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Build a Boat This Summer with the New Hampshire Boat Museum Scholarships Available for Youth

Photos: Boat Building classes are provided each summer for adults, families and youth.

Wolfeboro, NH: Have you ever dreamed of building your own boat for summer use but didn't know how? Then the New Hampshire Boat Museum's popular Boat Building Program is perfect for you. There are still some spaces left in the Adult/Family Program which runs from July 8 - 16 from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. In the Adult/Family Program, participants can build either a canoe, one-person kayak, Bevin's Skiff, paddleboard or Optimist sailing dinghy.

The Youth Program runs July 31 - 11, Monday-Friday, 9 am - 3 pm. Boys or girls must be age 12 or older. In this class participants can build a canoe, one-person kayak or Bevin's Skiff. Thanks to donations from a number of donors, scholarships are available to build a canoe for students in the Youth Program. The scholarships are for youth who might not otherwise be able to participate due to financial considerations.

To learn more about the classes, costs, or the scholarships, visit the Museum's website at www.nhbm.org. Or call the Museum at 569-4554.

The Boat Building classes give you a great value because you build your own boat at a low cost and learn about boats and boat building from excellent instructors. In each class you are taught the safe use of hand tools and small power tools by expert instructors, with plenty of individual assistance by volunteers. All materials and tools are supplied. You don't have to be a "woodworker." Through hard work and the help of our volunteers you will create your own beautiful finished boat you will be proud to take out on the lakes and rivers when you finish the class.

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The program is always looking for volunteers to assist boat builders. Training is provided for volunteers who can contribute a few days up to a few weeks depending on your schedule. To learn more about volunteering call the Museum at 569-4554.

If you have any questions or want to receive a sign-up form or scholarship information in the mail, please call the Museum at 569-4554. Applications are available online for downloading at www.nbbm.org.

The New Hampshire Boat Museum will be open to the public for the 2017 season from Saturday, May 27 and will remain open daily through Monday, October 9, 10am-4pm Monday through Saturday, and Sunday 12 noon-4pm. The Museum is a not-for-profit institution focusing on New Hampshire's boating and fresh water heritage. It is located at 399 Center Street, Wolfeboro Falls, 2 miles from downtown Wolfeboro in the former Allen "A" Resort dance hall/theater building. For further information contact the Museum at 603-569-4554, museum@nhbm.org, nhbm.org or via Facebook. The New Hampshire Boat Museum is a member of the "Experience New Hampshire Heritage: The Portsmouth to Plymouth Museum Trail." To learn more about the Trail, visit nhmuseumtrail.org.

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