

Weekend Forecast

- **Friday** - Cloudy. Slight chance of a rain shower. High 69F. Winds light and variable.
- **Friday Night** - A few clouds from time to time. Low 52F. Winds light and variable.
- **Saturday** - Except for a few afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. High 76F. Winds light and variable.
- **Saturday Night** - Partly cloudy skies during the evening will give way to cloudy skies overnight. Low around 55F. Winds light and variable.
- **Sunday** - Some sun in the morning with increasing clouds during the afternoon. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 77F. Winds light and variable.
- **Sunday Night** - Mostly cloudy skies in the evening. Isolated thunderstorms may develop after midnight. Low 56F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 40%.

Activities for this Week

- **Horseshoes - Every Friday at 7pm** - Meet at the North end of the clubhouse for an evening of fun and good competition!
- **50/50 Every Saturday Morning** - Your 50/50 sellers will be going around each Saturday Morning through Labor Day. The proceeds fund our activities throughout the season.
- **Hayride - Every Saturday at 7pm:** The Hayride will take place each week (unless posted otherwise) throughout the summer (weather permitting)! Meet at the office. Parents are encouraged to join the fun with your children. Masks required to ride.
- **Horseshoes - Every Tuesday at 7pm** - New this season is horseshoes on Tuesday! Meet at the North end of the clubhouse for an evening of fun and good competition!

Upcoming Activities

- **Kids Bingo - Saturday, June 19th at 10am** Kids join us in the Clubhouse for the next Kid's Bingo! Reservations are NOT required for this Bingo, but please be on time so we can get started on time. Parents are strongly urged to attend with your kids. Please wear your mask and join us in the fun! Kids play Bingo and win a prize! See you There!

Happy Birthday We would like to wish very Special Happy Birthday greetings to the following:

- 6/12: Randy Moores
- 6/15: Shanna King
- 6/16: Paul Getty



Happy Anniversary

Even though they do not camp here any more, we can't forget to wish a very special Happy Anniversary to:

- 6/11: Millie & Carlos Stamegna

Update for our Canadian Families!

WE STILL MISS YOU! This last week every Canadian family who has an e-mail on file was sent an e-mail offering the Inactive Benefit Agreement due to the Border remaining closed. If we do not have an e-mail address on file, we have reached out via phone to each of you. If for some reason you did not receive the e-mail of phone call, PLEASE CALL THE BLUE HAVEN OFFICE at 518-594-8973. We will only be accepting these until June 21st.

We are Hiring If you or someone you know has experience or interest in these positions, please contact us in the office.

- Night Watchperson
- Lifeguards. Candidates must be Certified and have a valid CPR certification.

Volunteer Activity Committee Update

The committee met on Sunday morning and started planning the activities for the summer. If anyone has an idea for an activity, please sign up at the office and the committee members will take them into consideration. Also if you would like to volunteer to help out there is a signup sheet in the office also.

- 50/50 John Gagnon who runs the 50/50 raffle is looking for volunteers to help sell tickets on Saturday mornings, if you would like to help please see him at Michelle 21

Upcoming Activities: Here is a preliminary list of upcoming activities, with more details coming in future newsletters:

- 6/19, 7/3, 7/17, 8/14 - Kids Bingo
- June 19 - Poker Run
- July 3 - Scavenger Hunt
- July 19 - Adult Bingo starts on Monday nights
- July 24 - Christmas in July / Golf Cart Parade
- August 14 - Halloween
- September 4 - Kids Super Bingo
- September 4 - Labor Day Fest
- September 5 - Labor Day Dance 7pm - 11pm with the Band Just-Us



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.



Memory Garden Update many participated in the Memorial Service held two weekends ago. Thank you to all who attended, all who brought geraniums, and especially Holly Reyell who volunteered to plant all of those lovely flowers up front.

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.



Nuisance Wildlife Within the Campground:

We have had some reports of groundhogs, skunks, raccoons, and a few others. We stay in a campground and a part of enjoying nature is coexisting with nature. Here is an article recently published by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation posted in their most recent newsletter - help do your part to keep some of these undesirable guests away:

Wildlife, Fish & Marine Life Newsletter R.E.P.E.L. Nuisance Wildlife

Springtime can coincide with an increase in conflicts between people and wildlife. Woodchucks in the garden, squirrels or other critters in the attic, and skunks under the shed are but a few of the problems people may encounter. The best way to reduce common wildlife issues is by eliminating access to food, water, and shelter. Here are some tips to help you REPEL or prevent and control problems with wild animals:

- Remove food sources - do not feed wildlife, remove all feeders and suet in the spring and summer, do not store garbage outside, and bring it to the dumpsters immediately. Feed pets indoors.
- Eliminate cover and shelter close to homes and buildings - get rid of piles of brush, logs, and junk, and stash firewood away from your house or other buildings; mow tall grass near houses or other buildings.
- Put up barriers - use chimney covers and soffit vents, fence in areas such as gardens and underneath decks, and seal entry holes that lead into the house.
- Excite or agitate - use visual repellents such as scarecrows or lights, or create noise by yelling or using noisemakers (be sure to check noise ordinances in your area).
- Legally remove or "take" - contact a licensed Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator to remove problem wildlife from your property or remove or "take" nuisance animals on your own in accordance to New York State laws and regulations.

Photo by Craig Lutz.



Blue Haven Campground Policy Reminders:

We have a lot of new families in the park this season. We want to remind everyone of a few of our policies here within the park. These guidelines have been set to ensure the **SAFETY** and **ENJOYMENT** of **ALL** of our guests while at Blue Haven. We all need to follow them and here are just a few reminders:

GOLF CART POLICY

Operating Golf Carts in the Campground is a PRIVILEGE.

- Absolutely no gas powered golf carts, only electric powered are permitted.
- One cart is allowed per site and it must be registered with the Campground.
- You will be assigned a cart number and you are required to display that number as follows:
 - Numbers must be at least 3" high in a contrasting color
 - Displayed on two opposite sides (front/back OR side/side)
- There is a \$45 annual registration fee.
- **NO SPEEDING** - The speed limit is 5mph for EVERY vehicle within the park.
- Golf Carts **MUST** be limited to the number of passengers the cart is designed to carry.
- **NO ONE UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE ARE ALLOWED TO DRIVE THE CART**
- Golf Cart Chargers draw a significant amount of power, so please unplug your chargers when not in use, and especially in high electric use times.
- Golf Carts **MUST** have headlights and tail lights to operate at night.



There will be consequences for those who do not follow the guidelines above.

We will take the following action(s) when necessary:

- 1st Offense: A warning will be issued.
- 2nd Offense: The Golf Cart will be grounded to your site for one (1) month.
- 3rd Offense: The Golf Cart will need to be removed from the Campground.
- **NO EXCEPTIONS**

Our team will be making sure that everyone is following the rules.

For more information, please refer to page 22 of the Policy Handbook.

SPEED LIMIT:

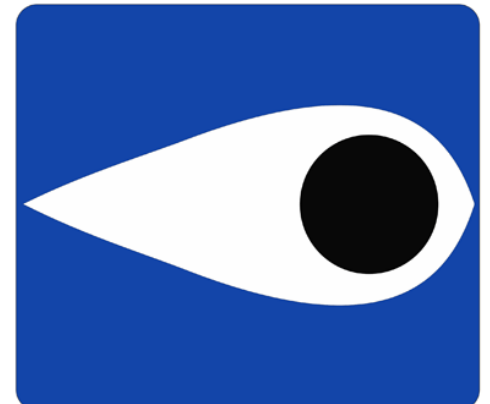
- Speed limit throughout the park is 5MPH
- This applies to all vehicles, automobiles, golf carts, and bicycles
- This is for everyone's safety

Neighborhood Site Watch:

We are fortunate that this is NOT simply a campground, but a thriving Community. Please keep in mind some of the following and **PLEASE** share these with your younger Community Members:

- Please be respectful to other camper's sites:
 - Do not pass through someone else's site while walking, biking, with a golf cart.
 - Do not park on other's sites
- Please help out by keeping an eye on other sites and campers for other families while they are not here. If you see anything unusual around their site such as an open door, window, or storage shed, Please let the office know.
- If you see someone around a site you feel shouldn't be there, call the office so we can handle the issue.
- If you see something - Say ay something. This will only strengthen our Community while making families know they are safe while they are in the park and that their belongings are safe when they are not here.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



WE LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER

Site Payments are PAST DUE

With June 1st behind us, we still have a considerable amount of guests that have not paid for their sites in full for 2021. Please make arrangements to get this caught up.

It is not fair to the others that pay on time, not to mention there is added interest charges. Just as a reminder, here is a snip of the relevant payment information from the Policy Handbook outlining our site payment policy:

Late Fees

- All site rent is **to be paid in full by June 1st**. This applies to all payment plans. If the site is NOT paid in full by June 1st, a late fee will apply, along with our standard missed payment fees/interest.
- Anyone who does NOT pay their site rent in full by June 1st for TWO (2) consecutive seasons, will see an increase in their seasonal site rent until paid on time.
- 2% interest of the unpaid site balance, will be charged to your account, on all contracts not paid by June 1st. Contracts and fees will continue to accrue interest monthly until the account is current.



Spring Electric Bills are Due

Just a friendly reminder that the May power bills have been out for a month now, and the July reading is just a few weeks away. We do not want you to fall too far behind, so please get these taken care of as soon as possible.

Newsletter Content

Have an interesting story to tell? Do you have a recent or soon to be Graduate to celebrate? Any Birthdays? E-mail tm@plattsburghrvstore.com to have it included in future editions!

