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NH Mensa Election Results

Election Committee Chair Ric Werme

The 37 ballots for Members-at-Large have been counted. The results are:

34 Mark Becker
34 Yvonne Crocker
30 Wayne Eddy
25 Joe Zanca
15 Tom Shiel

The first four people have won the election. The full results of the election are:

Local Secretary:	Claire Natola
Assistant Local Secretary:	John Bauman
Treasurer:	Darlene Alleman
Recording Secretary:	Robert Roy
Members-at-Large:	Mark Becker Yvonne Crocker Wayne Eddy Joe Zanca

The Election Committee presented the results of the election at the Business Meeting conducted on May 23, at which time the new Executive Committee was installed. 🗳️



Out of My Mind

LocSec Claire Natola

Many thanks to everyone who cast a ballot in our 2006 Election! As your new LocSec, I'm extremely enthusiastic about getting this latest chapter in the life of New Hampshire Mensa underway. To that end, here are the various disconnected thoughts floating Out of My Mind this month:

As a result of the efforts of Mark and Elizabeth Becker, we will now have a monthly event "**For Young Mensans of All Ages.**" If you've yearned for events on our calendar that are geared towards more family-friendly activities, these will fit the bill! This month, we'll be visiting the weather station at Plymouth

State University; next month, a water park in Portsmouth. If you'd like to suggest any activities, please feel free to contact Mark and Elizabeth at 603-744-3757. Thanks to Mark and Elizabeth for starting this new series!

Look for the resurrection of our **monthly speaker program**, which has not occurred for many years. We intend to advertise these lectures and invite the general public, which will increase Mensa's visibility in the community. Many thanks to Darlene Alleman, who offered me her assistance in getting this off the ground again.

As our elected officers settle into their new roles, I would like to call your attention to the many **appointed positions** that also make up our Executive Committee (see the back cover of *Momentum*). If you've ever considered volunteering for Mensa, now is the time! Join our new team in forging an exciting path for our chapter! Do not hesitate to contact me at 603-279-9986 or locsec@nh.us.mensa.org to inquire about ANY appointed position that interests you. Don't forget: Even those positions not listed as "vacant" might currently be filled by long-serving volunteers who may be happy to be relieved, so don't be shy about inquiring.

I am pleased to say that our **new membership year** resulted in 12% fewer lapsed members than last year! Many thanks to those of you who took the time to chat with me on the phone as I made a flurry of calls at the end of our previous membership year. I am delighted that so many of you renewed your membership, and I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can.

The onset of the new membership year is a good time to consider the issue of **privacy**, an issue of great importance to many Mensans. In August, we will be publishing our annual member directory in *Momentum*, so I urge you to check the privacy releases you have on file with Mensa if you wish to prevent your address, phone number and/or email address from being printed in the directory. You can do this by visiting <http://www.us.mensa.org>, and clicking on "Member Login" to log into the Members Only portion of the site. Then click on "Profile Update" and "PDQ Update." If you need assistance, please feel free to contact the Member Services Department at 817-607-0060.

The national office is very careful to protect the privacy of members; for that reason, they limit the distribution of monthly membership reports to only a couple of "need to know" officers. In our chapter, for example, the monthly membership reports have traditionally been mailed only to our LocSec and our Publisher. As your new LocSec, I vow that never again will your private contact information be given to anyone who requests it without my obtaining your permission first. (Hear that, lecherous older men?)

Oops...I probably shouldn't have gone ahead and alienated all the lecherous older men with my first LocSec article. Sorry about that! ☺

Well, I do hope to see many of our members out and about at Mensa events this month, and I look forward to hearing from you about what you and your new Executive Committee can do together to provide you with a positive Mensa experience. 🍷



What's Cooking in Region 1

Region 1 Vice Chair Marghretta McBean

I was recently talking to a mother of an extremely gifted child. She had spent months trying to locate a public school that offered a curriculum for bright students. None were to be found in her county; funding had been dropped at the three schools that had gifted classes. Reason: the less bright children felt left out. Children in this county were also not allowed to be skipped a grade, as that would supposedly traumatise the unskipped. Following the advice of another parent in the same situation, she petitioned the local Board of Education to declare her child disabled and in need of special educational assistance. When that designation was granted, she was able to enroll her child in a school for gifted children in the neighbouring county, with transportation included. This is a fairly common way to get bright children the education to which they are entitled.

The prejudice against being intelligent in this country is reaching epic proportions. Local, state and federal educational agencies either ignore or penalise children for being brighter than their fellow students. Scholarships based solely on intellectual ability have dwindled or in many cases disappeared; no longer can a very bright student expect to attend college free due to generous scholastic awards.

While Mensa as an organisation can not take a stand on any issue, we Mensans certainly can. I would strongly encourage all of you to acquaint yourselves with the state of gifted education in your locality. Whether you have children or not, the future of the intelligensia rests on its present treatment. All of us were gifted children and we need to nurture the education and development of those who will follow us.

Clarification: In last month's column I wrote that "a motion to have secret ballots was defeated." Judy Vasiliauskas, Mensa's secretary, has asked that I make it clear that the motion was actually to require a 2/3 majority vote rather than the simple majority that Robert's Rules of Order specifies. The defeated motion would have also named those who voted for using a secret ballot.

The use of secret (actually they're paper) ballots are often in situations where some people have qualms about publicly revealing their position on an issue. As all who know me can attest, I rarely see any reason to hide my opinion.

The yogurt-based shakes of India are refreshing, thirst-quenching and nutritious. Of the three types - sweet, salty, fruity - the first is by far the most popular. Traditionally the yogurt used is made from unhomogenised extra-rich buffalo or cow's milk, with a thick layer of "cream" on top.

Meetha Lassi (Sweet Lassi)

3 cups plain or vanilla yogurt with “cream” (such as Brown Cow or Stonyfield)
2/3 cup superfine sugar
½ cup ice water
8-10 ice cubes, crushed or partially crushed

1. Spoon off 4 pieces of the “cream” from the top of the yogurt and set aside on waxed paper.
2. Place yogurt and sugar in large bowl and whisk until frothy.
3. Add water and whisk briefly. Stir in ice.
4. Pour into 4 chilled glasses. Carefully place a piece of the “cream” on each drink and sprinkle a little sugar on top. Serve immediately.

To see this and past articles visit <http://region1.us.mensa.org/cooking.shtml>.



Letter to the Editor

It's amazing what one finds when one finally sorts through the piles and piles of papers on one's desk! To wit, this letter that was written by a scholarship winner six months ago:

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the generous scholarship you have recently awarded to me. I am overjoyed that my record of scholarship, leadership, and service has helped to lessen the financial burden college education presents.

I am thoroughly enjoying my first semester at college, and am excited about the challenges that are being presented to me. I believe the next four years will be the best experience of my life. I thank you again for helping to finance my college education.

*Yours truly,
Samuel Moore
Colby-Sawyer College
Class of 2009*



Executive Committee Meeting

Recording Secretary Claire Natola

Date: 18 April 2006

Present: Bill Alleman, Darlene Alleman, John Bauman, Elizabeth Becker, Mark Becker, Nicholas Becker, John Lewicke, Ann Majeske, Claire Natola, Tom Shiel, Mike Terrell, Walter Wakefield, Ric Werme

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 p.m.

John Bauman reported a net gain of 12 members for a total of 524 (364 in New Hampshire and 160 in Maine).

John Bauman reported American Mensa will be offering two-for-one testing in the month of June. John also reported that for the month of May, American Mensa is offering home tests at a two-for-one price. A home test, which retails for \$18, is usually offered to chapters for \$7.50 apiece. Therefore, our chapter would be able to purchase two tests for \$7.50 to be able to use for fundraising or publicity. Darlene Alleman moved to purchase 20 home tests at a cost of \$75.00. Claire Natola seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ric Werme reported that he has received approximately a dozen ballots thus far for the 2006 Election. John Bauman expressed the hope that at least those present in the room had voted, and many assured him that they had.

John Lewicke reported progress in getting the RG trailer's tire replaced, and for a reasonable amount of money.

The issue (tabled last month) of reimbursement of expenses for proctors who travel long distances was discussed again at length. John Lewicke moved to offer each proctor the choice of either reimbursement of \$6 per test-taker or reimbursement of actual gas and toll expenses (allowing the proctor to make that choice after the test has been given). Claire Natola seconded. The motion passed in the majority.

Bill Alleman moved to adjourn. Tom Shiel seconded. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. ■■■

Warren Kelsey 1923 - 2005

It is with sadness that we learned of the passing of Warren Kelsey of Raymond, Maine, who would have celebrated his 32nd anniversary as a Mensan this month. We offer our condolences to Warren's sister Prudence and to his extended family.



Upcoming Testing Sessions

Tell Your Friends!

Information on testing and prior evidence can be found at nh.us.mensa.org. Anyone 14 or older who wishes to take the Mensa Admissions Test should pre-register with the respective proctor listed below, who can provide testing site information. The test costs \$30; a photo-ID is required.

Date	Location	Proctor
Saturday, 10 June 10:00 a.m.	Portsmouth, N.H.	Bromley Baril 603-749-1088
Saturday, 10 June 11:00 a.m.	Lewiston, Maine	Scott Cayouette 207-649-1515
Wednesday, 21 June 7:00 p.m.	Nashua, N.H.	John Bauman 603-883-7494
Monday, 26 June 6:00 p.m.	Cape Elizabeth, Maine	Scott Cayouette 207-799-0888

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Publications Recognition Program

The nominations for the 2006 Publications Recognition Program have been announced, and New Hampshire Mensa has been nominated in five categories:

Calendar

ChiMe, Chicago Area Mensa; Joe Sackett, Calendar Editor
Flamenco, Miami Mensa; Stan Bercovitch and Jenny Brown, Calendar Editors
Graffiti, Cleveland Area Mensa; Richard Broida, Calendar Editor
***Momentum*, New Hampshire Mensa; Claire T. Natola, Calendar Editor**
ToteMs, Mensa of Western Washington; Margaret Pennetti, Calendar Editor

Mensa Recognition

ChiMe, Chicago Area Mensa; Gilda Rosencranz, Editor
Graffiti, Cleveland Area Mensa; Karen Bujak, Editor
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Magniloquence, Lehigh Pocono Mensa; Sallie Banko, Editor
***Momentum*, New Hampshire Mensa; Claire T. Natola, Editor**

Outstanding Newsletter (Medium-Sized Group)


4M, Manasota Mensa; Edgar Coudal, Editor
Graffiti, Cleveland Area Mensa; Karen Bujak, Editor
i.e., Inland Empire Mensa; Sonja Struthers, Editor
***Momentum*, New Hampshire Mensa; Claire T. Natola, Editor**
Redwood Mpire News, Redwood Empire Mensa; Nancy Leake Flack, Editor

Fiction

"Dancing at the Crystal Palace" by S. Martha Montevallo (Borderline Mensa)
"Mask of the Minitaur" by Joy Call (Redwood Empire Mensa)
"Morning Glory Chimes" by Kathleen Giesting (Southeast Michigan Mensa)
"No Dolphins on Fridays" by John McGondel (New Hampshire Mensa)
"Tankers" by Ken Gatlin (Redwood Empire Mensa)

Non-Fiction (Mensa-Themed)

"7 Things I Learned at My First AG" by Claire Natola (New Hampshire Mensa)
"Dispatch from Colloquium 2005: Is This The End of the World As We Know It? Let's Hope So..." by Steve Goodhall (Southeast Michigan Mensa)
"Judging MERF Essays" by Nancy Nieboer (Redwood Empire Mensa)
"Molly Hatchet and the 2005 Mensa Colloquium" by Doug Miller (Borderline Mensa)
"President's Column" by Doug Frazier (North Texas Mensa)

The winners will be announced at the World Gathering in Orlando in August. The full list of nominees can be viewed at <http://www.us.mensa.org>. 



Notes from National

Two-for-One Testing: During the month of June, we're going to make things easier for test takers by encouraging them to bring a friend with them when they test. And, we'll let their friend test for free! For any test given between June 1 and June 30, we'll administer another test (given at the same session) at no charge. Please let your friends and colleagues know about this great opportunity to join Mensa...with a friend!

Mensa Select Winners: 198 Mensans gathered in Portland, Oregon in April for Mind Games 2006. During the three-day event, members played and rated 62 board and card games. The top five games have earned Mensa Select distinction and may use the Mensa Select seal on their games. The winners are: Deflexion by Deflexion (<http://www.deflexion.biz>)

Hive by Smart Zone (<http://www.smartzonegames.com>)

Keesdrow by Pywacket (<http://www.pywacketgames.com>)

Pentago by Pentago (<http://www.pentago.com>)

Wits & Wagers by North Star Games (<http://www.northstargames.com>)

Mind Games 2007 will be held April 20-22 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. To register, visit <http://www.mindgames.us.mensa.org>.

[For a recent USA Today article about Mensa and Mind Games, visit http://www.usatoday.com/news/health/2006-05-21-mensa_x.htm. Thanks to Bill Alleman for this link! - Ed.]

Come and entertain us! If you're an entertainer, amateur or professional, sign up to perform for us in August at the Mensa World Gathering in Orlando. Dan Gilmore has been producing ensemble shows for Mensa Gatherings since 1985, and he's working on something for the WG06 which he calls The Two Per Cent Show. He's looking for scripts, script ideas, instrumentalists (music reading ability is a huge plus). If you have a song, a sketch or an act that's both humorous and Mensa-oriented, that's even better. You can contact Dan Gilmore by email at himself@att.net or by telephone at 206-248-0100. Dan is in Seattle on West Coast time, so please be kind and remember that when you call. Come and entertain us. Let's have a really good time!

President's Volunteer Service Award: The Mensa Research & Education Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Mensa, announces that it has received the Gold-level President's Volunteer Service Award for outstanding community service. Additionally, eleven of the Foundation's volunteers have been awarded the President's Call to Service Lifetime Achievement Award. Both awards are presented on behalf of President George W. Bush and encourage involvement

in local communities through volunteer service and civic participation. The Gold-level award is granted only to individuals or groups that have completed at least one thousand hours of community service in a twelve-month period; those who have completed at least four thousand community service hours earn the Lifetime Achievement Award.

“Human intelligence is the world’s most important resource, and the Mensa Foundation is dedicated to nurturing and protecting that resource,” says Greg Timmers, President of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees. “Each person named by this award has dedicated countless hours to developing programs that open doors for students, educators, researchers and Mensa members. We are honored to be recognized for our efforts to support and recognize intelligence.”

The eleven Mensans who won the President’s Call to Service Lifetime Achievement Award are Michael Jacobson, Ph.D., J.D.; Greg Timmers; Phyllis Miller; Dave Remine; David Felt; Shirley Loges, Ph.D.; Marie Mayer; Jean Becker, Ph.D.; Francis Cartier, Ph.D.; Mary Dwyer Wolfe, Ph.D.; and Steve Wolfe. Each of the recipients has made an impact in their respective communities by encouraging the high standards with which Mensa is synonymous.

For more than thirty years, the Mensa Foundation has been a strong voice in supporting intelligence. The Mensa Foundation fosters the best and brightest through scholarships and awards, and encourages research and intellectual inquiry through the *Mensa Research Journal* and various Colloquiums. Governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees, the Mensa Foundation is a 501c(3) organization and is funded by support from American Mensa, Mensa members and other charitable donations. To learn more about the Mensa Foundation, visit <http://www.mensafoundation.org>.

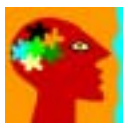


Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. The solution can be found on Page 17.

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The Reality of Theory

John Francis McGondel

Back before the last Ice Age, indeed before the falling of Atlantis, there was a largely unnoticed disruption within the framework of the Earth's eco-structure. The many eons of volcanic activity, coupled with the methane clouds which bubbled out from the countless primordial seas, began a series of events which would not be realized for what they were for eons yet to come.

Sulfur, methane, and decaying vegetation combined at the right time and in the correct amounts, and began to spawn what would only later be understood to be a new life-form: A life-form which would negatively impact all other types of life-forms on the planet. Over the millennia which followed this unholy merging, many forms of life would become, and would become extinct.

But one single life-form, which was nourished by the waste products of the dinosaurs, and whose senses were sharpened by the rise of the mammals as a dominant species, would eventually rise, like an uncontrollable virus, to lead what would eventually become to be known as the human race.

By the time that most humans realized that this life-form was choking civilization, and feeding from the people as the true parasitic organism that it was, it was already too late.

The damage was seemingly irreversible.

That life-form was a politician. Nursed on flatulence, and enhanced by its parasitic need to control its hosts, it flourished during times of depression and war.

But the life-form was lonely, and therefore created for itself a perfect partner.

And it called its partner: Lawyer.

Together they would cripple and manipulate billions of people throughout the coming eons.

It has been said that viruses will inherit the Earth.

What was not said was that politicians and lawyers are the ultimate human virus. ■



Calendar of Events

June 2006

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
<i>Many thanks to our event hosts!</i>				1	2 Temperance League	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 The Brady Bunch	10 Coffee & Chat Weather Station Tour
11 Second Sunday Bunch Brunch Sunday Puttering Time	12	13	14	15	16 WinnipeSupper Spring Fling 2006	17
18 <i>Father's Day</i> Central Maine Dining	19	20 Pre-FSM Dinner FSM/ ExComm	21 North of Boston Dinner	22	23 Appetite for Discussion	24
25 North Country Lunch	26	27 Dinner and Pub Quiz	28	29	30	

Mensa members are welcome to submit calendar listings to the Calendar Editor (calendar@nh.us.mensa.org) before the first of the month prior to the cover date. ♦ Event hosts may petition the Executive Committee for funds to promote events via postcard to members within a proximate geographic area. ♦ It is NH/ME Mensa policy to avoid conflicts as much as possible, but no conflicts are allowed to group-sponsored events. ♦ Mensans, members of their household, and invited guests are always welcome at group-sponsored events. ♦ Hosts of home-based events reserve the right to restrict attendance due to space or other appropriate reasons. ♦ While our hosts endeavor to provide accurate directions, attendees are well-advised to use their mapping medium of choice to determine their own best routes. ♦ In addition to being proper etiquette, R.S.V.P.'ing makes logical sense; it helps the host plan for the proper number of attendees and allows you to be kept abreast of any changes or cancellations.



Event Reminders and Feelers

As of press time, the date had not been set for the **June Games Night** at Lynne and Dave Fox's home in Tilton. If you would like to be kept abreast of the plans, please contact Lynne at foxes90@verizon.net or 603-286-4168.

Gail Meinhold will be undertaking a **series of small hikes** in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire on various mid-week evenings throughout the summer months. If you are interested in being kept abreast of the hike details for any particular week, please contact Gail by the previous Friday at 603-286-7490 or Freedom1946@yahoo.com. These will be conditioning hikes simply to "get the lead out;" hikers of any level are welcome to join. Plan on packing a sandwich; we'll take a dinner break during the hike. You'll even be back before dark!

Gail Meinhold is also looking to hear from Mensans interested in **fly fishing**. If you share this interest, you are encouraged to contact Gail at 603-286-7490 or Freedom1946@yahoo.com.



Sailing in Casco Bay: Neal Weinstein writes, "I have a 38-foot sailboat and I am always looking for crew, so I would be happy to take other fellow Mensa members sailing in Casco Bay, Portland, Maine. Fellow Mensans can learn about the physics of sailing, tides and currents, diesels, electronics, beer and chips, and other intellectual areas. The boat will be in the water from early June through October. I don't

have dates yet, but if interested, people could contact me." You can contact Neal at weinlaw@maine.rr.com or 207-934-2173.

Calling Health Practitioners and Other Interested Parties! Katja Swift writes: "Have you ever noticed that great thought seems to come from friends gathered at leisure, quite often around beverages? In fact, isn't that more or less how Mensa started? I joined Mensa for precisely that reason: to have other smart minds to challenge the work I'm doing.

"I'm a science-minded alternative health practitioner (herbalism and nutrition), specializing in auto-immune disorders, ASD/ADD/"behavioral

problems,” and chronic illness. I’m currently working on glycemic index experimentation, and how that affects health of the general population. I have been doing ongoing work for a few years now on food intolerances, and how food is related specifically to the disorders I specialize in.

“So here’s the call! If you’re practicing medicine (of any kind), biology, botany, organic chemistry, psychology/psychiatry, work with troubled youth, or if you’re otherwise interested, contact me! Then we’ll put together a KneipeGruppe and just talk about where our thoughts are going!”

You can email Katja at katja.swift@adelphia.net or write to her at 4 Weston Street, Randolph, Vermont 05060.

Maine Mensans: Meet the RVC and the LocSec! This will be the premier event of the summer in Maine, so you won’t want to miss it! Join us at the home of Kevin Tremblay in Ripley, Maine (near Dexter) for a barbecue and the opportunity to meet Regional Vice Chair Marghretta McBean and LocSec Claire Natola. Kevin’s home is within a half-mile of the geographic center of Maine, so we hope that Mensans from all parts of the state will be able to come.

We’ll officially begin the barbecue around 2:00 p.m. Please bring whatever food you’d like to grill, the drink of your choice, and perhaps a side dish or dessert to share. Earlier in the day, Scott Cayouette will administer the Mensa Admissions Test onsite, so this would be the perfect opportunity to invite your friends or family to test! We’ll also have a “poetry slam,” so if you would like to participate, please bring your writings.

There is a good-sized rocked-in campfire in the back of Kevin’s barn, and a lovely garden. His 50-acre site can accommodate tents and small campers for those who would like to make a weekend of it. Kevin will also happily accommodate four people in beds in his home, and others who wish to bring their sleeping bags for the floor. The house has four bathrooms, so we’re all set in that department! (Kevin also has about 15,000 books, so you might be able to find something to read...)

Those wishing to book accommodations off-site can try the Brewster Inn of Dexter (5 miles from Ripley: <http://www.brewsterinn.com> or 207-924-3130) or Lovley’s Motel of Newport (18 miles from Ripley: 207-368-4311).

Directions to Kevin Tremblay’s home: Take I-95 to Newport Exit 157, onto Route 100/11 and cross Route 2. Then take Route 7/11 going toward Corinna. In Corinna center, the roads all meet (Routes 11, 222, 43, and 7), so follow Route 7 toward Dexter. Go through the light in Dexter, past Abbot Memorial Library and Shop & Save on the right, and then take the left before the Mobil Station onto Route 23. You will go past Big and Little Wassoosage Lakes. Take the second left after the lake onto Cambridge Road and travel 2.8 miles. The farmhouse is on the left as you descend Chandler Hill (the road’s name in Ripley) and has brown board and batten with a barn behind.

For any questions, you may contact Kevin at 207-924-3679 or ommore@midmaine.com or you may contact LocSec Claire Natola at 603-279-9986 or locsec@nh.us.mensa.org.

Scott Cayouette has purchased 23 tickets to the Sunday, September 3rd game of the **Portland Sea Dogs vs. the New Hampshire Fisher Cats** in Portland, Maine. They are in section 204 behind and to the right of home plate, the best you can get without season tickets! If you'd like to join the Mensans who have already snatched up many of these tickets, contact Scott Cayouette at sacayouette@yahoo.com or 207-649-1515.

Gold Panning Weekend: Bill Drinkwater and Scott Cayouette are hosting a Gold Panning Weekend on August 5-6 on the Swift River, the best-known gold-bearing river in Maine. Two lean-tos have been reserved at the Coos Canyon Campground (445 Swift River Road, Byron, Maine 04275, 207-364-3880, <http://www.cooscanyoncabins.com/campground>). Each lean-to has a capacity of 8-10 for camping. Check-in is at 12:00 p.m. on the 5th, with check-out at 12:00 p.m. on the 6th.

Bill Drinkwater was a gold prospector for 15 years in Maine, California and Alaska, and a full-time miner for four years in Northern California. He has taught gold panning and small-scale gold mining in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in San Francisco, and conducted gold panning adult education classes in Maine. He will show you a few simple things you can easily and inexpensively use to get more gold while panning, such as gold pan screens, simple hand-operated suction devices, an underwater viewer, etc. Bill will have a few gold pans with him for anyone to use. In addition, there are gold pans available for rent at the campground. Bill will be going up to the site the day before to scout for possible good spots to pan.



There is no cost for panning; the only cost to participants is for accommodations. Those wishing to sleep in the pre-reserved lean-tos can send a check for \$5 per person to Scott Cayouette, P.O. Box 42, North Vassalboro, Maine 04962. Be sure to reserve your place early before all the slots are taken. Additional sites are available for campers and RV's at a higher cost; reservations for those need to be made separately by contacting Coos Canyon Campground directly (see contact information above). Even if you make separate accommodations, you are asked to contact Scott or Bill to let them know you will be joining the group for panning.

Because the lean-to is a primitive shelter, you must bring your own sleeping bag and air mattress. Mosquito netting to put over the head of each sleeping bag and/or bug repellent is recommended. You may want to pack a blanket, too, just in case the evening is chilly.

You should also plan to bring food, drinks, sunscreen, and some spending money for the campground store/gift shop in case you forget anything. (Credit and debit cards are accepted.) For food, you'll want to bring appropriate camping or fireplace-type food and a food cooler of some sort, if necessary. Traditional camping treats such as marshmallows or s'mores are especially good for children, who are most welcome and encouraged to attend this event.



There is a picnic table and a fireplace at each lean-to; however, in the unlikely event that the forest fire danger is rated as extremely high, campfires may not be allowed.

Multifarious other activities are available at the campground such as swimming, fishing, picnicking, hiking, kayaking, inner tubing, etc. Bring your own gear (e.g., kayak, inner tube) if interested. Coos Canyon Campground has bathroom facilities and showers on-site.

For any questions about the campsite, or to R.S.V.P., contact Scott Cayouette at 207-649-1515 or sacayouette@yahoo.com. Anyone with questions about gold panning is free to contact Bill Drinkwater at 207-342-5042 or orion293@fairpoint.net.

Directions to Coos Canyon Campground from the Maine Turnpike: Take Exit 75 Auburn. Turn left at the end of the off-ramp. Follow Route 4 through Auburn to the Turner/Livermore Falls town line. Turn left onto Route 108. Turn right at the blinking traffic light in West Peru. Cross the bridge and turn left onto Route 2. Follow through Mexico until you come to a traffic light. Turn right onto Route 17 West. Travel 14 miles and take a right into Coos Canyon Campground just before the picnic area. 🏠

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Sudoku Solution

1	7	2	3	4	9	8	5	6
5	6	9	1	8	7	2	3	4
3	4	8	6	5	2	7	1	9
8	1	5	4	9	6	3	7	2
2	9	7	5	1	3	6	4	8
4	3	6	7	2	8	1	9	5
9	5	3	8	6	1	4	2	7
7	8	4	2	3	5	9	6	1
6	2	1	9	7	4	5	8	3