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### Lake Appreciation Day Schedule Taking Shape

COOPERSTOWN – A full day of outdoor fun is planned for Lake Appreciation Day, to be held on Saturday, July 11 at Glimmerglass State Park. The event will kick off with a youth trail clean-up program, which will be followed by a number of recreational and educational outdoor activities and a pot-luck lunch. Visitors are also invited to “treasure hunt” along the trails of the park for a Glimmerglass Opera water bottle with a free pair of opera tickets hidden inside.

Sponsored by Otsego County Conservation Association, along with Glimmerglass State Park, Friends of Glimmerglass State Park, Inc. and the Otsego Lake Association, Lake Appreciation Day will include:

- New York State Office of Parks, Recreational and Historic Preservation biologist Tom Hughes, who will conduct a “show and tell” session on aquatic life netted from the lake and/or beaver pond
- Fly tying and fly casting demonstration by members of Trout Unlimited, Upper Susquehanna Chapter, offering hands-on opportunities for both adults and children
- Nature Explorer Children’s Program for ages 5-12
- Youth trail clean-up of the Sleeping Lion Trail, made possible by the Stewart’s Holiday Match program
- Hike of the Sleeping Lion Trail, led by field specialist Joseph Homburger of the Otsego Land Trust
- Canoes provided by Otsego County Conservation Association
- Pot-luck lunch
- Educational exhibits by lake-focused organizations in the Lake View and Beach Front enclosed pavilions

The pot-luck lunch begins at noon. Lake Appreciation Day attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass, along with their own table service and cups. Beverages will be provided.

Glimmerglass State Park, located eight miles outside the Village of Cooperstown, overlooks Otsego Lake, the “Glimmerglass” of James Fenimore Cooper's Leatherstocking Tales. The rolling, partially-wooded terrain is host to a wide variety of wildlife. The Sleeping Lion uphill trail through the forest affords a spectacular view of Otsego Lake while walking through majestic white pines, hemlocks, and hardwoods. The Beaver Pond and Woodland trails are picturesque and of interest for their variety of wildflowers, shrubs, ferns, and mosses. The Hyde Hall Mansion, covered bridge, and a self-guided Beaver Pond Nature Trail are within park boundaries and open to visitors.

Other park amenities and activities include beach, campsites, concessions, biking, fishing, and playground.

The Nature Explorer Children's Program is new to the park this year. Visitors are invited to stop at the park office to pick up a Nature Explorer booklet to learn more about the abundant nature and wildlife the park offers. Activities in the booklet may be completed either individually or in a group, in one day or over several visits. An Explorer Pin will be awarded to participants upon return of the book to the park office anytime during the 2009 park season. This free educational program is sponsored by Friends of Glimmerglass State Park, Inc. and made possible through the Minnie Marsh White Children's Fund, KeyBank as trustee.

On Friday evening, July 10, Friends of Glimmerglass continues its free outdoor movie series with a showing of "Marley and Me" (PG). The movie will begin at dark at the West Shelter – admission is free, and the film will be shown under cover if it is raining.

All are invited to enjoy a day with family and friends on the beaches of Otsego Lake. Admission to Glimmerglass State Park is \$7 per car – Empire Passport accepted. Boaters are encouraged to paddle in for the day. Organizers are still firming up schedule and exhibitor details – for more information, call (607) 547-4488.

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