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Plans set for Lake Day

A full day of outdoor events is planned for Lake Appreciation Day, to be held Saturday, July 11, at Glimmerglass State Park. The event will kick off with a youth trail cleanup program, which will be followed by a number of recreational and educational outdoor activities and a potluck lunch. Visitors are also invited to "treasure hunt" along the trails of the park for a Glimmerglass Opera water bottle with a free pair of opera tickets hidden inside.

Sponsored by Otsego County Conservation Association, along with Glimmerglass State Park, Friends of Glimmerglass State Park Inc. and the Otsego Lake Association, Lake Appreciation Day will feature:

New York State Office of Parks, Recreational and Historic Preservation biologist Tom Hughes, who will conduct a "show and tell" session on aquatic life netted from the lake and/or beaver pond;

Fly-tying and fly-casting demonstration by members of Trout Unlimited, Upper Susquehanna Chapter, offering hands-on opportunities for both adults and children;

Nature Explorer Children's Program for ages 5 to 12;

Youth trail cleanup of the Sleeping Lion Trail, made possible by the Stewart's Holiday Match program;

Hike of the Sleeping Lion Trail, led by field specialist Joseph Homburger of the Otsego Land Trust;

Canoes provided by Otsego County Conservation Association;

Potluck lunch;

Educational exhibits by lake-focused organizations in the Lake View and Beach Front enclosed pavilions.

The potluck lunch will begin at noon. Lake Appreciation Day attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass, along with their own table service and cups. Beverages will be provided.

On Friday, July 10, Friends of Glimmerglass continues its free outdoor movie series with a showing of "Marley and Me," rated PG. The movie will begin at dark at the West Shelter. Admission is free, and the film will be shown under cover if it is raining. For more information, call 547-4488.