

Whisperwood - February 2011 Newsletter

Do you remember?



The feeling of expectation as you step to the edge of your boat with fishing pole in hand. The only sound an occasional bird singing a morning song. Take a deep breath of fresh morning air and you slowly enjoy the beauty of the sight before you. The rays of morning sun project this mystical effect over the scene as it filters through the trees onto the light fog that hovers just inches above the glimmering water surface. The lake looks very inviting as you pull your arm back and quickly send that first cast of the day sailing out over the lake. You watch as your favorite lure glides smoothly through the air until it disappears into the light fog.

You hear the muffled sound of your lure hitting the water, followed simultaneously by a strong jolt. You feel a heavy pull on your fishing line, you see and hear the water explode with turbulent action and you now find yourself springing out of your relaxed state of mind - you react instantly, set the hook and the fight begins!

Easy to remember, hard to forget - there is nothing like the tranquil state of relaxation that a planned vacation on the lake can bring. Add the "rush feeling" and satisfaction of landing the first fish of the day... need we say more?

We have been doing this long enough to know that the fish is not the only thing that gets hooked - only one of the outdoor experiences that make long lasting memories.

If you do remember, we invite you back to Whisperwood to create a new experience and memory.

If you do not remember, we invite you to visit Whisperwood to create your own experiences and memories. Please, come join us.

Hello from snow covered Whisperwood House



Whisperwood will be entering its 83rd season as a continually operating Sporting Camp in the Belgrade Lakes Region of Maine

The McCafferty Family is looking forward to their 12th season as your hosts. We are very thankful to the many wonderful Guests who make Whisperwood their vacation destination throughout the years. To us, many of you are much more than just vacationing guests of this Camp. We truly thank you for your continued friendship!

To everyone receiving this newsletter, we hope you will consider Whisperwood when planning your next fishing

trip or family vacation.

The 2011 Season

We open on Friday May 13th and end the season on Sunday September 25th

Reservations: If you have already made your reservation for 2011 you will be receiving a deposit request via postal mail very soon. If you are thinking of making a Reservation, please contact us as soon as possible to secure the dates and accommodations of your choice.

Deposits: *A reminder*, our credit card processing machine will not be activated until we open for the season in May. *(This helps us with not raising the 2011 rates)* We ask that you please pay your deposit with a check. *We thank you for understanding.*

We will have a display booth at the Sportsmen's Shows in Worcester MA. and Suffern NY. If you would like to pay your deposit by cash or check, please stop by and visit us. *(See more information about the Sportsmen's Shows below)*

Rates: *No Lodging rate changes for 2011*, we are staying with our regular American Plan Lodging rates as well as continuing to offer the same Mid-Week Special packages as in 2010 *(See the [Rates page](#) on our website)*

Conservation and savings: The Present economic climate has made things hard for small family owned businesses. We are trying to hold the line on Lodging Rate increases and we have not changed the rates for the up-coming 2011 season. We are taking a hard look at ways to conserve and cutting back unnecessary expenses. We strive to tighten our belt, while keeping the balance of maintaining the food, atmosphere and accommodations that our Guests experience. If you are concerned with keeping the cost of your vacation down as well, please see the list below for a few small ways that you can help holding down the current food & lodging rates.

1. During Check-in, pay us with a check or cash. *(Saves us in a large amount of money paid to the Credit Card Companies)*
2. Hang up your towels to dry and use over again. *(Cutting back the daily laundry, saves on energy costs, labor and the soap/chemicals that can also upset the delicate environment near the Lakes).*
3. Reuse Soap and plastic cups. *(Saves on daily labor & product costs)*
4. Turn off lights, TV's, fans, electronic devices/charges plus turning down the heating units when you are not in the Cottages. *(Energy)*
5. Keep all window and doors closed when the heating units are on.
6. In the dining Room order only the amount of food that you will eat. *(Food costs have elevated sharply, please help us cut back on waste)*
7. At the campfires area, please remember the intent of the area is for a normal size campfire. Large bonfires burn up a tremendous amount of wood. *(We purchase the wood that is used, we ask only that you be reasonable in the wood usage)*

The things listed above are only small things, but any and all saving will add up to benefit us all. We *Thank You* in advance for your consideration in helping us conserve.

Missing friend: On a sad note, we have lost a long time Whisperwood guest. Our good friend Henry Iltzsch passed away in December. For years Henry and his son Max have made the trip to Whisperwood an annual event. Max's job had taken him a long distance from his father's home. Their annual trip each year gave them both a chance to relax, enjoy some fishing and catch-up with each others lives. We extend our deepest sorrow to the Iltzsch Family. and when the second week of June rolls around each year the regular guests will notice something is missing. We all will miss our friend Henry.

Rental Boats



Boat Rental Changes: Due to changing energy cost we have made small adjustments to the Boat Rental Rates. At the present time we hope to stay with our past practice of not adding a separate charge for the actual fuel consumption on each boat. If fuel costs continue to rise however, we may have to add a surcharge. (See the [Boat Rental page](#) on our website)

For 2011 Boat Rental Reservations:

We now require a \$100 deposit to reserve a boat. We have seen an increase in persons reserving a boat and then not taking the boat on arrival. The deposit will be applied

directly to your boat rental. (Thank you for your understanding)

New addition to the Family



Family News: The McCafferty Family has grown by one. On December 9th our oldest son Cameron and daughter-in-law Renee gave birth to our newest granddaughter Reagan Shorey McCafferty. - our second granddaughter and third grandchild. We were lucky enough to have our new grandbaby here at Whisperwood a week after she was born. Cam, Renee, Reagan and her older brother 5 year old Sean were here for two weeks over Christmas. What a treat for us! Cameron is in the U.S. Army and has not been home for Christmas in 10 years.

Proud Father with two of America's Finest



Our son Cameron is a member of the Army's 10th Mountain Division, stationed at Ft. Drum in Watertown, NY. At this time he is scheduled for redeployment back to Afghanistan in March. Our second oldest son James is also in the Army. He and his wife Morgan and our second granddaughter Kylie are all stationed at Ft. Hood in Texas. James is scheduled for deployment to Iraq around the same time as Cameron. It will be different for us, having both boys in war zones at the same time. As a parent I can send them a gift box from home once in a while and hope for their safe return and be proud they are willing to stand up for us all.

All of the family at home just before the Holidays,
in Photo (L to R) James, Cameron, Mickelle & Kegan



Our number 3 son Kegan and his girlfriend, Ally are still spending summers as white water rafting guides and winters working on their College degrees in Parks, Recreation & Tourism at the U of Maine.

Our youngest daughter Mickelle is very busy in her senior year of high school. Where does she find the time to rest? (We don't know). Besides her school work she is

the Goalie on the field hockey team, student council, year book staff, freshman mentor, the school play, looking at Colleges, writing entrance essays, filling out applications for Colleges & scholarships and she is now presently finishing up her basketball season. She also is Captain of the Girls Outdoor Track Team and will be in the second school play this spring. It is great to see her enjoying her high school experience. Our heads are spinning just watching - Oh to be young again!



*****2011 Sportsmen Shows*****

Come visit us at:

Whisperwood - Booth # 111
Eastern Fishing & Outdoors Exposition
DUC Center - Worcester, Massachusetts
February 10th - 14th 2011



Whisperwood - Booth # 528
World Fishing & Outdoors Exposition
Rockland Community College, Field House
Suffern, New York
March 3rd - 6th 2011

Special Note: The Whisperwood Booth will not be at the show on Thursday March 3rd
We will be on display: March 4th - 5th & 6th



For more information about the Shows, Click on their website below
www.sportshows.com

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us at:
info@whisperwoodlodge.com or call: (207) 465-3983

We look forward to hearing from and seeing you during the 2011 season.

Your hosts: Doug & Candee McCafferty

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