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## **Otsego Lake meeting to feature seminars, snacks**

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The Otsego Lake Association will hold its 2013 annual meeting at historic Camp Minnetoska, a former Girl Scout camp now privately owned by the Clark Foundation, located at 759 County Highway 31 north of the village of Cooperstown.

A full program of topics related to Otsego Lake nostalgia will be offered free of charge to association members and non-members Saturday, Aug. 17, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The Saturday morning events kick off with coffee and doughnuts, yogurt (donated by Chobani), and a version of “Dough Boys,” a favorite campfire snack, prior to the brief business meeting, which will include the election of officers and the presentation of the Lake Citizen Award.

Following the meeting, Paul Lord, faculty member of the SUCO Biological Field Station will present the first public display of video of two wrecks recently found in Otsego Lake.

Professor Cindy Falk, of the Cooperstown Graduate Program (CGP), has prepared a slideshow using images from the NYSHA library collection and contemporary lake camp photographs of noted photographer, Richard Duncan.

Curator Sue Friedlander, who will talk about the Overnight Children’s Camps, says, “Generations of children attended camp here on Otsego Lake from the 1910s into the 1970s, participating in everything from interpretive dance and opera to swimming, riding and craft-making. “

Professor Will Walker and students from the CPG will share oral histories from their Community Stories project.

According to OLA President Wayne Bunn, “The Otsego Lake Association is hoping people will enjoy the presentations and feel free to share their own histories and stories of camps. We also encourage people to bring their lake-related items to share.”

In addition to the presentations, Friedlander will provide a scanner to record photos that residents may wish to preserve; Walker and students from the CPG will provide transcripts of selected portions from the oral histories to distribute as well as a listening station where attendees can hear the selections. Participants who wish to share their own memories of the lake may sign up to be considered as possible future interviewees.

Photo panels from the exhibition, “Lake Otsego: Past and Present,” courtesy of NYSHA and the Otesaga Hotel will be displayed, alongside the famous “Aqua-cycle,” which was discovered by local divers a few years ago. The event will also feature a Silent Auction.

A representative from the Farmer's Museum Gift Shop will sell autographed copies of Richard Duncan's and Cindy Falk's books. In addition, Otsego Lake Association branded clothing will be on sale.

The Otsego Lake Association is grateful to following organizations and individuals who have encouraged the planning of this program: Clark Foundation, CGP, Chobani Yogurt, NYSHA, OCCA, Otsego Resort Hotel, Stagecoach Coffee, SUCO/BFS, Richard Duncan, Cindy Falk, Sue Friedlander, Paul Lord, and Will Walker.

As Camp Minnetoska remains a rustic camp, participants are advised that the terrain may be uneven and practical footwear is advised.

For more information, call 518-542-6630