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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
15TH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY'S NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

Treasures of Great Bay • Sept. 9, 2006
On the shores of the estuary at the Great Bay Discovery Center, Stratham
(formerly Sandy Point Discovery Center)

Join us in celebrating a year of remarkable conservation accomplishments from Great Bay to the Ossipee Pine Barrens and southwestern New Hampshire ... and beyond. Near the shores of Great Bay, at the newly dedicated Hugh Gregg Coastal Conservation Center, hear an update on the Conservancy's work throughout New Hampshire and across borders.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9, 2006

AGENDA:

- 9:30 am Registration
- 10:00 am Meeting begins. Election of trustees; state director's report
- 11:15 am Keynote presentation by Jonathan S. Adams on The Future of the Wild.
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 pm Optional field trips begin.

OPTIONAL FIELD TRIPS

Explore Great Bay from the Water

1. Cruise Great Bay aboard the Heritage

1-2:30 p.m. This is a unique opportunity to see the lands and waters that the Conservancy and partners are working to protect ... from the bay itself. After the annual meeting, we'll board the Heritage (a 49-passenger tour boat operated by Portsmouth Harbor Cruises) from downtown Portsmouth, have lunch and ride up the Piscataqua River and into Great Bay. This is a popular tour, with limited seating, so sign up early! Cost: \$15 per person.

2. Kayak Great Bay Estuary

1:30-3:30 p.m. Bring your own kayak (or canoe) and explore Great Bay up close and personal. With the tides in our favor (full tide at 3:07), we'll launch right from Sandy Point (the meeting site) and see some of the places that the Conservancy and partners are protecting.

3. An Estuarine Workhorse and Oyster Restoration

1-2 p.m. In the 18th and 19th centuries, gundalows were the transportation workhorses of Great Bay and other estuaries. These flat-bottomed, low-drawing sailing vessels hauled lumber, hay, quarry stone, shellfish and other goods around Great Bay and the Portsmouth area. You can discover a reproduction of one such gundalow, the Capt. Edward H. Adams, as it is anchored off Sandy Point, right at the meeting site. Find out how the nonprofit Gundalow Company uses this remarkable ship as a way to teach kids and adults about Great Bay's history and ecology.

JONATHAN S. ADAMS

This year's keynote speaker offers a message of urgency and a message of hope. Jonathan S. Adams is an inspiring conservationist and author of the new book, *The Future of the Wild: Radical Conservation for a Crowded World*. Adams is a conservation biologist and program director of The Nature Conservancy's Conservation Knowledge and Communities Program. He is co-author of *The Myth of Africa: Conservation Without Illusion* and co-editor of *Precious Heritage: The Status of Biodiversity in the United States*.



Explore Great Bay from Land

4. Tour TNC's Lubberland Creek Preserve in Newmarket

1:30-3:30 p.m. See TNC's new Great Bay Office and explore this newly expanded preserve, with its beautiful view of Great Bay Estuary and Lubberland Creek. Hear how the area played an important role in Newmarket's early and industrial history. We'll offer two options: a hike along the preserve's new trails, up Jeff's Hill and down to the estuary; or a short walk from the office to the estuary.

5. Hike Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Newington

1:30-3:30 p.m. Established in 1992, this refuge on Great Bay's northern shores is an outstanding place for birding. Bring your binoculars and learn about the Conservancy's land protection and restoration efforts around the bay. This is a moderate hike on mostly flat terrain.

6. Powwow River Atlantic White Cedar Swamp by Canoe/Kayak

2-3:30 p.m. For the past three years, the Conservancy has been leading an intensive effort to protect this globally rare ecosystem in Kingston. Unlike most other Atlantic white cedar swamps in New Hampshire, this one occurs along a streamside fen and is accessible by boat. Bring your own canoe or kayak and we'll drive 30 minutes from Sandy Point to Kingston. From this good vantage point, we'll see what TNC and our partners have been working so hard to protect.

For the Kids!

Great Bay Discovery Center is a place where kids from the seacoast and throughout New Hampshire come to learn about this remarkable estuary and its rich human and natural history, from the salt marsh hay days to today's conservation initiatives. From 10 to 11 a.m. kids age 7 to 11 can join a Discovery Center docent for a hands-on learning activity.



RESERVATION FORM - N.H. CHAPTER 2006 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Reservation Deadline: September 1, 2006

Cost: \$20 per person.

Price includes meeting, lunch and field trips (except Great Bay cruise aboard Heritage).

Number of people attending: _____
 Name(s): _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Daytime phone: _____
 E-mail address: _____

If you'd like to volunteer to help during the day, please give us a call.

\$20 per person; children 10 and under free.

Additional \$15 per person (including children) for Field Trip #1.

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Field Trip Choice

- 1. Cruise Great Bay aboard the Heritage
- 2. Kayak Great Bay Estuary
- 3. An Estuarine Workhorse and Oyster Restoration
- 4. Tour TNC's Lubberland Creek Preserve in Newmarket
- 5. Hike Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge in Newington
- 6. Powwow River Cedar Swamp by Canoe/Kayak

Please return to:

The Nature Conservancy, 22 Bridge St., 4th Floor, Concord, NH 03301.

Pre-registration is required for all.

Directions and confirmation will be mailed upon receipt of your registration.

For additional information, call 603-224-5853.