



## ARNOLD EXPEDITION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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### CATHEDRAL PINES MEETING SET FOR SEPT 6 - 7

All members of the AEHS, their families, and friends are invited to participate at an outdoor gathering and exploratory tour of the Arnold Trail on Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7th.

The Rendezvous and headquarters will be at the beautiful Cathedral Pines in Eustis, Maine, on Route 27, above Sugarloaf and Stratton.

The Cathedral Pines Campsite is one of the most beautiful and well operated campsites in Maine. All facilities are available and the rates are very reasonable. Trailers, campers and tents are accommodated.

Individual campsites should be reserved as soon as possible. Campsites \$2.00 per night 25¢ additional for each person in excess of 4 in one party, over 12 yrs. old.-Recreational building, beach, hot showers, flush toilets, boat rental.

#### For reservations write:

Cathedral Pines Campground,  
Stratton, Maine 04982

Enclose \$2.00 with reservation.

Tel. Stratton 216-3491

### JUNIOR RANGERS

On Saturday and Sunday of August 23-24. The AEHS is sponsoring an historical tour of the Arnold Trail from Wiscasset to Salem, for approximately 20 members of the Wiscasset Elementary School 6th Graders.

They will be accompanied by their Social Studies teacher, Mrs. Gwendolyn Farmer and some of the parents and several of the school officials. They will be guided by White Nichols, Society Pres. who notes that Article V of the Purposes and Objectives of the Society call for furnishing and promoting information and education regarding the history of the expeditions.

The group, known as the Junior Rangers of the AEHS, will encamp in tents and sleeping bags at "the Evergreens" campsite, where Millard and Helen Camp, well known for their Pemaquid Restoration archaeological activities, will put them through the rudimentary process of archaeological digging.

"The Evergreens" campground has recently been surveyed and mapped, and other preliminary work started, for a more detailed study of the site by a field crew of the Maine State Museum, under the supervision of Ron Klay, Research Associate-Science.

This is part of the mutual arrangement between the AEHS, Bill and Ruth Perry, owners and operators of the Campground, and Robert Damm, Director of the new Maine State Museum.

The indications are that the Junior Rangers will rapidly expand and become an important part of the AEHS.

Negotiations are also underway for Explorer Scout affiliations with our Society. We need them on the trail and they need our guidance and fellowship.

### ANNUAL DUES NOW PAYABLE

All members who have not yet paid their 1969 Dues are asked to do so at once.

Membership Fees are Five dollars annually, including the new Family Plan of Father, Mother and children to age 19. Student membership Fees are one dollar.

Mail your check or money order to Treasurer, Harold E. Brown, 19 Bedford Street, Bath, Maine 04530.

### PROGRAM

The program calls for a tour of the Arnold Trail from the Cathedral Pines (on Flagstaff Lake, and the Dead River) to the Chandiere River at Megantic Quebec.

Stops will be made at Sarampus and Ledge Falls, Camp Disaster on the Dead River, Natanis Lake, and the Chain-of-Ponds, including Arnold Pond.

A short hike in to Lost Pond (crossed by Arnold's army, and mentioned by Justin Smith in his book and study entitled "Arnold's March from Cambridge to Quebec") Lost Pond is a beautiful wilderness lake entirely surrounded by spruce trees, and for many years was unknown to the public and ever some woodsmen and guides. Well worth seeing.

Other historic and natural landmarks will be observed along the route.

Those participating in the tour may drop out at any point along the way or proceed across the 'Height of Land' into Quebec and Megantic to the Chandiere River (a nice place to eat).

Tour starts at 10 A.M. Sat. Sept. 6.

On Sunday Sept. 7th a scuba-diving team led by Senator Bernard of Auburn will conduct under-water explorations at several fall-sites including Sarampus and Ledge Falls where Arnold's men encountered boating mishaps, losing batteaux and equipment.

AEHS members, Duluth Wing and Cecil Pierce will act as guides, both having traversed this water on their thorough coverage of Arnold's march route in recent years.

A number of relics and artifacts have been recovered from this area and hopefully these divers will produce some additional items.

There are delightful spots in the Dead River and Chain of Ponds to do some canoe or boat exploring.