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## **From the Chair....**

*“Walking in the greenest nature,  
Breezes cool, a calm creator.  
Dappled light through trees is gleaming,  
Streams beside me gently streaming.  
Every step, a soft sensation,  
Walking here, pure celebration.”*

*Becky Helmsley*



Summer is in full swing, and it is wonderful to reconnect with members, both long time and new. It is encouraging to learn about the many new applicants and to have the opportunity to meeting all of them. If you see a new face in camp, reach out, welcome them, and offer to be a sponsor! The vitality and sustainability of our club is primarily due to the membership, and for that a hearty thanks goes out to all of you. This is our Centennial Year and with it comes celebrations and special events. There have been and will continue to be historical presentations and hikes, and a Centennial End of Season Celebration on October 3, 2026; mark your calendars! New this year, and in commemoration of our Centennial, there are shirts and hoodies available. Please place your orders! Ordering forms are available on our website, and shirt samples are available in the lodge. This Trail Marker is full of important information. Please take a few moments to read it all.

**Save the date:** On August 26, at 7 PM the Open Board Meeting will be held virtually for all to attend. Prior to the meeting, Board of Director, and Committee reports will be posted to the website for members to peruse. Please send in any questions or suggestions prior to the meeting, or in the chat function during the meeting. See the enclosed Open Meeting Notice on page 3. A login link to join the meeting will be sent a day or two prior to the meeting.

**Save the date:** On October 17, 2026 at 10 AM the Annual Meeting and Board Elections will take place virtually. The candidate's bios and photos are provided in this edition of the Trail Marker. There are various methods to vote. See The Notice of Annual Meeting, Ballot, and Proxy form on pages 15- 17.

Your continued participation is critical not only to keeping the camp safe and operational but also to improving the infrastructure. Remember, Teamwork makes the Dream Work. Join a committee, host a weekend or mid-week, and further your involvement and commitment to camp; we need you! Thank you for your continued support and participation in all things Nawakwa!

See you in camp!

Kind regards, Eve Mancuso, Chair

# Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York, Inc.

## Board of Directors and Committees

**Chair:** Eve Mancuso [eve@noany.org](mailto:eve@noany.org)  
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### **Camp Committee:**

Chair: Dave Hayes [camp@noany.org](mailto:camp@noany.org)

### **Hikes and Outings Committee:**

Co-Chair: Oliver Lunt [oliver@noany.org](mailto:oliver@noany.org)

Co-Chair: Ingrid Strauch

[ingrid-hiking@noany.org](mailto:ingrid-hiking@noany.org)

### **Trails Committee:**

Chair: Andy Frank [andy@noany.org](mailto:andy@noany.org)

### **Membership Committee:**

Co-Chair: Jerry Flower [membership@noany.org](mailto:membership@noany.org)

Co-Chair: Janet Sibarium [janet@noany.org](mailto:janet@noany.org)

### **Hosting Committee:**

Chair - Maryann Poris [maryann@noany.org](mailto:maryann@noany.org)

Co-chair- Rosanna Romagnano

[rosanna@noany.org](mailto:rosanna@noany.org)

Co-chair- Doris Blasi [doris@noany.org](mailto:doris@noany.org)

### **Conservation Committee:**

Chair: Kate Walker [kate@noany.org](mailto:kate@noany.org)

### **Environmental Education Committee**

Chair: Marty Kellerman [martyk@noany.org](mailto:martyk@noany.org)

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**Park Liaison:** Eve Mancuso [eve@noany.org](mailto:eve@noany.org)

**Problems Receiving the Trail Marker?** Please let our Secretary know of any problems.

**Change of address:** Please contact Jerry Flower, our Membership Co-Chair, at [membership@noany.org](mailto:membership@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 Webmaster.

Follow us on [Instagram](#)! nawakwa\_outdoor\_association\_ny Account managed by Jess Scirbona  
([jess@noany.org](mailto:jess@noany.org))

**“Be aware of scammers- NOANY and its members  
will never contact you via email for money or gift cards”**

**Deadline for submissions to the next edition of the Trail Marker (October– November -December 2026) is  
August 24, 2026.**

**Please send submissions to Nancy Dargis [trailmarker@noany.org](mailto:trailmarker@noany.org)**

# NAWAKWA OUTDOOR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK, INC.

## SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

### Open Board Meeting

August 26, 2026

Our yearly Open Board Meeting for all NOANY members will be held on Wednesday August 26, 2026, at 7 PM. As we have done in recent years, the Open Board Meeting will take place via Zoom. Kate Walker, Board Secretary, will set the meeting up and will send out an e-mail to all members and applicants with the information needed to log in.

Participants may ask questions/make comments in three ways:

1. Via the Zoom Chat function during the meeting
2. E-mail questions directly to Kate Walker (kate@noany.org)
3. Send written questions via USPS mail to:

Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York, Inc.

Peter Stuyvesant Post Office Station

P. O. Box 327

New York, NY 10009-9998

Methods 2 and 3 should be completed by Wednesday, August 19, to give Kate Walker the opportunity to gather all of the questions/comments. The questions will be read by the Zoom Host and answered by the appropriate Board member.

The yearly gathering of our members provides an opportunity for all to receive updates on the status of the club, the workings of the Board and all committees, and current projects in development. While there will be no voting at the meeting, important business matters will be addressed. The questions and answers, comments and suggestions, and general discussion of topics among those participating in these yearly meetings have always been helpful in considering future plans and actions.

- NOANY Board of Directors

## 2026 Meeting Schedule of NOANY Board of Directors

All regular Board meetings are held by Zoom, on the fourth Wednesday of the month, starting at 7PM, unless otherwise noted. Meetings will be held 1/21, 2/25, 3/25, 4/29, 5/27, 6/24, 7/22, 8/26 (Open Board Meeting), 9/23, 10/28 (Annual meeting), November and December TBD

### WhatsApp Messaging for Nawakwans

WhatsApp, a popular and free messaging app, is now available to Nawakwa Members and we have a dedicated group chat with moderators. This group will act as an online meeting place and allow folks (both applicants & members) to connect in regard to transportation and camp visits. Sometimes you just need a buddy, a ride, or a little more info about an upcoming event. This app is completely optional to join and/or participate in but will serve as a great connection and source of information if enough people opt into using the app.

Step 1: On your iPhone or Android device, head to your official App Store and search "WhatsApp", download the application and then open it.

Step 2: Once the app is installed on your phone you can click the link below to join the NOANY group. We do ask that you use your real name so that people know with whom they are chatting.

**WhatsApp Group Link:** <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JPCmPSXyyjWGgr8OMPORIW>

If anyone is having trouble or would like additional help setting up the app or joining the group, Dave Hayes & Jess Scirbona will be offering quick tutorials as needed.

Looking forward to seeing you all at Camp!

Best Wishes,

Dave Hayes, Camp Chair

## Leave A Legacy

**Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York, Inc.** is the correct designation for any special bequests anyone might wish to include in estate planning. Please note that our club is a 501(c)7 non-profit membership club. As such, we are not able to arrange for tax-deductible gifts.

For more information, please contact:  
Suzanne Rocheleau, Treasurer at  
[treasurer@noany.org](mailto:treasurer@noany.org)



# Hosting Committee

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:

Chair: Maryann Poris [maryann@noany.org](mailto:maryann@noany.org)

Co-chair: Rosanna Romagnano [rosanna@noany.org](mailto:rosanna@noany.org)

Co-chair: Doris Blasi [doris@noany.org](mailto:doris@noany.org)

Commissary Concerns? Email Cathy Grady  
[cathy@noany.org](mailto:cathy@noany.org)

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

## Volunteer Hosts Needed:

Please consider hosting one of our weekend openings: Full weekend, or Saturday + dinner, or Potluck. Assistance available. Contact Hosting Committee at [hosting@noany.org](mailto:hosting@noany.org) (Midweek hosts needed also.). The following dates are available:

August 8/22-8/23, 8/29-8/30

Thanks, Hosting Committee

## Upcoming Hosted Weekends

### August 1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> Join Kate Walker for a Midsummer Hosted Weekend:

From Saturday noon to Sunday noon. In keeping with our evening event celebrating our furry friends, this will be a vegetarian weekend. Come enjoy delicious dishes inspired by the vegetables of the season. Saturday's evening menu will include Caprese salad, a herb-and-bean salad, fresh fruits and a chocolatey dessert. Sunday brunch will include frittata, corn bread with raspberry jam, and yogurt with fruit. (No trail lunch will be offered.)

Please register with Kate ([kate@noany.org](mailto:kate@noany.org)) by Thursday, July 30, at noon. Please note which meals you will partake of, and whether you would like wine with your evening meal. You're welcome to BYOB if you prefer.

Mountain Zookeepers presents Live Animals of the Park, August 1st, after dinner (with Ryan Gerbeby and team)

### August 8<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m. - August 9<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m. Hosted Weekend with Rosemary and Kathy:

We'll serve a Saturday Dinner: Gazpacho, tasty roasted meat morsels and a platter of roasted vegetables. Salad veggies with spinach, grape tomatoes & hard-boiled eggs. Cookies and fruit for dessert. BYOB. Sunday Breakfast of luscious mixed fruit bowl, cereal, eggs and bacon with breakfast breads. Trail Lunch sandwiches, fruit and a sweet. Please register with Rosemary ([fawsay@gmail.com](mailto:fawsay@gmail.com)) and/or Kathy [Mcguire2001@yahoo.com](mailto:Mcguire2001@yahoo.com) on or before Wednesday

### August 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Hosted Weekend with Daphne & Rosemary:

A new team, Rosemary Irving and Daphne Prior, will be whipping up some tasty treats for Happy Hour (wine included) and Dinner on the weekend of August 15-16. Afterwards, our Archivist, Ray Kozma, will give a talk on the camps of Harriman State Park, accompanied by a film.

## Upcoming Hosted Weekends (cont.)

Please register for the weekend by 9 p.m. on Wed., August 12, with Daphne, 212-535-0306 (landline). Leave your full name & telephone number, whether you are a member or applicant, carnivore or vegetarian, and how many meals you want.

### September 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Doris and Rosanna Hosting Italian Dinner and Breakfast Labor Day Weekend:

Join Doris and Rosanna for another Italian dinner where they will be cooking some of their family's favorite recipes.

There will be appetizers, followed by garlic knots, pasta aglio e olio and lemon chicken.

BYOB

Dinner will be followed by dessert and coffee.

Breakfast will be Frittata, bread, jams, and fruits.

Please email or text either host by Wednesday, 9/2

Doris Blasi     [dorisblasi@optonline.net](mailto:dorisblasi@optonline.net) 201-344-4019

Rosanna Romagnano [rosanna.hiking@gmail.net](mailto:rosanna.hiking@gmail.net) 718-510-5220

### Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup> @ 4 p.m. Annual Labor Day Weekend Fall BBQ:

This year Eve and Lewis have created something a bit different to commemorate Nawakwa's Centennial-a Pig Roast! It will be accompanied by classic sides and salad options for those who do not eat meat or pork. BYOB.

Enjoy all-day socializing, outdoor activities and games, with food served at 4 p.m., at one of our biggest annual events. A hearty country breakfast will be served on Monday morning.

To register please contact Eve at [evemancuso@gmail.com](mailto:evemancuso@gmail.com) by Wednesday, September 2nd at 9 p.m.

## Upcoming Hosted Weekends (cont.)

### September 12<sup>th</sup> @ 1 p.m.- September 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2p.m. Hosted Weekend With Susanne & Jerry

Join Susanne and Jerry Flower for a simple end-of-summer hosted weekend. Happy hour will be bruschetta, veggies and dip with your choice of red or white wine. Dinner will be sheet-pan chicken and potatoes; a vegetarian option will be available. A green salad and French bread will round out the meal. Vanilla ice cream with a sprinkle of powdered espresso and a splash of whiskey for those that want it will be served after kitchen clean-up.

Breakfast will be fresh fruit, salad, yogurt and a spinach and cheese strata. There will be no trail lunch.

Please register by 10 p.m. on Wednesday indicating chicken or vegetarian dinner and if staying for breakfast with [jerry.flower@verizon.net](mailto:jerry.flower@verizon.net) or 212-923-5473.

### September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m. - September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m. Octoberfest hosted weekend (Dave and Oliver)

We are going to align with Germany this year and have it on the calendar for September 19<sup>th</sup>, same as Munich! Details coming soon.

### September 26<sup>th</sup> - September 27<sup>th</sup> Potluck Dinner & Breakfast with Ruby & Joe (rescheduled from 4<sup>th</sup> of July!)

September 26<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m. – September 27<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.

Join Ruby & Joe for a Potluck Saturday dinner!

Enjoy a laid-back weekend at Nawakwa with Ruby Kornfeld and Joe Rinaldi. This will be a potluck weekend so everyone should bring a dish to share. We are attaching a list of options (see below) so you can select one that works for you. If you will be staying for breakfast, also bring a breakfast item to share. We will be bringing hamburgers and hot dogs for barbecue. BYOB if you're interested.

Let us know if you are vegetarian and we will buy some soy burgers. Happy hour, dinner and breakfast. NO TRAIL LUNCH. Contact Ruby by Wed., September 23, 9pm at: [rubyk@nyc.rr.com](mailto:rubyk@nyc.rr.com) or text Ruby at 917-548-2873.

FOURTH OF JULY NAWAKWA POT LUCK LIST

| HAPPY HOUR  | Name | Items You Will Bring | Comments |
|-------------|------|----------------------|----------|
| Food        |      |                      |          |
| Beverages   |      |                      |          |
| Wine        |      |                      |          |
|             |      |                      |          |
| DINNER      |      |                      |          |
| Salads      |      |                      |          |
| Side Dishes |      |                      |          |
| Dessert     |      |                      |          |
|             |      |                      |          |
| BREAKFAST   |      |                      |          |
| Fruit       |      |                      |          |
| Coffee      |      |                      |          |
| Milk        |      |                      |          |
| Yogurt      |      |                      |          |
| Other       |      |                      |          |

*Please check the NOANY website calendar for the most updated information on hosted weekends deadlines and registration info!*



# Activities Committee

## **Please join us for these upcoming events:**

**August 1<sup>st</sup>** -Bear Mountain Zookeepers presents Live Animals of the Park:  
(With Ryan Gerbeby and team)

Location: Camp Nawakwa Lodge after dinner

**August 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm**

**Saturday Night Centennial Presentations at Camp Nawakwa**

After Saturday dinner on August 15th, Ray Kozma will make a presentation on the history of the formation of the camps of Harriman and on the naming of Lake TeAta (a film will be part of the presentation).

## **NOTICE**

The Activities Committee announces the purchase of a digital projector for showing media directly from a phone, iPad, or computer onto a large screen.

Any member may use it to organize a movie night or show a slideshow of photos from your latest hike or worldwide vacation. The possibilities are endless.

Simply decide your activity, pick a date, and let the Activities Committee know via phone-call/text at (917-881-9931) or email: [edie@noany.org](mailto:edie@noany.org)

- Edie Green, Chair

# Hikes and Outings Committee

Co-Chair: Oliver Lunt [oliver@noany.org](mailto:oliver@noany.org)

Co-Chair: Ingrid Strauch [ingrid-hiking@noany.org](mailto:ingrid-hiking@noany.org)

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 Oliver or Ingrid expressing your interest in becoming a hike leader for NOANY.

**Note: If you can offer a ride to participants coming from New York City, please let the hike/outing leader know.**

## UPCOMING HIKES & OUTINGS

### Tuxedo Circular Hike

**Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 10:15 a.m.**

This 5.25-mile, qualifying hike starts and ends at the Tuxedo train station. We'll take the Kakiat, Blue Disc, and Tuxedo-Mt. Ivy trails, passing Harriman landmarks including Almost Perpendicular, Elbow Brush, and Claudius Smith's Den.

Expect rocky terrain, one steep climb, and some nice views. Moderate pace. Hiking boots or shoes are recommended, along with bug and sun protection. You should bring at least 1 liter of water (more if it's hot out) and lunch or snacks.

This hike is transit-accessible by taking the 9:10 Coach bus from PABT to Tuxedo train station. Drivers should park in the north lot at Tuxedo train station (from route 17, turn onto East Village Road, cross railroad tracks, and turn left into railroad parking). Bus riders walk from bus stop to north parking lot to meet drivers.

Leader: Ingrid Strauch, [Ingrid-hiking@noany.org](mailto:Ingrid-hiking@noany.org)

Please register with leader by Thursday, September 24.

## **UPCOMING HIKES & OUTINGS (Cont.)**

### **Island Pond Circular**

#### **Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

Moderate climbing (elevation gain about 200-300 feet)

Distance 5-6 miles

Qualifying

Island Pond Circular- Starting from the parking area on Route 106, we will hike to Island Pond, continue around the pond, and take a look at the “Lemon Squeezer”. The hike will continue around Island Pond by way of an old wood’s road (a former route of the AT) and back to the parking area (taking a look at Green Pond, if time and energy allow).

This hike will begin from camp after breakfast (about 10 AM). Bring lunch, water, rain gear, and appropriate hiking shoes.

Qualifying - Leader: Ray Kozma. Please register with the leader at

[raymondkozma@gmail.com](mailto:raymondkozma@gmail.com) or 917-406-3782 by 10PM Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

# **Official Notice of 2026 Elections**

## **for the Board of Directors of the**

### **NAWAKWA OUTDOOR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK, INC.**

To All Members:

**This notice, by USPS or other means, and sent out on or about September 17, 2026, serves as the Official Notice of the 2026 Election for the Board of Directors of the Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York, Inc. and is sent to all members.**

**Voting will take place in person at Camp Nawakwa on October 17, 2026 between 12 noon and 1 pm or by proxy.**

A Proxy Form is included in this notice. Pursuant to the Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York, Inc. Bylaws, each Member will receive a Proxy Form. Additional information about how to vote via “proxy” is included on the Proxy Form.

**Note:** In sending back the Proxy Form, you are designating Kate Walker, Secretary of the Corporation, as the person who will act as your proxy to cast your vote. **Per the by-laws, a signature is required on the Proxy Form.**

**All USPS mail in Proxy Forms must be received no later than Friday, October 16, 2026, so they can be picked up from the Post Office, delivered to Camp and available to be counted.**

**Website and e-mailed Proxy Forms may be submitted until 12 noon on Saturday, October 17, 2026. All proxies received by the deadline, whether sent by USPS, website, or email, will be counted.**

Tallying will take place at Camp Nawakwa and commence at 1 pm on Saturday, October 17, 2026. After the accuracy and validity of all in-person votes are certified by the Tallying Committee, the Secretary will vote the proxy votes, and the results of the election will be announced. As per our Bylaws, we will post the election results on our website. The results will also be published in the next Trail Marker.

The Board of Directors

Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York, Inc.

# NAWAKWA OUTDOOR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK, INC.

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS**

**To be Held on October 17, 2026**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, by the call of the Chair of the Board of Directors, the Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York, Inc. ( NOANY) will hold its Annual Meeting of Members on October 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., which Annual Meeting will be held virtually.

The agenda for the meeting shall include:

1. Election of officers and the board of directors of the Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York, Inc. and
2. such other and further business of NOANY.

This Notice will be distributed by email, posting to the website, posting in the Trail Marker, and USPS mailed to those members without email addresses.

All members of NOANY are invited to attend the virtual meeting. A link to the Zoom meeting will be sent to all members no later than Thursday evening, October 15, 2026. **Attendance is not required to vote;**

**Voting will take place in person at Camp Nawakwa from 12 noon to 1pm or by proxy.** Follow the instructions on the proxy form as to how to vote. By submitting a proxy, you are designating Kate Walker, the Secretary, as the one who will act as your proxy to cast your vote. All USPS mail-in proxies must be received no later than Friday October 16, 2026 so they can be picked up at the Post Office, delivered to Camp and available to be counted. Website and e-mail votes may be submitted until 12 noon on Saturday, October 17, 2026. Counting will commence by the Tally Committee on October 17, 2026 at 1 pm at Camp Nawakwa. **Please vote.**

Sincerely,

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Kate Walker, Secretary

# MEMBER PROXY FORM

## NAWAKWA OUTDOOR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK, INC.

There are four ways you can vote:

1. By printing, completing, and mailing this form to the Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York, Inc. address noted below (to be received at the PO Box no later than Friday, 10/16/26).

Mailing Address:

Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York, Inc.

Peter Stuyvesant Post Office Station

PO Box 327

New York, NY 10009-9998

2. By printing, completing, scanning, and e-mailing this form to: [katecwalker@gmail.com](mailto:katecwalker@gmail.com) (no later than 10/17/26 at Noon)
3. By filling out and submitting the Proxy form on our website
4. By voting in-person at Camp Nawakwa on October 17, 2026. Voting will take place from 12 noon to 1PM.

All USPS mail-in Proxy Forms must be received no later than Friday, October 16, 2026, so they can be picked up from the Post Office, delivered to Camp, and available to be counted.

Website and scan/email proxies may be submitted until 12 noon on Saturday, October 17, 2026. All proxies received by the deadline, whether sent by USPS, website or scan/e-mail, will be counted.

Tallying will take place at Camp Nawakwa and commence at 1 pm on Saturday, October 17, 2026. After the accuracy and validity of all in-person votes are certified by the Tallying Committee, the Secretary will vote the proxy votes, and the results of the election will be announced. As per our Bylaws, we will post the election results on our website. The results will also be published in the next Trail Marker.

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By sending back this Proxy Form, the undersigned member of the Nawakwa Outdoor Association of New York, Inc. is hereby authorizing, Kate Walker, the Secretary of the Corporation, to act as his or her proxy to cast your vote for the following slate of officers and directors for the January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2028, term.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Per the Bylaws, a signature is required on this Proxy Form. To preserve voter anonymity, this page will be separated from the next page before the votes are counted.

## **Ballot**

-Please check or circle the name of the person for whom you wish to vote.

### **Chair – (Two Year Term) (VOTE FOR ONE)**

☐ 1. EVE MANCUSO

☐ 2. (Write - In) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Treasurer - (Two-Year Term) (VOTE FOR ONE)**

☐ 1. SUZANNE ROCHELEAU

☐ 2. (Write - In) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Director (Two – Year Term) (VOTE FOR THREE):**

☐ 1. CAROL BURNS

☐ 2. LILLIAN NEGRON

☐ 3. SUSAN SHOCKETT

☐ 4. (Write – In) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 5. (Write – In) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 6. (Write – In) \_\_\_\_\_

## **Camp Board positions for Chair, Treasurer, Director(s)**



**Eve Mancuso: Current Chair**

### **For Chair: Eve Mancuso**

Hello Nawakwans! It never ceases to amaze me how time flies by so quickly, and another election is upon us. It has been 11 years since I first became a member. The peaceful enjoyment of camp, and camaraderie amongst the members continues to be the primary attraction in solidifying my commitment to camp Nawakwa. As we celebrate our Centennial, yes, there is declining infrastructure, and much work to do, but on the flip side- Camp Nawakwa is 100 years old! That is quite amazing to me. The fact that camp has endured 100 years has strengthened my appreciation and dedication to Camp Nawakwa. I embrace the opportunity to be a steward of camp and the NOANY organization. I look forward to guiding the club towards another successful 100 years for the enjoyment of future generations. As your Chairperson I will continue to strive to represent the club by addressing Board matters with sound thinking and an organized, reasonable, and fair approach. Open dialog and communication are of primary importance in maintaining and growing this wonderful club. This year I hope to encourage all members to take a more active role in joining a committee of your choice, one that fits your current skill set or one you may wish to learn to broaden your knowledge base. Opportunities are waiting. Thank you all for your continued support. See you in camp.

-Eve Mancuso



**Suzanne Rochleau: Current  
Treasurer**

### **For Treasurer: Suzanne E. Rocheleau**

Suzanne has been an active member of Nawakwa Outdoor Association (NOA) since 2011. She is currently one of the officers of the NOA Board of Directors and has been serving as Treasurer since January 2015. Additionally, Suzanne has been active in hosting weekends and in joining in on Work Weekend efforts each season.

She has been employed in Financial Services for the duration of her career. Specifically, her professional life has involved a range of roles initially with Mutual Fund Management in Boston, followed by Fixed Income Trading and Investment Banking in NYC. Currently she works for UBS in their Wealth Management Division as a licensed Securities Registered Representative.

Suzanne is an active hiker, cyclist, and tennis player. She is also an active member of Toastmasters, Inc. and participates within her Northeastern University and Pace University Alumni organizations.

- Suzanne Rochleau



**Carol Burns: Current Director**

**For Director: Carol Burns**

I have been an NOANY member for over 20 years. We enjoy canoeing, swimming and hiking. We also maintain a section of the Appalachian Trail for the New York / New Jersey trail conference.

I have worked for Morgan Guaranty trust Company on Wall and Broad Street, and later for the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation.

Please consider voting for me as a Board member of NOANY.

Thank-you for your consideration.

– Carol Burns



**Lillian Negron**

**For Director: Lillian Negron**

I fell in love with Nawakwa, its history, and the spirit and warmth of members during my orientation visit as an applicant. I became a keyholder in 2023. I've been an outdoors enthusiast since childhood. I grew up in Manhattan, where my mom shared her passion for camping, kayaking and hiking, and first introduced me to Nawakwa. In the winter I continue these activities in PR where my family lives, including hiking in the el Yunque rain forest.

My background includes studying agriculture, forestry, small animal care, and horse husbandry. I have worked on farms. I was an Urban Park Ranger in NYC, giving tours to the public. I also ran a junior ranger program for children.

Professionally, I am an occupational therapist at Hackensack Medical Center. Most recently I was certified as a fall prevention specialist, evaluating dangerous situations and recommending measures to enhance client safety and quality of life.

I am grateful for the leadership at Nawakwa. I believe that I can contribute to enhancing and sustaining Nawakwa as an inclusive safe place, and to promoting activities where others find peace and joy.

– Lillian Negron



**Susan Shockett and daughter**

**For Director: Susan Shockett**

I have been a proud member of Nawakwa since 2022. As an avid hiker and environmental activist, Nawakwa membership is meaningful to me, and I was honored to be asked to serve on the Board. In the past, I was a volunteer leader with Sierra Club 'Inner City Outings', and co-led the youth program at Inwood Canoe Club. I am also commodore of Sheepshead Canoe Club at ACA. As a member of the Board, I would like to help support and grow Camp membership. I hope that some day my daughter Kathryn will become a Nawakwa member too.

– Susan Shockett

# Archives Committee

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## Camp Nawakwa Centennial Lecture #1

*[The following is a synopsis of the presentation given at camp on May 16th outlining the start of Harriman State Park.]*

### **1. Setting the Stage: The Early Environmental Movement**

The end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century saw significant advances in the movement to preserve forests and lands for public use.

- A. John Muir (1838-1914) - Scottish-American Naturalist and an early advocate for the preservation of wilderness in the United States. His activism helped preserve Yosemite Valley (in 1890 Congress passed a bill establishing Yosemite National Park, but it did not include Yosemite Valley which was still controlled by the state). Muir helped found the Sierra Club (1902) and was its first president. The Sierra Club was active in the successful campaign to transfer Yosemite Valley from state to federal control in 1906). It didn't hurt to have had President Theodore Roosevelt, in 1903, go camping with John Muir for four days in Yosemite. As President, Roosevelt had a vigorous commitment to the conservation of nature and natural resources.
- B. Edward Harriman (1848-1909) was an American financier and railroad magnate, one of the leading builders and organizers in the era of expansion and development of the West in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

### **2. Crisis on the Palisades**

- A. Quarrying and Controversary: "In the 1890's, New Yorkers were literally blasted into an awareness of the loss of their natural heritage. Across the Hudson River from Manhattan, stone companies were dynamiting the Palisade into oblivion for profit and paving stones.
- B. Organized Opposition: The outraged New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs led the fight to save the spectacular volcanic cliffs. In 1900, they won the battle, and the Palisades Interstate Park was founded under the leadership of George

W. Perkins (who was appointed by the NY Governor Theodore Roosevelt). The new park consisted of 14 miles of cliff, but contained a mere 700 acres, hugging the west bank of the Hudson River in New York and New Jersey.” [*Vista and Visions: A History of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference*, page 2]

### 3. Controversary at Bear Mountain

- A. Sing Sing Prison: Sing Sing., Prison, a maximum-security prison located in Ossining, New York, about 30 miles north of New York City, was constructed in 1825 using convict labor to replace the outdated Newgate Prison (which was located in Greenwich Village near Christopher Street and built in 1797) and provide additional prison space. It was the fifth prison constructed by New York state authorities. In 1824, the New York State Legislature gave Elam Lynds, warden of Auburn Prison and a former militia captain, the task of constructing a new, more modern prison. Lynds spent months researching possible location for the prison, considering Staten Island, the Bronx, and Silver Mine Farm, an area in the town of Mount Pleasant on the banks of the Hudson River.<sup>[9]</sup> By May, Lynds had decided to build a prison on Mount Pleasant, near (and thus named after) a small village in Westchester County named Sing Sing, whose name came from the Wappinger (Native American) words *sinck sinck*, which translates to 'stone upon stone'. In 1908, in an effort to relocate the prison, a new prison began to be constructed at Bear Mountain.
- B. Harriman Family and Donation: “On December 15, 1909, Mary Harriman, widow of the railroad tycoon Edward Harriman wrote to New York’s governor her intention of conveying 10,000 acres to the Palisades Interstate Park, a move leading to the creation, in 1910, of New York City’s greatest hiking mecca, 60,000-acre Bear Mountain and Harriman state parks.” [*Forest and Crag*, page 310] “She offered to donate 10,000 acres of her private Hudson Highlands estate as a park, if New York would move its prison elsewhere.

Note: Go to **YouTube** and search for a film put out by the Palisades Conservancy entitled: **‘The Harriman Touch’** to see some historical footage of the events described above.

## Camp Nawakwa Centennial Lecture #2

*[The following is a synopsis of the presentation given at camp on June 20th outlining the development of the trails in Harriman State Park]*

After the successful protests that led to the cancellation of the **1908** plans to build a prison at Bear Mountain, and with the **1910** donation of 10,000 acres and a million dollars from the Harriman family, Harriman State Park (on paper, at least) was officially begun. The challenge was how to move forward with developing the new park.

Bear Mountain-Harriman State Park became a reality the following year [**1911**] when the prison was demolished and a dock built for steamboat excursion traffic. The following year a new West Shore Railroad station was built near the dock. In **1912**, a replica of Henry Hudson's ship, the *Half Moon* was built and moored at the dock. The park opened to the public in **1913**. Steamboats alone brought more than 22,000 passengers to the park that year. Camping at Hessian Lake (and later at Lake Stahahe) was immensely popular; the average stay was eight days and was a favorite of the Boy Scouts. By 1914, it was estimated that more than a million people a year were coming to the park.

### **William A. Welch**

In 1900, Theodore Roosevelt, then the NY Governor, appointed George Perkins to be the President of the newly formed Palisades Interstate Park Commission

In 1912 George W. Perkins hired Major William A. Welch, first as assistant engineer and then, in 1914, Major Welch was made chief engineer and general manager.

The 10,000-acre Hudson Highlands parcel near Bear Mountain was “*a neglected area that had been heavily quarried and ravaged by regular wildfires. The wildlife population had been devastated, and local newspapers published stories every time a white-tailed deer was seen, Beaver and bear had been hunted out of existence.*” [NYNJTC publication *Vista and Visions*, page 6].

When Welch started work on Bear Mountain State Park and Harriman State Park, there were no existing models or precedents to guide him. “*Over the next 40 years, he organized a massive reforestation program, fostered the return of wildlife including beaver, built 30 new lakes, and many miles of scenic drives. He constructed*

*103 children's camps. By the time he retired in 1940 he had turned a fire-scarred desolation into a forest playground visited by millions."* [NYNJTC publication *Vista and Visions*, page 6]

## **Start of the Trail Conference and Trail Construction**

**October 5, 1920 - First Meeting of the Palisades Park Trail Conference** [see meeting minutes]

**October 19, 1920 - Second Meeting of the Palisades Park Trail Conference**  
[see meeting minutes]

**First Trail:** The 24-mile-long Tuxedo-Jones Point Trail (now the Ramapo-Dunderberg Trail) was completed.

**April 25, 1922 - Meeting of the Palisades Park Trail Conference:**

1. The Conference is reorganized as the NYNJ Trail Conference
2. Benton MacKaye presented his ideas for an Appalachian Trail. This idea was embraced by Raymond Torrey and J. Ashton Allis who, by October 1923, had "scouted the very first six-mile section of the AT and volunteers from the Adirondack Mountain Club (i.e. the New York Chapter had cleared and blazed the trail.... BY January 1924, 20 continuous miles of the AT crossed Bear Mountain/Harriman Park.
3. Formation of the Adirondack Mountain Club

**1923 - a.** First Edition of the *New York Walk Book* by Raymond Torrey, Frank Place, and Robert L. Dickinson

b. New York Chapter formed

**1927 - Suffern-Bear Mountain Trail Blazed** (section from Cat's Elbow to Bear Mountain was scouted in 1926 by Raymond Torrey).

## **Notable Trail Blazer: Kerson Nurian**

...blazed the Nurian trail, the HTS trail, the Triangle trail and the White Cross trail. Nurian became infamous for a while for the "Trail Wars" that broke out in the 1930s. The book, *Harriman Trails: A Guide and History* by William J. Milles describes "The Great Ramapo Trail Wars." On page 86 there is a picture of Kerson Nurian sitting on the dock at Camp Nawakwa in animated conversation with others.



# Camp Nawakwa Centennial News

## Camp Nawakwa 100th Anniversary T-Shirt and Hoodies Now Available

*Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Camp Nawakwa with a special T-shirt!*

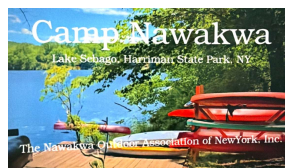
We have short sleeve, long sleeve, and hoodies available in a whole range of colors. Prices start at \$25. The order form is located on our website in the Camp Nawakwa Keyholders Info section (you must be logged in to access that tab).

## Save the Date! - October 3, 2026

To close our events celebrating Camp Nawakwa's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a special party is being planned for Saturday, October 3, 2026, and will take place at Camp Nawakwa. Details will be announced as we get closer to the date.

## New Camp Nawakwa Business Card

When you are at camp, be sure to take a few of our new Nawakwa cards (they're on the desk). Keep them with you to hand to anyone who might be interested in joining NOANY!



## On-Line Auction

Our first-ever on-line auction, to be held as a fund raiser for Camp Nawakwa, will take place beginning August 15<sup>th</sup> and conclude on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Winning bids will be available for pick-up at camp on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Details for accessing the auction will be posted on our website.

The center piece of the auction is a framed 1941 lithograph of the Main Cabin made in 1941 by member and artist Frank Callcott. Also in the auction are a number of very fine original artworks made and donated by keyholder members for this special fund-raising event. Other members who might wish to donate an item for the auction should contact Ray Kozma at [raymondkozma@gmail.com](mailto:raymondkozma@gmail.com)

