

# Great Food, Fun Stories, and MDSA Camaraderie—cannot be beat!

Dear MDSA Member:

## FIRST:

This coming **Sunday, July 30th**, we hope you make time to come to the **MDSA Annual Picnic & Membership Meeting at the Mohonk Preserve, from 5 to 8PM**. This is a free event. MDSA will supply food and drink, but potluck contributions are very welcome. If it's a good swimming day you can come directly from the lake and not need to make dinner: drive east on 44/55, the entrance to the Preserve is on your left shortly before the beginning of Route 299 into New Paltz. We have the use of both outdoors and indoor spaces, so we are fine whether it is rain or shine. A flyer is posted at the beach and on our web site under Current Member Login.

Mostly we eat and socialize with people we know and don't know, and maybe discover potential swim buddies. The membership meeting segment is brief and an opportunity to share information such as post-season outdoor swimming resources like ponds and riverfronts that are not polluted, and to share ideas on how to both protect and improve our MDSA swimming experience.

Spouses and/or children are welcome. The Preserve has lots of exhibits of interest to kids and adults and is free.

## SECOND—A SWIMMING ADVENTURE: The 14th Annual Newburgh to Beacon Hudson River Swim August 12th

For details go to [www.riverpool.org](http://www.riverpool.org). The swim is a little over a mile and boat traffic is halted for the event. The MDSA will pay the \$60 registration fee for the first three people who commit to the swim. In addition you need to raise a \$100 in sponsors. This is benefit for the ongoing maintenance of the children's pool within the river at Beacon. You can train for the challenge by swimming four plus laps around our buoyed line. At our membership meeting/picnic you can discuss this with people who have done this swim in the past.

## THIRD:

There will be more to follow about this in a second email, but **PLEASE DO NOT PARK in or near the handicapped parking area up where the old offices once were unless you have appropriate tags. This has been a formal request from Eric Humphrey, Park Manager.**

Hope to see you all Sunday at the Picnic!

Judy Mage and Stephanie Bludau Tor, MDSA Co-coordinators