



Northeast Passage To Host Shepherd Bridge Program For Second Year

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Durham, N.H. – On Aug. 2 and 3, 2007, Northeast Passage will be hosting the Shepherd Center's Bridge Program for the New England region. The Atlanta-based Shepherd Center is one of the nation's leading hospitals specializing in the medical treatment and rehabilitation of people with spinal cord injury and disease, acquired brain injury and multiple sclerosis.

Northeast Passage is a program of the University of New Hampshire's College of Health and Human Services, and is an affiliate of Disabled Sports USA. Northeast Passage develops and delivers innovative, barrier-free recreation and health promotion programs for people with disabilities.

Each year, the Shepherd Center partners with local organizations to build awareness of community-based programs and resources for former patients. Northeast Passage has been collaborating with the Shepherd Center to offer two days of adaptive sports and socializing in New Hampshire.

About 10 former patients, from all over New England, and their family and friends will converge at the University of New Hampshire on Aug. 2. Participants have acquired spinal cord injuries, received care at Shepherd and have returned home to New England. Most are in their teens and 20s and have relatively new injuries.

Participants will be staying on campus and utilizing Northeast Passage's equipment and expertise. Planned events include cycling (handcycling trials), adaptive golf, an introduction to the growing sport of quad rugby, adaptive kayaking and waterskiing.

This event is sponsored locally by Liberty Mutual.

For more information on Northeast Passage, visit www.nepassage.org.

