

James River Batteau Festival

Buddy High, Chairman

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Greetings to all,

The weather is getting warm, lots of talk of flipping the batteau and the river is calling. I know we are all getting anxious. It won't be long at all until the 24th Annual James River Batteau Festival. It will be so nice to be with all of you for our week of fun and fellowship.

I am sure all of you know it takes a lot of preparation to get all the sites and permits ready for an event such as this. We start early in the year making sure all the landowners will permit us to use the sites. We are so fortunate to have all these sites. This brings me to one site especially.

For a long time we have had to pay for the site on the other side at Howardsville, we had to always wonder about the meals as well. The current site we use owned by Jimmy Crews is a wonderful site and requires some stipulations if we want to keep the site. He goes to a lot of trouble to accommodate our needs. He works with his civic group to prepare a good meal with the proceeds going to them. His stipulation is that we do not prepare any food to be served to groups on his property. If your crew is cooking for their own crew that is fine but please do not cook for the whole camp. Also remember we are subject to health inspectors at all sites with the responsibility of permits being on whoever is preparing the meal.

Another stipulation with all of the sites is that we not skip a day early to the next site. When we ask for permission to use the campsite, we ask for a particular date. This information goes on our insurance documentation and we are given the ok from the landowner for this date. We ask that you keep this in mind as all responsibility for any happenings would fall on you personally should you not follow the Batteau festival schedule.

Please remember it is increasingly hard to keep our sites and have someone willing to follow the regulations of preparing a meal for our group. I ask for your cooperation in the hopes that we can all continue to enjoy all the sites we have.

Hope to see all of you at the next membership meeting on Sunday May 17th @ Faber Emergency Building in Faber, Va. Please do not hesitate calling me should you have any questions or concerns.

Hoping to see you soon,
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Chairman JRBF

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