

ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

*In Celebration of the New York Chapter and Camp Nawakwa
October 7-8-9, 2017*

Saturday – October 7, 2017: Camp Nawakwa 91st Anniversary Celebration

Since opening day in April, 1926, Camp Nawakwa has been maintained and operated by the Key-holder members of the New York Chapter. For this special anniversary celebration, all Key-holders and Applicants are invited to join together for this day's events and to take part in what has come to symbolize the Nawakwa tradition of teamwork and camaraderie: The Saturday Night Dinner. Register as usual (see below). Day Fees are waived for this day (and for the whole weekend). See below for the other registration fees/costs for each day and for the entire weekend.

Saturday Special Events:

1. There will be our traditional Saturday night community dinner, organized and under the direction of Susanne Flower.
2. After dinner, the following activities are planned:
 1. Special Award presentation to Kim Waldhauer, recently retired Camp Chair.
 2. Recognition Awards to Chapter Trail Maintainers.
 3. Special presentation by Ellen King, our Archivist.

Cost per person for Saturday dinner: \$20. For those staying overnight Saturday into Sunday, there will be breakfast and a trail lunch offered. (Additional cost of \$10 for breakfast and the trail lunch.)

Please register by Thursday, October 5, 2017. Registrar: Diane Booth: dbooth108@aol.com

Sunday-October 8, 2017: Celebration of the 95th Anniversary of the New York Chapter

All who hold General Membership in the New York Chapter (that is, those who are not Key-holders) are invited to come to Camp Nawakwa this day in celebration of the Chapter's 95th Anniversary.

Starting at 3 PM there will be an on-going buffet, with refreshments. If you have never been to camp, this is an opportunity to "See Camp Nawakwa." Key-holder members will be on hand for tours and explanations. Information about the history of the club and on how to become a Key-holder will be available. Members may come for the day only or may also stay overnight.

Please register by 9 PM Thursday, October 5, 2017. Registrar: Diane Booth: dbooth108@aol.com

Monday – October 9, 2017: Enjoy Camp Nawakwa at your leisure. (Note: Those staying overnight will be responsible for their own breakfast on Monday morning.) Key-holder members will be present for the day to assist all visitors.

Costs per person for the three-day weekend: \$50

Saturday only/dinner: \$20

Sunday Breakfast and Trail Lunch: \$10

Sunday Buffet: \$20



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As I did this time last year, I will use this Chapter Chair column to a report on some items covered in the 2017 Annual Board meeting held at Camp Nawakwa on August 5th. [Note: The minutes and handouts, and all the specifics from the Annual meeting, are posted on our website. They can be found in the drop-down menus located in the “Members Only” section.] My thanks to everyone who took part in this year’s Annual meeting.

Changes to How We Hold Elections

The most important item mentioned at the Annual meeting was our need to hold our annual elections for Board members at a meeting. As per the New York State Not-for-Profit Corporation law that took effect May 27, 2017, all voting must take place at a meeting of the membership. We can no longer carry out voting by mail as we had done in the past. This issue of the Trail Marker has a full article explaining the change and announcing the time, place, date and procedure of this year’s elections. Please be sure to read this to inform yourself of why and how voting will take place this year. By the time you are reading this, all New York Chapter members (General members and Key-holder members) will have received the official notice of the meeting for this year’s elections, including a copy of the proxy form needed for those who would not be able to vote in person.

This is a significant change in procedure for us, but in the long run should prove beneficial as the voting process will be a very clear and concise procedure going forward. Once we go through this the first time this year, it will be easier to do for next year.

Questions and Clarifications

Several topics (concerning accounting questions, volunteerism, transparency, and compensation) were raised and commented on by various members at the meeting:

1. It was noted that, although we follow standard and appropriate accounting procedures in our financial reports, it was not always easy for members to get a complete sense of costs for a particular event or project. The example mentioned was of that of last year’s Winter Social. There was an erroneous thought that the Social was a fund raiser (it was not). But it was not easy to follow the recording of all the monies collected/spent because some were entered at the end of 2016 and the others in 2017. It was agreed that, for special events or projects at camp, a separate reporting would be done via the Trail Marker to make it clear and easy for member to see the costs involved in any significant project or event that is undertaken.

2. Comments were made about encouraging a spirit of volunteerism and openness at Camp Nawakwa, with reference made to compensation being paid to some members for work done around camp [Note: In 2012 and 2013, the Board had authorized some compensation for extraordinary work that took place to renovate all the sleeping cabins and to make improvements to the Main Cabin. No compensation has been given to anyone since 2013. See the overall discussion in the Minutes and Handouts of the Annual meeting posted on our website.] Although non-profits are allowed to offer compensation, it was pointed out that a potential conflict of interest problem could occur. The member who raised the question allowed that while some compensation “could be okay in special cases, the best approach would be for the Board to make an effort to get volunteers to do the work, although accomplishing this can be problematic.” All agreed that transparency, member-input, and clear statements of the total cost of any project were desired goals. As Chapter Chair, I explained that “Transparency”, “Conflict of Interest”, and “Compensation” are exactly the policies the Board is now developing in consultation with our lawyers.

This time of the year, which sees the seasons change from Late Summer to Fall to Winter, is also a time of gatherings of family and friends. The celebrations coming up are reminders of the bonds of friendship and trust that we share with one another. As we look forward to a new year, may “the spirit of cooperation, teamwork, mutual respect and camaraderie that we call the Nawakwa Tradition” continue to be celebrated and honored by us all.



- Ray Kozma, Chapter Chair

Hosted Events October–December 2017

(visit www.adkny.org for frequent updates)

Unless specified, please register by Thursday prior to the weekend.

To host a weekend or midweek, contact Host Chair:

Janet Sibarium (212) 254 0738

Email: jansib@mindspring.com

Commissary Concerns?

Call or email Maryann Poris (973) 731-7117

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A note to hosts: There is a limit of one host plus one co-host per weekend or midweek. This includes summers and holidays. This also includes families with adult and minor children.

Oct. 7 – 9 CAMP NAWAKWAN/ NY CHAPTER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday night will be for Nawakwan keyholders, and Sunday's celebration welcomes all NY Chapter members. Registration deadline: Thursday, Oct. 5th. Please specify which dates, meals and if you are vegetarian.

Board Hosted: Co-Hosts: Suzanne Rocheleau and Ray Kozma (registrar) raymondkozma@gmail.com

Oct. 14 – 15 FALL WORK WEEKEND

All hands on deck! Healthy tasty meals to nourish all volunteer's sore muscles and Nawakwa spirit! Complementary Saturday lunch. Staying for tasty healthy dinner? Easy prep and clean up guaranteed! Please register by Thursday, Oct. 12th and specify which meals (complementary Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast/lunch.) Also please indicate if you are vegetarian. Co-Hosts: Anita DeKroger (Saturday Complementary Lunch) And Janet Sibarium (registrar) jansib@mindspring.com or leave voicemail: 212-254-0738

October 21 - 22, 2017

Take time for your favorite Saturday afternoon hike (no organized hike scheduled) before a lazy prelude (as in easy happy hour and dinner prep) to an evening of fall foods and sharing of summer adventures. Post dinner clean-up will be as lazy (as in limited pot, pans and dishes). Please bring pictures from adventures you want to share with fellow Nawakwans. There will be a large screen computer for showing slides that you bring on a thumb drive. The computer has both Power Point and Keynote presentation software. Please contact Susanne if you have questions.

To register, email susanneflower@gmail.com by 10 PM on Thursday, Oct. 19th.

Please indicate number of meals and if vegetarian.

Co-hosts: Ellen Sackstein and Susanne Flower

Oct. 28 – 29: Spooky Host Wanted!

Hikes: October–December 2017

(visit www.adkny.org for frequent updates)

Hikes Chairperson: Glen Nison

718-625-2182

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For listings of hikes not led by members of ADKNY, (and not necessarily qualifying) try these links:

<http://www.nynjtc.org/content/scheduled-hikes>

<http://www.hudsonhikers.org/schedules.html>

Please check schedules of various public transportation options as fares and schedules may have changed.

Saturday, October 7 Hudson River Trails

Moderate 6-mile hike on trails next to or near the Hudson River beginning and ending at Garrison train station. Train riders take the 8:43am train from Grand Central (8:54am at 125th Street) to Garrison arriving at 10:01am. Drivers meet the train riders in the southeast section of the large station parking lot. The hike will include part of the historic trail used by Benedict Arnold to escape to a British ship on the Hudson after his plot to turn over to the British the plans for West Point via John Andre had been uncovered and a few interesting stands of bamboo trees.

Qualifying: Leader: John Lipsett 212-867-8280 work 212-864-6109 home

Saturday, November 25 – Trail Clearing

Trail clearing on the RD trail, with the meeting place and location of the work to be determined. All participants call leader a few days in advance. Qualifying.

Qualifying: Leader: John Lipsett 212-867-8280 work 212-864-6109 home

In Memory of John Blenninger

John Blenninger, who died July 18th of this year, was a New York Chapter member and Nawakwa Key-holder for forty-six years. John achieved membership in 1971. That same year, he also joined the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference. John liked to say that, even before he completed the qualifying events to become a Key-holder, he was already doing trail work as a trail maintainer. To him, doing trail work was a matter of 'giving back' to the Park and to hikers, those present and those to come.

A couple of years after I joined the Chapter, I decided I wanted to volunteer to do some trail maintenance. With John's encouragement and direction, I took over maintaining a trail in Black Rock Forest where John was the Supervisor. He was always friendly, concerned, and good and helpful teacher to me as I took up trail maintaining for the first time. Although I was able to keep up with the work for only a couple years, John carried on with his trail work at Black Rock Forest for the rest of his life. In 1993, the Trail Conference honored his contributions with the Hoeflerlin Award, given to volunteers "who have demonstrated exemplary service to trail maintenance, management, and/or trail land protection."

"A milestone" (said the Trail Conference) was reached on May 1, 2011, when John Blenninger announced he was stepping down as Trails Supervisor of Black Rock Forest (BRF), a position he had filled for 35 years. "Driving distance, advancing age and the tiresome (but necessary) paperwork are catching up with me," he explained in a letter, adding that he plans to continue to maintain three trails at BRF. As the Trail Conference noted: "John may be giving up the paperwork that goes with being Trails Supervisor, but not the opportunity to practice his trail artistry. Hikers will continue to find him and his handiwork on the Split Rock Trail, what he calls the "Serenity Section" of the Stillman Trail (landlocked, western terminus), and the Hill of Pines Trail at his beloved Black Rock Forest."

Because of his meticulous trail painting skills, the Trail Conference called him the "Rembrandt" of trail blazers. John always like to correct them by saying he was more like "Michelangelo" because he sculptured, not just painted, the blazes. In November of 2015, I had the privilege of joining him and Lalla at the Trail Conference Headquarters where John received an Honorary Life Membership award. (see the attached picture).

Over the years, John and I would meet periodically for dinner in Manhattan; later I would be invited to the annual Tree Trimming party at Lalla's apartment. John never failed to show an interest in me and in what was happening at camp and with the Chapter. I always experienced him as a positive and encouraging friend. He had a directness, and way of being present and tuned in, as if there was no one else in the room but the two of you. It was always a pleasure to be with John.

Although he was very sick, John nonetheless invited me to visit him in June of this year. Despite his illness and discomfort, he had an energy and enthusiasm that evening that lasted for hours as he reminisced about the wonderful hikes, places, and people and he had enjoyed throughout his life.

John's activities with ADK and the New York the Chapter are many and include: Chapter Chair in 1974-75; Trails Chair in 1976-1977-1978; Public Information Representative; Director of NY-ADK; Governor of the Main Club; Conservation Chair of NY-ADK; Chair of the NY-ADK Nominations Committee" As Lalla has said: "John was a good man who lived a life of honesty and decency with deep friendships and an abiding concern for his beloved woods, trails and nature". He will be missed, but more than that, he will be remembered: For his lasting friendship, his love of the outdoors and our club, and his kindness, understanding and zest for living.

- Ray Kozma

In Memory of John Blenninger



Memories of John Blenninger (RIP July 2017)



(Photo credit: Lalla Grimes, submitted by Glen Nison)

This photo of Jim Slovik, John Blenninger and Glen Nison was taken May 2016 when Jim and Glen co-hosted the weekend. "I think it was the last time John was at camp."

Glen Nison

I often encountered John midweek at camp after he had put in a full day's work on his trail. He could be single-minded about his trail, like the time he decided to build a ladder and signage at ten o'clock at night. He won that argument, but lost the next, when I locked him out of his favorite cabin. We had a few skirmishes back then, but always remained on friendly terms. These are now cherished memories, as we have lost another good comrade. Happy Trails John!

Marilyn Varley

How saddened I was to hear that John had passed away.

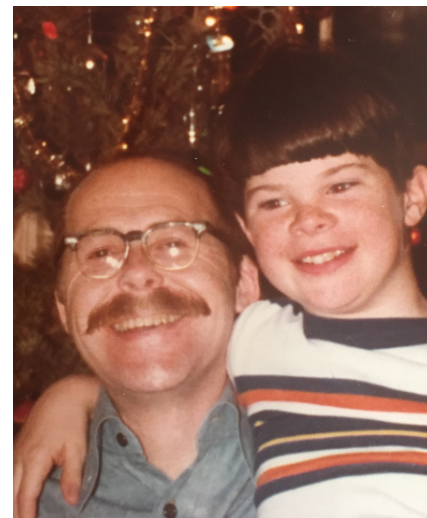
John's wife was my sponsor when I joined the club in 1972. They both were kind and helpful.

I also was on a committee when John was Chair. What wonderful days they were. Someone recently sent me a picture of John.

So happy to have it.

Love, prayers and sincere condolences to his family.

Loretta Joulwan Cairo
Camp Hill, Pa.



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Please Note: Current Camp Fees and Categories

DAY FEES:

Key-holder Members: \$15.00 per day

Applicants and Guests: \$20.00 per day

Adolescents (13 to 17): \$15. per day

Children (12 and under): \$10.00 per day

OVERNIGHT (2 DAYS)

Key-holders: \$30.00

Applicants and Guests: \$40.00

Adolescents: \$30.00

Children: \$20.00

Change of address:

If you move, please contact the Main Club AND the NY Chapter Membership Chair, Jerry@adkny.org to notify us of your address change.

ADKNY Members occasionally receive email notifications about hosted weekends, hikes and related Camp events. These notifications are only to be sent by the Host Chair or the Newsletter Editor. **Mass-emailing the membership for any other reason is bad netiquette, and is prohibited.**

The editor encourages all members to contribute articles and photos to be used in the Trail Marker and on our website.

Please email to editor@adkny.org

Deadlines for submission to the newsletter are:

January–March – Deadline: December 13

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Get updates on Nawakwa happenings on Twitter! Go to https://twitter.com/ADK_NY, click on follow, then receive news, reminders, and special notices effortlessly! Account managed by Ingrid Strauch.

CHANGES TO THE ELECTION PROCESS FOR THE NEW YORK CHAPTER

To All New York Chapter Members:

In order to better abide by the letter of the law, encourage engagement by our membership, and ensure fair and transparent elections, the New York Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club will no longer hold our elections by mail-in-ballot. Elections will now take place at duly called meetings of the members. As per the New York Not-For-Profit Corporation Law, “...*Directors shall be elected by a plurality of the votes cast at a meeting of the members entitled to vote in the election.*”

The Board has designated Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the Sloatsburg library (1 Liberty Rock Rd, Sloatsburg, NY 10974) as the day and place of our meeting to hold this year’s election. A mailing, by USPS, will be sent out on September 25, 2017 to all members to notify every one of the elections. Members who attend the meeting may vote in person or by proxy and members who do not want to attend the meeting will be allowed to vote by proxy. In-person voting will use anonymous paper ballots and proxies will identify and be signed by the member.

A Proxy Form will be included in the mailing sent to all New York Chapter members. Pursuant to the Adirondack Mountain Club bylaws, Family Membership is for a maximum of two eligible adults living together, so those with Family Membership will receive no more than two Proxy Forms in the mail. Additional information about how to vote via “proxy” will be included on the Proxy Form.

In-person voting will take place between 11 AM and 3 PM. Those who come to vote in person will need to sign in and their names will be checked against the official roster of members for the New York Chapter (the official Main Club listing). ‘Poll workers’ (none of whom shall be a Board member or a nominee for the Board) will be designated to handle the sign-in. A proxy which is sent in will be disregarded if the same member then attends the meeting and votes in person.

Tallying will follow after the close of voting. Both the in-person-votes, and the proxy-votes will be counted. After the accurate count is certified by the Tally Committee, the Secretary will vote the proxy votes, and the results will be announced. As per our Bylaws, we will post the election results on our website. The results will also be published in the next Trail Marker.

The Board of Directors
New York Chapter - ADK

Candidates for This Year's Board of Directors Election

As explained elsewhere in this issue of the Trail Marker, elections will take place at a meeting of the members to be held on October 28, 2017. A direct mailing, with an Official Announcement and a Proxy Form, has been sent to all members of the New York Chapter. Listed below are the names of the candidates and of the open positions on the Board of Directors for which they are running:

Vice Chair (Two-Year Term)

One Vice Chair needs to be chosen from the following two candidates:

TERI GABEL
GUY LINGLEY

Secretary (Two-Year Term)

EVE MANCUSO

Director (Two-Year Term)

Three Directors need to be chosen from the following four candidates:

DIANE BOOTH
MARTIN KELLERMAN
LISA NORTH
LEAH STERN

Meet the Candidates

Diane Booth

A lifetime New Yorker, I learned about Nawakwa on an AMC hike and joined on my first visit. That was 1993, and I still get a thrill driving up the camp road. As a co-host multiple times over the years, it's always a pleasure experiencing the Nawakwan spirit, especially in the kitchen when a crew of like-minded key-holders are preparing a meal. In 2015 I was invited to complete the term of an outgoing Board member and have enjoyed being part of the team addressing issues such as short and long-term planning.

During my career as a Senior Social Worker at an addiction treatment program, I led individual and group therapy sessions, supervised interns and staff, worked closely with Supervisor on patient issues and program planning. I developed a Women's Group and co-led a Domestic Violence group. Planning and conducting weekly psychoeducational seminar and monthly staff training sessions were also my part of my role. I hope to continue my position as a Board Director for the next term.

Teri Gabel

Teri Gabel is a recently retired Teaching Assistant predominantly to children with Learning Disabilities. Prior to 13 years as a TA, she spent 10 wonderful years as a stay-at-home mom while volunteering for senior citizens, helping run a small business with her husband Don, teaching children religion on Sundays and cooking and writing skills after school. Before that she had a 17-year career in Medical Research as a Toxicology Study Technician, a Quality Assurance Auditor, a Certified Medical Writer, and a member of a Project Management team. While at Nawakwa she has had the good fortune to learn the "ropes" from and meet very friendly and dedicated members. She has enjoyed co-hosting with Don, members, and applicants, and lazing on the dock with fellow members beside our beautiful, pristine lake. She has volunteered, with Don, to co-chair the Conservation Committee and looks forward to being a member of the Board, to assist in doing the best it can for Camp Nawakwa and its membership. She has the greatest respect and appreciation for the members who put so much time and energy into Camp Nawakwa, and looks forward to continuing to work with them.

Martin Kellerman

My name is Marty Kellerman; I've been a Keyholder for about 6 years.

Some qualities I would bring to the Board are a willingness to listen, a good sense of order & organization and an appreciation of the idea of volunteerism. I was the elected Union Rep in a large Brooklyn public school for 9 years, a job that requires negotiating and dealing w/ many different interests and personalities, sometimes w/ a deft touch, sometimes w/ a more forceful touch.

Nawakwa is a refuge, beautiful and peaceful in its natural setting. It takes work to keep it going and if elected, I intend to play my part in preserving Nawakwa & bringing it into the future in a healthy condition.

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.

Guy Lingley

Guy Lingley's been a Member of the NY Chapter & Camp Nawakwa since 2003 and has worked as a volunteer on many projects involving camp maintenance and improvement. Professionally, he works as a Project Manager for a general contractor so he knows that project planning, including recruiting volunteers, can be time consuming but he thinks it's very important in maintaining a spirit of volunteerism at Camp Nawakwa & the Chapter. He used to be a high school Industrial Arts teacher so he can assess what work needs to be done & find volunteers qualified to work on projects. If elected, he will work to ensure that the NY Chapter is open & transparent to all Members, especially on financial matters. He will do his best to see that the Chapter discloses any potential conflicts of interest & transactions with related parties in advance.

Meet the Candidates, continued

Eve Mancuso

Greetings, I am a city girl turned country mouse in 1989 when we first moved to Rockland to enjoy the open space, fresh air and recreational opportunities Harriman State Park has to offer. I was first a member of ACA and found my way to Nawakwa after learning of the wonderful hiking opportunities and camaraderie the club had to offer, not to mention the delicious Saturday evening meals. I have been a key holder approx. 3 years. This past summer I have hosted/co-hosted three times. This offered me the opportunity to get to know many more members on a one on one basis. I thoroughly enjoyed each time and look forward to hosting again in the future. I volunteered to fill in and assist in Commissary tasks and have offered to continue in this role.

I am a civil engineer by profession and work full time as a partner in a local firm. I am actively involved in the Ramapo Valley Rotary and also volunteer at the West Milford Animal shelter as a "foster mom" on an as-needed basis. I am energetic, organized, reliable and capable of multi-tasking - all skills that I believe would be beneficial in serving in the role as secretary.

I thank you for the opportunity to run for the position of secretary and look forward to speeding many years of peaceful enjoyment at Nawakwa in the company of friends both new and old.

Lisa North

I am running again for the director position on the Board of Directors because I enjoy Nawakwa so much. Having grown up in a rural area in the middle of the woods, but living for most of my life in NYC, Nawakwa gives me an escape from the city, which always rejuvenates me. I have always loved hiking, camping, and nature. And then there are the members who I really enjoy talking with and learning from.

In the past, I understand that Nawakwa offered workshops for interested members on topics such as yoga, backpacking, birds, insects, plants, as well as other topics. The Board has supported bringing back these workshops. If you are interested in providing a workshop, please let me know via email: LRN1212@aol.com (This issue was posted in a recent Trail Marker, but I think many members did not see it).

Leah Stern

I was first introduced to Camp Nawakwa in the summer of 1980. I was 18 years old and already a member of the Adirondack Mountain Club. I had come home from college to work as an urban park ranger in Brooklyn's Prospect Park. During my college breaks, I continued to visit camp as a guest and got to know many of its members. When I decided to make New York City my home some years later, I began the membership process. Besides enjoying the camp, I wanted to be part of a community that engaged in environmental stewardship and outdoor activities. Now as a seasoned member of the camp, I would like to serve on its board. My experience as a nutritionist, program administrator, and now as a high school biology teacher, has made me an effective communicator. I have excellent organizational and listening skills, and a solid work ethic. I am a responsible person, and have always respected and followed the policies of our beautiful group camp. As a board member, I would contribute my voice and skills to the growth and maintenance of our jewel on Lake Sebago.

Save the Date!

New York Chapter

Winter Social

Sunday, January 21, 2018

(Details to Follow)

Chef Everod presents the feast for the Salmon on the Grill Weekend!



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