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BLOG: ANOTHER SUNNY DAY ON SQUAM

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We traveled south to Exit 25 on Friday to join the GSA Tour of the Squam Lake area. We are not as familiar with this area as we are with the White Mountain area, so it was a wonderful learning opportunity for us.

Meeting at the *Squam Lakes Natural Science Center*, we were greeted by Amanda Gillen, and then we walked a short distance to the docks to board the boat and begin our tour. The weather could not have been more perfect. Captain Don welcomed us and we were soon off for a 90 minute cruise. As we headed out to *Rockywold/Deephaven Camp*, Capt. Don pointed out the sights. What a view of Rattlesnake Mountain!



We docked at *Rockywold-Deephaven* and were greeted by Kathy Wheeler. She brought us for a short walk where we were able to visit some of the buildings and hear all about the Camp life. Very funny to hear about "death's row" seating at the dining hall.

Back on the boat, we made our way back to the dock. We were all having lunch thoughts by now, and were happy to arrive at the *Squam Lake Marketplace*. Many of us had pre-ordered box lunches. We picked them up and brought them to the Picnic area at the *Squam Lakes Natural Science Center* to enjoy. We had ordered the grilled BLT and roast beef/boursin sandwiches. They were delicious, and came with a drink, chips, and a nice freshly baked cookie. Time for a nap!! No, we still had time to stroll the Squam Lake Natural Science Center at our own pace and visit many of the exhibits. This is a really pleasant, clean, family oriented attraction. You could easily spend a whole day there.





Back to our cars, as we were on our way to visit the *Inn on Golden Pond!* Bill and Bonnie Webb welcomed us and Bill

told us a little about the history of the Inn. We all enjoyed the peaceful setting, as well as the refreshments! As we ended the tour at the Inn, Paul and I could not wait to get home and watch "On Golden Pond" on Netflicks.

As a side note... GSAs have a nice perk from Jean's Playhouse in Lincoln. They are presenting "On Golden Pond' in October. GSAs need only to show their membership card and can purchase their ticket for 1/2 price. The Theatre runs a \$15 ticket special for NH residents on Friday evenings – so the GSAs can get a ticket on a Friday evening for \$7.50!

Following are more thoughts and observations from GSAs who attended the Holderness/Squam Lake Tour.....

I thoroughly enjoyed the lunch prepared by Squam Lake Marketplace. The bread was delicious, the sandwich totally tasty and the cookie was really, really good. Thank you for giving us a great lunch at a great price.

In looking around the Market, I could see it was a place I could stop for all kinds of goodies, and I'll be sure to recommend it whenever I speak with someone headed your way.

Marty Wagner

The Inn on Golden Pond is such a lovely and welcoming place – your many years of work really shows. As I toured the house, I loved the uniqueness of each room, but also couldn't get over the spaciousness of each room. Each was special.

I often stay in B&Bs, and when I volunteer at the Canterbury and Hooksett North Welcome Centers, I speak with many visitors to NH who are looking for that same homelike experience. I'll be sure to recommend your inn often.

Thanks again for allowing us to tour AND also all the tasty snacks you had for us.

— Marty Wagner

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I loved this tour of Squam Lake. I had never been there and was surprised at the historic cabin site of Rockywold-Deephaven Campground. This is a beautiful get away locaton – a hidden gem! It was a lovely day for the pontoon boat ride and all the people are warm and inviting. I also was not aware of the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center arranged in the woods. What a wonderful place the spend an afternoon with the family. Double thumbs up to a wonderful day. Thanks everyone.

Rose Marie Cusson

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