

Memorial Day Weekend -
official start of summer?!

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Memorial Day weekend has arrived! For many, this weekend will officially kick off the summer - even if the weather (and water temperature) may not feel like it's summer.

We hope that you are enjoying this holiday weekend with family and friends, while remembering and commemorating the men and women who have died in military service for our country.

We also hope you take some time, perhaps between rain showers, to read this issue of *Shorelines*. While summer may not be in full swing out on the lakes yet, we have been busy planning programs and events for you to enjoy in the coming months!

JOIN NOW

The New Hampshire Lakes Association (NH LAKES) is the only nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting New Hampshire's approximately 1,000 lakes and ponds.

NH LAKES relies on memberships and donations to do its work to achieve its mission.

Membership starts at just \$50 a year - and \$35 if you are a member of your local lake or watershed association!

Please consider becoming a member today - it's easy to join, just [CLICK HERE](#).

or downstream water quality, and it can harm fish and wildlife habitat. Property owners can avoid expensive restoration fees and project set-backs by educating themselves about permit requirements. The sooner you apply for a permit, the easier it will be for your project to stay on track.

The NH Department of Environmental Services' Land Resources Management section can assist you in obtaining the proper permits. DES has many on-line options to help simplify the permitting process. If you are a potential applicant, please visit the [DES Land Resources Management website](#) and use our interactive on-line tools to determine if a permit is required. Additionally, DES created the [Got Permits?](#) poster that can help you quickly determine if a permit is required.

Please help be a steward of the environment and get a permit. Good luck with your projects!

"What a fantastic line-up!"



Registrations are rolling in for the 2014 Lakes Congress, our annual education and networking conference. We have already received a great deal of positive feedback from registrants about the event and it hasn't even taken place yet!

This year's Lakes Congress, which will be held on Friday, June 27, at the Inn at Church Landing on the shores of beautiful Meredith Bay, offers registrants 18 sessions organized within the the following five topic tracks:

- Lake Education
- Lake Advocacy
- Lake & Watershed Management

Public's Help Sought in Finding Loon Poachers.

NH Fish & Game Dept., May 23, [CLICK HERE](#).

Saturday, June 7, Is Free Fishing Day in New Hampshire!

NH Fish & Game Dept., May 12. [CLICK HERE](#).

Maintaining Level Of Winnepesaukee A Delicate Balance For Boaters, Environment.

NH Public Radio, May 12. [CLICK HERE](#).

N.H. lakes groups upset about storm runoff.

Eagle Tribune, April 6, 2014. [CLICK HERE](#).

Upcoming Educational Programs



Be a River Runner! Help the New Hampshire Rivers Council protect our rivers from the spread of aquatic invasive species. Trainings will be held throughout the state in May and June. [CLICK HERE](#).

Book a Cruise on the Floating Classroom on

- Association Management
- Ask the Tax & Nonprofit Organization Policy Expert

We anticipate a sell-out event, so don't delay, register today. Early-bird pricing ends on Sunday, June 1st.

To learn more and to register, [CLICK HERE.](#)

LakeFest 2014: Raft-a-Palooza Update!



Here are a few reminders about *NH LAKES' LakeFest 2014: Raft-a-Palooza*, presented by Binnie Media on Sun. 8/3 at Endicott Rock Park on Lake Winnepesaukee:

1. Memorial Day = Early Bird Registration Deadline!

\$5/boat early bird registration for the Guinness World Record attempt (largest raft of canoes + kayaks) is only good through Memorial Day - don't miss out on big savings **EVERYONE registered for Raft-a-Palooza by 11:59 pm on Memorial Day (Mon. 5/26)** will be automatically entered to win an overnight stay at the The Common Man Inn located in Claremont, NH - plus a \$40 gift card to use at ANY Common Man Family location. **To register, [CLICK HERE.](#)**

2. No Canoe? No Kayak? NO PROBLEM! Reasonably priced rentals can be reserved during online registration (they'll be waiting for you on the beach Sun. 8/3); **[CLICK HERE.](#)**

3. Go Team! Did you know Raft-a-Palooza features a Team competition? Teams will compete against each other for the the most number of boats entered. Teams also have the option to raise funds for their favorite nonprofit, to support

Lake Winnepesaukee this Summer! Hosted by the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association. **[CLICK HERE.](#)**

2014 NH Dept. of Environmental Services Volunteer Lake Assessment Program Annual Workshop: Sat. May 31, Concord, NH. **[CLICK HERE.](#)**

NEC-NALMS New England Lakes Conference. Fri. Jun. 13 - Sat. Jun. 14 Storrs, CT. **[CLICK HERE.](#)**

NH LAKES 2014 Lake Congress: Fri. June 27, Church Landing at Mills Falls, Meredith, NH. **[CLICK HERE.](#)**

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their local Lake Host Program, and to support the work of NH LAKES! To learn more about setting up a team and fundraising opportunities, [CLICK HERE](#).

Want to learn more about Raft-a-Palooza + the free on-land family-friendly festival at LakeFest? And about how this event is a critical educational tool to spread the vital message of using the [Clean, Drain & Dry!](#) practice to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species? Visit www.nhlakefest.org, call 603.226.0299, or email info@nhlakefest.org today for more information.

We can't wait to see you on Sunday, August 3rd, at Endicott Rock Park in Weirs Beach on the beautiful shores of Lake Winnepesaukee!



We hope you enjoyed this issue of *Shorelines* and have a wonderful Memorial Day weekend with family and friends, no matter what the weather brings!

Sincerely,

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