



## **2025 Camping Lottery Rules and Regulations**

The annual camping lottery is a fun event for SLA members to kick off the New Year and get a chance to reserve their coveted camping spot. Due to the increased popularity of our annual Camping Lottery we must update and highlight some existing rules.

It is your responsibility to read all necessary information prior to submitting your camping lottery form. Information can be found on the Explore Squam section of our website. Further information can also be obtained using the FAQ link within the camping tab or visiting [www.squamlakes.org/camp-faq](http://www.squamlakes.org/camp-faq).

**Participation in the lottery does NOT guarantee you'll receive your desired campsite or date selection. See "The Drawing Process" below.**

### **Bowman Cabin**

Bowman Cabin is not available for 2025.

### **Only one lottery form per household**

You will only be awarded one site. (see "The Drawing Process" below)  
Multiple forms received from the same address (household) will be eliminated.

### **Important Dates 2025:**

**Lottery opens:** January 6 (@ 9:30 AM)

**Lottery closes:** January 27 (@11:59 PM)

**Processing & email notification dates:** February 3 – February 6

**Last Notifications sent out:** February 7

**Non-awarded reservations:** February 10 (@9:30AM) – February 21 (@11:59PM)

**General reservations open:** February 24 (@9:30AM)

**2025 Camping Lottery forms cannot be submitted until January 6, 2025 @ 9:30am.**

### **Emails**

All notifications are sent via email, please check that the email you provide is accurate. Also, make sure our emails ([camping@squamlakes.org](mailto:camping@squamlakes.org) and [info@squamlakes.org](mailto:info@squamlakes.org)) are not in your spam folder or blocked.

## Membership

You must be an active member to participate in the lottery.

Membership must be valid as of **March 1st, 2025**.

You are given the option to join or renew with this form.

If you indicate that you are a member under "Membership Options" but your membership has lapsed **or** you have never been a member of the SLA:

If you are a non-member, a \$35 individual membership charge will be added to your camping reservation.

If you are a lapsed member, a renewal at your most recent membership rate will be added to your camping reservation.

## Selecting sites/dates

Put sites/dates you actually intend to use, do not put fillers then cancel.

Cancellations prior to 14 days before the camping reservation date are subject to the \$25 admin fee, no exceptions – see cancellation policy on our website’s camping page for more cancellation information and regarding cancellations within the 14-day window from the camping reservation.

You can select only one campsite for each choice and must specify which exact site, same with dates. Input only specific dates. Examples Below.

“Campsite Choice 1”- Input the specific campsite (ex. Bowman 1),

**DO NOT** put “Any Bowman Site” or “Any Group Site” or

“Bowman 1, 2 or 3”, we will eliminate forms that do this

“First Night” – The day you plan to arrive.

“Last Night” – The final night you plan on staying at the site, checking out the following morning.

“# of Nights” – The **total number of nights** for your stay.

You will only be awarded one site on your Camping Lottery form.

If you are awarded your first choice we stop there. Even if your 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> choices are available, we do not award them to you. No exceptions.

## The drawing process

We do not prioritize people based on their contribution amounts or duration of membership. The process **is not** first come, first serve so it does not matter when you get the form in so long as it is between the lottery open and close date/time.

## The process.

1. All received forms are placed in alphabetical order, by last name, and numbered 001 – x.
2. Corresponding “tickets” are then numbered and placed into a hat.
3. Numbers are drawn at random and matched to their corresponding lotto form.

4. Only 200 “tickets” will be pulled.
5. We look at your first choice and check it against our reservation calendar. If that site and date combination is available, you are awarded it.
6. If your first choice is unavailable (dates overlap with another participant that was drawn earlier) we then move to your second choice and so on down the choices.
  - It’s entirely possible that all 3 of your choices may be unavailable.
7. Winners will be charged for their awarded spot.
8. After the drawing, **all** participants will be notified via email.
9. **Participants who were not awarded a site** will also receive an email letting them know. These individuals, who were not awarded a site, have between February 10<sup>th</sup> – February 21<sup>st</sup> to go to our website and reserve a spot before general reservations open to the public.
  - Do not make online reservations prior to February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM
  - An early access code will be emailed. This code must be entered into the online notes/comments section to be valid.
    - Giving out this code to non-participating lottery individuals will result in the cancellation of reservations and an accompanied camping ban of one year.

## Payment

Please provide payment information on your lottery form.

If you’re uncomfortable mailing, emailing, or faxing your card number give us a call (603-968-7336) once your lottery form is submitted so we may write it in.

If you are awarded a spot and we don’t have a card number or the card is declined we will call and email you. You then have **three (3) days** to get back to us before we eliminate your reservation.

**IMPORTANT:** Non-awarded participants will still be charged for membership if you choose to renew or join on the submitted form. You must be an active member to participate in the camping lottery whether you are awarded a spot or not.

## Notification & Camping Confirmation Sheet

Winners (individuals who are awarded a site) will receive an email with a camping confirmation sheet attached by February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Contact us if you haven’t received an email by February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Check spam folder.

Please review this sheet closely and contact us if there are any issues.

You do not need to sign and return the confirmation sheet.

**Good Luck!**