

BRING ON THE BRIDGE

Who: Open to all North Country Scenic Trail Chapter Members (regardless of location) and Supporters of the North Country Scenic Trail.

What: A camping rally to walk Michigan's Mackinac Bridge. This is the one section of the North Country Scenic Trail that can be hiked on only one day of each calendar year.

When: The rally is scheduled to run from noon Friday September 4th through noon Tuesday September 8th. The actual bridge walk will center on a varying start time between the hours of 0500 and 1000 on Monday, September 7th. Labor Day.

Why: To promote and bring additional awareness to the North Country Scenic Trail and to Michigan's Mackinac Bridge as being a section of that trail, and to bring together people to a central location to interact, share, and enjoy the company of others all having a common outdoor interest.

Where: Brevort Twp., Mackinac County, Michigan

Facilities: The rally is approved for the Brevort Twp. property formally known as the Mackinac County Fairgrounds. This camp will be strictly rustic. Electric needs to be provided by the individual camps needing it. Acceptable methods will be by generator or batteries and converter/inverter units. Water will be available just off site, however self-contained campers should arrive with full water and empty holding tanks. Trash receptacles will be provided on the grounds, as will portable toilets for those individuals that are not "self-contained."

Activities and amenities: Day hikes on local portions of the NCT are being planned. A "mid-night" hike is being considered (wx dependant) as there is a full moon on the weekend. Fireworks are being held Saturday evenings in St. Ignace all summer long. Church services are available at the Lutheran and Catholic Churches local to the camping area. An Amateur Radio (Ham) special event radio station is being planned to be on site to bring awareness to the rally and the NCT. A community hot dog roast is planned (bring your own buns and dogs). If it is hot (don't count on it), swimming is available within driving range of the Great Lake's Michigan and Huron and Brevort Lake (just inland of Lake Michigan and West of Moran). A T-Shirt is being designed to bring attention to our walk and will be available to purchase once you arrive.

Registration: The Hiawatha Shore to Shore Chapter is requiring a pre-registration to be made with a non-refundable partial payment of \$26. This will be applied to the two nights of camping prior to the Bridge walk (Saturday and Sunday). An additional \$13 per night will be collected from those planning on arriving and staying Friday night and also for those who choose to stay Monday night and hit the road home after traffic lets up on Tuesday Morning. Registration form to follow.

What this is not: This is not a fund-raiser for the Hiawatha Shore-to-Shore Chapter. There is no hidden agenda. All monies taken in will be donated back to the National Office after expenditures have been met.



“BRING ON THE BRIDGE” PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
North Country Scenic Trail Camping Rally
Moran, Michigan
4 – 8 September 2009

Instructions:

- Either cut and paste this form into a separate *word document*, or save this document onto your desk top.
- Using your computer, fill out this form supplying all requested information
- Please make a check or money order payable to *The North Country Scenic Trail* for the pre-registration non-refundable fee of \$26.00.
- On the *memo* line of your check, please write Labor Day Rally
- Print out this form and submit it along with your check to:
 - Charlene B. DeWitt – President HSS Chapter NCT
15197 S. Centerline Rd.
Rudyard, MI 49780

Note: Your check will be forwarded on to the National Office for processing, your application held at the local Hiawatha Shore-to-Shore Chapter Level.

Today’s date:

Name:

Address:

Telephone No.:

eMail Address:

Number in camping party:

My camper (is or is not) self contained – please circle or underscore the appropriate statement

My check No. is:

I will be staying: Friday / Saturday / Sunday / Monday nights – please circle or underscore the appropriate nights you anticipate staying.

No. of T-Shirts and sizes needed please. _____

Note: as it is likely to be chilly on the bridge(summer is just now arriving in the U.P.) and we want exposure, you may wish to order larger sizes than what you normally would so that you can wear the shirt over a sweater, jacket, or sweatshirt. Shirt prices will be competitive and will be at cost.

Final NOTE: All registrations **must** be post-marked no later than Friday 7 Aug 2009 for reasons of final preparations and arrangements. This rally is limited to the first 75 submitting a pre-registration. Any pre-registrations received after Monday 10 Aug 2009 will be handled on an individual basis and depending upon space and accommodations may or may not be accepted. In the event they are not unaccepted, all funds submitted will be returned to that camping party.

This information along with any updated information to include directions to the rally site may be obtained on the Hiawatha Shore-to-Shore Chapter webpage in the very near future. Charlene DeWitt – President HSS/NCT



