 Edition

Campground Updates

- **Health Department Inspection:** We did have a surprise inspection from the Clinton County Health Department this past week and they continue to stress Social Distancing and Mask wearing.
- **Common Areas:** With the opening of Phase Three here in New York State, we now are able to open some of the common areas; however, please wear your masks when you are outside and can't be more than six feet apart. The areas that can now be used while following these physical distancing regulations include: the Ball fields, Playground, and the Horseshoe Pits.
- **Limited Gatherings** - We are asking that we still refrain from large gatherings where the 6' rule would be impossible to respect.
- **Speed Limit** - For the safety of other guests and especially our younger guests, please respect the 5MPH speed limit at all times.
- **Dumpsters** - The dumpsters here at Blue Haven are for use by our guests and for only trash generated within the park - please do not bring trash from home.
- **Respect Others Property** - While we do have a close knit family of guests here at camp, we need to respect each other's property. This includes (but not limited to):
 - Don't take shortcuts through someone else's site simply to save a few steps.
 - Do not fish from someone's lot without permission.

Happy Anniversary

We would like to wish a VERY special anniversary to two of the kindest people I know - enjoy your weekend!

- 6/22: Sheila & Hugh Carden
- 6/27: Karen & Peter Visconti
- 6/28: Debbie & Kenney Yelle
- 6/29: Cundy & Mike Jones
- 6/29: Linda & Larry Lecker

Happy Birthday

Greetings go out to all of our campers so far this year! It appears like I left a few out early on, so Happy Belated to those also:

- 6/19: Lynn Costello
- 6/22: Tyler Smith
- 6/23: Tannia Sabelli
- 6/23: Kayli Quirk
- 6/23: Noura Jackson
- 6/23: Tanya Fuoco
- 6/25: Brandon Hamilton
- 6/26: Nancy Roberts
- 6/26: Marc Lefebvre
- 6/27: Cathy Leinen
- 6/27: Marlene Farley
- 6/27: Carol Craig
- 6/29: Meagan Leinen
- 6/29: Brenda Prince



Bathhouses Update

- The Block Bathhouse is OPEN
- The Southside Bathhouse is OPEN
- PLEASE social distance when using the facilities and clean up after yourselves

Welcome New Campers!

Please join us in welcoming to our Blue Haven Community the following folks who have joined our family since the last newsletter!

- John & Kristen Turek - Cedar 10
- Cassandra Labombard - Maple 17

Facebook Pages for Information:

- Our Blue Haven Family Campground and Resort Facebook page is managed by our staff and offers a place to share updates within the park as well as offer information for the general public.
- There is also another page entitled "Blue Haven Campers" that is managed by one of our guests within the park and is used to allow guests a place to share articles and photos related to camping as well as the campground itself.

[Our State Reptile, the Snapping Turtle](#)

This time of year many people are seeing snapping turtles digging in their yards or swimming in home ponds. Snapping turtles and other turtles make their nests in easily dug soil, so



they may lay their eggs in backyards and gardens. If the nest can be allowed to remain, hatchlings will emerge in August or September but sometimes overwintering until spring. If the area where the nest has been laid must be disturbed, contact your regional wildlife office for guidance.

Snapping turtles (*Chelydra Serpentina*) are often described as aggressive, but a better term is defensive. They try to avoid confrontation and are more likely to defend themselves on dry land. When they are on land, **try to give them some extra space, and they will move on.** In fact, if you see one on land it is usually a female who is looking to lay eggs. Snappers spend most of their lives in the water, where they will generally swim away from people when encountered and are usually docile.

Unfortunately, like many turtle species, snapping turtles face serious threats - being struck while crossing roads or collection for the food and pet trade. It is illegal to collect or relocate a snapping turtle without a permit.

[June 27-28 is Free Fishing Weekend in NY](#)

All New Yorkers Encouraged to Explore Local Fishing Opportunities! New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced a Free Fishing Weekend for June 27 - 28. The event is the second of six Free Fishing Days offered in New York State every year.



"This free fishing weekend could not have come at a better time," Commissioner Seggos said." Amid the uncertainty of these challenging times, being home together has allowed many families to get

outdoors and experience new activities. Free fishing days provide the perfect opportunity for all New Yorkers-from Brooklyn to Buffalo and from Montauk to Mt. Marcy-to try fishing for the first time and encourage those who have fished before to dust off their fishing rods and get outside."

DEC encourages all anglers, new and experienced, to recreate locally and seek out fishing opportunities close to home. DEC's [Places to Fish](#) webpages are a reliable source for those ready to plan their next fishing trip. For beginning anglers interested in getting started, the [I FISH NY Beginners' Guide to Freshwater Fishing](#) provides information on everything from rigging up a fishing rod, to identifying your catch, and understanding fishing regulations. During these designated free fishing days, New York residents and non-residents are permitted to fish for free without a fishing license. Free fishing day participants are reminded that although the requirement for a fishing license is waived during free fishing days, all other fishing regulations remain in effect.

DEC reminds anglers to maintain safe social distancing while fishing this year to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Guidelines to protect yourself and others include:

- Fish local: Stay close to home. Keep your fishing trip short. Avoid high-traffic destinations.
- Be safe: Avoid crowds and groups. Keep a distance of six feet or more from others. When fishing from a boat, make sure it's large enough so persons on board are at least six feet from one another.
- Stay home: If you're not feeling well, stay home. Anyone 70 and older or with a compromised immune system should postpone their trip.
- Be adaptive: Move quickly through parking lots and paths. If crowded, choose a different fishing location, or time to visit.
- Anglers fishing from boats should be able to maintain at least six feet of distance between one another. For more information on boating guidelines and safety, go to State Parks website and DEC's website.