

Mascoma Lake Association

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2023 Membership Form

January – December 2023

The activities of the Mascoma Lake Association are supported by the annual dues of its members, and each year MLA takes on new responsibilities. We hope you will be as generous as you are able.

Thank you for your support!

Annual dues may be paid online at www.mascomalakeassociation.org or, by scanning this QR code



Or, by check made payable to Mascoma Lake Association and mailed with this form to: **Mascoma Lake Association, P. O. Box 9, Enfield NH 03748**

Name(s) _____

Please register all family members who would like to receive future MLA news.

Email(s) _____

Permanent Mailing Address _____

Summer Address *(Please use 911 address)* _____

Annual Membership \$ 50.00

Additional Donations (donations of any amount are welcome as you are able)

- **Milfoil & Invasive Species Identification and Remediation** \$ _____
- **General Support** (support for the numerous committees – see list on separate page) \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

To learn more about your Association, please visit our Website www.mascomalakeassociation.org

1. The annual newsletter is distributed electronically to the email address(es) you have provided.

If you prefer not to receive the electronic email newsletter, please check here. _____

2. Information about our various Association activities is provided on the reverse side of this form. Your participation is welcome and encouraged if you are able.

Please list areas of interest and we will contact you: _____



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Volunteers Wanted

If you have spare time and want to help the MLA sustain its mission, please see below.

MLA Mission: The objectives of the Mascoma Lake Association are to protect Lake Mascoma and its environment, promote the responsible and sustainable enjoyment of the Lake by all its users, and to educate the public on issues related to these objectives.

Milfoil abatement & education: In order to control growth of the invasive aquatic weed, Eurasian milfoil, volunteers help in a variety of ways: searching for and marking the location of plants (typically done early or late in the day on paddle boards, kayaks or pontoon boats; joining “synchronized swimming” searches with snorkel gear; and/or participating in the effort to retrieve (by SCUBA diving) and record the location of plants via outings on the SS Milfoil. Volunteers can also help in educating members and preparing reports for the annual meeting.

Shoreline invasive plants: In partnership with the Lakeside Park Committee and other organizations, volunteers work to identify and safely remove a variety of invasive non-native plants from infested areas of the lakeshore: Japanese knotweed, purple loosestrife, multiflora rose, and more.

Lake Hosts: Volunteers at the lake’s two boat ramps offer boat and trailer inspections with boaters’ permission and encourage boaters to practice the “Clean, Drain and Dry” method of preventing the spread of aquatic invasive plants and animals.

Water quality: Volunteers take water samples and several measurements of the lake and/or tributaries following EPA procedures to ensure quality control. Training is provided by NHDES. Typically, there are three sampling events per year. Interested volunteers should visit the following web site: <https://www.des.nh.gov/water/rivers-and-lakes/volunteer-assessment-programs>.

Wildlife preservation: This includes educating members on the preservation needs of the lake wildlife focused primarily on loons and eagles. Annually the numbers of loons and eagles and their offspring are monitored and efforts are made to ensure the habitats of the animals are preserved.

Newsletter: Volunteers write and compile the articles and photos for the annual spring newsletter.

Community and Social Engagement (CASE): This committee identifies and implements ways to strengthen the spirit of community and provide forums for education and information for the wider public in support of the MLA mission. Educational programs for kids and social events for all ages are among the areas of focus.

Social Media / Website: A key component of CASE is the utilization of all appropriate means of social media to ensure the broad dissemination of information. This CASE subcommittee identifies the tools to utilize and works with other committees to ensure that timely information is disseminated and the MLA website is maintained with the most current information.

Clean Up Days: Individuals along shorelines and crews on the SS Milfoil boat join the annual effort to remove trash from the lakeshore and deeper water.

Historical Information: Volunteers maintain the calendar of historical happenings on and around the lake community, with periodic social media posts.

Email membership.mla@gmail.com to participate in any of these efforts