

The New Hampshire Lakes Association



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Welcome to the 2008 Lakes Congress!

- Fifteenth Lakes Congress!
- Most registered attendees ever!



“Back to the Basics: Protecting New Hampshire’s Lakes”

NH LAKES: Background & Mission

- Established in 1992.
- Statewide, non-profit, member-supported organization representing over 26,000 lake enthusiasts and 150 lake associations.
- **Mission: To protect NH's lakes and their watersheds.**
- Collaborates with legislators, state agencies, lake associations, universities, conservation groups, and individuals.



Statewide Lake and Pond Issues

NH LAKES *advocates* for:

- Appropriate public access
- Balanced use
- Improved safety
- Enhanced water quality
- Prevention of exotic aquatic species
- Shoreland and watershed protection
- Wildlife and habitat protection



Statewide Lake and Pond Issues

2008 Legislative Accomplishments:

- Tracking system for septic system performance on developed waterfront property created
- Petition process created for boat mooring requirements for all NH's lakes (not just "big six")
- Lake Winnepesaukee speed limit
- Storm water study commission created
- Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act clarifications



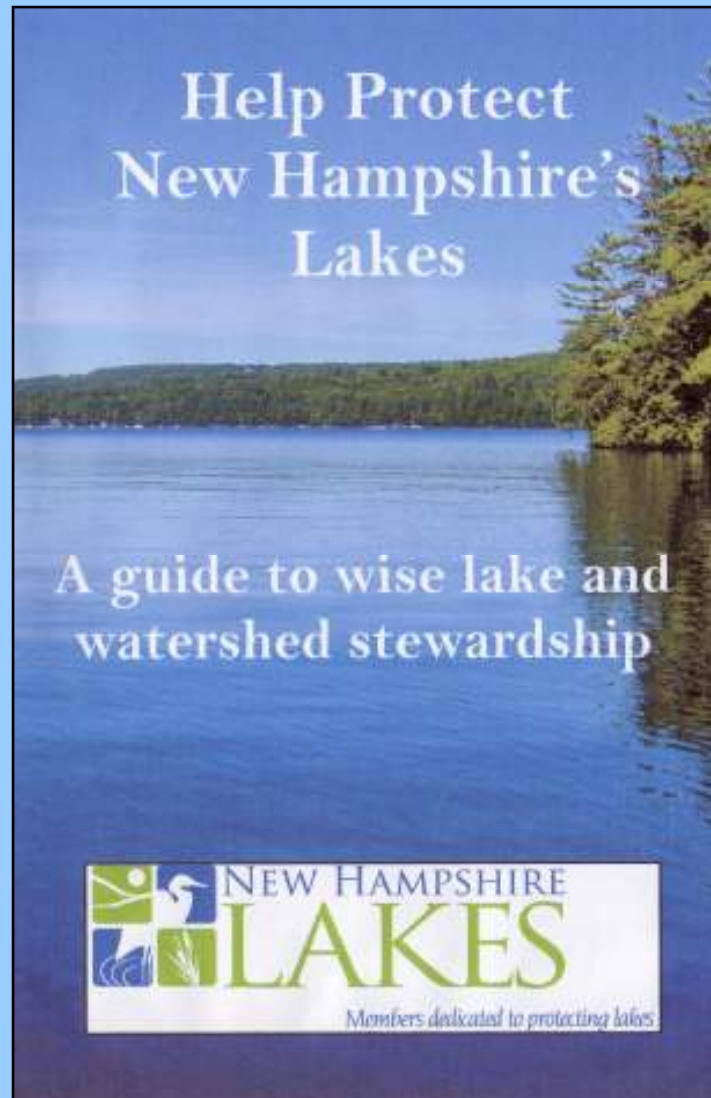
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NH LAKES **educates** and informs through our:

- Quarterly newsletter, *Lakeside*
- Annual Lakes Congress meeting
- Co-hosting annual Watershed Conference
- Website (www.nhlakes.org)
- Speakers Bureau
- Legislative Weekly emails
- Lake Host™ Program
- Lake Conservation CorpsSM Program
- Videos
- Publications



New NH LAKES Publication!



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Lake Conservation CorpsSM Program

- An education program currently under development.
- The goal is to actively involve teenagers in shoreline and watershed land restoration projects to:
 - Improve surface water quality
 - Foster a lifelong interest in the responsible stewardship of natural resources
- Summer 2007 – Initial pilot project
 - Rain garden to protect Newfound River
- Summer 2008 – additional pilot projects (Bradford, Pittsburg)
- Summer 2009 – additional pilot projects (Meredith, Laconia)



NH LAKES Lake Host™ Program

- First line of exotic aquatic plant **PREVENTION.**
- Initiated in 2002.
- Grant program implemented by NH LAKES in cooperation with local groups.
- Funded in part by DES, federal government, lake associations and municipalities.
- Trained paid and volunteer Lake Hosts educate boaters about how to prevent the spread of exotic plants and conduct courtesy boat and trailer inspections to remove “hitchhiking plants.”
- **187,724 inspections have been conducted!**
- **292 “saves” have been made of exotic species either entering or leaving a waterbody!**

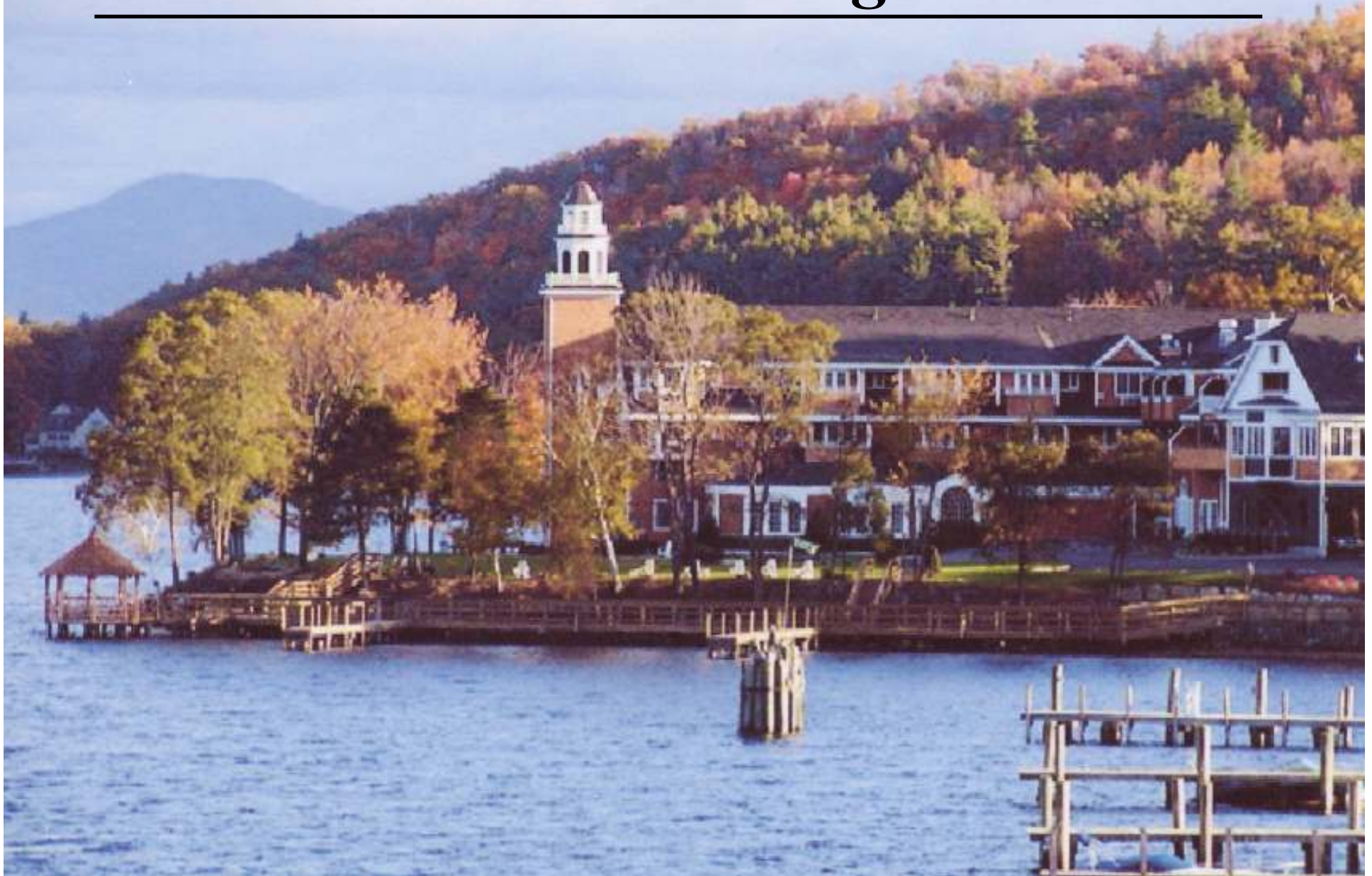


NH LAKES Lake Host™ Program 2008

- 70 participating organizations (68 in 2007).
- 87 ramp sites (82 in 2007).
- Continued Lake Host coverage in the North Country! (Pittsburg and Errol).
- Continued Lake Winnepesaukee coverage! (Meredith, Gilford, Wolfeboro, Tuftonboro)
- Three new lakes this year (Sand Pond, Lake Armington, Lake Winnisquam)!
- **Approximately 6,000 inspections conducted so far and 10 “saves” made!**



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A special thanks to our conference sponsors:

- **The Inns at Mill Falls**
- **Meredith Village Savings Bank**
- **Laconia Savings Bank**
- **Sulloway & Hollis, P.L.L.C**
- **Great Bay Aviation**

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Your conference packet contains:

- **Schedule**
 - Lunch will be held under the tent (weather permitting)
- **Diagram of facility (on back of schedule)**
- **Concurrent session descriptions**
 - Look at your name tag for the listing of concurrent sessions you pre-registered for.
- **Concurrent exhibitor session descriptions**
 - List of corporate exhibitors and contact information
- **List of attendees**
- **Evaluation form**

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Please be sure to...

- **Network with other attendees!**
- **Visit the exhibitors**
 - **Chris Craft Room, Alcove, Election Room**
- **Purchase kayak raffle tickets (in registration area)**
 - **Must be present to win!**
 - **Drawing at conclusion of conference (3:30 pm) before NH LAKES Annual Business Meeting.**

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Please be sure to...

- **Visit the NH LAKES booth in the registration area to:**
 - **Purchase NH LAKES “Help Protect New Hampshire’s Lakes” publication**
 - **Purchase NH LAKES educational t-shirt**
 - **Learn more about NH LAKES and how to join or donate!**

- **Turn in evaluation form at end of day to let us know how you enjoyed the conference!**
 - **Return your completed form to box in each meeting room or at registration area.**

Protecting New Hampshire's lakes and their watersheds!

- Thank you for attending the 2008 Lakes Congress!
- Please consider becoming an individual member of NH LAKES. (There is strength in numbers!)
- Enjoy the day!

For more information, visit:

www.nhlakes.org

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(603) 226-0299.



Members dedicated to protecting lakes