

**Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York
2024 Open Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 14, 2024 – 7:00 PM**

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2024 Nawakwa Outdoor Association of NY, Inc. Annual Meeting Treasurer Report

FINANCES NOA finances are currently in good standing. Camp insurance and Rent due to the Park (PIPC) continue to be Nawakwa's largest annual expenses. Our lease agreement with the Park allows Nawakwa a discount of up to 25% total rent due should we incur any major capital improvements (MCI) on Park approved repairs to our campsite, which is something we always try to utilize. We had the opportunity to utilize this discount against 2024 rent by building the kayak boat dock for camp, reducing rent by \$1368.25.

Specifically, Nawakwa's significant 2024 expenses include the following (also posted to NOA website):

- Directors & Officers Insurance: \$1,005.00
- Liability Insurance: \$9,832.09
- 2024 Rent: \$4,014.75

General annual costs necessary to keep camp running are carefully considered and have run fairly consistent. Over the last few years, we have run a small deficit which we have been able to offset with savings and in some years have offset it through donations. Just recently we have received a generous bequest from longtime member, Helga Feder, who passed away Nov 2022. She bequeathed 2.5% of her Estate to Nawakwa. This donation will be helpful in offsetting some of our larger expenses as well as an assurance for having cash on hand as needed for camp repairs and maintenance as needed.

Significant 2024 Income sources to date include the following (also posted to NOA website):

- Camp Fees: \$3,245
- Passport Members: \$7,800
- 2024 Annual Fees paid: \$7,920
- Annual Appeal Donations: \$4,205

TAXES As a social club exempt from federal income tax, we are qualified as a 501c7 nonprofit organization. We file form 1099N with the IRS annually to report income, investment income, etc.

INSURANCE Historically, fellow NOA member David Miller, served as our insurance representative providing NOA D&O and Liability insurance coverage through Philadelphia Insurance. He has retired recently and we congratulate him on this and thank him for assisting camp over the years. We now have a new representative, with our premium remaining as is, as far as we know. Since insurance coverage is a considerable component of NOA expenses, we assessed the insurance market overall, have done due diligence and received quotes from other insurance companies for camp coverage. We have determined our premiums are in-line with reasonable insurance expenses for comparable clubs and activities covered in the policies. Our premiums paid and coverage provided through our Liability and D&O policies have been determined to be standard and adequate.

Nawakwa Outdoor Association of NY, Inc.

Profit and Loss

January 1 - August 3, 2024

	TOTAL
Income	
Camp Income	
Camp Fees	3,245.00
Keys	595.00
Lockers	1,610.00
Passport Members	7,800.00
Total Camp Income	13,250.00
General Income	
2024 Annual Appeal	4,205.00
2024 Annual Fees	7,920.00
2024 Winter Social	2,295.00
Application Fees	375.00
Donations	20,575.00
Patch Sales	5.00
Total General Income	35,375.00
Total Income	\$48,625.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$48,625.00
Expenses	
Camp Expenses	
Camp Supplies	1,399.66
Commissary Expense	527.29
Day fee refund	65.00
Fire Inspection	530.35
Key and Lockers	660.74
Propane	616.63
Rent	4,104.75
Repair & Maintenance	447.54
Telephone	656.28
Toilets	1,248.40
Trail Maintenance	20.88
Utilities	375.00
Total Camp Expenses	16,852.52
General Expenses	
Accounting Software-Online	398.40
Banking Charges	15.00
Communication	
PO Mailbox	220.00
Postage and Envelopes	581.21
Website	112.32
Total Communication	913.53
Dues & Subscriptions	50.00

Communications Report

Update on NOANY Communications

This report includes the two main communication vehicles that we use for NOANY and Camp Nawakwa, the Trail Marker and our noany.org website. We'll also discuss sharing of camp information via online documents.

The Trail Marker continues to thrive thanks to your content and suggestions. Ray continues to serve as Editor however he is issuing a call for support at this time. Specifically we'd like to locate a Nawakwan who can volunteer a few hours every couple of months to help edit the Trail Marker. Since the Trail Marker is such a critical part of our community, Ray and the Board feel it's best to find an additional person to learn the process and help out. If you have any interest in lending a hand or if you have any experience with a family or company newsletter, please let Ray know. No prior training is necessary!

Our noany.org website continues to serve the online community of Nawakwans, and also offers a variety of photos and information about camp activities. If you are looking for the latest information on hosted weekends, hikes, or just want to see who's been to camp recently all you need to do is logon and take a look around. Our webmaster Marty has things running well and Jess is also hard at work with updates and new content. If anyone wants to join and learn more about running the site, please reach out to either Marty or Jess. We'd love to have more members knowledgeable about how to post content. Your photos of all the favorite camp activities and events truly helps other Nawakwans who are not able to make it to camp regularly stay in touch with the community.

Finally, we are including our idea of establishing a NOANY shared drive for all official and general purpose documents. This is a great way to share camp and community resources throughout the community, in one central location.

We are asking for any and all help that a volunteer or two can provide to set up a corporate and/or group shared drive. If any member has expertise in setting up a corporate drive like Google or similar-please reach out to Ray today. We'd like to get started on this project now so that we can move all the camp information and history off individual computers and onto a central shared location for all to use and access.

Membership Committee Report

Membership Statistics

Year	Keyholders at Year-End	Applicants at Year-End	Keyholders Added dur. Yr.	Applicants Added dur. Yr.
2022	229	27	5	28
2023	201	19	18	13
2024 (7 mo.)	205	19	10	15

Strategy for Increasing Applicant Conversions to Keyholder

- Contact new applicants within first month of application to answer questions and establish line of communication; follow up periodically to determine progress and obtain sponsor names.
- Facilitate linking up Applicants with a Keyholder sponsor if that seems to be a stumbling block.
- Send individual email(s) to invite targeted Applicants to participate in scheduled hikes, hosted overnights, qualifying work events, orientations.

Locker Inventory and Status

Total Lockers	Rented Lockers	Rentable Lockers	Camp Lockers (Tools, Commisary)	Lockers Needing Keys, Working Locks
78	51	8	9	10

Camp Committee Report

Camp Chairs Report

Open Board Meeting - August, 2024

The 2024 Season is in full swing. Camp Has had two successful work days this year with two more on the schedule for the remainder of the season. We have a great crew of volunteers made up of both Members and Applicants of all ages and skill levels contributing to the upkeep. A quick reminder that as an all volunteer organization with no paid staff, we depend on members to carry on the tradition of keeping everything in good working order.

The camp committee was officially re-formed for the 2024 season and now has 7 members, Chair: Dave Hayes

Members: Ray Kozma, Eve Mancuso, Jess Scirbona, Mary James, Steve Barre & Marilyn Wegh

Camp Committee Recruitment!

The camp committee can ALWAYS use more members so if you would like to join us for a meeting, a project or formally join the group, please email us at Camp@noany.org for more info!

So far in 2023-24 some of the major tasks we have completed include the following:

- • Successful Camp Closing for the 2023 Season with wood lasting through the winter!
- • Coordinated with PIPC to replace two cabin roofs, 1 & 6 at no cost to us!
- • Camp Opening for the 2024 season
- • Major Brush clearing around the gazebo for it's 20th anniversary restoring our view of

the lake from the gazebo

- • New Swim Dock Ladder Installed
- • Main Swim Dock Repair of 2 missing floats and many new boards to extend its life
- • Floating Swim Platform repair of rotten deck boards
- • Old Boat Rack broken crossmember fixed
- • New Boat Rack Built!
- • Early Summer Workday focusing on cleaning of main building and cabins along with

brush clearing, mowing, trimming and the like to reduce tick transmission.

- • Termite Trap Checking and logging

Ongoing Projects

With a total of 10 buildings, a large swath of land, 2 docks and multiple hiking trails that converge at NOANY there are always many projects in the works.

The following projects are slated for completion in 2024-25

- • Handrail Updates - Working with contractors to secure bids for handrail updates and

replacement

- • Installation of Wood Chips on main paths from turnaround
- • Tree Above Tent Site Removal - Pending park staff attention
- • Preventative Sealing of both Swim and Boating Dock

- • Donation of a lighter weight solo canoe for club use
- • Donation of an additional Kayak - Sit on Top style for larger paddlers
- • Painting of Swim Boxes, Picnic Tables, and Gazebo Floor
- • Installation of wood chips around Gazebo

As always if you see something that needs to be addressed or have any questions about the use, operation, or maintenance of camp buildings and facilities, please reach out to the Camp Committee at camp@noany.org

A friendly reminder that if you want to alter signage or construct anything at camp to please reach out first, as all efforts need to be coordinated and approved before they commence. Many items require parks approval and performing unauthorized work can jeopardize the use of camp for all of us, so please coordinate with Dave by calling or emailing before any major undertaking that involves: **Signage, cutting, sawing, construction or demolition.**

We have 2 workdays left this season and tons to accomplish. As always, member help in any form for the workdays is so appreciated. Please consider volunteering your time so we can make camp ready for another season of enjoyment by everyone! If you have any concerns, suggestions or feedback, please email us using the contact info below.

Sincerely,

Dave Hayes

Camp@noany.org

cingularsales@gmail.com

(631) 747-0132 (for emergencies or after 5:00 pm on weekdays)



July 24, 2024

David Hayes
967 Little Britain Road
New Windsor, NY 12553

Ref: Potable Water Analyses
Sampling Date: July 15, 2024
Collection Point: Well

Dear David Hayes:

Enclosed please find a report for the analyses of water samples received at our laboratory on 07/15/24.

Please note that the test results are intended to be used for your own purposes only and may not be used for regulatory purposes and/or any third party disputes.

Our reference number for this project: 040878

Please call us at 201-484-7461, if you have questions or comments regarding the results.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Slava Kogan, Designee for
Irina Schwartzburg
Acting Director

The test results in this report meet NELAP requirements for analytes, for which accreditation is required or available. Any exceptions to the NELAP requirements are noted. Analytical results contained in this report apply only to the samples tested as received by our laboratory. This report shall not be reproduced or modified without the full written consent of Advanced Analytical Technologies, Inc. All questions regarding this report should be directed to the customer service department at Advanced Analytical Technologies, Inc.

Conservation Committee Report

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The Conservation Committee is aiming to host three activities this season. The first activity, a tree I.D. hike, was cancelled due to low enrollment and potentially inclement weather. We hope to reschedule the hike for later this year. In July members of the committee met to assemble spotted lanternfly traps, which are now suspended from trees around camp. We hope to offer a third activity, such as a lecture, later this year.

In other conservation-related news, the Park has been treating our area for two invasive species: spongy moths and *Hydrilla*. Spongy moths had a significant impact on foliage throughout the park, as anyone hiking beyond camp would have witnessed. The Park's spray treatment of trees on Nawakwa land had a noticeable effect. The Park is also still treating Lake Sebago to reduce *Hydrilla*, an invasive plant. Most treatment occurred in the north basin of the lake. We should all continue to keep an eye on our dragonfly and damselfly populations and diversity, as they can indicate problems with our water quality. Currently the populations seem to be going strong!

Environmental Education Committee Report

REPORT FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Environmental Education Committee (EEC) educates its members and takes positions on, and advocates for, important environmental issues; we contact the relevant politicians, groups, agencies etc, locally, regionally, nationally & internationally to make our voices heard.

Since last year's Open Board meeting, the EEC

- Celebrated the end of radioactive waste dumping in the Hudson River.
- Emailed NYS Gov Hochul to urge nuclear waste stay on site @ Indian Point (the least terrible option), not vaporized or sent elsewhere.
- Forwarded a letter to NYS Gov Hochul urging her not to allow Southern Tier Solutions, a private company, to use Carbon Dioxide derived from fossil fuels to produce more fossil fuels.
- Forwarded a Food and Water Watch Forum presentation on keeping radioactive waste out of our air and water.
- Urged our members to sign onto a letter to Pres. Biden to order the Army Corps of Engineers to revoke Formosa Plastics' Federal Permits, thus stopping 12.6 million tons of greenhouse gases & over 800 tons of toxic chemicals per year into our air and water.
- Urged our Members to contact their NYS Senators for them to support the CO2 Fracking Ban bill already passed by the Assembly.(regrettably was blocked from a full Senate vote)
- Signed a petition to the Federal Environmental Protection Agency to ban bee-killing pesticides.
- Signed a petition to President of Mexico Lopez Obrador urging a ban on cancer causing Glyphosate (no longer sold in the US).
- Signed onto a letter to the EPA to ban Vinyl Chloride, a poisonous carcinogen.
- Signed onto a statement to the EPA to determine that the health of the ecology and humans is not being protected.
- Alerted Members to the free Consumer Guide available from Food and Water Watch to identify the many products containing PFAS, the "forever chemicals" so as not to use them
- Urged writing NYS Assemblyperson to demand the Climate Change Superfund Act be brought to a vote (already passed by the NYS Senate). It would force the fossil fuel industry to pay for climate change damage in NYS. (not brought to a vote).

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Kellerman, Chair of the EEC

Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York, Inc.
Trail Maintenance Committee
Co-Chairs: Mary James, Andrew Frank

Report for the July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024 Period
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The Trail Maintenance Committee has continued to be active. Nawakwa is responsible for maintaining 20.3 miles of trail, including segments of the Appalachian Trail, Long Path, Ramapo-Dunderberg, Triangle, Tuxedo-Mount Ivy, White Bar and White Cross.

On November 18, 2023, the Committee held a trail maintenance event to work on a segment of the White Cross Trail near Black Ash Swamp. Seven people participated, and we were able to clear quite a bit of mountain laurel and other vegetation from encroaching on the trail.

On April 20, 2024, the Committee held a trail maintenance event to work on the southernmost segment of the White Bar Trail. Thirteen people, including five applicants, attended, and this large group made great progress in clearing a particularly gnarly and difficult section of trail that is threatened by lots of thorny plants.

More generally, Nawakwa trail maintainers have put in at least 153.75 hours of work during the July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 period. Below is a list of assigned maintainers and their hours worked during the reporting period; note that trail maintainers and other members may have worked additional hours maintaining camp trails.

Maintainers Name(s) & Trail Responsibility	Work Hours	Travel Hours	Administrative Hours
November 18 2023 group event (all participants)	17.5	22	.5
April 20th 2024 group event (all participants)	28.5	28.5	2
Bill & Carol Burns Appalachian Trail: from Orange Tpke. to Rt. 17 (1.8 miles).	12	8	1
Bon Chiu White Cross Trail: from Victory to Ramapo-Dunderberg (0.6 miles).			
June Fait & Herb Coles White Bar trail: from Johnstontown Rd. to Dutch Doctor (1.55 miles).	26	25.5	1.25
Andrew Frank White Cross trail: from Claudius Smith to Victory (1.45 miles).	1.75	4.5	
Mary James Ramapo/Dunderberg trail: from Tuxedo to Rt. 106 (4.9 miles)	31	15.5	1.5
Yajing Lee & Belle Zhang White Bar trail: from Dutch Doctor to Ramapo/Dunderberg (1.55 miles)	4	6	.25

John Papirio Appalachian Trail: Mombasha to Orange Tpke. (1.4 miles).	3	4.5	0
Noel Schulz Tuxedo - Mt. Ivy trail: from Ramapo/Dunderberg to Sebago Dam (2.4 miles).	28	8	2
Ingrid Strauch Yellow Triangle: from Dutch Doctor to White Bar (2.65 miles).	2	2	0.25
Total	153.75	124.5	8.75

After decades of maintaining trails in the Adirondacks and at Harriman, June Fait and Herb Coles, Glen Nison, and Richard DeCoursey have decided it's time to pass the baton on to new Nawakwa Outdoor Association members. We salute their remarkable decades of persistent effort and achievement benefiting hikers in New York State. The Committee also welcomes and thanks three new volunteers who have taken responsibility for maintaining trail segments: Bon Chiu, Yajing Li and Belle Zhang.

The Committee intends to hold more trail maintenance events in the upcoming year and looks forward to continuing to work with existing and new trail maintainers. Our next trail work day is planned for September 28th. Details will follow.

Three short trail sections currently need a dedicated trail maintainer (see the accompanying map for the trails and location). These 3 sections of trail range from ½ mile to 1.55 miles in length. If you are interested in trying out this great work, please contact Mary, maryelizjames@gmail.com or Andy agfrank1@aol.com.

Hiking and Outings Committee of the Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York Report for the 2024 Annual Open Board Meeting

H&OC Co-chairs: Lewis Ports and Ingrid Strauch

Approved hike leaders (in addition to co-chairs):

Andy Frank

Bill Hladky

Ray Kozma

Stephanie Lai

Oliver Lunt

Glen Nison

Alex Wilkie

New Committee Leadership

The Hiking and Outings Committee changed leadership mid-year, when longtime committee chair Glen Nison retired from the post, and Lewis and Ingrid agreed to step up as co-chairs. We thank Glen for his lengthy service to the club in this capacity.

Guidelines for Outings Leaders

The Hiking and Outings Committee developed guidelines for becoming a club outings leader, submitted them to the board for approval, and upon receiving that, posted them to the noany.org website where they can be seen on the Camp Nawakwa Keyholders Info: Policies & Procedures page. (You must be logged in to view this page.)

Hiking Weekend September 21-22

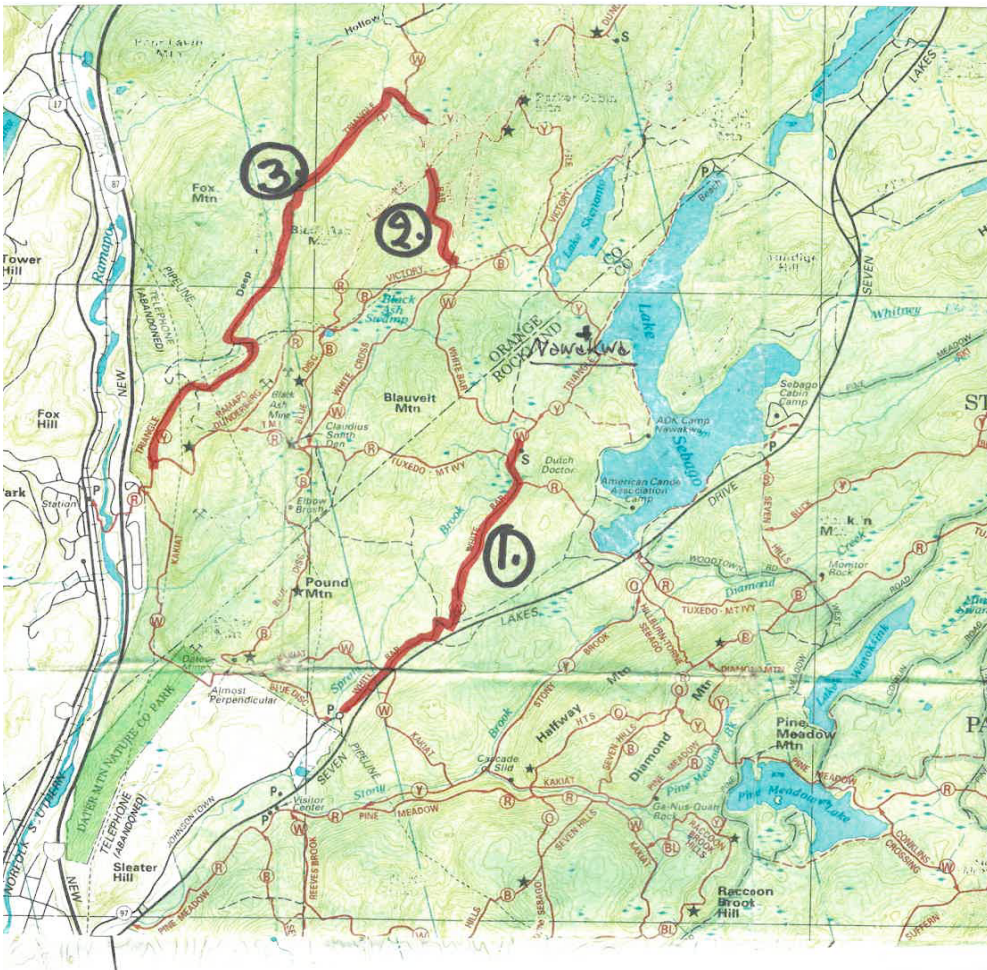
The Hiking and Outings Committee has scheduled a hiking weekend based at Camp Nawakwa for September 21-22. Plans are still being developed, but a variety of hikes will offered on both Saturday and Sunday, some qualifying and some not.

Hikes Thus Far in 2024

As is the case most years, the annual Palm Sunday hike to St. John's in the Wilderness, led by Ray, attracted a healthy crowd of hikers. Also popular were two early-morning birding outings, organized and led by Mary James. A planned tree ID hike, to be led by Andy, was rained out. But Oliver and Ray succeeded in leading several qualifying hikes to various parts of Harriman State Park, giving our applicants the opportunities they needed to fulfill their applicant requirements.

Three trails Seeking a Dedicated Maintainer:

1. White Bar Trail: from Johnstontown Road circle to the Dutch Doctor Shelter (1.95 miles)
2. White Bar Trail: from Victory to Ramapo-Dunderberg (0.5 miles)
3. Yellow Triangle Trail: from Tuxedo to White Bar (2.6 miles)



Hosting Committee Report

Nawakwa Hosting Committee Report '24

August 1, 2024

Overall, despite camp closings due to storm and repair work, we are having a solid season. In general, the hosted weekends have increased participation with a marked increase in overnight stays at camp.

The following report is based upon information received by August 1, 2024. The camp season ranges this year from April 27, 2024 to October 13, 2024, the official closing of camp.

Hosted Weekends

Out of a possible 25 weekends, 16 weekends were slated to be hosted weekends. July 1-5 was a hosted midweek. Two hosted weekends had to be cancelled due to the storm. Nawakwa lunches were also provided by the camp for workers on Workdays. We are looking for lunch hosts for our Fall Work Weekend/October 12-13.

The following six (6) weekends are open for hosting: 8/17-18; 8/24-25 (Camp Maintenance Day); 9/7-8; 9/28-29; 10/5-6; 10/12-13.

Need for More Volunteers

Of the 16 hosted weekends, most of the hosts are seasoned volunteers who host nearly every year. Several host more than one weekend: Lewis Ports, Susanne Flower, Janet Sibarium, Yajing Li, Ray Kozma, Mary Hilley, Maryann Poris, Deirdre Tourin, Eve Mancuso. New to hosting this year is Laura Zan. A Hiking Weekend has been organized this year by Lewis Ports for 9/21-22. He is establishing a new model of hosting for this weekend: Individual hike leaders will be cooking/hosting with their "teams" of hikers. Lewis Ports and Eve Mancuso will also be hosting an ambitious Labor Day Weekend. The question remains: How, as an organization, can we recruit more hosting volunteers?

More Overnight Stays

The fact that we have more overnight stays in camp compared to previous years suggests greater enthusiasm for hiking and camp life, the condition of the cabins, and an increasing "younger" population. For example, in the week of July 4th, there were 17 overnights; in the week of July 8th, there were 11 overnights. The overnights and the hosted dinners themselves have a mix of older members, newer members, and guests/applicants. The Hosting Committee agrees that Nawakwa is doing well as a hiking, conservation, social club but would like to see more volunteers. (Commissary runs on an approximate budget of 400.00. We may want to reinstitute a commissary charge per meal to increase (or offset) our funds. Foodstuffs, cleaning supplies, paper goods etc. have all increased in price as have our numbers in attendance at the hosted weekends.)

We, the Committee, emphasize our help to the hosts and the idea that one needs to prepare simple, doable, cost-effective meals.

Maryann Poris & Mary Hilley, Nawakwa Hosting Committee '24

Activities Committee Report

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August 7, 2024

Past Events

Past event of this season:

June 9 - Tree Identification walk and discussion with Andy Frank/Conservation Committee

June 29 - Crafternoon with Jess Scirbona

July 20 - Kate Walker's/Conservation Committee Made Spotted Lantern fly traps

July 27 to 28 - Raymond Torrey Memorial Weekend, with Presentation by our Chair, Ray Kozma

Upcoming Events

August 17 - live animal presentation, offered by the environmental education staff of Bear Mountain State Park in conjunction with staff of Harriman State Park.

The Activities Committee announces purchase of an easy to use digital projector for showing media onto a large screen in the lodge, directly from your iPhone, iPad or computer. Any member may use for slide show of your last vacation or hike, etc. Let Activities Committee know we'll get the projector to you. Call/text Edie, 917-881-9931.

Archives Committee Report

Archives Committee
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The objective of the Archives Committee is to gather historical records of the Nawakwa Outdoor Association and its previous organization, the NY Chapter, Inc. of the Adirondack Mountain Club, Inc. that have accumulated over the course of the organization's lifetime, record them, and make them more accessible.

Over the last several years the records stored in boxes at Camp Nawakwa have been reviewed and recorded. They have been categorized for ease in referencing them. Members have donated important historical documents that augment the current collection.

The Archives Committee welcomes materials to add to the collection and invites you to contribute documents relevant to the history of Camp Nawakwa.

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