

BALFOUR BASH XXVIII (28)

FAQs

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Dear Friends and Fellow Bashers:

We are thrilled to host Balfour Bash XXVIII (28), a private music fest in the heart of New York's six million acre Adirondack Park. After canceling last year, we are thrilled to be back – and bigger and better than ever. This year, for the “Last and Final Bash,” we have expanded to four days, six bands, and more friends and family. Help us to make this final fest one to remember.

Here we share with you some very important information that we think you need to know, to assure that your visit is fun, safe, and memorable.

This will be a weekend of music, food, friends, and good times, built around our reoccurring theme: Peace, Love, Music, and Understanding.

Who:

This is a by-invitation private music fest. We have invited about 100 friends and family. If you are invited, your family is welcome too. If you have a friend that you think we would all enjoy partying with, please give us a call to add them to the guest list. The Bash is for friends and family, and friends and family of friends and family.

What:

While we are planning for a long weekend of fun in the Adirondacks, the main event is Friday and Saturday. Here is a guide to weekend to help you decide what you want to do

When:

- **Thursday – August 6**

This is the pre-game. The crowd will be smaller and more intimate. For those arriving early and who are interested, we begin with a rafting trip down the Hudson River, with local outfitter Square Eddy. If you want in on this rafting trip, please contact Square Eddy directly at www.squareeddy.com. Use Code *Balfour Bash*. Separate registration and fees apply. Square Eddy is located in North Creek across the street from the Public House Hotel. It is an all day trip, tentatively departing at 8 a.m. and returning by 3 p.m. That will get you back to North Creek with time to get up to the Bash for the pre-game dinner and fireside concert that evening.

The pre-game begins at our camp at Balfour Lake at 4 p.m. with an *al fresco* dinner on the Lodge porch. Seating is limited to the first 40 guests. If you are coming for dinner, please separately register for this on the website so we can count you in. Following dinner, the Adirondack's favorite daughter and guitarist, Margo Macero, will be performing fireside starting at 7 p.m. Margo is amazing, and you don't want to miss her. Typically, she performs on a large stage with a full band. This special acoustic solo performance is sure to be something unique. Bring a sweater for the cool August Adirondack evening, and don't forget your lawn chair. If you got closed out of the dinner because you waited too long to register, you may still come up for the concert.

- **Friday – August 7**

The Bash begins on Friday – Day One

High Peaks Optional Golf Outing: The first full-day of the Bash begins with a 9-hole golf outing for those of you who want to partake – no pressure if you don't. Veteran Basher and Long-time Duffer Bruce Sussman will lead the outing at High Peaks Golf Course located just 15 minutes away in Newcomb New York. Separate Green Fees apply. If you want to get in on this fun outing, indicate that on the registration form and we will put you in touch with Bruce. The 8:30 T-time will allow you to play the round and be back at the Bash for the opening act. This golf course is a beautiful par-33 layout, known for its scenic mountain views and challenging hilly fairways suitable for all skill levels. Positioned in the shadow of the High Peaks, the green vistas and views of Mount Marcy, Gothics, and Dix are amazing.

Honesty: Back at the Bash, the opening band kicks it off from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. House Band – Honesty, a Billy Joel Style Tribute is the feature. We call it Honesty, because in all honesty, we have no business doing this – but for an opener – we will have a little fun and enjoy the moment. This is the only amateur band in the lineup, so be kind and get in the Bash spirit and vibe.

Mischief: Party band Mischief follows from 1 – 4 p.m. Hailing from the Capitol Region, Mischief has a big following and is sure to please a wide range of musical tastes.

Group Photo: Following Mischief, we will take the official group picture on the Lodge steps at 4:15 p.m. Each year a few people miss the picture, saying “I didn’t know when it was.” Now you know. If you ordered an official Bash T-Shirt, now is the time to put it on.

Gold Sun: We finish our first full day with Gold Sun, a Caribbean Style/Bob Marley tribute band, which takes the stage at 6 p.m. Their fun and danceable set runs until about 9 p.m.

Day One After Party: Following Dinner and Gold Sun, for those who still have the staying power, we will gather around the campfire to enjoy the beautiful Adirondack evening sky and star show. On this date the moon will be in a Waning Crescent phase (34 -40% illuminated), and so the stars should be visible – weather permitting. If you have a guitar, please bring it. Don’t forget your marsh mellow stick.

- **Saturday – August 8.**

The Bash continues on Saturday – Day Two.

Maggies Clan: Day Two of the Bash resumes with Maggies Clan, an awesome Celtic rock band out of the North Country. Maggies Clan helps us pay tribute to the roots of our Minerva Town, also known informally as “Irish Town.” They take the Porch Stage from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Bring your kilts!

Barnyard Saints: Barnyard Saints – an Outlaw Southern Rock band resets the tone from 3 to 6 p.m. Their mix of country rock will have you shooting Bourbon and Whisky like a pro.

Haze Riders: The Bash headline Act Haze Riders closes out the Bash on Saturday Night from 6:30 - 9 p.m. with Allman Brothers, Doors, and Pink Floyd favorites. Save some energy for this closing act – always a crowd pleaser.

Day Two After Party: If you have anything left, stay for the evening fire as we calm things down for a quiet night watching stars and reflecting on the day’s events.

- **Sunday – August 13**

Departure Day. This is the closing day. There will be a pancake breakfast for campers and those who are staying in the area who want to drop by for a quiet goodbye. We will start around 8:30 a.m. Come sit by the lake and enjoy quiet conversation, as we detox from the Bash. We ask that you depart no later than 12 noon, as we will need the afternoon to break things down and clean up. If you are joining us for Sunday breakfast, please let us know in advance so we can plan.

- **Other Artists and Special Guests**

In between these acts, guests with musical instruments or a compelling story or a few jokes to tell are invited to fill in the gaps. Do not be shy – You are among friends. We anticipate:

- Kevin Shanman
- ITK Men's Chorus
- Ben Jamming – Base Stylings
- Rachel Cohen
- Perry and Friends
- And more

Where:

The Bash will be held at our Balfour Lake Camp, which is located at 2973 State Route 28N, Minerva, NY, 12851. Camp is located approximately in the center of New York State's Six Million Acre Adirondack Park, at the very northern end of Balfour Lake in the Town of Minerva. You should use Google maps or something similar for exact directions.

Coordinates: 43.8557582°N, -74.009865°W

Elevation: 1,788 feet (545 meters)

Food:

We will be serving casual meals throughout the Bash. A simple pancake or continental breakfast will be available Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings for campers and others staying on or close to camp.

During the day expect BBQ-style and one-dish meals such as hamburgers, hotdogs, chili, corn, hand-helds, finger food, etc.

There will be simple snacks throughout the day between meals.

If you are joining us Thursday, the dinner is a sit-down. All other meals are self-serve. If you have special dietary needs or want to supplement, please pack it in. This will not be a heavily catered event. This year we welcome Chef Donna to help with dinners. The rest is all being handled by family and friends. Are you good on a grill? Do you flip pancakes like a pro? Let us know, we can use the assist.

Drink:

Keg beer will be constantly on tap and lots of refreshing cold water from our own 465-foot-deep well that accesses ancient, clear, clean sparkling Adirondack water. Do you prefer soda or another drink, please bring what you prefer.

Weather Forecast:

Check your preferred app, but do dress accordingly and bring a change of clothing in case of changing weather conditions. Please keep in mind that our temperature can vary by 10 degrees from the weather app, due to the elevation and unique topography in the Vanderwhacker Mountain Preserve, which is the area we are located in.

Digital Connectivity:

When you are at Balfour Lake Camp you will be off the cellular grid. You will not have cellphone service, no matter who your provider is. Your last cell phone service will be in the Town of Minerva, about 6 miles south of camp. If you need to check your email or txt messages, stop in Minerva at Sporty's Iron Duke Saloon before making the final 8 mile approach to camp. Once you go over Minerva Hill you are going to be off the grid. If you cannot be disconnected, this may not be the event for you.

This year we do have Starlink, which will provide limited cell phone service, that we will use for emergency services only. If you need to connect in an emergency, please speak with the hosts for access information. In order to access Starlink, you must enable VOIP in your phone settings.

Telephone – You may contact the hosts at (631) 387-1055 (David) or 1056 (Jamila). If you have access to the Starlink, you may use your regular phone number for outgoing calls and don't need a special phone number.

Wifi, TV, Streaming Service - Not Available. Plan accordingly. Download your music playlists before arriving, switch to airplane mode and store pictures for upload later.

Parking:

No cars are permitted past the John Balfour Memorial Bridge at the North end of Balfour Lake, which you will see when you enter the camp. If you are car camping, please see a host before crossing the bridge. Otherwise, parking is permitted as follows:

- On the Basketball Court;
- Head-in on the grassy knoll between the Basketball Court and the Bridge;
- In the "turn around" located at the driveway entrance; and
- On Route 28N – Please pull safely onto the shoulder and be very careful of speeding cars along the public highway.

NO PARKING anywhere along the gravel roadway on camp property, as we must keep that one-lane access road clear for supplies, band members arriving and departing, and emergency vehicles.

Bathroom and Shower Facilities:

Regretfully, our septic system is not sufficient for a large crowd. We have arranged for "porta potties" to be located on the east side of the John Balfour Memorial Bridge in the parking area. Please use these should the need arise. Please be courteous to other guests and be neat and clean – your mother will not be here to clean up after you. There are no showers, although if you are camping overnight, you will find Balfour Lake on the north end really nice for a rise in the morning. Please, if you are using soap in the lake...use the appropriate biodegradable camp soap, such as Dr. Bonners.

If needed, there will be a cooling station on the north side of the Lodge. If you need to hose off, that is the spot to do it.

What to Bring:

If you are camping overnight, please refer to this list and Section: Camping. If you are visiting just during the daytime, we strongly recommend that you bring the following:

- **Comfortable lawn chair and/or lawn blanket (you will be sorry if you don't bring a chair – if you are flying in, please let us and know and we will have a chair for you);**
- Towel – at least one. Two if you are thinking about swimming;
- Suntan lotion, particularly if you have fair skin;
- Hat with a wide brim (You'll be glad you did);
- Bug spray (They should not be that bad this time of year; but, always come to the mountains prepared for battle;
- Sunglasses – a definite;
- Bathing suit – this is a family event – no skinny dipping;
- Water shoes – Strongly recommended if you are planning to go into the Lake (*See, Warning, infra*)
- Decent walking/hiking shoes;
- Light jacket or sweater for the evening (it will be cool at 1,800 feet above sea level – about twice the height of the Empire State Building);
- Shorts for day/pants for night (they also protect against bug bites);
- Refillable Water Bottle (you can't drink beer all day – ITK excepted);
- Ear Plugs if you are sensitive to loud music (or just move away from the porch); and
- Any prescription medication you require (Please see a host if your meds require refrigeration).

Here are some optional items you may want to bring, depending upon your interests:

- Fishing rod;
- Frisbee (we have one or two);
- Guitars and other musical instruments;
- Kite;
- Soccer/volley/footballs;
- Baseball and gloves; and
- Anything else that is wholesome and fun.

Swimming:

We do not recommend swimming, as there will be no lifeguard on duty. Balfour is a public lake, and so if you elect to swim in public waters, please note that you swim at your own risk. That being said, the northern end is fairly shallow for the first 30 feet or so. If you just want to wade in, you may find that refreshing. However, we strongly recommend that you wear water shoes if you do. The Balfour Lake shoreline has been inhabited for nearly 200 years, and there is debris on the lake floor. Avoid the possibility of an injury or cut by wearing water shoes. Don't have them?: bring an old pair of sneakers. They work fine. You will thank us for this recommendation.

ABSOLUTELY NO DIVING off the dock:

The water level at the dock is not deep enough for diving and you risk serious injury if you do. If you are going to ignore our recommendation about swimming, enter at the north end by wading in by the bridge, or at the main dock by using the ladder only. Enjoy the water, which is about 4 – 5 feet deep at dockside. Please note that the water drops off quickly to about 22 feet once you move away from the dock. Be mindful of your swimming ability and pay attention to the current and changing weather conditions.

Life Jacket/Preserver:

Do you have a life jacket/vest? We strongly recommend that you bring it and wear it in the water, even if you are a strong swimmer. Life jackets make it fun to float around safely.

Boating:

Our kayaks will be available only until the official start of the celebration on Friday. If you want to kayak, please bring your own life vest and arrive on Thursday. Once the party starts, we will not be making boats available for safety reasons. Please do not launch one after that time.

Camping at Balfour:

Campers may arrive any time starting Thursday. If you need to arrive earlier, please check with the hosts. Please make sure we know your estimated arrival time, so we may plan accordingly. Please camp in one of the three designated grassy areas with other campers. If you are camping, please plan to depart on Sunday after breakfast – we need the afternoon to clean up.

Area 1 – Tent City: Located behind the gym on the old tennis courts, Tent City is the main campsite for anyone with a Tent. While it should not be rowdy, campers should expect that this area will have some noise and people hanging around the campfire into the late-night hours. This is not the family friendly site for those with young children. Please: No cars here. Need to move your gear from the parking area to Tent City? We will have volunteers running the Gator – to help move your stuff.

Area 2 – Family Friendly: Located on the knoll overlooking the Main Lodge, this area is the secondary campsite for those who want a quiet site. Campers in this area should respect the quiet hours. This area is also family friendly. Alcohol and smoking are not permitted here. Again, No cars here. Need to move your gear from the parking area to Tent City? We will have volunteers running the Gator to help move your stuff.

Area 3 – RV Park: located in front of the gym, this area is for those who are bringing an RV or want to Car Camp. This area was selected because it has a gravel base and can support the weight of your rig or vehicle without leaving tire marks on the ground. Please do not bring your RV or Car into other areas. Please note we have no hook-up sites. If you are RV camping, you are boondocking. Please make sure your rig is equipped accordingly. If you prefer a hookup, we are pleased to recommend Newcomb Café and Campground, just 12 minutes down the road.

We strongly **discourage wilderness camping** in the woods as this is rustic territory and there are wild animals and unknown hazards on the land.

NO FOOD is permitted in any camping areas. This includes leaving food in any vehicle that may be granted access to the camping areas. Do not become a newspaper headline. Leave your food at home – there is enough at the party. If you have special dietary needs and need to bring your own food, make sure it is secured in a cooler and stored inside the Main Lodge at night.

Additional thoughts for campers:

- Tents: we recommend self-supporting tents that use shock poles. If the weather changes unexpectedly you can move the tent inside the gym;
- Ground tarp under the tent is always a smart move;
- Rain Fly, subject to weather;
- Sleeping bag;
- Flashlight – a definite – particularly if you need to find the facilities at night – Please be careful you don't drop your cellphone into the porta potty. It happens – we know.
- Extra roll of toilet paper – hey you never know if the supply ran out;
- Water bottle;
- Air mattress or equivalent (the ground is hard and you are not getting any younger. If it rains and you move inside the gym, you will be a happy camper);

Day Tripper Camping (suggestion):

If you are staying at an area hotel or Airbnb, you may want to consider bringing a small tent or screen room as a place to retreat to during the Bash. We have a lot planned for the weekend, and you may appreciate having a small tent to rest in, so you don't have to head back to your hotel or BNB for a break. If you are Day Tripper Camping, set up in Area 2, which is closest to the Lodge.

Car Camping:

If you are car camping you are with the RVs in Area 3. Please do not move your vehicle onto the main property beyond the bridge until you have notified your hosts. We will guide you to the camping area in order to minimize the impact of your tires on the ground.

Campfires:

We will have a campfire each evening when the sun begins to set, and one solo stove campfire in Tent City if needed. Please do not light any other campfires on the property. There are enough forest fires burning out west. We do not need one here.

Alcohol:

We will have a nice selection of beers, with two on tap throughout the Bash for adults 21 and over. Please drink responsibly. We will not serve anyone who is visibly intoxicated and seems unable to exercise good judgment. Don't be that person. Really, don't.

You may BYOB, but please drink responsibly. However – **NO GLASS**. If you are bringing your own, please use cans and/or transfer your drinks into plastic cups and containers while walking around the Bash.

DO NOT DRIVE UNDER THE INFLUENCE. Be mindful of the time and when you plan to drive. Use a designated driver appropriately.

The Most Amazing Water You Have Ever Had:

In addition to Beer, we will keep a cooler filled with fresh water from our own ancient Adirondack well. The well is 465 feet deep and taps into the coldest, cleanest, most refreshing ancient water you have ever had. Bring your own water bottle, fill it at the cooler, and stay hydrated.

Smoking and Vaping

Please smoke and vape responsibly. Please be mindful of those around you, particularly minors. Move to less crowded areas in appropriate situations. **DO NOT DRIVE BUZZED.** Be mindful of the time and when you plan to drive. Reminder: please do not drink, smoke or vape in Camping Area 2, as this is a family friendly site.

Drugs and other Illegal Substances:

No. Just – No! Do not make me call you out – I will. If it's legal in New York State, you may bring it. Otherwise, No.

Personal Coolers:

If you have a cooler – please bring them for your personal drinks. Don't forget the ice. We do not have an icemaker on the premises.

Attitudes and Politics:

Leave your attitudes and politics at home, and arrive with a thick skin ready to enjoy the Bash. Don't be nasty or obnoxious. Do be considerate, welcoming, and fun. Remember, we are all family and friends. Let's make good memories together of the Last and Final Bash.

Dress Code:

There is no dress code – Music Festival Casual is the best way to describe it. Consider the weather and your own tolerance for full sun and cool evenings. Depending on when you arrive and when you depart, it could be a long day. So, plan ahead. You may even want a light blanket, when you're sitting around the campfire.

For those of you so inclined, the dockside campfire area is once again designated as Clothing Optional. Adults only in this area, please ☺ Don't be an Uncle Mike- remember your sunscreen!

Pets and other Fury Friends:

Sorry, we are Not Pet Friendly. Please leave Fido and Topcat at home. If you have a service animal that we have already approved they are welcome. However, you are responsible for cleaning up after your dog, and leashing him or her appropriately. Please do not allow any fury friend to run freely.

About the Adirondack Park:

New York State's Adirondack Park consists of more than 6,000,000 acres of public and private lands. It is the largest State Park in the lower 48 states and is larger than most of the national parks combined. The Adirondack Park was and is a bold experiment in conservation, and in public/private land management - one of the most successful experiments of this type in the world. The Adirondack Park is the only fully intact primeval forest remaining in the continental United States. You can learn more about this unique and special place we call home online.

A Brief History of Balfour Lake Camp:

Prior to the mid 1800's when John Balfour and his family settled here, this body of water was called Long Pond, due to its shape and length of approximately one mile. It is a crater lake created by the receding glaciers in the last ice age and is located wholly within the Vanderwhacker Mountain watershed. You can learn more about the geology of this beautiful and clean natural body of water online.

John Balfour enlisted in the NY 119th Regiment and fought for the Union Army in the U.S. Civil War. An American patriot, he died of his injuries on May 15, 1862 at the Battle of Drewry's Bluff in Chesterfield County, Virginia during the war. After his death, the lake was renamed for him and his family.

The Balfour family faded from Minerva history and folklore around the turn of the last century. Sometime after 1900, the property was purchased by Sol Amster, a NYC school teacher who dreamed about opening a children's camp. Balfour Lake Camp for Boys opened in 1919, making it one of the original sleepaway camps in the emerging American children's camping movement. In those days, affluent families from downstate would send their children to camp in the mountains, particularly in the days of Tuberculosis, for health reasons. (Nearby Saranac Lake was the center of TB care in that era). Medical professionals of that day felt that the fresh cool mountain air was the best way to restore and maintain good health. (Today we just shut everything down and isolate.)

In those early days, long before the modern Northway and New York State Thruway were constructed, to get to Balfour Lake Camp, Balfourians would depart for camp by steamship from the piers in New York City. They would steam up the Hudson River overnight, to arrive at the Port of Albany the next morning. Once in Albany, they would transfer to steam locomotive powered trains, which transported them through the great northern forest to North Creek, NY. From the North Creek train depot, the campers would board horse-drawn stagecoaches for the 15 mile trek over unpaved logging roads to through Minerva to final destination at Balfour Lake – in what was then Aiden Lair. (And you thought your drive up along the modern limited access NYS Thruway in an air conditioned vehicle was tedious, lol.

Point of Reference - North Creek, NY is where Teddy Roosevelt ended his "wild ride" and was sworn in as the 26th President of the United States following the assassination of President William McKinley at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, NY on September 5, 1901. Teddy Roosevelt passed Balfour Lake in a horse drawn carriage on his way to North Creek from his campsite at Lake Tear of the Clouds – the headwaters of the Hudson River. Local legend says he stopped along the way to use the facilities at Balfour and to change horses.

Sol Amster later sold Balfour Lake Camp for Boys and moved down the lake to open Camp Che-Na-Wah for Girls. For many years Balfour and Che-Na-Wah were brother/sister camps. Camp Che-Na-Wah became the summer home of Sol's niece, Ruth Bader Ginsberg (RBG), who went on to become an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court. When you swim in Balfour Lake, you are steeping yourself in the same stuff that made RBG the dynamo she became. Still later, Sol sold Che-Na-Wah and moved to the south end of Balfour Lake to open Camp Baco. You can clearly see Camp Baco when looking south across the lake from our camp. Baco then became the brother camp to Che-Na-Wah and a major lawsuit ensued between all the camps, which went all the way the New York State Court of Appeals. If you are interested in learning more about the legal history and are interested in finding out how that case was ultimately resolved by the Court of Appeals, just ask. The story is riveting.

Balfour Lake Camp continued as a boys-only camp until 1976, when declining youth population, airplane travel, and the opening of Disneyland and World led to its closure. Afterwards, from 1976 to 1998, the property was used as a private hunting camp, before we were fortunate to acquire it in October of that year.

For the last 28 years Balfour Lake Camp has been our second family home and the site of many wonderful memories. That is why this private music fest is Balfour Bash XXVIII – you didn't miss the first 27 parties :)

First Aid:

We hope that you will enjoy your time safe and injury free. Should the need arise, we have a first-aid kit in the Lodge. Should you feel ill or become injured, please notify any host ASAP. If necessary, we will call for emergency assistance. Please report any injuries, no matter how minor you think it is.

Thank you for being part of Balfour Bash XXVIII – A Celebration of Peace, Love, Music, and Understanding. As Elvis Costello said, "What's so funny about..." We are glad you are coming!

Suggested Donations:

To continue our sustainable model for this music fest, we ask that you consider making a donation towards the music, food, and drink. Many have asked what we think is proper, so we just say around \$99 per working adult if you will be here from Friday on. Kids and unemployed adults are on us.

If you are arriving for the pre-game Thursday dinner and the fireside concert, add \$20.

Please remember that this is just a suggestion. We really appreciate those of you who went above and beyond in the past, and we totally are cool with those who were unable to make a financial contribution.

Please remember, that if you are financially tight, we really do still want you to come. It's not about the money. You can opt to help out instead of making a donation – we can always use a few extra hands.

Please do not let money be an obstacle. Again, this is just guideline. In the end donate what you can, and don't if you can't – just give till it hurts 😊

To make a donation, first fill out the registration form on our website so we know what you are doing, and then use Venmo. It's all on the website.

Festival Merch:

Festival T-Shirts and Official Bash Posters will be available by advance order only. This year we are also making available a Bucket Hat, similar to the one worn by our mascot Baloo Bear in the Logo. There will also be a Cooper Fox-Style glass etched mug (IYKYK), for those who prefer not to drink out of plastic party cups – again only by advance order. When you register to attend, we will send you ordering information. No pressure. We don't mark up the items, we just want you to have what you want.

WARNINGS AND LEGAL DISCLAIMERS:

Here are the warnings and legal disclaimers.

Balfour Lake Camp consists of nearly 70 acres of cleared and uncleared lands in the Forever Wild Adirondack State Park. It is completely surrounded on all sides by hundreds of thousands of acres of uninhabited forest. You can get lost out there. Our property has been occupied in one form or another

for nearly 180 years. There are hazards on the property known and unknown. Be careful and always use good judgement. This is not an amusement park that has been “sanitized and made safe.” Please stay out of the forested lands and enjoy the grassy mowed sections of the property instead. Walk with your eyes open as the ground is uneven in many spots.

DO NOT ENTER the abandoned cabin. Enjoy the architecture from outside. The inside is unsafe and you can fall through the floor.

DO NOT BRING ANY FOOD to the camping area. **DO NOT LEAVE FOOD** in your car. You will attract large, wild, unfriendly animals. Do not become Sunday’s newspaper headline.

NO FIREARMS or WEAPONS.

SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK. There is no lifeguard on duty. **NO DIVING:** The water is too shallow.

NEVER SWIM ALONE. Always have a buddy with you and tell someone when you are entering the water. NO Swimming after dusk whatsoever. Wear a life vest even if you are a strong swimmer.

No kayaking after Thursday. If you kayak, you must wear a life vest. We have a few small and medium ones you may borrow. If those sizes do not work, bring one of your own.

If you want to enjoy Balfour Lake – bring and wear a life vest and water shoes. You will thank us.

Strong Recommendation – **Do not wear perfume, cologne, or highly scented personal hygiene and hair products** – unless you want to be a magnet for bugs. They will think you are a flower. In that case, you may be sitting alone.

Additional Questions?

Ask one of the hosts or email us: bal4lake@gmail.com