

# NH LAKES & LAUREL LAKE ASSOCIATION

## 2023 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 2023 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!**