

A "Plush Wilderness Trip" to the Great Camps on Raquette and Blue Mountain Lakes 3 days and 2 nights - September 13 – 15, 2016

This is your opportunity to visit some of the remaining Adirondack Great Camps, which have been described as "The Playground of the Rich during the Adirondack's Gilded Age". (Unfortunately, many of the other original Great Camps no longer exist.)

RC-12 travelers will be staying at **Minnowbrook**, the last built of the Great Camps. Minnowbrook, located on Blue Mountain Lake, is open only to groups, not to the general public.



Our stay here will include 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, and a picnic lunch as well as access to their canoes, kayaks, and other facilities.



A narrated **Luncheon Cruise** aboard the **W.W. Durant** on Raquette Lake is also included in the price of this trip.



We will be taking a water taxi for a 1½ hour guided tour of W.W. Durant's Great **Camp, Pine Knot and Saint Williams Chapel**. These sites are only accessible by water and not open to the general public.



The architectural style known as "Great Camp" originated at Raquette Lake with Camp Pine Knot. It was at Camp Pine Knot that William West Durant began his creation of a harmonious woodland architecture that institutionalized the style we know today as the Great Camp.



We also will enjoy a guided tour of the **Great Camp Sagamore on Raquette Lake**. The Sagamore is a National Historic Landmark celebrating the work of architect/developer, William West Durant. A wilderness estate that is the prototype of Adirondack style; Sagamore was the Adirondack home of the Vanderbilt family (1901-1954) and staff--a rustic community that was famous for parties, people, celebrities and visiting world leaders.



During our “free time”, you can relax while gazing at Minnowbrook’s view of Blue Mountain Lake, kayak or canoe on Blue Mountain Lake, or take our chartered bus to the Adirondack Museum on Blue Mountain Lake for a self-guided tour of the history and lifestyles of those living in yesteryear Adirondacks.

3 Day/2 Night Trip Pricing – includes taxes and gratuities

Single Occupancy - \$740 per person plus the cost of a chartered bus ticket

Double Occupancy - \$680 per person plus the cost of a chartered bus ticket

In order to reserve RC-12’s place at the Minnowbrook Conference Center during the highly desirable “leaf peeping” season, Syracuse University (Minnowbrook’s owner) requires a \$500 deposit more than one year in advance. If this chance to have an Adirondack encounter the way the Vanderbilts, Morgans, and Durants enjoyed their summers appeals to you, please write your **\$50 deposit check payable to NYSUT RC-12 and then mail it on or before July 15, 2015 to: Jeanne Williams-Bennett, 1995 State Route 51, Ilion, NY 13357**

Your Name(s) _____ Phone Number _____

Your Home Address _____

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