



2026 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 for 2026! Please read this document thoroughly. It is your responsibility to read all necessary information prior to submitting your camping lottery form. Additional information can be found on [SLA's camping webpage](#).

Important Notes Regarding the Lottery

- **Participation in the lottery does NOT guarantee you'll receive your desired campsite or date selection**
- **Participants will be awarded up to one reservation**
- **You must be a current member to participate in the lottery**
- **Only one lottery form may be submitted per household (physical address)**
- **Submissions that do not follow the guidelines will be rejected**

Important Dates 2026:

Submissions open: January 12 (@ 9:30 AM)

Submissions close: January 26 (@11:59 PM)

Lottery processing & email notification dates: February 3 – February 6

Last Notifications sent out: February 7

Non-awarded reservations: February 9 (@9:30AM) – February 20 (@11:59PM)

General reservations open: February 23 (@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 and 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, 2026**. You are given the option to join or renew on the lottery form. If your membership lapses before March 1, 2026, your membership will be renewed at your previous level, unless indicated otherwise. If you have never been a member of the SLA, a \$35 individual membership charge will be added to your camping reservation.

Selecting Sites/Dates

Put sites/dates you intend to use. Cancellations prior to 14 days before the camping reservation date are subject to the \$25 admin fee, no exceptions. See cancellation policy on [SLA's camping webpage](#) for more information.

You can select only one campsite for each choice and must specify which exact site and date range. **Forms that do not follow these guidelines will be rejected.** 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", etc.

First Night - Input the specific day you plan to arrive to the campsite

Last Night – Input 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.

If you are awarded your first choice we stop there. Even if your 2nd or 3rd 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, duration of membership or when their lottery form was submitted. The process **is not** first come, first served. Winners are selected at random and all participants have an equal chance of being awarded their site.

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. **It's possible that all 3 of your choices may be unavailable.**
7. Winners will be charged for their awarded spot and membership (if needed).
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 will receive a link to make a reservation between February 9th – February 20th before general reservations open to the public on February 23rd. An early access code will be provided and must be entered into the comments section to be valid. Sharing this link with others will result in the cancellation of reservations and a 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: You must be an active member to participate in the lottery. Non-awarded participants will still be charged for membership even if they are not awarded a site.

Notification & Camping Confirmation Sheet

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