

September 14, 2023 Edition

July Meter Bills are ready -

Please call or stop by the Camp Office or the 240 Tom Miller Road Office at your convenience to settle up!



2024 Site Contracts - The 2024 contracts are ready! Our previous contracts were outdated. So, in order to make them compliant with today's Site Rental Agreements, we have made some changes. Please allow a bit of extra time to review the contracts with a member of our Team. All deposits are due BY October 1st.

Extra Staff Available - We will have extra staffing in the Blue Haven Office on Saturdays and Sundays for the next few weekends from 10am to 2pm to help with Contract Renewals and Payments! See you soon!

Friday, September 15th - 8pm to Midnight - Fireman's Dance with DJ FLASH! Come on out to show your support for our local Firemen!



Saturday, September 16th - 12-2pm
Scavenger Money Hunt

for kids between the ages of 8-15. We will have teams of 2. This will consist of riddles to get to the next clue. Each envelope will have names of teams on it which will provide the next clue to the next envelope grand prize is kept by the team to solve all the questions money left over the winners of the contest will help us hide around normal spots to give the remaining kids a chance for more prizes.



Saturday, September 30th -
Karaoke in the Clubhouse!

- Tim was asked to once again have a Karaoke night - This family friendly event will be fun for all ages! Heck, you MIGHT even get to hear Tim sign a few songs! Time will be posted on the sign board.



BLUE HAVEN PRIDE We are proud to be part of such a special place. Our setting is hard to match with all of the natural beauty. There are so many great families that help keep Blue Haven special.



Lost & Found - One thing that our community does REALLY well is look out for each other and their stuff. The lost and found is no different. People sometimes leave things behind or things fall off from a golf cart. When someone finds something out of place, it often gets turned into the office to be claimed. Feel free to stop by and claim what's yours! We have clothing, towels, water bottles, and more!

Important Dates to Remember:

TODAY - All previous invoices for 2023 site rent and power older than the July reading are now OVERDUE and we cannot renew your contract for next year until your account is current. We are now also ready to begin the process of renewing contracts for the 2024 season and setting up winterizations at either the Blue Haven office or the Tom Miller Road office.

- **October 1st** - This is the Official Closing of our season. All Winter Storage Deposits are due by October 1st. This is a minimum of 25% of your contracted amount.
- **October 9th at 4pm** - The WATER will be shut off to the entire park for the season. Please plan accordingly.
- **March 15th** - This is when the second 25% installment of your site rent is due bringing you to 50% paid
- **April 15th** - This is when the third 25% installment of your site rent is due bringing you to 75% paid
- **May 1st** - Although we typically have the water on by this point, this is our Official Opening Day of camping season
- **May 15th** - This is when the fourth and final 25% installment of your site rent is due bringing you to 100% paid.
- **Mid-May** - Opening Meter Reading. This will cover any power used from the September reading until this reading.

If you have ANY questions or concerns, please see Tim in the office.

Updates from Previous Events:

50/50 - Since I forgot to add the names for the final 50/50 in last week's newsletter, here they are:

- Ticket # 263997 for \$1130.50
 - Gary & Connie Giles
- Ticket # 458192 for \$565.25
 - Carole & Ollie Maisonneuve!
- Ticket # 263946 for \$565.25
 - Peter & Karen Visconti

Dart Tournament - The dart tournament was a great success again this year with 72 darters. Our Champs are:

- Johnny Chase
- Kristen Ashline
- Karen Nolan
- Mario Martucci



53 peoples purchased the Meal. It was great, only positive comments and we will definitely use the same people next year! We were able to raise 705\$ for the Terry Fox Cancer research. I would like to take a minute to thank everyone who attended the dart tournament which was a great success! I couldn't have done it alone and without

all the great support and generosity. I would like to thank the following:

- Dave Bechard and crew for the set up
- Stan, Holly and Cindy for working the Grill at Lunch
- The 19th Hole for the great meal.
- Dianah and Jen for trying to cut that cake (LOL)
- Gigi for helping with the raffle
- Saralynn for babysitting Colton
- Amanda, Ken, and Doris for all their hard work in planning, prepping and running this event with me every year
- Thank you to everyone who participated, donated and helped could not have done it without each and every one of you!

Charlie

13 REASONS TO OWN A CAST IRON SKILLET



Herbs
Health
Happiness

1. Used for thousands of years
2. No toxic fumes while you cook
3. Can take high (oven) heat
4. It's non-stick
5. Cleans up easy
6. It's inexpensive
7. Browns food beautifully
8. Better heat distribution
9. Usable as a grill
10. Usable over a campfire
11. Can cook multiple items at once
12. Boosts your iron intake
13. And in a pinch, it can even be used for self defense :)

Happy Birthday Since this is the final Newsletter for 2022, here is a list of all our birthdays until we open again on May 1st! Please wish a HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:

- 9/15: Richard Agoney Jr.
- 9/15: Don Light
- 9/16: Joseph Brink
- 9/17: Patrick Lafave
- 9/17: Fallyn Gammie
- 9/19: Myla Gammie
- 9/19: Michelle Clark
- 9/23: Darlene Bilow
- 9/24: Ken Murphy
- 9/24: Barbara Romat

- 9/27: Mike Deliva
- 10/1: Frank Boisvert
- 10/5: Earl Veach
- 10/6: Pamela Brink
- 10/9: Elaine Pellerin
- 10/17: Ed Combs
- 10/18: Aiden Dickinson
- 10/25: Jasmine Henry
- 11/30: Kacie Trim
- 12/4: Jace Dickinson
- 12/22: Kelton Trim
- 1/3: Bryant Trim
- 1/5: Shane Brink
- 1/7: Ian Hemingway
- 1/30: Terri Welch

- 2/8: Karsen Trim
- 3/3: Cindy Connelly
- 3/7: Mark Connelly
- 4/1: Lyla Dickinson
- 4/11: Arie Reiser
- 4/19: Tim Mitchell
- 4/19: Ron Foster
- 4/28: Judie Fallon

Happy Anniversary to the following:

- 9/17: Cathy & Jim Jewtraw
- 9/20: Michelle & Alan Clark
- 9/25: Elaine & David Pellerin
- 11/6: Victor & Nicole Rentas

THANK YOU - Despite what Mother Nature threw at us this year, This season has been very special in SO many ways. Thank you to our Volunteer Activity Committee, our dedicated Staff, and especially our families for making this year SO special to so many.

What makes Blue Haven so Special?

What DOES make Blue Haven so special? I envision that there are MANY answers to this question. I always rely on what I continue to hear and witness throughout the Campground:

- **Booming Industry** - Outdoor recreation has REALLY taken off everywhere and camping is now more popular than ever. Our seasonal and weekend site rentals are up considerably.
- **Natural Beauty** - We are nestled into Northern New York, just outside the Adirondack Park. With the campground situated between Lake Roxanne to the East and the "Falls" to the West, the North Branch of the Great Chazy River connects the two as it meanders it's way through the park. Not to mention the local wildlife seen occasionally within the park!
- **Community** - A community is a bunch of people who share similar interests and the strength of the connections among them giving a sense of belonging. How better to describe what has been built here than that?
- **Volunteerism** - This has always been a part of the culture of Blue Haven and can be seen most recently in the coming together of Volunteers to organize successful activities this season!
- **Friendly Faces** - Going for a walk or golf cart ride around the park is not just about the walk or the ride. It is about saying hello to neighbors, sharing a friendly smile with a new guest, or even a simple gesture of a wave!
- **Memories** - Memories are made here every day by both the young and the young-at-heart.
- **Traditions** - We have several families that have camped here for generations and now the kids of yesterday are now the adults of today!
- **YOU** - Lastly and most importantly, we simply could not be such a beloved place for so many without each and every one of YOU!



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, or with a golf cart.
 - Do not park on empty or 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.



*Cindy & Blue Haven Campground,
Just a little thank you...*

...for everything!

*We appreciate Your
kindness + generosity, so
very much!!*

Sincerely,

*Dale Buskey
JCED Ellenburg*

Thanksgiving or Thanksgiving Day, is an annual Canadian holiday and harvest festival, held on the second Monday in October, which celebrates the harvest and other blessings of the past year. In both the United States and Canada, Thanksgiving is a holiday to give thanks, enjoy a feast with family, and celebrate a bountiful harvest. But that's where the similarities end. To honor Canadian Thanksgiving, we look at how Canada does Thanksgiving differently - from the history and the date to the food and traditions.



1. Canada honors a different Thanksgiving - There's a lot of debate around the first true Thanksgiving. While some historians believed it happened in Plymouth in the US, others say it occurred in Nuwanut in Canada. The first Thanksgiving is said to have happened in 1578, when Sir Martin Frobisher sailed from England to Newfoundland, Canada. He celebrated with his crew over salt beef, mushy peas, and biscuits, giving thanks for their safe passage across the ocean. Meanwhile, the first US Thanksgiving feast didn't happen until 43 years later, when the Pilgrims arrived in Plymouth in 1621, and gave thanks to the Wampanoag and a bountiful harvest. Whatever side of the debate (or border) you sit on, the day is still all about gratitude and giving thanks in both countries.
2. Canadian Thanksgiving is held in October - on a Monday - Canadian Thanksgiving has a different origin story - and also a different date. While the US Thanksgiving is held on the fourth Thursday in November, Canada celebrates on the second Monday of October. The date has moved around a few times - and it wasn't even regularly observed until it was formalized as a national holiday in 1879. The Canadian government finally settled on an October Thanksgiving celebration in 1957. Why? The date lines up with the end of the Canadian autumn harvest and it's early enough to avoid the freezing cold of winter. While the official Thanksgiving Day is Monday, the big family feast can happen at any point on the weekend - so you have time to shake off that food coma!
3. It's not as big a deal as the US Thanksgiving - The Canadian Thanksgiving is a lot more chilled out than the US Thanksgiving. While some families celebrate with a big dinner, it's just not that important for others. While most of the country gets the Monday off, in some parts of the country like Atlantic Canada, it's an optional holiday - so not all businesses close for the day. In Quebec, Thanksgiving is called "Action de Grâce" but many Quebecers don't celebrate at all. Meanwhile, Americans get Friday and Monday off over the Thanksgiving weekend.
4. The food is a little different - Thanksgiving food is fairly similar across Canada and the US, with just a few small regional differences. Instead of turkey, Canadians might serve ham and tourtiere, a pastry pie filled with potatoes. People from Newfoundland like to enjoy a traditional Jiggs dinner - corned beef, root vegetables, and peas pudding all boiled together. For dessert, Ontarian locals usually go for butter tarts, while people in the Canadian Prairie love their apple pie, instead of pumpkin pie. And if you are serving pumpkin pie in Canada, it's likely made with more nutmeg, ginger, cloves and cinnamon than the US version. As for stuffing, Canadians use rice and bread crumbs. You also probably won't find as much cornbread or sweet potatoes and marshmallows here.
5. The Thanksgiving parades are smaller affairs in Canada - The US throws massive events at Thanksgiving like Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City. But the Canadians are a bit more low-key, with smaller, local events. You're more likely to go for a fall walk than watch the football, go to parades, or hit the mall.
6. Black Friday isn't a thing - Speaking of malls - Canadians don't have massive shopping sales the day after Thanksgiving. While the US is known for the mayhem of Black Friday, it's just not a thing in Canada. Their biggest discount shopping day in Canada is usually Boxing Day, the day after Christmas.

10/9 Columbus is a national holiday in many countries of the Americas and elsewhere, and a federal holiday in the United States, which officially celebrates the anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas, at Guanahaní, an island in the Bahamas, on October 12, 1492.