

# 2008 James River Batteau Festival

## Site Information for Batteau Groups – Revised May 21, 2008

### General Information:

#### All Batteau Groups are required to pay a \$200 Boat Fee.

*The Boat fee is used to help pay the expenses incurred for insurance, porta-potties and general expenses of the festival.*

**Boat Fee Ribbon** – We will have in your Captains packet a ribbon to be tied to your sweep signifying you have paid your Boat Fee; attach it proudly as we leave Lynchburg.

**Parking Passes** – We will also have in your packets parking passes for your ground crew that will be necessary at both **Galts Mill & Scottsville**. The passes will be necessary at the **Galts Mill site to camp** and at **Scottsville for parking in the allotted reserved parking**. **At Galt's Mill, we will have off duty police coverage which will be checking for passes from 5 PM till 1 AM.** We hope this will discourage rowdiness as the owners were unhappy with this last year. Please spread the word that we want everyone to have a good time but we are privileged to have such good camp sites and bad behavior could make these sites unavailable. We will have five (5) passes in each Captains packet, if you need more just let us know.

**Canoeists will have passes as well but will be slightly different.**

**Trash** – Please police each site you camp at to make sure you leave it as you found it. We are continuing to explore options and hoping to find a solution for our trash but please remember to have sturdy trash bags and make sure they are tied up properly.

**Nightly Gatherings (formerly known as Captains Meetings)** – This year we will not have Captains Meetings but rather **group gatherings in the evening; open to everyone!** Please let Chariman Buddy High know about, or bring your concerns or suggestions to the evening gatherings.

**Important to Remember** – Have a **good time and be safe** as we all enjoy our time on the river.

### Site Specific Information:

**Friday June 13, 2008** – There will be no participation in Friday Cheers this year. *(We will not be helping with running the event, but you can still attend on your own).*

Be sure you pick up your **Captain's packets** from Jean or Buddy High. We will be at the Amherst Boat landing most of the afternoon until near dark.

**Saturday June 14, 2008** – **BE READY** to **Leave** Percival's Island at **11:00 AM**.

**Galts Mill** will have supper & breakfast. Fires are only allowed on the riverbank. Water & ice will be available but please carry your trash to the dumpster down the road. Each crew is responsible for their own trash.

**Sunday June 15, 2008** – Happy Father's Day to all fathers. We will have a Church Service near the food tent @ 7 AM Depart for Bent Creek

**Sunday night – Bent Creek**—Supper, breakfast, water, ice and a TRASH DUMPSTER

**Monday June 16, 2008 – Wingina** – We are planning a dedication service for the Dewey Wood memorial plaque; details later. Dinner & breakfast by the fire department, water, ice and a TRASH DUMPSTER. (Thank you Nelson County Administrator and Roger Nelson

**Tuesday June 17, 2008 – Howardsville** – Supper (spaghetti we think) & breakfast provided for purchase.

**MODERN Camping:** Going down the road towards the Game Commission boat ramp from the store on THE LEFT side field, which is across from last year's campsite. We have never camped in that field before to our knowledge. The land owner is going to clear it out before the festival and mark it as to where things go.

**AUTHENTIC Camping:** The beach on the left of the Game Commission boat ramp (your left when facing the river from the ramp) that has been forbidden for camping for many years due to various reasons is going to be open for AUTHENTIC camping only. If you want to camp authentic, the land owner wishes you could bring your stuff in via your batteau, but knowing that is impossible for most people, you can come in with your vehicle and unload and then move the vehicle out quickly (30 min or less). We really need to be respectful of this request by the land owner. This is good news. Let's don't blow it. Years ago we used to have authentic camping on that beach and small wooded area and it can be quite nice and at night with the campfires and candles etc looks very nice. Let's try and put on a good display at Howardsville, even if you camp modern everywhere else, let's do it right.

**Ice** can be purchased from the store across the road.

**No trash collection** but we are working on it.

**Wed. June 18, 2008** – Prepare for a big day as Scottsville is really working hard to make this a really big stop. There will be arts, crafts, food and jammers with bands at Canal Basin Square. There will also be an open mike later in the day, bring your entertaining voices. T-shirts will probably be there as well. There are several places to eat in Scottsville and 330 Restaurant will be serving breakfast on the river, more details as we get them. **We will need our parking passes to park in the allotted space reserved for the JRBF participants. Camping will be in the James River Reeling & Rafters campground but no admission until after 11 AM and vehicles need to be moved to the parking lot. Remember to bring all of your items out of the gated property when you leave on Thursday morning as it will be locked and will not open until the next day (no exceptions).** Ice available at local stores and we are working on trash.

**Thursday June 19, 2008 Slate River** – This will be a relaxing time and hope for some of that beautiful music we heard last year. Bring your talents and maybe we can get some tall tales going. Supper by the Dillwyn Baptist Church Youth, please support their efforts. Ice will be provided, no breakfast this year or trash collection.

**Friday June 20, 2008 Cartersville** – Supper, ice from stores, Lady Slipper crew has volunteered to handle trash if you will bundle it neatly in secure bags.

**Saturday June 21, 2008 Maiden's Landing** – Tasty Critters will be at Maiden's Landing volunteering their efforts. Please remember to put a donation in their bucket as they are more than generous to give us back a donation when they meet their expenses.

**Bateau Trailer Parking:** The Powhatan County Sheriff's Department will again be assisting with traffic and parking at Maiden's Landing this year, as well as contacting VDOT to get the grass cut ahead of time. **Crews can leave bateau trailers at the site starting Tuesday, June 10.** *Please remember to park your trailer in the grassy area to the right of the ramp (between ramp and Rt. 522), and not in the regular parking lot or anywhere else.*

**Misc:**

*Please note that as further information becomes available such as the type of meal available at a site or the price, etc. we will try and post a revision of this document.*

*Thank you for your support.*

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