

**TIPS and THOUGHTS about the BEACH USED BY MDSA!
and...
SAVE THE DATE of SUNDAY JULY 30th
for our ANNUAL MDSA PICNIC and MEMBERSHIP MEETING
at MOHONK PRESERVE 5-8PM**

Dear MDSA Member:

We know this is a bit long, but it is important to read.

New members, please be sure to swim counterclockwise around the buoyed line and stay within a reasonable distance of it. Our Park Permit does not allow for members to swim anywhere in the Lake.

If you haven't swum yet, don't put it off. August is NOT always reliable for warm weather and warmer waters. Water temperature is currently very moderate, in the low to mid 70's. Stay past 7PM and picnic at the beach or up on the cliffs—great sunsets from up there. Park is open until 9PM, but only until to 8 in August.

Buddies: Most of the time there are other swimmers. You can also join our Facebook Group to find buddies. We have a bulletin board on the inside of our wooden locker at the beach. You can post a card there with your email and/or phone number, and say roughly when you need a buddy.

Locker: Please keep the cover of the locker open while people are at the beach, unless it is raining or about to rain. Inside are lots of useful items, including a red flag and whistle, a lost and found, left-behind cards box, first aide kit, reading materials, toilet paper in two containers, extra brochures when those in the holders run out, and above all, an automatic defibrillator (AED.) We have never needed this item in 16 years, but if someone had a heart attack in the water or on the beach, it could make the difference between life and death. It speaks to you and tells you, step by step, when and how to use it. Just be aware that it is there.

Our new lock is in place. Combination is 1319. If you are locking or unlocking it, remember you have to push up then pull down to open it, and you have to close it with combination in place but then move off the combo while closing it. The red buoy should NOT go in the locker at the end of the day, but behind it with the chairs.

Chairs: If when you arrive there are very wet chairs because of a recent rain, please take a few out, open them, and let them dry out in the sun. At the end of the day all chairs should be placed behind the locker.

Thunderstorms: A reminder to look up when storms threaten and get out of the water immediately if there is thunder and/or lightening. Park rule is to remain out of the water for 20 minutes beyond the last rumble of thunder. Check out the overhangs just up the hill at the far end of the beach, in case you need immediate shelter in a hard rain.

Volunteers Guides and Swim Testers are always needed. Go to our website, click on NEWS FOR VOLUNTEERS, select your time and date as a Guide and/or a Test participant.

**See you at the lake,
Judy Mage and Stephanie Bludau Tor, MDSA Coordinators**