

*For those unprepared, Maine's woods and waters can be an unforgiving place. For years, Registered Maine Guides have led the way, providing many inexperienced outdoor adventurers with an enjoyable outing and a sense of security while outdoors. Their combination of knowledge, experience, ingenuity and outdoor skills has led many a sport through their own uncharted territory.*

*The Junior Maine Guide program not only trains young men and women in the essential skills it takes to become a Registered Maine Guide, it provides the foundation for these young adults to become leaders.*

*Independence, resourcefulness, discipline, stewardship, and leadership are all traits of a Junior Maine Guide. These skills not only allow these young adults to lead while outdoors, but it instills a sense of self-reliance that translates to success in the classroom, on stage, on the athletic field, in whatever field they choose.*

*The Junior Maine Guide Program will provide life lessons long after they are out of the woods and onto whatever adventure awaits.*

*Chandler Woodcock*

*Commissioner*

*Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*