

WELCOME TO RAP-SHAW



Welcome New Members and Visitors

The Rap-Shaw Club would like to welcome you to our historic Adirondack Camp with its traditions of hospitality, environmental stewardship, and camaraderie. While the membership handbook online and in the cabins has comprehensive details on the history, traditions, and policies of the Rap-Shaw Club, this welcome letter highlights some key information for new members and visitors. It also has some information and few tips from members that are not in the handbook. We hope you find this helpful.

What's Provided vs. What Should I Pack?

Provided:

- Three family style meals per day
- Bed linens and blankets
- Bath towels
- Life Jackets
- A limited number of the following watercrafts: Canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddle boards, paddle boat, and rowboats.
- A limited number of donated fishing poles and tackle
- Horseshoe pit (next to Owl)
- Shuffleboard court
- Darts (in boathouse)
- Variety of children's beach toys/buckets
- Games/books in each cabin, large selection in Main
- Wood for campfires and wood stoves in cabins
- Wi-Fi access
- Refrigerator

Essentials to Pack:

- Snacks/Beverages
- Swim towels
- Toiletries
- Lots of weather-appropriate clothing and gear; cabins do not have washing machines

Optional Items:

- Personal watercraft and fishing gear
- Extra blankets/pillow
- Electronics and charging cords (there are no TVs in cabins; cell service is limited)

Rap-Shaw prides itself in providing and maintaining facilities and equipment in good condition, and ask that members and visitors help us keep it that way.

Meal and Boat Schedule

The ferry service pick-up times for Rap-Shaw are listed below. A call should be made to the Camp Steward (315-376-3435) when you arrive to identify that you are waiting. If you have no cell service there is a Walkie-Talkie in the Rap-Shaw mailbox at the edge of the parking lot to allow you to communicate with the island. The ferry will not run if no one is expected.

If you cannot adhere to the ferry schedule below, please call the Steward prior to your stay.

Breakfast	8:00 AM
Depart for Mainland	9:30 AM
Return to Island	9:45 AM
Cabin Check-out Time	11:00 AM
Depart for Mainland	11:30 AM
Return to Island	11:45 AM
Lunch	12:30 PM
Depart for Mainland	2:00 PM
Return to Island	2:15 PM
Cabin Check-in Time	3:00 PM
Depart for Mainland	5:30 PM
Return to Island	5:45 PM
Dinner	6:30 PM



Bathrooms and Showers



All Cabins have bathroom facilities.

Eagle and Chicken have showers - all other guests use the showers in the large, clean camp shower house that is centrally located.

Please do not use the bathrooms in occupied or unoccupied cabins without permission..



Dog Policy



Members can bring up to two dogs (for a daily fee). Guests cannot bring dogs.

Dogs must be under verbal control or on a leash at all times. Poop bags are provided.

NYS Dept. of Health regulations mandate that no animal is allowed in the dining room or on the front porch during meals.

Staying In Main: Traditions and Expectations



If you are staying in Main, please be aware of the following:

- Front porch and living area are common areas from after 10:00 am. to 7:00 pm.
- It is a fun gathering place, and members/guests staying in Main are expected to be welcoming.
- Visitors are more common when the weather is bad.
- All games and books in the main living area are for camp-wide use.
- The campfire outside Main is common gathering spot for the island on a nightly basis (if weather cooperates!)
- Members and guests should be courteous and ask permission before entering if members are staying in Main.
- Bedrooms and bathrooms are always private.



Happy Hour is Daily from 5:30-6:30 on the Main Porch

As a member/guest staying in Main, it is expected that you will be good "hosts" for happy hour. Happy hour is always BYOB (alcoholic or non-alcoholic). Snacks to share are encouraged. Attendance is variable depending on the crowd, but all are always welcome!



Check-out Policies

Check in is after 3:00 and check out is by 11 am.

Before you check out please do the following:

- Bring sheets/towels to the laundry room (located under the kitchen at the bottom of the stairs - (accessed from outside))
- Bring all garbage/recyclables/returnables to labelled bins by the work shed (across from boathouse)
- Clean up any obvious messes on surfaces (tables, sinks, etc.)
- Wipe out refrigerator
- Sweep/Vacuum



Cabins will be deep-cleaned by staff before the next guests arrive.

Payments



The balance of your reservation payment is due upon checkout. Payment should be by credit card or personal checks to Rap-Shaw Club.

Tip Policy:

It is customary to leave gratuities for the staff via cash or personal check made out to the name of the Rap-Shaw Steward. The amount varies, but 15% is customary.

Specialty Weekends

It is typical to have specialty weekends before and after “primetime” vacation season.

Previous examples include:

- Fishing Derby
- Clambake
- Wine/beer tasting
- Local guest speakers



If you have an idea for a Specialty Weekend let us know!



Firepit Locations

- Outside Main - This is the primary firepit and gathering location, and has seating
- On the beach at the bottom of the stairs near Owl
- On the beach at Chicken