

NH LAKES & LAUREL LAKE ASSOCIATION

2024 LAKE HOST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Just 5+ hours of your time this summer can make a huge difference for our water quality!

The **Lake Host Program** is a courtesy boat inspection program administered by NH LAKES in cooperation with the Laurel Lake Association to **prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS), plants and animals from regional bodies of water**. We are very fortunate to have kept variable milfoil and other invasives like Asian clams from Laurel Lake.

The Lake Host Program is our first line of defense in keeping aquatic invasive species from Laurel Lake. In New Hampshire, boats must be cleaned, drained, and dried when removed from any body of water and before being re-launched into a lake or pond.

Laurel Lake Host Volunteer Inspectors:

- Are **not enforcers** of local or state ordinances, rules, or laws.
- Staff the Laurel Lake boat ramp for **2-4 hour shifts**.
- **Greet all arriving and departing boaters and visitors.**
- **Increase public awareness of aquatic invasive species prevention methods and encourage boaters to practice the “Clean, Drain, and Dry” method of prevention.**
- **Conduct boat and trailer inspections with boaters’ permission** and help boaters remove potentially invasive plants and animals from boats, trailers, and gear.
- Collect and enter **boater survey data**.
- Receive a **free Lake Host t-shirt** with 5+ total volunteer hours.

**Laurel Lake’s water quality is rated as among the best in NH –
Let’s keep it that way!**

Any Laurel Lake community members (18 years or older) who are interested in keeping our lake healthy and free from invasive species by volunteering a few hours a week as a 2024 Volunteer Lake Host Inspector or who have questions about the Lake Host Program should contact:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN VOLUNTEERING AS A LAUREL LAKE HOST!