

The Trail Marker

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View From the Chair

Traveling the Open Road

*"Allons! Whoever you are, come travel with me!
Traveling with me, you find what never tires."
-Walt Whitman*

At the Spring work weekend (April 22-23) during which we prepared Camp Nawakwa for the new season, note was taken of the hundred-year history we enjoy, even as it was also noted that 2023 is the first full year of our existence as the Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York. From our Archives (courtesy of Ellen King, our Archivist), we were able to display some articles and publications from the first year of the then New York Chapter (two of these are highlighted in this Trail Marker on pages 15 and 16).

The parallel of our being in a similar position as the original organization of a hundred years ago (that is, of getting a new club started) struck home to me. The difference, of course, is that with a hundred years of history behind us we are not starting from a point at which nothing has been done yet. For us, it is a matter of re-forming ourselves as an organization and renewing and revitalizing ourselves as members. The enthusiastic participation of almost fifty people on the work weekend, coupled with the influx of eager and active new members and applicants, speaks to how well we are doing so far.

Since there is no one around from a hundred years ago, our challenge today is how to hand down the

information, beliefs, and customs from one generation to the next (our traditions). Our archives are a wonderful source of information, as are the printed policies, procedures, and informational publications we have. We especially rely on our older members to be sponsors, guides, and mentors in providing advice and instruction to help welcome our newer members into the wonderful traditions and the great spirit of camaraderie which we enjoy.

George A. R. Meade, who took over the Chairmanship from Raymond Torrey in 1923, in a letter to the members after he made the first Chapter report to the Annual Meeting of ADK, states:

"The Chapter has undoubtedly become a great success, and I gratefully repeat what I said in the report, now over two months ago, that it is because of the splendid spirit of each Chapter member that the Chapter stands in the forefront among its local contemporaries."

May we renew ourselves with the vitality of Whitman so that we "find what never tires" and may we continue the "splendid spirit" that has been the hallmark of our members for the past one hundred years!

- Ray Kozma, NOANY Chair

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Account managed by Ingrid Strauch (Ingrid-hiking@noany.org)

Deadline for submissions to the next edition of the Trail Marker (August-September 2023) is July 21, 2023. All submissions can be forwarded to Ray Kozma at TrailMarker@noany.org

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:

Co-chair: Maryann Poris maporis@aol.com.

Co-chair: Mary Hilley hilley66@gmail.com

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

June 3-4, 2023 – Early Summer Weekend: Celebration of the Life of Elizabeth Ruiz-Gomez

Come celebrate the life of our late Nawakwan, Elizabeth Ruiz-Gomez. Seasonal summer fare and good company. Share your memories of Elizabeth with her family, including members Bill and Carol Burns.

Co-Hosts: Ed O'Donnell & Janet Sibarium

Registration deadline: Thursday, June 1st at 8 P.M. Please indicate if vegetarian when registering.

To register please email or text Janet: janet.sibarium@icloud.com or text (917) 318-3361.

[Note: An **Orientation** will take place at 12 noon to 3pm on Saturday. **To register for the Orientation, please contact Maryann Poris maporis@aol.com or 973-769-4246.**]

June 10-11, 2023 - OPEN: Host(s) Needed

[**Note: A General Camp Maintenance work day, from 9am to 3pm, will also take place Saturday, June 10th. To register for the Work Day, please contact Dave Hayes, Camp Chair at camp@noany.org. This is a qualifying work event for applicants. See full description on page 9.**]

June 17-18, 2023 – OPEN - Host(s) Needed

June 24-25, 2023 – Last of the Mountain Laurel

Come see the last of the mountain laurel! Join host Deirdre Tourin & cohost Hsin Wang for scrumptious dinner, breakfast, lunch & over 15 hours daylight in late June. Dinner- veggie soup & wine, Veggie Tofu Eggplant Casserole, tender meatballs, seasonal vegetables, salad & desert. Classic breakfast, yummy sandwich lunch. Members, applicants, guests & family welcome.

To attend please email Deirdre Tourin at dtouring6@icloud.com & cc Hsin Wang at whsin31@gmail.com by deadline Thursday 6/22 at 9:00pm. Tell me: 1. which meals you want, (Dinner? Breakfast? Lunch?) 2. meat or vegetarian, 3. any food allergies. 4. Are you an applicant, member keyholder, bringing any guests? 5. Can you offer a ride to someone coming from mass transit (subway, NJ Transit Suffern/Sloatsburg Metro North).

July 1-2, 2023 - OPEN - Host(s) Needed

July 8-9, 2023 “Freedom to Relax”

Come enjoy a low-key, post-holiday weekend at camp. Swim, hike, paddle, or search for ripe blueberries. Meals will feature healthy seasonal foods, with options for omnivores and vegetarians.

Registration deadline: Thursday, July 6, by 9 p.m. Please indicate which meals you will partake in and whether you want the meat or veggie option. Host is Ingrid Strauch. To register, email Ingrid at Ingrid-hiking@noany.org.

July 15-16, 2023 – Hosted Weekend

Breaking News:

Two dangerous cooks are on the loose in Harriman Park. The main suspects are planning a hosted weekend at Camp Nawakwa on July 15th-16th. The two women go by the names: Yajing Li and Marisa Vallve. It's unclear how good the food will be, though police say that the women have prepared good food before, and they are expected to pull it off again.

If you have any information about your dietary preferences (omnivore, vegetarian, vegan) and you think you will be attending the hosted weekend in question, please sign up:

Detective Columbo at (973) 980-2134 –marisavallve@yahoo.com or Magnum Private Investigator at (973) 641-5693 – yajinglee@yahoo.com. Please register by July 13th.

July 22-23, 2023 – Hosted Weekend - OPEN – Host(s) Needed

July 29-30, 2023 – Hosted Weekend - Celebration of Raymond H. Torrey

At the ADK's general meeting in October 1922, Raymond Torrey was charged with setting up a New York Chapter. By 1923, the New York Chapter was formally established, with Raymond Torrey as the first Chapter Chair. He was also the co-founder of the Trail Conference and was appointed its first Secretary, a position he held until his untimely death (on his birthday, July 28th) in 1938 at age 58. New York Chapter members, with efforts spearheaded by Torrey and the Trail Conference, set out to blaze the first trails in Harriman State Park. During all these years, he published his *Long Brown Path* newspaper articles promoting all the trails being built in Harriman State Park. There will be a short presentation about Raymond Torrey after dinner on Saturday. A hike to the Torrey Memorial on Long Mountain (with a stop at Turkey Hill Lake) is planned for Sunday after breakfast (start time about 10:30). **Host: Ray Kozma. Co-host: Janet Sibarium.**

Please register with Ray (917-406-3782) or raymondkozma@gmail.com by Thursday, July 27th, before 10pm. The hike on Sunday will be qualifying. **Please see hike write-up on page 7 for hike details and registration.**



Activities Committee Update

A Paint Night Report - May 20, 2023.



The weather on Saturday, May 20, was wet and chilly, but it didn't dampen the spirits of those participating in Nawakwa's first Paint 'n' Sip party hosted by Alex Wilkie and Edie Blum. In the afternoon, Alex led nine members and applicants through a class in the lodge that showed them step-by-step how to use acrylic paints to render a mountain landscape. At the end of the afternoon, the participants were able to take home their finished creations. Later, everyone enjoyed a fun happy hour with wine & cheese, as well as fruit and crudité platters. In the evening, Edie and a skilled kitchen crew prepared a delicious dinner of roasted pears and vegetables, quinoa, and marinated chicken, which was topped off by coffee and brownie bites.

Coming Events

July 29th - Talk on Raymond Torrey (Ray Kozma) with hike on Sunday to the Torrey Memorial

August 12th - 100 Years Presentation (Ellen King and Ray Kozma)

August 19th - "Song Fest Sing-Along" (after Saturday dinner)

August 26th - Live Animal Presentation - Save The Date:

A live animal presentation by the Recreation and Historic Preservation department of Bear Mountain State Park is scheduled for our camp on August 26th, 2023. The time is TBD but is likely after dinner. The animals will either be turtles or porcupines depending on their moods that day.

Hikes and Outings Committee

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 the following link: <http://www.nynjtc.org/content/member-clubs>

Interested in becoming a hike leader? Please send your name, email, and phone number to Glen expressing your interest in becoming a hike leader for NOANY.

Sunday, June 11, 2023 - Parker Cabin Mountain via Claudius Smith Rock

Approx. total ascends: 1015 feet

Distance: Approx. 6 miles - Qualifying

We will take the unmarked camp trail at Nawakwa towards the Yellow Triangle Trail. At the intersection with the trail we will make a left turn towards Dutch Doctor. At Dutch Doctor we'll make a right turn onto the Tuxedo Mount Ivy Trail. After 1.2 miles we'll reach Claudius Smith Rock which offers great views and is a good stop to take a short break. From Claudius Smith we'll continue northbound on the White Cross Trail. After 2.15 miles we'll reach the junction with the Ramapo - Dunderberg Trail. We will make a right turn and continue for 0.25 miles to reach the summit of Parker Cabin Mountain. This is a good spot to have lunch and enjoy views of Lake Sebago. Following our lunch break we will descend Parker Cabin Mountain using the Yellow Triangle Trail, pass Lake Skenonto and after 1.95 miles make a left turn at the intersection with the unmarked trail that takes us back to camp.

This qualifying hike features several ascents and descents, and the pace will be a little faster than usual. As an added bonus, there's good chance that the mountain laurel will be peaking at the time of the hike. Participants should wear sturdy footwear and bring sunscreen, lunch, snacks, raingear, and approx. two liters of water.

Leader: Oliver Lunt, Co-leader Lewis Ports. For any questions and to register, please reach out to Oliver via email ->Oliverjlunt@gmail.com Please register with leader by Thursday, 6/8

Saturday, June 17, 2023 - Reeves Brook/Raccoon Brook Hills/Pine Meadow Loop

Length: 5.4 mile(Qualifying hike), Difficulty: Moderate to Strenuous

The beginning of the Reeves Brook Trail runs uphill into the woods. It then parallels the Reeves Brook trail along the brook, with several attractive cascades of the brook when the water level is high. There are several steep but short climbs up & down the trail before connecting to the Raccoon Brook Hills Trail. We will cross a stream and pass The Pulpit and have two southwest-facing views of the Torne Valley. The trail continues to climb around 800 feet to the highest point of the hike, about 1,230 feet above sea level. On a clear day, you can see the NYC skyline in the distance. We will descend through dense stands of mountain laurel connecting to the Kakiat Trail and circuit back to the Visitor Center on the Pine Meadow Trails.

Hiking footwear required. Bring food/snack, water. Rain cancels. Meet at the Reeves Brook Visitor Center 9:30 am. **RSVP by 6/15. Leader: Stephanie Lai - sclai2007@yahoo.com.** Co-lead welcome.

Saturday, June 24, 2023 - West Mountain Ridge Hike

Length: 5 miles(Qualifying hike) Difficulty: Moderate to Strenuous

Taking the Fawn trail, up a steep climb to the ridge of West Mountain for a spectacular view of Bear Mountain and Perkins Memorial Tower. Walking along the ridge to the West Mountain shelter. We may make a detour to Cat's Elbow. The trail changes from open rock to a rocky footpath over undulating terrain as it passes several more viewpoints. There are many glacial erratic rocks along the way. Expect some woods roads, many up & down hills, and large rock slabs.

Hiking footwear required. Bring food/snack, water. Rain cancels. Taking the Palisades Interstate Parkway to Exit 17. Meet at the Anthony Wayne front parking lot area at 9:30 am. Make the first right into the parking lot just passed the empty toll booth.

Leader: Stephanie Lai sclai2007@yahoo.com. Co-lead welcome. **RSVP by 6/22.**

June 24 - 25, 2023 - Overnight Backpack to Big Hill Shelter

Approximately 9 - 10 miles (round-trip), moderately paced; short, steep section over Conklin Mountain and ups and downs over Breakneck Mountain. Elevation gain about 550 feet.

Starting from the Boat Launch area of Lake Sebago, we will take a variety of trails to hike over to the shelter area at Big Hill. Participants should be self-contained, with sturdy footwear, tent, sleeping pad/bag, food, stove, snacks, raingear, and water. Please call leader if there are any questions about equipment, packing, etc.

Meet at the parking area at 9:45AM. Qualifying (about 9-10 miles).

Leader: Ray Kozma Please register with leader by Thursday, June 22, 2023.

Contact at: raymondkozma@gmail.com or 917-406-3782.

Saturday, July 1, 2023 - Centennial Hike: Camp Quannacut - (5 miles, Qualifying)

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. The camp is no longer there, but we will explore the area as we try to imagine what that first generation of members experienced having their first camp in the park.

Leader: Ray Kozma Please register with leader by Thursday, June 29, 2023.

Contact at: raymondkozma@gmail.com or 917-406-3782.

Sunday, July 29, 2023 - Raymond Torrey Memorial Hike (5-6 miles - Qualifying)

Raymond H. Torrey was the first Chair of the New York Chapter and a leading figure in setting up the trail system we enjoy in Harriman. He was a co-author of the New York Walk Book, first published in 1923. He was a newspaper journalist (the New York Post) and through his column, called The Long Brown Path, did much to promote and educate others about the wonders of the trails as they were being developed in Harriman State Park and beyond. This hike will visit and pay tribute to Raymond Torrey at the memorial placed on Long Mountain after his sudden death in 1938. This hike takes place on Sunday morning after breakfast. **Leader: Ray Kozma Please register with leader by Thursday, July 26, 2023. Contact at: raymondkozma@gmail.com or 917-406-3782.**

Coming in August

Saturday - August 5, 2023 - Re-schedule of Centennial Hike to Camp Blue Bird

5 - 6 miles, with a moderately strenuous, climb up and over Stockbridge Mountain.
Elevation gain about 500 feet

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 the camp, 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 (park in the area just past the toll booth). Meeting time is 9:30AM. Hike is qualifying. Participants should wear sturdy footwear and bring lunch, snacks, raingear, and water.

Leader: Ray Kozma. Co-Leader: Stephanie Lai. Please register with leader by Thursday, August 3, 2023. raymondkozma@gmail.com or 917-406-3782.

Conservation Committee News

Kate Walker, Chair

Please join the Conservation Committee for invasive species removal on Saturday, July 8 from 9:30 to 12:30PM. Our leader will be Rich Rockwell from NYNJ Trail Conference. We'll meet at the Nawakwa gate, as some folks from ACA will be joining us.

No tools needed, but volunteers should bring sturdy gloves, use appropriate sun protection, and wear sturdy shoes, long pants, and long-sleeved shirts to protect them from poison ivy, ticks, etc.

Please RSVP by Thursday, July 6, to Kate at katecwalker@gmail.com

Environmental Education Committee

Martin Kellerman, Chair

The following websites provide up-to-date information on vital environmental concerns in our area and beyond. The NIRS website has most recently reported on plans to release radioactive water into the Hudson River from the now closed Indian Point Nuclear reactor.

- The Hudson River environmental group Riverkeeper at Riverkeeper.org.
- NIRS.org This is a non-profit organization devoted to a nuclear-free, carbon-free world.
- The invasive plant *Hydrilla* has been identified as present in Lake Sebago and the park is developing plans on how to eliminate it. For information on what this plant is and on how toxic it can be, see the *Hydrilla* entry on Wikipedia.org

Revised Bathing Beach Safety Plan (2021)

Because of new Department of Health guidelines regarding waterfront safety, all Nawakwa members and applicants must do the following **before** swimming at camp:

- Read the Bath Beach Safety Plan Brochure, which can be found here <https://noany.org/bathing-beach-safety-plan/> and at the sign-in desk at camp.
- Complete the Acknowledgement Form, found on the same webpage and also at the desk.

The steps for opening the swim dock are as follows:

- 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.
- Checking the swim dock area for any hazards.
- Put the swim safety equipment in the designated area on the swim dock.
- Make sure the emergency rowboat is ready to perform a rescue (boat is in the water, oar locks and oars are in place, any water in the boat has been bailed out).
- Ensure that a second person is on the swim dock or in the immediate swim area before anyone enters the water.

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.

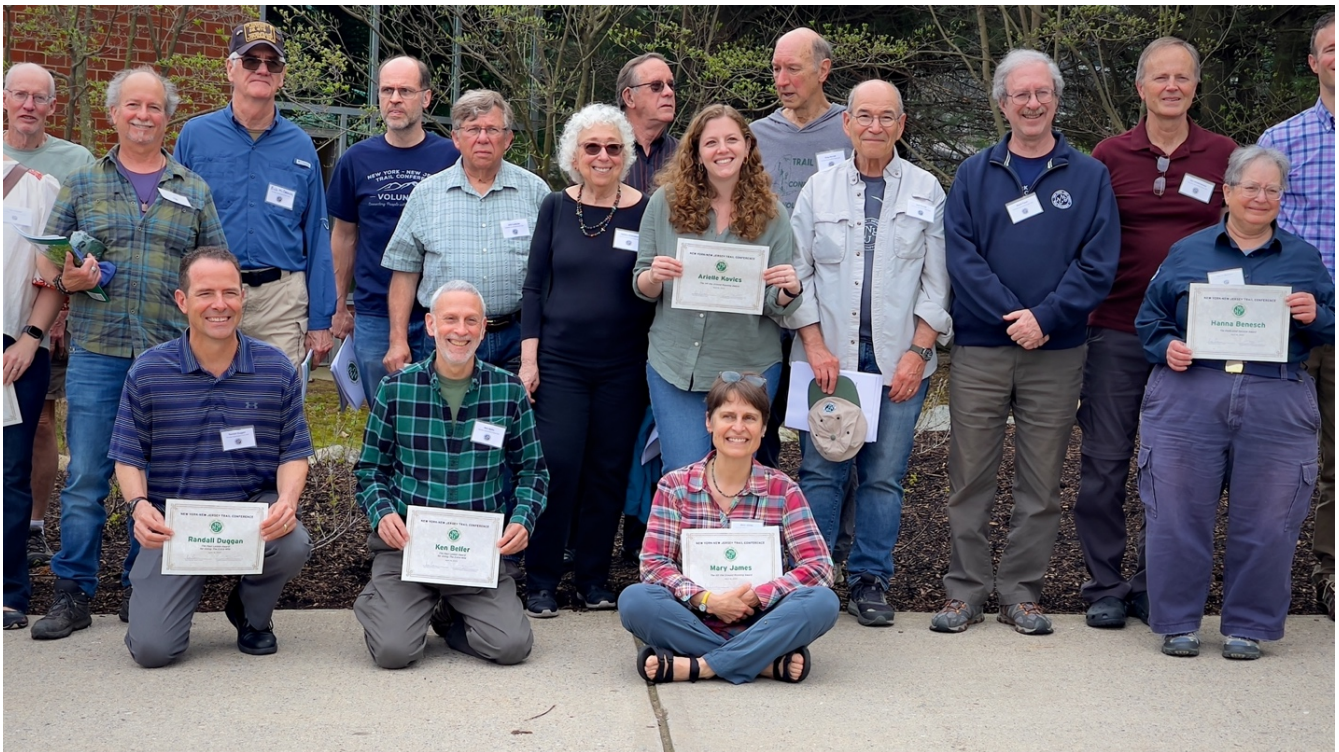
When swimmers are done swimming for the day or for that time period, and there will no further swimming, return the safety equipment and close the gate to the swim dock, by hooking the chain and sign across the entrance ramp. Return the swim area emergency phone to the charger at the registration desk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

For more details on the safety plan and information on performing a rescue, see the slide presentation found here: <https://noany.org/hiking/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Swimming-Nawakwa.pdf>

New York-New Jersey Trail Conference Awards Ceremony

Congratulations to our own Mary James who received the "Hit the Ground Running Award" from the Trail Conference at the Volunteers Awards Ceremony held on April 16, 2023, at Ramapo College in Mahwah, NJ!

The award honors volunteers who have "hit the ground running" and made a strong impact within their first two years of service. Mary was nominated for the award by Ingrid Strauch, Board Director and avid trail maintainer herself. Mary has also become the Chair of the NOANY Trails Committee.



Mary (sitting cross legged) with other NYNJTC Honorees



Mary James, Trail Maintainer: Harriman State Park and Westchester

Upon becoming an ADK-NY Nawakwa keyholder in late 2020 (the club is now known as the Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York, Inc.), Mary James took over the maintenance of the Ramapo-Dunderberg trail from the Tuxedo railroad station to Rt. 106, a total of 4.75 miles. She worked throughout 2021 removing blow downs and cutting back brush and shrubs. Instead of kicking back and relaxing once her section of the R-D was in good shape, Mary noticed the severely overgrown state of the White Bar trail from the Yellow Triangle to the Victory and got to work. Mary describes her motivation to clear the White Bar as follows, "I'd set my eye on this section of the WB as it was the most direct route from camp Nawakwa to the center section of the R-D. One time on this path I found a group of young people lost and confused and unable to find the trail's continuance. They told me they'd spent 40 minutes going in circles. There was a tangle of overturned oak branches and several big trunks just at a place where the trail took a sharp turn." That encounter convinced her that she must do something about that portion of the trail. Prior to trail work in Harriman, during the early months of the pandemic, Mary also worked restoring neglected trails at Cranberry Lake Preserve in Westchester. Mary writes: "Trail Maintenance is physically challenging but good work. It gives me a reason to be out in nature very frequently with a task to accomplish. The resulting open, inviting, and well-marked trails offer a safe and enjoyable outdoor experience to all the park's visitors. It is a pleasure and an honor, along with other maintainers, to add my effort toward that goal!"

[This bio was published in the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference's journal for the *Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event* held April 16, 2023.]

Palm Sunday Hike

April 2, 2023



Twenty-four intrepid hikers (comprised of members, applicants, and guests) took part in this year's Palm Sunday hike to St. John's Church in the Wilderness. The weather was cool and breezy, but with plenty of sunshine.

As we did last year, the group split into two groups. One group, led by Lewis Ports, took a path over to Big Hill Shelter, while the other, led by Ray Kozma, took the way past Breakneck Pond and the AMC Harriman Center.

Our group joined other groups of hikers and visitors at the Church grounds. And once again, as they have been doing since the tradition started in the 1930's, the good people of St. John's provided an ample lunch for all their guests.

- Ray Kozma



At Big Hill Shelter



At Breakneck Pond

Camp Committee News

Dave Hayes, Camp Chair camp@noany.org

Nawakwa's Opening Weekend (April 22-23, 2023)

The start of our organization's 100th season in Harriman State Park was a fantastic one. Our opening workday was well attended with between 40 and 50 people volunteering their valuable time to help our Camp get ready for the season.

I always try to mention how special it is that everyone can choose to contribute. Whether you were helping launch our dock, sweeping cabins or cooking and cleaning for the group along with so many other tasks, your contribution was valuable and so appreciated! Nawakwa doesn't function without each of you!! So please accept my sincerest thanks for your efforts and know that your time has already helped make our season a successful one!

I look forward to seeing you all throughout the season!

Warm Regards,

David Hayes

Camp Chair

June – 10, 2023 - Camp Maintenance Workday, 9am-3pm

Please join us this day to help keep camp well maintained! We are an all-volunteer organization, and the preservation and maintenance of Camp Nawakwa depends on all our members.

The outside part of this day will focus on camp paths and campsites with the intent to trim, mow, and rake as thoroughly as possible. This effort can help reduce tick transmission and makes camp a safer for everyone. Power tools and gas operated machinery will be in use!

The indoor side of this workday will focus on cleaning cabins and the main lodge as needed.

A camp lunch of sandwiches and fresh fruit will be provided for all workers. This is a qualifying event for applicants. To register for this Camp Maintenance Work Day, RSVP to Dave at camp@noany.org. Please RSVP by Thursday, June 8th.

July 8th - Sharpening Workshop

On Saturday July 8th NOANY members Carl and Dave will be holding a sharpening workshop. We have many camp tools used for trail maintenance and firewood that need sharpening and we will have a power sharpener on hand. Members can volunteer to sharpen a tool and learn the process or just opt to watch the process if interested. Bring a knife or small tool you'd like sharpened and practice your new skills at the end of the workshop.

Saturday July 8th, 12:00 - 4:00.

RSVP to Dave at camp@noany.org

One Hundred Years Ago!

Printed here is a letter of March 31, 1924, from then Chapter Chair George A.R. Meade to all Chapter members at the time. The letter references the first Annual Report of the New York Chapter made to ADK at its annual meeting, January 19, 1924. George Meade was the second Chair following Raymond Torrey (who had asked to be relieved of the Chair due to his other and many significant responsibilities). On the next page is the listing of the very first schedule of chapter hikes and outings from October 1923 to January 1924. Of significant note is the very first hike which was on the brand-new section of the Appalachian Trail. Raymond Torrey had spearheaded this construction of the very first section of the AT (basically from the Elk Pen to Bear Mountain) following a presentation made by Benton Mackaye in April 1922 on his proposal "A Project for An Appalachian Trail." It was at this same 1922 meeting that the Palisades Interstate Park Trail Conference was reborn as the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference. Raymond Torey became the first Treasurer of the NYNJTC.

154 Mason St.
Greenwich, Conn.
March 31, 1924.

Dear Fellow Member:

At the Annual Meeting of the Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc., held on January 19th last, I, as Chairman of the New York Chapter, submitted a report to the President, Mr. George D. Pratt, covering the Chapter's local activities from October, 1923, to January 1924.

Inasmuch as but a few of the Chapter members were able to be present and as many requests come to me for information about this report to the President, I am sending each Chapter member a copy of it just as submitted, with no alterations, as a matter of information.

The Chapter has undoubtedly become a great success, and I gratefully repeat what I said in the report, now over two months ago, that it is because of the splendid spirit of each Chapter member that the Chapter stands in the fore-ground-among its local outing contemporaries.

The Officers, Councilors, and the several Committees are all working wholeheartedly in the interests of the Chapter and parent Club. Let us all continue to exert that fine cooperation that will enable them to carry to fruition the ideals and constructive thought so beautifully expressed in our Membership Pledge and our Creed,

Faith fully yours,

[George A. R. Mead]

CHAIRMAN.

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FIRST LISTING OF HIRES + OUTINGS - 1923 - 1924

SCHEDULED OUTINGS OF THE NEW YORK CHAPTER OF THE ADIRONDACK MT. CLUB
October 7, 1923 - January 13, 1924

SUNDAY OUTINGS

Date	Place	Leader	Number		Total
			Men	Women	
October 7	Appalachian Trail	Raymond H. Torrey	11	4	15
Oct. 14	Ramapo Mountains	H. B. Scutt	9	6	15
Oct. 21	Sterling Mountain	Frank M. Lewis	12	7	19
Oct. 28	Wind Beam & High Point Mountain	Marie Eckes	16	11	27
November 4	Watchung Mountains	F. N. Waterman	9	4	13
Nov. 6	Wyanokie Photographic Special	Wm. Gavin Taylor	12	19	31
Nov. 11	Cannon Ball Trail	Lloyd T. William	16	13	29
Nov. 18	Catskill-Croton Aqueducts	Frank S. Hackett	20	22	42
Nov. 25	Schunemunk Mountain	A. T. Beals	17	11	28
Dec. 2	Wyanokie Plateau	Katherine Williams	20	19	39
Dec. 9	Belfort Mountain Greenwood Lake	Raymond H. Torrey	38	12	50
Dec. 16	Croton Dam Region	William Clements	16	15	31
Dec. 23	Long Island Sound Country	George A. R. Mead	15	6	21
Jan. 6, 1924	Preakness Ridge	Harold C. Anderson	7	3	10
Jan. 13	Pine Paddies	Albert Sturcke	20	22	42

SATURDAY AFTERNOON OUTINGS

Oct. 13	Chester Heights	Elizabeth G. Baldwin	6	4	10
Oct. 20	Sleepy Hollow	Anita Flynn	6	7	13
Oct. 27	Along the Hudson and Palisades	Messrs. H. W. and H. M. Webb	5	5	10
Nov. 3	Valhalla Region	J. P. Rogers	7	7	14
Nov. 10	Staten Island	Benj. Bulmer	11	8	19
Nov. 17	Nigger Hills, Westchester County	George F. Parmelee	6	6	12
Nov. 24	Fort Tilden Beach Supper	Evert G. Routzahn	12	19	31
Dec. 1	Fairfield County, Connecticut	R. J. Chalmers	9	3	12
Dec. 8	Great Notch-Upper Montclair	Wm. W. Bardsley	13	2	15
Dec. 15	Inkova Club - Adk. M. C. Joint Hike	Angelique Rivollier	12	16	28
Dec. 22	Woodlands Lake Skating Party	E. D. Foelt	3	2	5
Jan. 5, 1924	Forest Hills	Constance M. Hallock	5	6	11
Jan. 12	Spuyten Duyvil	Richard McClanahan	17	14	31

SKATING PARTY

Jan. 16	Iceland	Frances F. M. Cracken	3	4	7
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TOTAL 630

Welcome to Our New Keyholder

New Keyholders

Kristina Kessler

Sponsors

Lillian Zwyns, Mary James, Mary Hilley

Welcome to Our 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." [from Policy on Sponsor-Applicants]

New Applicants

Daniel Belknap
Michel Belknap
Kwai Bon Chiu
Janet Pearlberg