

The Trail Marker

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View from the Chair

"We Proceeded On..." (Meriwether Lewis and William Clark)

Preparation: The action or process of making something ready for use or service or of getting ready for some occasion, test, or duty.

Adaptation: The act or process of changing something to fit a new use or situation.

I often refer to the Lewis and Clark expedition, using it as a metaphor, because I think it can be a helpful way for us to understand ourselves as a club. Lewis and Clark spent many months preparing for their ambitious journey. Still, unexpected things were encountered along their way: snowstorms and rainstorms, mountain ranges that they did not know existed and which they had to cross, and encounters with Native Americans that sometimes did not go well. As much as they were prepared, they also had to adapt to unforeseen conditions.

With our club, and especially with running and maintaining Camp Nawakwa, many people need to work together to get what needs to be done and be ready for each new year: the opening of camp, planning for weekends and hikes, and the on-going maintenance needs of camp. All of this is a normal part of preparing for each year's camp season.

Then there are unexpected and unforeseen events that challenge us to adapt. The COVID-19 pandemic, with its many variations, has been and continues to be such a new situation that has forced us to make changes. Although the vaccines and booster shots have been very helpful, COVID infections remain a concern for everyone. [Note: If you are feeling ill or have been in close contact with a person who has tested positive, please opt to stay home so as not to put other members at risk. Ideally, before coming to camp, members will do a home self-test to ensure that they are negative from a COVID infection.]

The unexpected changes to the waterfront regulations mandated last year by New York State Department of Health have made us adapt to a new way of using our swim area. And, of course, our unexpected disassociation from ADK, which has given us the opportunity to become our own independent club, challenges us with a new situation. Bylaws, policies, procedures need to be updated; we needed to establish an annual membership fee for the first time; new logos and letterhead need to be developed. In the meantime, we proceed on with our own journey as the Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York. We plan to hold an Open Board meeting in September (details to be announced) and our first elections as NOANY will be held in October (see the call for nominations on page 3.)

Historian Anthony Brandt, in writing of the Lewis and Clark expedition, says this: *"One reason for the expedition's success was the harmony of its members. The Corps of Discovery demonstrated teamwork at its best - a handful of comrades from different educational and ethnic backgrounds working successfully for a common goal."* I see our own hundred-year history, with its traditions of volunteerism, cooperation, comradery, and teamwork, as reasons why we will continue to be successful. Whatever the challenges ahead, we, too, proceed on.

-Ray Kozma

Nawakwa Outdoor Association

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Please let our Secretary, Eve Mancuso, know of any problems. Contact Eve at evemancuso@gmail.com

Change of address: Please contact Jerry Flower, our Membership Chair, at jerry@noany.org, to notify us of any address changes.

Notice: Members occasionally receive email notifications about hosted weekends, hikes, and related Camp events. These notifications are only to be sent by the Secretary, by the Hosting Committee, or by the Website Editor.

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Deadline for submissions to the next edition of the Trail Marker (October-November-December 2022) is September 23, 2022. All submissions can be forwarded to Ray Kozma, at TrailMarker@noany.org.

NAWAKWA OUTDOOR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK

Elections – 2022

Nominating Committee Request for Nominations

Elections for five (5) positions on the Board of Directors of the Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York (NOANY) are scheduled to be held in October. The Nominating Committee takes this opportunity to reach out for any recommendations that you may have for someone to serve as a Board Director or Officer. Needed for these positions are keyholder members of NOANY with a love of Camp Nawakwa and a willingness to assist in navigating through, weighing in, and voting on the issues that will come up during his or her term on the Board.

Voting

1. Anyone who is a member of the Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York may vote in elections.
2. All Directors and Officers must be keyholder members of NOANY.
3. All names must be received by September 1, 2022. The slate of candidates will be posted in the October 2022 Trail Marker.

Candidates for the Board:

Chair (Two-year term) _____
Treasurer (Two-year term) _____
Director (Two- year term) _____
Director (Two - year term) _____
Director (Two-year term) _____

Please Note: The following officers whose terms are expiring have agreed to run for reelection. Raymond Kozma, Chair; Suzanne Rocheleau, Treasurer; Susanne Flower, Director; Alex Wilke, Director; Carol Burns, Director.

Please email to the Nominating Committee (whose members are listed below) the names and positions of any candidates you wish to nominate for the Board:

Maryann Poris (mporis@aol.com)
Marty Kellerman (mmkellerman@gmail.com)
Daphne Prior (nazdrovi1@gmail.com)

Thank you.
The Nominating Committee

Coming Weekends at Camp Nawakwa

Notes on Hosting

Updates to this hosting schedule will be provided in the weekly hosting emails sent out by the Hosting Committee

To host a weekend or midweek, contact Hosting Committee: noamintari@gmail.com or call Mintari Preston at (201) 655-9813 if you have any questions.

Commissary Concerns?

Call or email Maryann Poris (973) 731-7117 maporis@aol.com

There is a limit of one host plus one co-host per weekend or midweek

August Americana Summer Weekend August 6-7, 2022

Everybody welcome! Dinner of burgers, vegetarian black-eyed peas with crunchy additions, boiled beets, steamed corn & sliced zucchini, huge, variegated salad & melon. Classic happy hour with citrus water included. Easy continental breakfast buffet, boiled eggs, fresh bread & toppings. Luscious lunch sandwiches. Mention if you're a carnivore or vegetarian & what meals you wish.

Host & registrar, Deirdre Tourin. Email dtouring3@yahoo.com by 11:00 pm Wednesday August 3.

[Note: August 6 (4:00 pm) - PIPC-provided Interpretive Walk w/ Mary Lynne Malone]

Late Summer BBQ – August 13-14, 2022

Enjoy BBQ chicken (or grilled vegetable spears for vegetarians)and fresh season produce, (corn-on-the-cob, salad)... Healthy, tasty, easy to prepare meals to satisfy omnivores and vegetarians. It's back to basics of BBQing and good times. When registering, please specify which meals (Saturday dinner only or all meals, including Sunday breakfast/trail lunch) and if you want vegetarian meals. **Co-Hosts: Anita DieKroger and Janet Sibarium (Registrar)** Please register by Thursday August 11th at 10:00 a.m. To register contact Janet: email: janet.sibarium@icloud.com or text/or leave voicemail: 917-318-3361

[Note: August 13 (post-dinner) - Bear Mountain State Park- will provide a presentation "Snakes of the Park," w/ live specimens.]

HERE'S TO TASTY TOFU! – August 20-21, 2022

Please join us for a weekend of cooling and tasty vegetarian food to the theme of tofu. The appetizers for happy hour and the dinner menu include authentic Asian flavors as well as fusion style cooking. Dinner will be followed by peach and berry pies and ice cream for dessert. Vegetarian breakfast and lunch bag will be prepared for overnighters. **Please register with both hosts: Maryann Poris and Yajing Li at maporis@aol.com and yajinglee@yahoo.com**

Late Summer Work Weekend – August 27-28, 2022

"An end of summer cookout. Menu to include hors d'oeuvres and refreshments, grilled steak and portobello mushrooms, tomato and onion salad, corn on the cob, and stone fruit tart. Breakfast and bag lunches will also be available. Please email Peter (petercohn@gmail.com) or Ski (zhihong.shi@gmail.com) to sign up and make food requests by Wed Aug 24". **Co-hosts: Zhihong Shi and Peter Cohn**

Labor Day Weekend – September 3-4-5, 2022

Break out your Aloha shirts or Mumus for a markedly “kitsch” Labor Day weekend celebration (leis provided!). Saturday Dinner will be a Hawaiian Feast with Pupus (appetizers), cocktails with umbrellas, Lomi Lomi Salmon, Chicken Long Rice, and Kalua Pig “Plate Lunches”. Sunday breakfast and trail lunch return to the ordinary. Sunday dinner will consist of a simple salad and savory and sweet crepes. Breakfast available on Monday. Labor Day lunch will be grilled ribs, burgers, veggies, Mexican Street Corn and a fixings/salad bar. Come for one meal, one day or for the whole 3-day weekend.

Host: Lewis Ports. Register with Lewis by 9 pm on Wednesday Aug. 31st at 646 339-1316 or ports.lewis@gmail.com

September 10-11, 2022 - To Be Announced

Co-hosts: Tatiana Helms and Andy Frank

Oktoberfest at Camp Nawakwa! – September 17-18, 2022

Come join NOANY members Dave and Oliver at Camp Nawakwa for a Hosted Oktoberfest Celebration weekend, Saturday September 17th and Sunday September 18th. Please sign up early as we anticipate a “full” weekend during this beautiful time of year and look forward to an inclusive experience for everyone! We are planning a wonderful menu of German specialties this year. There will be traditional soft pretzels and mustards to snack on during happy hour along with some great fest music! We are planning to have some bratwursts / sausages and vegetarian beyond sausages with all the fixings. There will be sides like potato salad /potatoes / red cabbage / applesauce and sauteed onions. We will also be roasting pork knuckles all afternoon for a special treat at dinnertime. If all goes according to plan, we have a black forest cake and some fresh fruit for dessert. We plan to end the night with a group fire at the large fire pit. Sunday morning breakfast will be a traditional array of German cold cuts along with fresh eggs and any meats left from the day before. There will be bread and rolls and fruit along with paper bags and we encourage everyone to end breakfast by packing a lunch for yourself to enjoy later that day on your adventures!

Hosts: David Hayes and Oliver Lunt. You can sign up or ask questions by emailing Dave cingularsales@gmail.com or texting / calling him at 631.747.0132. You can reach Oliver at oliverjlunt@gmail.com. We will take signups until early September or until the weekend is full, whatever comes first.

National Wildlife Ecology Day September 24-25, 2022

Help Alex Wilkie and friends celebrate National Wildlife Ecology Day during one of the last weekends at Nawakwa this year. The swim dock will probably be closed, but there will be plenty of opportunities to see our animal friends while hiking, boating, or sitting on the front porch. Meals will be hearty and healthy for both meat eaters and vegetarians. Sunday breakfast and trail lunches will be provided.

Host: Alex Wilkie. Please register with Alex by texting him at 856-630-5607 or by emailing him at afwilkie204@gmail.com before 10 p.m. on Thursday, September 22. Let him know which meals you're registering for and whether you're a vegetarian.

Revised Bathing Beach Safety Plan (2021)

Printed below is an excerpt from the DOH approved Safety Plan that must be followed by any member or guest who wishes to swim at camp. The full Bathing Beach Safety Plan (BBSP), with explanation and forms to be signed, is available on our website and at the sign-in desk at camp.

If you want to swim:

The process begins when signing in to camp at the registration desk in the lodge in accordance with the usual procedures. If you haven't already read the Brochure on Level IV Safety Training Module on the NOANY.ORG website prior to arriving at Camp, read the Brochure and place your signature on the Brochure Recognition signature form confirming you have read the brochure.

After signing in as per camp rules, the swim area can be opened. The person who signs out the swim area emergency cell phone and opens the swim dock is named the Level IV Waterfront Supervisor for that period of time. Sign out the swim area emergency phone and take it down to the swim area, place it in the waterproof pack on the hook located in the safety equipment box.

Open the swim area by checking the area for hazards and put the safety equipment in the designated area on the swim dock. Check to see if the emergency rowboat is ready to perform a rescue.

When swimmers are done swimming for the day or for that time period, and there will no further swimming, return the safety equipment and close the gate to the swim dock, by hooking the chain and sign across the entrance ramp. Return the swim area emergency phone to the charger at the registration desk in the lodge.

Please see our website for the full directives of the Bathing Beach Safety Plan. There you will find:

- a pdf of the [Swimming Brochure](#)
- [Swimming Nawakwa](#): a slide presentation narrative on the procedures and safety plan
- the [Beach Safety Plan from the Handbook](#)
- [a Confirmation Form acknowledging that the Keyholder has read the brochure and agrees to follow the rules](#)

Camp Committee Update

Our Late Summer Work Weekend is scheduled for August 27-28. Help is especially needed for keeping the camp paths clear and for mowing the grass which, of course, continues to grow. This is also a hosted weekend, so come early for the tasks to be done and stay for the weekend.

From the Activities Committee

1. On August 6th, Mary Lynn Malone, Educator from the Palisades Interstate Park Commission - Regional Museums Division, will lead an Interpretive Nature Walk at camp at 4 pm.
2. Bear Mountain State Park will provide a presentation on Snakes of the Park with live specimens on August 13 after dinner.

Edie Blum
Activities Committee Chair

Designers? Artists? Help Needed for New Logo

Now that our club has a new name, we are looking for help in designing a new logo (or two) for the *Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York, Inc.* (NOANY).

If any member has experience in graphic design or is an artist, or if you know someone who is and who can help, and/or you would like to submit an idea for a logo for NOANY, please contact Ray Kozma at 917- 406-3782. Thank you!

Orientation Sessions

For new Applicants, and current Keyholders who would like a refresher, we have two Orientation Sessions scheduled, one for Saturday 8/20/2022 and one for Saturday 9/24/22.

Maryann Poris and Ray Kozma will lead the orientations. Participants can notify either Ray (raymondkozma@gmail.com) or Maryann (maporis@aol.com) that they will be attending.

The starting time will be at 11am and all should meet at camp.

Hikes and Outings

Hikes and Outings Chairperson: Glen Nison 718-625-2182 gnisonbike@juno.com
For listings of hikes not led by members of NOANY, (and not necessarily qualifying) try these links:
<http://www.nynjtc.org/content/scheduled-hikes> <http://www.hudsonhikers.org/schedules.htm>

Camp Quannacut – (5 miles) - Sunday, August 28, 2022

The New York Chapter's first camp in Harriman State Park was at Camp Quannacut (situated on Queensboro Lake) and used April and May of 1924). This hike will visit and have lunch at Queensboro Lake as we try to imagine what that first generation of members experienced having their first camp in the park. Hike will start from the Anthony Wayne parking area and is qualifying. Meeting time is 9:30AM. Leader: Ray Kozma; co-leader: Stephanie Lai. Please register with leader by Thursday, August 25th: raymondkozma@gmail.com or 917-406-3782.

Harvest Moon Midnight Hike - Saturday September 10, 2022

Following dinner at Camp on Saturday night we'll carpool to Elk Pen for a loop hike. We'll hike up to Island Pond and detour to an Indian Cave, then walk a flat ridgeline using only moonlight to illuminate the way. Then we'll descend through the Lemon Squeezer and return to the cars. Due to the hilly terrain and nature of this hike we need hardy and adventurous hikers! Approximately 7 miles and qualifying. Headlamps and a reflective item required. Weather permitting. Contact Leader, Lewis Ports ports.lewis@gmail.com or (646)339-1316.

Camp Blue Bird – (5 – 6 miles) – Saturday, September 17, 2022

In the Fall of 1924, the Chapter subleased Camp Blue Bird (on the east side of Upper Twin Lake) from a group that used the property as a girl's camp in Summer. In May, the Chapter vacated Camp Blue Bird, but was back in October and remained until April of 1925. It was at Camp Blue Bird that the members developed the model of the Saturday night communal meal. As stated by Ira Ayres in his write-up for the 50th anniversary of the Chapter: "Our very successful system of community meals began on our second weekend in October 1924." Hike will start at the Silvermine parking area. Meeting time is 9:30AM. Hike is qualifying.

Leader: Ray Kozma; co-leader: Stephanie Lai. Please register with leader by Thursday, September 15th raymondkozma@gmail.com or 917-406-3782.

The Creed

"I believe in the Out-of-Doors, the woods, streams and hills, the wildlife that lives therein; I believe that man's care for them in a state of nature consistent with conservation is his best investment for the future."

Nawakwa, 1923

NOANY-VOLUNTEER-HOURS

REPORT DATE FALL-2021							
Trail #	<u>MAINTAINER</u>	<u>TRAIL</u>	Trail Length	Work Hours	Travel Hours	Total Hours	
1	Mary James	<u>RD</u> Tuxedo to Rt.106	4.13	12.5	3.0	15.50	
2	Noel Schulz	<u>Triangle</u> Tuxedo to WB junction at 2.6mi.	2.60	4.0	1.0	5.00	
3	Ingrid Strauch	<u>Triangle</u> White Bar @ Dutch Doctor to WB @ 2.6 mi fr Tuxedo	2.65	6.5	12.0	18.50	
4	Jack Papirio	<u>AT</u> Orange Tpk. to Mombasha Rd.	1.40	2.5	1.5	4.00	
5	Glen Nison	<u>White Cross</u> TMI to RD	0.70	0.0	0.0	0.00	
6	Bill and Carol Burns	<u>AT</u> Rt. 17 to Orange Tpk.	1.80	8.0	6.0	14.00	
7	Dennis Hickey	<u>Long Path</u> Greenbrook Sanctuary to GWB	5.10	0.0	0.0	0.00	
8	Richard DeCoursey	<u>White Bar</u> Rt. 106 to ASB	2.05	6.5	3.0	9.50	
9	Noel Schulz	<u>TMI</u> RD to Sebago Dam	2.40	4.5	2.0	6.50	
10	Herb Coles/ June Fait	<u>White Bar</u> Johnsontown Rd. to Triangle Trail	1.50	11.0	16.0	27.00	
11	Giacomo Servetti and Kim Waldhauer	<u>White Bar</u> Triangle to Rt. 106	3.80	6.0	1.0	7.00	
11	Mary James	Trail assist		24.0	19.0	43.00	
12	Andrew Frank	<u>White Cross TMI to Victory</u>	1.45	5.0	1.5	6.50	
TOTAL TRAIL MILES			29.58				
				TOTAL HOURS	90.5	66.0	156.50

- Submitted by Bill Burns - Trails Committee Chair

In Memoriam



Margot Heuman

February 17, 1928 – May 11, 2022

Throughout our long history as a club, we have always attracted an incredibly diverse number of unique and talented people, all brought together by a love of the outdoors and hiking. And because of Camp Nawakwa, there is also the added element of being attracted to the club because of our community tradition, where like-minded individuals work together to live out the spirit of cooperation, teamwork, mutual respect, and camaraderie that are the hallmarks of being a Nawakwan.

Because we are joined together by common interests in the outdoors, we might not get to know a lot of detailed information about each other's personal history. The passing of a key-holder member, however, often becomes a time when we obtain a fuller picture of the individual and their life. Such is the case of long-time member Margot Heuman who passed away on May 11th at the age of 94.

From the records of history, we learned that Margot lived in Germany during the rise of Nazism and the Holocaust. When Margot was ten years old, she and her younger sister were expelled from public school for being Jewish. In 1942, Margot and her family were deported to the Theresienstadt ghetto in Czechoslovakia. In 1943 or 1944, the family was taken to Auschwitz. There, Margot was among a group of women selected for forced labor who were taken to the Neuengamme concentration camp. In April 1945, Neuengamme was shut down and the Jewish women were sent to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. On April 15, 1945, Margot was freed from Bergen-Belsen by British soldiers. Margot never saw her parents and sister again. The Red Cross brought her to Sweden to recuperate, and in 1947 she moved to America.

From our archives (courtesy of research by our archivist, Ellen King), we know that Margot joined the New York Chapter in 1992. Her Sponsors were Doris Repke and Renate Jaerschky. Margot quickly became involved with the club and various camp activities. In 1993, she hosted a Spring Clean-up Weekend with

Renate; in 1994, she joined the Board as Treasurer and served three years; in 1996, she was a member of the Gazebo construction crew, responsible for wood preparation. In 1999, Margot was listed as a Nawakwa Clean-Up Day crusader. For many years she co-hosted weekends and summer mid-weeks with Renate or Anne Weyrauch. In 2008, when Margot turned 80 years old, in her honor, Doris Repke made a generous donation to the Chapter.

We can only imagine the terrible stresses and horrors that Margot and her family experienced during those war years. We do know first-hand, though, how well Margot took to the club and Camp Nawakwa. I like to believe that, through her involvement at Nawakwa and the good friends she made, Margot found that same spirit of family, community, and friendship which sustained her through the horrors of the Holocaust, and which added a good measure of happiness to her years shared with us.

- Ray Kozma

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Nawakwa was a special place to my mother. She discovered it after moving back to Manhattan from Brooklyn in her forties, where she lived in a studio apartment in Chelsea and made new friends who introduced her to both the ADK and the Miramar Ski Club. She actively pursued both, taking on leadership roles and fully participating in everything the two clubs offered.

As much as she enjoyed the outdoors, she also treasured living in Manhattan and the art and culture that was so accessible. She would walk everywhere, had season tickets to the Philharmonic, loved the opera, waited in line in Central Park for tickets to Shakespeare in the Park, and did so much more. She loved to travel, was adventurous, and rarely took the easy route. She trekked to Machu Picchu; visited Antarctica; bought a Volvo in Sweden, drove throughout Europe in that car with a friend, and transported it home. The car is 20 years old and still runs. New York got too cold for her, and it became difficult for her to walk Fiona, her Westie, so in her late eighties she moved to Green Valley, Arizona, where she made all new friends who became her second family. One of her closest friends from New York, Doris Repke, a Nawakwan, moved to Green Valley, too.

My mother had two children, five grandchildren, and a great-grandson. She was a generous grandma, taking the four older grandchildren (now adults) on intergenerational Elderhostel trips. The kids loved those trips - hot air ballooning, a westward bound wagon train experience, sailing among the San Juan islands, horseback riding. She took me, her eldest and only daughter, on ski trips with her friends, to Germany, to Greece, and most recently on a riverboat cruise to see Germany once more and for the last time. And of course, she introduced me to Nawakwa, and I am now a member.

-Jill Mendelson



Jill and her mom

Centennial Anniversary Events

The Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York, Inc. (formerly the New York Chapter, Inc. of the Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc.) will be celebrating its One-Hundredth Anniversary in 2023 and the One-Hundredth Anniversary of Camp Nawakwa in 2026

The marking of a hundred years is always a notable occasion whether it be for an individual, an event, or an organization. In this space of the Trail Marker, we are providing information and updates about plans for celebrating our dual centennials.

1. To count down to the anniversaries, the Trail Marker has been carrying articles about the history, significant events, and people connected to the development of our club and Camp Nawakwa.
2. In this issue, we highlight the first two camps enjoyed by our club in Harriman: Camp Quannacut (1924) on page 13 and Camp Blue Bird (1924-25) on page 14.
3. A Committee is being formed to plan a grand celebration for the anniversaries of both the club and Camp Nawakwa. The date and venue are not yet set. Any club members who might be interested in working on the planning committee is invited to contact Susanne Flower at susanneflower@gmail.com or Ray Kozma at raymondkozma@gmail.com.



Camp Quannacut

"Our first experience in operating a camp was with Quannacut in 1924. No attendance or financial records are available. The building was razed many years ago. The following appeared in our Spring Outing Schedule for 1924:

"Camp Quannacut has been engaged by the Chapter from the Palisades Interstate Park Commission for the months of April and May. The camp is situated on beautiful Queensboro Lake in the park, 4 miles from Bear Mountain Station, and consists of a large 2-story house with wide verandahs upstairs and down.

Members and their guests should bring sheets and pillowcases; the cabin has plenty of blankets, but they must be kept clean. Food may be purchased at Fort Montgomery or telephone orders for small purchases. A supply of staple goods (sugar, coffee, salt, etc.) and canned goods will be kept on hand at 10% above costs. The services of caretaker may be obtained for preparing meals (member furnishing the food) by special arrangement with groups at a cost of \$3 per day. Closets with locks are available for storage of personal effects. Members are requested to bring flashlights, sheet music (camp has a piano) and books, contributing the books and music to the Chapter.

Camp charges are: Members, weekday nights (except Saturday) and Sunday nights, 50 cents; guests, 75 cents. Members, Saturday nights, 75 cents; guests \$1. Day visitors 25 cents. Registration should be made not later than the Friday evening preceding each weekend, through the Chairman of the Hospitality Committee, Miss Tenny B. Dickson, 50 Morningside Drive, New York (Cathedral 7770 after 7 PM.)"

-Excerpts taken from the "History by Ira Ayes of the Adirondack Mountain Club New York"

From ***Harriman Trails: A Guide and History*** (William J. Myles and Daniel Chazin, NYNJTC, 2010), we learn the following:

"Queensboro Lake was created in 1915 by building a dam on Queensboro Brook...The large home of the Brooks family stood near Long Mountain Circle, not far from the lake. In 1919, it was made available to organizations and was called Camp Quannacut. It was occupied in April-May 1924 by the new Adirondack Mountain Club [i.e., the New York Chapter]. The new Westchester Trails Association also used Camp Quannacut in February 1924."

Camp Blue Bird

The second camp operate by the New York Chapter was Camp Blue Bird on Upper Twin Lake:

“During the early summer of 1924, Arthur Lamm and his committee secured from the Park our use of Camp Blue Bird from October 4th through June 1st. The camp was an old 2-story farmhouse with a fireplace and sleeping accommodations for 23. Connected to the house of the west side was an open, covered pavilion about the size of Nawakwa’s main building and slightly removed and to the north another similar pavilion. These buildings were on the east side of Upper Twin Lake and near its north end and were about 50 feet above lake level. The lake itself has an elevation of about 1,100 feet. The Camp is located about four miles east of Central Valley. To get there, one took the Erie to Harriman and then the Tunerville Trolley to Central Valley. The trolley was a one-coach diesel that operated between Harriman and Newburg twice each way on Saturdays and Sundays. From Central Valley, the walk covered four miles and 800 feet of elevation.”- Ira Ayres

In the Spring Trail Marker of 1931, this hike was listed:

Sunday, March 29th VISIT CAMP BLUE BIRD EN ROUTE CENTRAL VALLEY TO ARDEN

Leave Jersey City, Erie R.R., 9:15 a.m. Arrive Central Valley 11:01 a.m. Bus will take party to Park entrance. Thence walk to the new Barnes Lake, Lower and Upper Twin Lakes, stopping at Blue Bird to eat picnic lunch. Follow road to Baileytown, thence along FB-SK trail over Stockbridge and Bradley Mountains, to Lake Cohasset and Arden. Distance, 9 miles. Cost about \$3.65. Leave Arden 5:34 p.m. Arrive Jersey City 7:10 p.m. This is an opportunity for the newer members to see our former camp and for the older members to renew the scenes of “the good old days.”

Leader, George D. Payne, 50 Orange Street, Brooklyn.

Ira Ayres notes that, later, in the planning and construction of Camp Nawakwa:

“From our experience at Blue Bird it was decided to have all the sleeping quarters out and away from the main building.”

From **Harriman Trails: A Guide and History** (William J. Myles and Daniel Chazin, NYNJTC, 2010), we learn the following:

“The region around Upper Twin Lake was called Baileytown. In 1930, when the Park acquired the last Bailey properties, the family was permitted to remain in their homes for the rest of their lives...”

In the summer of 1924, the recently organized Adirondack Mountain Club [i.e., the New York Chapter] rented the two-story farmhouse on Upper Twin Lake - one of the Weygant buildings. They named it Camp Bluebird (UT-10). To get to their camp those members who didn't have cars had to walk four miles up from Central Valley. They used that camp for two years until the spring of 1926 when they opened Camp Nawakwa on Lake Sebago.”

New Applicants

"Since the Bylaws give the care, responsibility, and privilege of running and maintaining Camp Nawakwa exclusively to the keyholder members (who are also called Nawakwans), it is desirable and necessary that new keyholder members be recruited on a regular basis. We recruit potential Nawakwans by attracting and inviting like-minded, outdoor oriented, adults (18 years and older) to become applicants for keyholder status. After completing the required activities, such new keyholders, will take their place in the long line of custodians of Camp Nawakwa and its traditions." [Policy on Sponsor-Applicants]

Welcome to Our New Applicants!

Matt Goring
Amanda Panzer
Brian Panzer
Lisa Joy Reeves

