

Shen Crew Weekly Newsletter

Important Program & Payment Dates:

Sept 1st – Volunteer Job Sign up for Fall Season has begun

Sept 6th – Busing starts for Varsity/Freshman after school

Sept 8th – First payment Modified due

Sept 9th – **Parent meeting at 10:00-12:00 HSW cafeteria**

Sept 11th – Fall Crew Modified starts with busing after school

Sept 19th – Board meeting

Sept 22nd – Second payment Varsity, Freshman

Oct 6th – Final payment Modified due

Oct 13th – Final payment Varsity and Freshman due

**Note Please also visit www.Shencrew.com calendar for full calendar of events.*

Fall Online Registration has begun

Registration has begun! The online link is on website. Returning families were asked to be registered by the 28th of August. Any registrations after that date will incur a \$20 late registration fee. All buyouts of all teams due by 13 Oct. Fundraising information to be handed out at parent meeting for these details.

Transportation to Practice

Modified will get their bus outside the Gowana Bus port (near the Aquatic Center). The regular school buses will fill and depart the parking lot. Then the Shen Crew bus will pull up and pick up the rowers. Please do not approach the bus until it makes a complete stop. Do not eat on the bus.

Freshman will get the bus at HSW. Do not eat on the bus.

Varsity (Grades 10, 11 and 12) will get the upstate travel bus in the back lot of HSE. The bus will leave at 2:50pm, so please hustle out of HSE at end of day. Please do not eat on the bus.

Parent meeting – This Saturday!

The fall parent meeting is scheduled for **Saturday 9/9 10:00- 12:00** at **HSW cafeteria**. The coaches will be sharing the plan for Fall crew season in addition we'll review topics of fundraising requirements for the season, review of financials, equipment purchase update, job sign ups, carpool organization table and more. We appreciate if one parent from each household can attend so we are all on the same page for status and future plans for the club. There will be volunteer, food tent and Clynk sign up tables so everyone can meet their membership requirements. *Note – see rowathon below... Rowathon envelopes due at Parent meeting!

Rowathon Fundraiser – Change of process

The annual Row-a-thon is here! The Row-a-thon is our biggest fundraiser of the year grossing roughly \$10,000 for the annual budget. These funds go towards the general running of the club which keeps our dues to the bare minimum.

This year all the kids need to do is bring 10 or more envelopes addressed to your family, friends, or local businesses that know you or your rower, with your return address and a stamp on it. **Bring your 10 plus stamped envelopes to the parent meeting September 9th and drop them off to the fundraising table.** That is all you need to do and leave rest to us! (If not attending the parent meeting, please drop off addressed & stamped envelopes at boathouse on Monday 9/11.)

The Rowathon is scheduled for Sat 9/23 for all athletes. We want to get the donation letters mailed prior so the first batch of letters will be mailed after the parent meeting to get us off to a great start.

Food Tent Reminder

Feeding our kids is a necessary part of crew and every family has to help with this. As a reminder, one member from every household must work one shift (breakfast or lunch) at one regatta to meet their food tent obligation. Sign up for tent shift choices will be at the parent meeting as you walk in (for those unable to attend the 9/9 meeting, we'll have an online afterwards to fill in the open shifts). We will continue with the "nut free" commitment and keeping the continental breakfast and healthy lunch options for the athletes & coaches. We experienced great savings by feeding athletes only last year rather than all family members so we appreciate everyone's cooperation with this plan.

Fall Season Dates

Saturday September 23rd: Rowathon – All Teams Var/Fresh 8:00 – 1:00, Mod 8:00 – 11:00

Saturday September 30th: TAIL OF THE FISH, Saratoga Springs (Var/Frosh/Select Mods)

Sunday October 8th: MOHAWK FALL CLASSIC, Scotia (Jumping Jacks), (All Teams)

Sunday October 15th: NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS, Pembroke, NH, (Var/Frosh)

Friday - Sunday October 19th - 22nd - HEAD OF THE CHARLES, Boston, MA (Select Crews)

Saturday & Sunday October 28th & 29th - HEAD OF THE FISH, Saratoga Springs (All Teams)

Saturday November 4th (Date TBD) - FALL MOD CHAMPS (Location TBD, most likely Sarato

Corporate Funding:

Friends of Shenendehowa Crew - Corporate Partners

Please take time to visit and support our partners who have actively provided funding or in-kind services to the betterment of our organization. Their logos and website links will be located on www.shencrew.com.

Target
Hannaford

Belmonte Builders
Stewart's Shops (Corporate Foundation)
Dick's Sporting Goods (Community Foundation)
Frank & Son's Body Works

Additional information will be provided at the upcoming Parent Meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Board Members: Barb Moore or Roger Pelham. We will continue to share with the membership as sponsorships occur and recognize all members who bring in corporate funding on behalf of the team.

New Hampshire Travel Regatta

Varsity & Freshman teams will depart Saturday AM October 14 and return late Sunday PM October 15. The team will be staying at the Hampton Inn-Bow/NH. There is a block of parent's room, must reserve by September 23: [603-224-5322](tel:603-224-5322) and use group code: SCP.

Can you chaperone? - We will need chaperones...likely 4, and they should be willing to drive a rented van as we may end up with 5 vans if we can't get an affordable bus. The team will pay for your room and meals. Please contact Jon Slepski at jonslepski@shencrewadmin.com

Presidential Volunteer Service Award

(PVSA) is the premier volunteer awards program, encouraging citizens to live a life of service through presidential gratitude and national recognition. Shen Crew is one of the approved community organizations that has registered and can approve awards for our crew students that are completing volunteer hours. We have many High School students that are looking for ways to differentiate themselves on their college transcripts - this is one of them! We work on the 12-month period Fall season to fall season Oct 1st – Sept 30th so we can present any awards at the fall pizza party in November for any qualifiers. If your athlete volunteers regularly at school, church or other charitable organization it counts! All hours must be entered by 10/13/17 so awards can be ordered. To qualify for an award, required volunteer hours during the year. (10/1/16-9/30/17 for this award period) are:

Teens Age 11-15 = Bronze 50-74 hrs, Silver 75-99 and Gold 100+
Young Adults Age 16-25 = Bronze 100-174 hrs, Silver 175-249 and Gold 250+

Visit the website to learn more& register at: <http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/>

We welcome and encourage all Shen Crew students to consider working towards a Presidents Service award in 2017 and in future years to come. We'll happily monitor the program, pay for your medals and look forward to growing this recognition.

Drop off/Pick up Reminder

To ALL members/drivers: While Mohawk Avenue is a public road, please respect their space and their neighborhood and **ONLY use Maritime Drive for access to**

the boathouse. The entry to Maritime Drive is closer to the railroad and has a large sign for the Maritime Center on the corner. Also, as a reminder, the speed limit on Maritime Drive is 25mph. While we are all in a rush to get somewhere, please be mindful of your speed as we often have the kids running as part of their workout routine. Please do not block the sidewalk of the therapy building nor their mail box when parking.

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

Monthly meetings are typically held on the third Tuesday of each month (unless school vacation weeks) 7:00 – 9:30 pm during school year. While the meetings are open for all to listen, Public Comment period begins promptly at 7:00, ending at 7:30. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Your input is a valuable source to continue to foster a positive nurturing environment and experience the tradition of Crew. Summer meetings are held 7-9:00 at Clifton Park Town Library.

Questions?? Please visit the website at www.shencrew.com

Additionally, our New Family Liaison can answer general questions:

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