



CAMPERS' NEWSLETTER – 2018

45th ANNUAL Music Festival – August 3rd – 5th
Enjoy the Music - Welcome your Neighbours - Take care of Each Other and the Land

Please view the [Camping, Need to Know](#) and [Accessibility](#) web pages to read about how to find Blue Skies, where to park, what to bring, what not to bring ... in short, all the good stuff you need to know to make this **your best Blue Skies ever!!**

If your ticket is stamped “Friday”, please do not arrive earlier than gate opening time at 9:00 AM(ish) Friday, August 3rd.



Your 2018 Parking Volunteers suggest:

If you are considering bringing a trailer or any type of vehicle you intend to sleep in, know that we have **limited space** and **nothing over 18 feet long** will be admitted. Camping on the road **is illegal**. If we are full, this is not an option. Please be respectful of this and **bring a tent** in case your trailer doesn't fit. There will always be room for one more tent.

A Message from First Aid

Please bring all of your regular medications, including Epi-pens if you have anaphylactic allergies.



Ticks Love the Blue Skies Site Too!

Take Precautions, educate yourself. Pack a tick remover gizmo.

Blue Skies has several New Neighbours!

Let's all be good neighbours by not blocking drive ways, not running over chickens and ducks that are sharing the road with us and driving slowly.



Hand Washing Station Workshop

Clean Hands for Happy Campers! A Message from Kathy Dorner



*Last Blue Skies, a preliminary prototype of a simple, water-efficient, bucket-based, foot-pump hand wash station was quickly put together before the festival and made available for use at the Swamp outhouses. This project came about as a result of comments from musician Jonathan Byrd, who described homemade hand washing equipment used at his home festival in North Carolina. The prototype kind of worked, but needed some tweaking. Since then, the design has been refined and is easier to assemble and more effective to use. This year at the Clean Hands for Happy Campers workshop on **Saturday morning**, there will be a demonstration of how to put these hand washing stations together, and we will assemble a few to use at Blue Skies.*

If you want to build your own hand wash station at the workshop, you need to know what parts to bring with you to Blue Skies. See the complete list on page 3 of this newsletter. Most parts are available at any hardware store or lumberyard.... some are also available at dollar stores, and others you may have around your house. In addition, if you can, **please** bring a cordless drill (with charged battery) and a few drill bits (1/8", 1/4", 1/2" and 5/8"). A screwdriver that matches the screws for your hinges would also be handy.



Hand Washing Station Parts List	Quantity
Engine primer bulb with directional flow valve. This \$10 part is the most important item in the assembly. It is usually sold with motor boat accessories. Recommended model is Attwood #9303817 , to fit 3/8" interior diameter hose. Slightly less expensive at Canadian Tire than Home Hardware - however, smaller and cheaper Kimpex primer bulbs also sold at Canadian Tire are not recommended.	1
Utility Pails – 19 litres (5 gallon), round pails – recycled are OK as long as they have only been used for non-toxic substances.	2
Lid to fit one of the utility pails	1
Round plastic basin, 12" diameter - or recycle a plastic salad bowl. Must be able to sit on top of the utility pail without falling in.	1
Plastic tubing , 3/8" inner diameter, 1/2" outer diameter (to fit connections on the engine primer bulb).	9 linear feet
Hose clamps - to fit 1/2" plastic tubing. Stainless steel recommended.	2
1/2" washer – galvanised or stainless steel – to add weight to the plastic tubing and keep the end submerged.	1 or more
Plastic Electrical conduit - 90 degree elbows with bell end , 16mm/ 1/2" inner diameter (find this in a hardware store with electrical supplies). For the "faucet."	2
Poly Insert Tee -3/4 inch (find this in a hardware store with fittings for plastic plumbing pipes). To support the "faucet." To make sure it's the right size, test it with the bell end of the electrical conduit elbow – it should fit snugly over the base of the "T."	1
Nylon cable ties – recommended length 6- 7" - available at hardware stores or dollar stores.	5-6
1 x 6 or 1 x 8 scrap lumber cut neatly to 10" or 12" length - or similarly dimensioned exterior grade plywood	2 pieces
High density sponge rubber ball - About 2-1/2" diameter, NOT the really squishy kind. Available at dollar stores.	Half
Door Hinge , 3-4", zinc or stainless steel with a fixed pin is recommended.	1
Screws for door hinge – if they are not included with the hinge. Stainless steel screws are recommended. Shorter than the thickness of the lumber or plywood.	match number of holes in hinge
Wooden dowel – 5/8" diameter	1 foot length
GLUE – quick setting, water resistant, high strength. Some glue will be provided at the workshop.	
OPTIONAL : -Shallow Plastic tub to fit a bar of soap (from hummus , tofu, etc) OR a mesh bag (from avocados, onions, etc) -Biodegradable bar soap	