

STARGAZING FLOAT HAW RIVER/SAXAPAHAW LAKE

Description of the Float:

There is no better way to see the night sky in the Piedmont of North Carolina than by floating in a canoe, at night, on a large lake, and at the time of a new moon. If astronomy is your hobby – or even if you just want to learn about what you’ve been looking at all these years – this float trip will be both fun and educational.

Participants arrive early enough in the evening to practice canoeing, enjoy a beautiful sunset and adjust their eyes to the night sky. As the stars become brighter, everyone will “raft-up” and lay back. Participants will be encouraged to share their knowledge of astronomy and/or to ask questions about what we are seeing.

Logistics:

Stargazing floats are held on the Haw River upstream of the dam at Saxapahaw, NC. Participants must arrive at our meeting location by 6:00 p.m. if they want canoe instruction. The trip will begin at 7:00 p.m. and conclude by 10:00 p.m.

What We Provide:

A canoe or kayak, PFD (Personal Floatation Device), paddle and at least one experienced guide/naturalist are provided.

Your Responsibility:

Guests are responsible for transportation to and from our meeting location, foot wear that can get dirty and/or wet, dry clothes to leave in your vehicle, appropriate clothing for the season, hat, insect repellent, water bottle and flashlight. A camera and binoculars are recommended, but optional. The flashlight is essential for sure footing at the end of the trip.

Trip Fee & Reservations:

The trip fee is \$25.00 per person. If you bring a canoe or kayak, the trip fee is \$20 per person. You must be registered and paid in full before being allowed to go on the trip. You will be required to read and sign a liability waiver and pay attention to the safety briefing presented before the trip begins.

To register, please call 336/260-6465. When your registration has been confirmed, send payment to The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company, P.O. Box 22, Saxapahaw, NC 27340. Registrations are filled on a first come, first serve basis when payment is received.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made more than 30 days in advance will receive a full refund less a 15% administration fee. Cancellations made less than 30 days but more than 10 days prior to the course start date, will not receive a refund – but 50% of the fee may be credited toward a future course or trip, to be used within 1 yr. Cancellations made less than 10 days prior to departure, or "no shows", will receive no refund or credit.

If The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company cancels the course, participants are eligible for a full refund, but in no way shall The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company's liability exceed the cost of the course, and The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company is not liable for extra expenses incurred in preparation for the course. Courses are sold as a package, and credits are not given for services not used.

Dollar-A-Day for Conservation

All of the courses and trips offered by The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company are intended to raise public awareness to the need to protect our environment. We hope you will consider contributing one dollar per day to support the work of the Haw River Assembly, a local conservation group whose mission it is to protect the river, its tributaries and Jordan Lake. Simply add one dollar per day to The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company course fee. We will make sure that your contribution gets to the Haw River Assembly.

Before and after your activity, we will have Haw River Assembly membership brochures available should you be interested in joining the organization.