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Camp Chair's Message

by Derek Lomer

e have had a very successful fundraising for camp improvements. Almost \$4000 has been generously provided by members over the past three months for our camp improvement fund. This is a remarkable amount that has been raised and demonstrates the interest and commitment that many members have for our rustic old camp.

Now to make these improvements a reality we need an equally generous donation of member labor to get many of these projects accomplished. The board has discussed projects around the camp that are of interest to members. We have established a list of priority projects that we would like to get working on this year. Here is a brief list. If you have other initiatives that you would like to speak up for, contact me or another board member to discuss.

- Construction of two tent platforms using pressure treated lumber. These will have a 9'x9' surface with height ranging from 18" to 36" depending on grade. Both will be located with lake front views. We have scheduled Saturday April 21 as our build day. (April 28 will be the rain date.) Please come out and enjoy some recreational construction. If you think you can help with this please let me know in advance.
- The board has approved the use of donated funds for the purchase of two additional kayaks. These will likely be slightly used from a rental operator. They will be a significant improvement over our current fleet. If you would like to have some input on this purchase or may be able to help locate and bring them to the camp, please contact Ed O'Donnell.
- New countertops in the lodge kitchen. Our old varnished plywood tops need to go. Various counter materials have been discussed and it has been decided that the most practical is solid hardwood butcher block for the center island and Formica laminate counters on either side of the sink and also where the coffee makers are. If you have any finishing carpentry experience and would like to work on this project please contact me.
- Sleeping cabin improvements. In cabins 2, 3, 4 and 5 we need to staple screening to seal the gaps between the walls and the roofs. Also in these cabins we have only tar paper stapled on the inside of the rough wood siding. We need to cut and attach wood paneling to the inside walls of these cabins. This has already been done on cabins 1 and 6. This work will be meticulous and time consuming. The benefit will be fewer critters interrupting our sleep and nesting in our bedding. All materials will be delivered to camp and ready to go for our Spring cleanup weekend, May 19 and 20. If you can help with this, bring a cordless drill and staple gun if you have them. We will likely plan on additional work days to complete this.



• Our commissary, Maryann Poris, identified a number of our rustic wood chairs that need repair. This is primarily repairing broken joints with dowels and glue but if any member has skill with caning, many seats also need repair.

There are also many camp improvements that are beyond the financial and physical means of our members or simply fall under the responsibility of the Park as the property owner. With these issues the board has been having discussions and meetings with the Park administration. Below is a summary of these issues;

- The lodge foundation: The Park will take a closer look at the foundation by removing some planks at the back of the Lodge (in the washrooms) and maybe digging up some areas outside at the back. After they have taken a look at the condition, they will assess what they can do. The Park is unwilling to construct a full concrete skirt around the Lodge.
- Replace worn planks in the swim dock.
- Allow us to take down the beaver damaged leaning tree at the swim dock as a lease credit for \$900.
- Inspect the lodge roof for leaks and consider replacing it at their expense.
- Assist us approaching several funds for help with grants for Clivus toilets: PIPC Conservancy, DEC Water Project Grant, etc.

All of this is a long list and I am sure there are many more items members would like to add. Of course we are a cooperative, volunteer organization. There is a tremendous amount of volunteer work done by board members and many others to keep this treasured camp alive. If you can possibly get involved and help out with these projects this year the rewards are many. Besides not being woken by bats flying overhead in the cabins and having cleanable kitchen surfaces and lake front tent platforms, there is the pleasure and camaraderie of working together to create a better camp.

Derek Lomer, Camp Chair derek@adkny.org 917-494-8474

Editor's Note: Clivus toilets are composting toilets: http://www.clivusmultrum.com/

> Welcome, New Keyholder! John Kozma Welcome, New Applicant! Russell Silverman

In Memoriam: Carl Mockert

After a long brave struggle with pancreatic cancer, Carl Mockert passed away on February 5th. Carl was a skilled tool and die maker and master machinist. In the later stages of his career, he was a partner in the firm of Indexing Technologies, Inc. He loved outdoor concerts, traveling, cycling and helping other people.

Carl especially enjoyed Camp Nawakwa. Besides the hiking, swimming, friends and food, he was gung-ho about camp projects. He was at every official work day. He also showed up many other times with rock bar in hand to do stonework on the steps behind the lodge and down by the waterfront.

In declining health, Carl came to Nawakwa with his brother Walter, or niece Christine. He enjoyed talking to his friends, soaking up rays, and swimming laps. He stayed optimistic and cherished what each day offered. Thanks Carl.

-Steve Zubarik







Photos by Steve Zubarik



Photo by Servetti

Bea Wood honored with ADK Trail Blazer Award

On October 22, 2011, Bea Wood was honored along with a handful of other ADKers in recognition of 'outstanding service and achievement'. Anne Weyrauch and I, both members of our Chapter of over 30 years, felt that our presence as 'old-timers' was called for and witnessed the ceremony. Bea was absolutely delighted to see us.

Bea's joyful mood partly stemmed from the fact that we had been old friends, but also because we symbolized the link to her roots in the New York Chapter. This Chapter, its foremost asset being Camp Nawakwa which offers a great variety of recreational activities, is unique within the ADK Chapter Universe. It is here where she was elected twice to be Chair. Thus, the Club served her as an ideal platform to hone her



leadership skills. In addition, Bea learned a great deal about Main Club's operations during the many years she served as our Chapter's Governor in Glens Falls.

What we learned about Bea's managerial expertise here downstate may not have escaped ADKers upstate, namely that Bea - reflecting her background in science - approached issues and decision making process with her acute ability of rational thinking. It lent her an aura of credibility, steadfastness, and trust. It may have been for this and other reasons why Bea was chosen in the late nineties to take the reins of Main Club as its fortieth president during a financially difficult period in the history of the State's largest Hiking Club.

Among Bea's major achievements, it was mentioned, was that she 'promoted future financial security for the Club'. Omitting the fact that Bea lives now in a very comfortable retirement community in Pennsylvania, the material handed



out to the audience stated: "Her straightforward approach, solid ideas, and vision for ADK's future continues today..."

Back to the ceremony. In anticipation of receiving her award, Bea took the stage. As befits her nature, Bea kept her speech brief, down to earth, and laced with droll anecdotes. Faced as a 'downstater' to fulfill her

presidential function in the State's Northern Region, Bea told the audience that the logistics called for an investment in a new car. As she described it, she 'piled on the miles', and when it was decided to reward the Club's talents with cakes, she 'piled on the calories on top of the miles'.

At the end, when she was presented with the ADK Trail Blazer Award, the huge applause appeared to indicate that the honor was well deserved.

-Helga Abel

Photos by June Fait

Get well wishes to Noam Kornfeld

Noam Kornfeld is a veteran member of NY Chapter - ADK, and past Board Director. On Presidents' Day, Noam had a heart attack and the next day he had an angioplasty. He is back home and progressing on the road to recovery. We always enjoy his presence at camp, his great sense of humor and hilarious stories, and look forward to seeing him again soon. Noam would enjoy hearing from his camp friends.

His new e-mail is: noamkornfeld@gmail.com

Editor's Note

Please join me in thanking our **Conservation Chair, Peter Varley**, for his many thought-provoking and entertaining written contributions to the Trail Marker over the years. It has been a pleasure for me to have worked with him, and I'm sure we all wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

Lockers available for rent

Many Nawakwa members find it convenient to rent a locker at Camp to store such items as sleeping bag, tent, air mattress, toiletries, towels, spare shoes, change of clothing, hiking gear, camp chair, and other necessities of camp life. The lockers are fairly spacious, and at \$35 a year, they're probably the cheapest real estate you'll ever rent. If you don't have a locker currently but would like to enjoy the benefits of having one, you should notify Jerry Flower at membership@adkny.org or drop a note to ADKNY Membership, 802 W. 190th Street #1F, New York, NY 10040 with a check for \$35.

Social Media Expert Wanted!

ADKNY is seeking a web-savvy member to manage content and communications on our Facebook page, as well as other electronic means of keeping members connected, such as Twitter. Please email Board Member David Miller at snoop353@aol.com if you can contribute your time and expertise to this vital position.

Boat storage available

Store your boat at camp for the season! Boats will be stored at owner's risk under cabins 1 or 6 for \$35/season. Contact Treasurer@adkny.org

Get your official New York Chapter

full color patch today! Just send a check (payable to NY-ADK) for \$10.00 to Bruce Rosenbloom, 3965 Sedgwick Avenue, Apt 19E, Bronx, NY 10463 Attn: ADK Treasurer. Wear it proudly!



Volunteers Wanted! We are always seeking volunteers to lead hikes. Familiarity with trails and hiking experience is all that is required. If you are interested, please contact the Hikes Chairperson, Glen Nison, 718-625-2182 gnisonbike@juno.com

Chapter Chair's Message

by Ed O'Donnell

The Board is very impressed and gratified by the generosity of so many members. What is so remarkable is the large number of donations. The total has surpassed \$4,000 since the late fall, and more keeps arriving. Derek has written a great article discussing how we propose to spend the money, but please know that the Board appreciates your generosity and intends to make the best use of your donations.

Recently, Derek Lomer (Camp Chair), Mark Fedow (Chapter Director and Main Club Liaison) and I, met with Park officials, Jim Hall (PIPC Executive Director) and Bill Ledwitz (Group Camps Director) to discuss maintenance and improvement of the camp.

The Park agreed to:

- Take a closer look at the Nawakwa Lodge foundation by removing some planks at the back of the Lodge (in the washrooms) and maybe digging up some areas outside at the back. After they have taken a look at the condition of the foundation, they will assess what they can do. The Park was unwilling to construct a full concrete skirt around the Lodge
- Replace worn planks at the dock.
- \bullet Allow us to take down the tree at the dock as a lease credit for \$900.
- Inspect the roof for leaks and consider replacing it at their expense.
- Assist us in approaching several funds for help with funding for Clivus toilets: PIPC Conservancy, DEC Water Project Grant, etc. The argument for getting funds would be protection for the Lake Sebago water. Caustic chemicals used by the Park in the pit toilets and leach pits prevent bacteria from growing and thus having a natural absorption of the waste.
- Approve 2 tent platforms at sites by the water. The Park was mostly concerned that we not build "monstrosities," saying that some camps made a simple platform into something much bigger (put up walls, made them more like cabins...). They said that the standard platform in Harriman was 16 x 16. We assured him that we had no intention of building a "monstrosity", and were looking to go smaller. We can start building now, so please consider coming April 21/22 to help build the tent platforms, or if it rains, then April 28/29. To register, call me at 718-777-6338 by 10 PM on Thursday. No camp fee will be charged for workers, only food costs.
- Lastly, it saddens me to announce the passing of Carl Mockert. He was a valued member of our club and put in many hours of service building steps in the camp. He will be missed.

I will be hosting the Palm Sunday weekend, so please consider hiking with Glen and I to the church in the wilderness.

Hosted Weekends: April-May 2012

(visit www.adkny.org for updates)

March 31 - April 1: Palm Sunday Weekend:

Palm Sunday Weekend: When I think of palms, I think of tropical breezes, the Hawaiian Islands and Bali Ha'i. Well this isn't South Pacific, but we'll make the best of it. I'll dream up a menu, something simple but fresh. Sunday we'll hike to the church with Glen. Register before 10 PM on Thursday by calling 718-777- 6338. Host: Ed O'Donnell

April 21 - 22: Earth Day/Platform Tent Volunteer Weekend: RAIN DATE: April 28 - 29 (IN CASE OF RAIN, April 21 – 22nd is cancelled)

Celebrate Earth Day Weekend by joining the volunteer crew to build two new platform tents. Nawakwans have been generous in their monetary donations to the Camp Improvement Fund. Now willing able hands are needed to make the first self-financed project a reality! Materials and guidance provided. Chapter Chair Ed will provide the nourishment and encouragement!

Please register before 10 PM on Thursday by calling 718-777-6338. Host: Ed O'Donnell

May 19 - 20: Annual Spring Clean-Up/ Work Weekend:

Workers, volunteers, unite! Share in the labor, fun, and good food of a weekend hosted by Maryann and Michael Poris. Lunch on Saturday will be provided for work crew. A hearty menu for carnivores and vegetarians awaits. Call or e-mail Maryann by 9 on Thursday night (May 17th) to indicate if you are staying only for the work lunch on Saturday, just for Saturday night's dinner, or for the weekend. Co-Hosts: Maryann and Michael Poris (registrants: (973-731-7117 or maporis@aol.com) and applicant, Nina Ziv.

Memorial Weekend Part I: May 26 – 27

(Saturday dinner – Sunday breakfast and hiker's lunch) Join us for the unofficial opening of summer. Enjoy camp's pleasures: hike, swim, kayak, or relax and soak in the sun by the dock. Savor tasty healthy BBQ which will satisfy omnivores and vegetarians with seasonal veggies and fruits for all. Guaranteed easy preparation/clean up. When registering, please indicate if you want chicken or vegetarian dinner. Please register by Thursday 4 p.m, (We'd like to get a head start on the shopping before the holiday weekend!) Co-Hosts: Janet Sibarium (Registrar) and Lisa North 212-254-0738 or e-mail: jansib@mindspring.com

Volunteer(s) needed to host 2nd half Memorial Weekend (Sunday dinner – Monday hiker's lunch)

Future Event:

June 9 - 10th AMC/ADK Invitational

Co-Hosts: Bill Hladky and Diane Booth (Saturday) Bill Hladky and Ron Engasser (Sunday)

Join Bill Hladky and co-host Diane Booth in welcoming AMCers. A package weekend at Camp Nawaka, including lodging, dinner, breakfast, and lunch. \$50. Enjoy mountain laurel peak blooming in and near camp, creating a snow of white and pink flowers. An easy but interesting hike from Tuxedo to camp, for those who are interested. Registration required including deposit in full. Co-Hosts: Bill Hladky (Registrar) and Diane Booth, Ron Engasser: wehladky@yahoo.com or tel.914-410-4385 by 9:00 p.m.

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Hikes: April–June 2012

(visit www.adkny.org for updates) Hikes Chairperson: Glen Nison 718-625-2182 gnisonbike@iuno.com

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

Sunday, April 1 – Annual Palm Sunday Hike to St. John's Church in the Wilderness (no, it's not an April Fool's Hike!)

The New York Chapter's annual Palm Sunday hike to St. John's Church has been a tradition since the 1930's. The 6-7 mile hike will be mostly on trails with ups and downs at a moderate pace, so good hiking boots should be worn. Bring lunch (hopefully a nice warm lunch break near Breakneck Pond), water, snacks, extra clothing (wool or synthetic if wet or cold weather is predicted) including rain gear (the weather in early April can be cold and wet) and a sense of adventure. This is not a stroll, it is a hike and will be qualifying. The actual hike will start at the camp road near Seven Lakes Drive at about 10am -ish, but the cars (except for one or two) will be left at the Church earlier. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER WITH GLEN NISON (718-625-2182 or gnisonbike@juno.com) by Thursday night, March 29. (Leader will be returning late that night so may not get in touch with you immediately).

Please leave your name, number of people in your car and your phone number and email and whether you need directions to the church (it's off of Lake Welch Drive). Unless Glen gets back to you plan on getting to the church by 9:30am on Sunday morning. All the drivers will meet at the church and only one or two cars will return (with the drivers of all the other cars) to the camp road where those one or two cars will be left. If the weather is warm enough all passengers should be dropped off at the entrance to the Camp Nawakwa Road and the car and driver should continue to the church to meet the other cars there. Either the leader or a designee will organize the "stuffing of the one or two cars" and drive back to the Camp Nawakwa road. Once again, if possible leave passengers in your vehicle at the starting point (the camp road at Seven Lakes Drive) on your way to the church.

The hike ends at the church and the drivers of the cars left at the ADK camp road will get a ride back to get their car either before the service if time allows or after the barn reception ends. The half-hour service starts at 3PM and is followed by a nice buffet at the barn across the road from the Church. Everything usually wraps up by about 5 or so depending on the weather. Many different hiking cubs meet for this event. Leader may be at camp on Saturday night.

Heavy rain may cancel or shorten the hike -we go in snow! Glen will try to arrange a pick up at the Sloatsburg Bus stop (8:30am Shortline Bus from Port Authority arriving in Sloatsburg at 9:12am) but can't guarantee that it will work out since it depends on other drivers. Why not spend the weekend at Nawakwa with host Ed O'Donnell (check out website or Trail Marker before the hike and register separately for the weekend) Check out the church's website at www.stjohnsinthewilderness.org for history. The address of the church is 119 Johnsontown Road, Stony Point, NY in between Lake Welch Parkway and Route 106. You should be able to locate it on Google Maps.

Saturday, April 7 • Mt.Taurus

A long uphill, but rewarded with spectacular views of the HudsonValley. Around 6 miles at a moderate pace. Call or preferably email me to confirm, and if you need or can offer a ride from NYC. Take the 9:51 MetroNorth Hudson Line train from GCT arriving in Cold Spring at 11:05. Or, take the 9:40 local at the Marble Hill station (one block from the 225th St. stop of the #1 subway) changing at Croton-Harmon for the express. Please sit in the 1st or 2nd open car of the train, and please use the restrooms on the train. Out around 4, but plan to hang around for a while afterwards for some refreshment at the Depot Cafe. Sorry, no children, no pets, no smoking. Qualifying.

Leader: Bob Susser 212 666-4371; rsusser@aol.com.

Saturday, April 21 • Tiorati Circular

Moderate 7-mile circular hike from Lake Tiorati mainly via Appalachian and RD Trails. Bus riders take the 8:30am Coach Shortline bus to Sloatsburg arriving at 9:15am. Leader will be on the bus. Drivers meet at Sloatsburg municipal building parking lot north of second stop light at 9:15am. All hikers please call leader. Qualifying.

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

Sunday, April 29 • Lake Welch

A delightful getaway in an area not often explored. We'll be guests of the SBM, LP, and Beech trails. Around 8 miles at a moderate pace. No need to register, but you must call or preferably email me beforehand to make sure that the hike is on, and if you need or can offer a ride from NYC. Take the 9:14 Jersey Transit train from Penn Sta., changing at Secaucus for the 9:31 Port Jervis train to Sloatsburg, arriving at 10:12. Or, take the 9:10 ShortLine bus from PABT arriving in Sloatsburg at 10:07. Out in time for the 4:28 train back to Penn Sta. Sorry, but no children, no pets, no smoking. Qualifying. Leader: Bob Susser 212 666-4371; rsusser@aol.com.

Sunday, May 6 • Rockefeller State Park Preserve

A leisurely stroll of around 6 miles along some of the shady carriage paths and intimate wooded lanes with panoramic vistas which characterize this beautiful preserve. (Please note: this walk will proceed at a fairly slow pace and is therefore not designed for those looking for aerobic exercise.) Take the 10:20 MetroNorth Hudson Line train from Grand Central, arriving in Philipse Manor at 11:12. This train may also be boarded 10:40 at the Marble Hill station, one block from the 225th St. stop on the #1 subway. Please sit in the first or second open car of the train. No need to register, but you must call or preferably email me beforehand to make sure that the hike is on, and if you need or can offer a ride from NYC. Sorry, but no children, no pets, no smoking. Qualifying.

Leader: Bob Susser 212-666-4371; rsusser@aol.com.

Saturday, May 12 • Green Pond-Island Pond Circuit

Starting from the Elk Pen parking area, and using a variety of trails and woods roads, we will take in views of Green Pond and Island Pond, with lunch at either Green or Island pond. The Elk Pen is off Arden Valley road close to the NYS Thruway, accessed either from Route 17 just south of Arden or from Tiorati Circle. As we hike we will pass through the Valley of Boulders, see some nice views from the Green Pond area, and take a look at the remains of Boston Mine. The return to the Parking Area will most likely be by way of the Appalachian Trail. There are two stream crossings and a moderately strenuous uphill at the start of the hike and a downhill back to the parking. The rest is level, easy walking. If the streams are impassable, we'll use an

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alternate route. Bring lunch, water and snacks. We'll meet at 9:45 AM at the Elk Pen. Hike is qualifying (about 6 miles). Call leader if you have any questions. Leader: Ray Kozma (917-406-3782).

Sunday, May 13 • Central Park Trees (southern section)

Why not bring your mother on this relaxed stroll along the southern Central Park "tree trail" described in the book "New York City Trees" by Ned Barnard. Both tree experts (whose assistance will be much appreciated) and complete beginners are cordially welcome. Of necessity, this walk will proceed at a snail's pace, with many stops to look at trees. Meet 10:30 at the NE corner of 85th Street and CPW. I expect that the walk will end around 3, so bring lunch. Email or call me if the weather seems doubtful, or if you have any questions, otherwise just show up. Not Qualifying.

Leader: Bob Susser 212 666-4371; rsusser@aol.com

Saturday, May 19 • Bronx Botanical Garden

Roses, tulip trees, forest walk and optional visit to conservatory. (Please note: this approximately 3-mile walk is not a "hike" but simply a garden visit, and is therefore not designed for those looking for aerobic exercise.) Take the 10:23 Harlem Line train from Grand Central, arriving at the "Botanical Garden" Station at 10:42. Alternatively, take the 4 or D subway to "Bedford Park Blvd." and then the #26 bus east to the Mosholu Gate entrance -- or, the 2 subway to "Allerton Ave." and then the #26 bus west to the entrance. Meet just inside the Mosholu Gate at 10:45. Admission to the Garden is free on Saturdays until 11. No coordination of rides. Visit will end by 3, but you're free to leave earlier or stay later. No need to register, but you must call or preferably email me beforehand to make sure that the visit is on. Bring lunch and beverage, or buy it in the cafeteria. Sorry, but no pets; no smoking. Not Qualifying.

Leader: Bob Susser 212-666-4371; rsusser@aol.com.

Sunday, May 27 • Central Park Trees (northern section)

A relaxed stroll along the northern Central Park "tree trail" described in the book "New York City Trees" by Ned Barnard. Both tree experts (whose assistance will be much appreciated) and complete beginners are cordially welcome. Of necessity, this walk will proceed at a snail's pace, with many stops to look at trees. Meet 10:30 at the NW corner of 84th St. & 5th Ave. I expect that the walk will end around 3, so bring lunch. Email or call me if the weather seems doubtful, or if you have any questions, otherwise just show up. Not Qualifying.

Leader: Bob Susser 212 666-4371; rsusser@aol.com.

Saturday, June 2 • Hudson Highlands

Moderate 7-mile hike traversing Manitou Point Preserve, Manitoga and other trails. Train riders take the 8:47am Hudson Line train, last car, from Grand Central (stops at 125th Street, does not stop at Marble Hill) to Manitou Station, arriving at 8:49 am. Leader will be on the train. Drivers drive north from the Bear Mtn Bridge on 9D, turn left (west) in about a mile on to Manitou Road and in ¾ mile park just before the rail tracks near the small station where the train arrives. All train and car hikers please call leader. Qualifying.

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

Sunday, June 10 • Johnsontown Circular

An approximately 7-mile moderately-paced ridge walk on the Blue Disc and other trails, passing by Lake Skenanto with its oceans of mountain laurel (now at their peak). Out around 4. No need to register, but you must call or preferably email me beforehand to make sure that the hike is on, and if you need or can offer a ride from NYC. Take the 9:14 Jersey Transit train from Penn Sta., changing at Secaucus for the 9:31 Port Jervis train to Sloatsburg, arriving at 10:12. Or, take the 9:10 ShortLine bus from the PABT arriving in Sloatsburg at 10:07. Out in time for the 4:28 train back to Penn Sta. Sorry, but no children, no pets, no smoking. Qualifying.

Leader: Bob Susser 212 666-4371; rsusser@aol.com.

Saturday, June 16 • Destination: The Stone Memorial Shelter

The Stone Memorial Shelter was built in memory of Edgar Stone and his wife, Jessie, who together founded the Tramp and Trail Club of New York in 1914. The shelter was dedicated in 1935 (Edgar had died in 1932). The shelter is in the Pine Meadow Lake area, on the eastern boundary of Harriman Park. Our hike will start at the Fisherman's/Boat Launch parking area on Lake Sebago (about a half mile past the gate to camp). Using mostly woods roads and a cairn marked trail, we will head for the shelter for lunch, then skirt the shore Pine Meadow Lake and Lake Wanaksink as we head back to the cars by way of the Seven Hills trail. A fairly long hike (8 miles) with a climb up at the beginning, but not a strenuous hike. Bring lunch, water and snacks. We'll meet at 9:45 AM at the Lake Sebago Boat Launch parking area. Qualifying. Call leader if you have any questions. Leader: Ray Kozma (917-406-3782)

Saturday, June 16 • Fahnestock

Various trails through woods and high-level meadows with a profusion of wildflowers and alpine-like vistas. Approximately 8 miles at a moderate pace. Out around 5. No need to register, but you must call or preferably email me beforehand to make sure the hike is on, and if you need or can offer a ride from NYC. Take the 9:50 Hudson Line train from GCT arriving in Cold Spring at 11:00. This train may also be boarded 9:40 at the Marble Hill station (one block from the 225th St. stop on the #1 subway), with a change at Croton-Harmon for the express. Please sit in the first or second open car of the train. Sorry, but no children, no pets, no smoking. Qualifying.

Leader: Bob Susser 212 666-4371; rsusser@aol.com.

Saturday, June 23 • Gunks: Ice Caves

Difficult to say the least. Short, slow paced: an exploration of cracks/ crevasses in the bedrock: snow in deep wide cracks: roughed, bushwhacking off normal bushwacking routes. L. Bill Hladky wehladky@yahoo.com ph.914. 410. 4385 nca 9:00

Sunday, June 24 • Highlights of Central Park

North Woods, Conservatory Gardens, The Ravine, Belvedere Castle, Shakespeare Garden, and The Ramble, ending up around 1:15 pm at Ollie's Noodle Shop on 67th & Broadway for a nice bowl of noodles (or whatever). Take the No. 2 or 3 subway to 110th St. & Lenox Ave. Meet at the entrance to the park at 110th & Lenox at 10:30. Call or preferably email me beforehand to make sure the walk is on. Not Qualifying. Leader: Bob Susser; rsusser@aol.com; 212 666-4371.

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Saturday, July 21 • Harriman: Arden: 2 D 6

Depending on the heat, we will decide where to go. I walk slowly: one gear, one speed, with no skimping on finding challenging routes to interest landforms and heat relief. L. Bill Hladky wehladky@yahoo.com PH. 914. 410. 4385 nca 9:00

Saturday, August 11 • Catskills: Plattekill Clove creek slosh

Most difficult: the mother of other hike's difficulties. Group limited to 20. Registration required. This is a wet adventure with : swimming, sloshing, hiking, and there is a real down and dirty scramble. Are you confident where most people will never want to go? I walk slowly: one gear: one speed.

L. Bill Hladky wehladky@yahoo.com ph. 914. 410. 4385 nca 9:00

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