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Sleeping Beauty in the Limestone Rise Preserve in Knox
by Rich Vertigan.

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Inning

‘In the Wake of Shackleton’ set for May 12

Norman and Millie Gittinger will host an inning, “In the Wake of Shackleton,” on Tuesday, May 12 at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library.

In August 1914, Sir Ernest Shackleton set out on an exploration to cross the Antarctic Continent on foot – a feat which had not yet been accomplished. While he didn’t succeed in his original quest, his experience became the most remarkable story of survival to ever occur. Despite some of the most difficult circumstanc-

es, he didn’t lose a single member of his crew. Norman and Millie Gittinger were privileged to be able to travel to the Falkland Islands, South Georgia, Elephant Island and Antarctica to see where this journey had occurred and to enjoy the amazing wildlife visible in these remote places.

For more information about the program, contact Stan Stoklosa at 383-3066.

Former Bouquet River Lodge to be sold

A report from Plattsburgh realtor Coldwell Banker indicates that the former Bouquet River Lodge will be offered for sale in the spring.

The lodge is located in the valley of the Bouquet River near New Russia, about 3½ miles north of the junction of U.S. 9 and N.Y. 73.

When the Schenectady chapter was formed in 1943, it was called the Bouquet River Lodge Chapter, since many of its outdoor activities centered around the lodge, then owned by the Schenectady YMCA. The lodge was in a great location for outdoor activities, being located at the base of the ridge leading up to Bald Mountain, Rocky Peak Ridge and Giant Mountain. Sunrise Mountain, now known as Mt. Gilligan, was just across the river, and the Dix Range was nearby. Later, the Y sold the property and the chapter assumed its present name. The current owners are aware of its history and would like to sell to someone who is passionate about the property and would continue to maintain it.

The property includes one building, a two-story house about 25 by 40 feet in size, plus attachments.

Teen Trails seeking volunteers

Since 1986, thousands of volunteers have worked with trained ADK trail crew leaders to give back to the trails they use by completing trail maintenance and reconstruction projects all over the Adirondacks and Catskills. In 2015, 11 trail projects are reserved for high school aged teenagers (ages 14-17) who want to spend a week in the woods camping in the backcountry and experiencing trail work. Each year, the Schenectady Chapter of ADK sponsors two local teens, providing the \$275 fee so they can participate at no cost.

To apply for the teen trail project scholarship, write an essay explaining why you wish to participate in trail project and send it **no later than April 17, 2015**. to

Teen Trails Project Coordinator,
Schenectady ADK, P.O. Box 733,
Schenectady, NY 12301-0733

The scholarship is open to the public, but

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Innings and Outings

How do I sign up for a hike?

For further details or to sign up for a hike, call the trip leader. Try to call at least two days in advance, as leaders may cancel on the day before an outing if there is insufficient interest. Leaders reserve the right to refuse participants for any reason, including lack of experience and/or lack of physical fitness. All equipment and supplies are the sole responsibility of the trip participants.

What do I need to bring?

The trip leader will let you know if any special equipment (crampons, snowshoes, etc.) will be needed. In general, you should always carry food, water, rain gear, map, compass, headlamp, first aid kit and extra clothing, including hat and gloves in case temperatures drop. Clothing for wet or cold weather should not be made of cotton — use a synthetic fleece or wool. If in doubt, ask the leader.

What if I don't have snowshoes/crampons?

The chapter has hi-tech snowshoes and one pair of universal fit crampons available for rental at \$5/trip. Contact Stan Stoklosa at 383-3066 to arrange for pick up from his convenient location in Clifton Park. Gear is also available to rent at local retailers.

Should I reimburse drivers for gas?

Yes! Each rider should pay their driver four to five cents per mile, depending on the current cost of gasoline. With gas at \$2 per gallon, four cents per mile should be used and at \$2.50 per gallon, five cents should be used (\$3/gallon – six cents, etc).

The kind of hikes I'd like to do aren't listed here — what can I do?

Trip leaders may be willing to plan trips based on member suggestions. If there's a specific trip you'd like to do, contact Larry Woods at 518- 810-7552 and let him know.

Wilderness First Aid Course

The Schenectady Chapter Board agreed to provide partial tuition refund for outings leaders who take Wilderness First Aid courses. The program is modeled after the 46ers current program so people who are both 46ers and Schenectady trip leaders can reimbursement. For further information, call Larry Woods at 518-810-7552.

HIKE CLASSIFICATIONS

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Leader's Pace</u>	<u>Terrain</u>	<u>Examples</u>
A+ 13 Miles or More	1. Fast	A Very Difficult	A+1A Most Difficult Trip
A 8-12 Miles	2. Moderate	B Strenuous	B2C Moderate Trip
B 5-8 Miles	3. Slow	C Average	C3D Easy Trip
C Under 5 Miles		D Easy	

Saturday, April 4

Ski Trip – Camp Santanoni; Class A2C

Mike Brun 399-1021 or brunmcts@verizon.net

This is usually one of the last skis possible for the year. The camp is an historic great camp with a lot of interesting buildings. This ski tour follows a road into Camp Santanoni. There is a gradual uphill from the parking lot to a high point of land after which there is a nice downhill to the camp with occasional view of the high peaks. The trip length is about 10 miles roundtrip.

Monday, April 18

Westkill Mountain Hike — Catskills No. 6 highest Class A2B

Larry Woods, 810-7552 or cboater1@yahoo.com

We will leave a car along Spruceton Road and start at the end of the road. Our hike will begin on the Diamond Notch Trail. After visiting Diamond Notch Falls we will head west to traverse Westkill Mountain on the Devil's Path, to reach our waiting vehicle. Hikers must bring microspikes or other traction devices. There may even be enough snow left to need snow-

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shoes. Distance approximately 8 miles with 1800 feet elevation gain.

Monday, April 20, 2015

Bog Meadow Trail Class B2C

**Mary MacDonald 371-1293 or
mmacdonald003@nycap.rr.com**

Let's search for some early spring flowers at this nearby trail which is just east of Saratoga Springs. We will walk about 4 miles along an old railroad line through a wetland with viewing platform at the southern end. Should we have more time we will walk another nearby trail. Bring lunch/snack. Please contact Mary MacDonald 371-1293 or email at mmacdonald003@nycap.rr.com.

Tuesday, April 28

Middle Sister; Class C2B

**Norm Kuchar, 399-6243
or nkuchar@nycap.rr.com**

Middle Sister is one of three small, but rugged, mountains that form The Three Sisters, just south of the confluence of the Schroon and Hudson Rivers near Warrensburg. The summit is reached by a combination of an old road, informal paths and bushwhacking. The actual climb is short, but steep. The reward is a series of great views, from northeast to the mountains along Lake George to southwest to the Hudson River and Hadley, Baldhead and Moose Mountains. Round trip distance is under 4 miles, with about 1100 ft of elevation gain.

Friday, May 8

**Northville-Placid Trail Steward Trip
Class B3D**

Roy Keats 370-0399 or royskipaddle@gmail.com

Please join my wife and me for our Spring cleanup patrol on the N-P Trail, between Lake Durant and Stephens Pond. Side-cutting, drainage clearing, and light blow-down removal are expected. It is an easy introduction to trail maintenance. This is an out-and-back trip of about 6 miles with a nice scenic spot by the lake for lunch. Limited to 6 participants.

Saturday, May 9

Albany Rural Cemetery; Class C3D

**Norm Kuchar, 399-6243
or nkuchar@nycap.rr.com**

This will be a repeat of last November's trip, which attracted more people than could be accommodated. With more than 450 acres of wooded hills, winding roads and beautiful burial monuments, the Albany Rural Cemetery is a great example of the rural or garden cemetery movement of the mid-1800's. This outing combines an easy hike with some local history. We'll pass the resting places of, and learn a bit about, a host of notables, including a President, congressmen, governors, Revolutionary and Civil War soldiers, industrialists and others, some with interesting links to the Adirondacks. Distance is about 3.8 miles, with about 250 ft of elevation gain.

Wednesday, May 13

**Shaker Mountain, Benson Road Tract Bushwhack
Class B2B**

Walt Hayes, 399-7482

The property including Shaker Mountain was added to the Forest Preserve in 2014. This summit is a little more than 1700 feet above sea level and is located in Fulton County in the Town of Mayfield near the Bleeker town line. The trip is about five miles and will be about half bushwhack with ascent of 600 feet. We may explore for old cellar holes in Tomantown. The return from the peak will be via the valley of Lynus Vly Outlet.

Saturday, May 16

**YMG - Geocaching, Hilltowns region
Class C3C**

**Meeting time: 8 a.m.
Jonathan Lane 744-4594 or
codehiker@infogorp.com**

This outing is for both the young and young-at-heart. Let's explore the Helderberg hilltowns region, do some light hiking, and find us some treasure! If you have a standalone GPS or smart-phone, or just an in-

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terest in finding out what this whole "finding tupperware using multi-million dollar satellites" thing is all about, then come enjoy some fun in our nearby hilltowns! Contact leader to sign up, get meeting location, and for details regarding our destination.

Saturday, May 16

Mountain Bike: Beginner/Novice Class C3C

Larry Woods, 810-7552 or cboater1@yahoo.com

This is intended to be an introduction for those new to mountain biking and an opportunity for those with a little experience. The route will be on dirt roads and/or easy double track trails, suitable for entry-level mountain bikes. The exact location to be determined based on conditions at the time. Mountain biking is a popular activity, and new areas continue to open in the region. It is a really fun and exciting way to enjoy the woods.

Saturday, May 16

Zim Smith Trail, B2C

Ken and Nilde Marcinowski, 885-9400 or Nildekens@msn.com

This 7.5-mile trail runs from the Shenantaha Creek Park in Malta, through Round Lake Village to Coons Crossing in Halfmoon. The trail is half paved and half gravel so special equipment other than good hiking shoes/boots, as well as appropriate clothing, shouldn't be necessary, but weather conditions at the time should be considered. Plenty of water and snacks are

Teen Trails

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preference is given to teens with an affiliation with ADK. The teens selected to receive the scholarship will be able to choose one of the five-day projects listed below

ADK provides leadership, group camping gear, tools, transportation from base camp, and food for multi-day projects. Project information, including an equipment list, will be sent to all volunteers upon reg-

istration. definitely recommended and, if it's a nice spring day, we may also include an optional picnic lunch upon return to the park here there are tables and restrooms. Please call or email by Thursday evening prior to the trip. Rain will cancel.

Tuesday, May 19

Moxham Mountain Western Cliffs Bushwhack Class B2B

Walter Hayes, 399-7482

Second attempt! On May 19 last year, the car was stopped by a large tree across the road and the hikers were stopped by a stream too deep to rock hop. This year we will be prepared with a chainsaw and stream-wading gear. There are beautiful open rock ridges with views of the Hudson River valley. The woods are open with nice stands of red pine and lady slippers. About 1000 feet of ascent with a three-mile bushwhack.

Wednesday, May 20

Mts. Greylock & Williams, Class B2B

John Susko 383-1284 or jpsusko@netzero.net

We'll take the Appalachian trail from Notch road over Mt. Williams on the way to the highest point in Massachusetts. May is a good time to climb Greylock and this route provides great views from both summits as well as a nice ridge walk between them. The distance is 6+ miles with approximately 1500 feet of ascent.

istration.

For all of the five-day projects, participants arrive at base camp (at the Adirondak Loj Campground adjacent to Heart Lake) on Sunday evening for dinner and orientation. Participants will be back at base camp late afternoon on Friday. Trail work is demanding so volunteers should expect to be challenged both physically and mentally. Questions? Call Stan Stoklosa at 383-3066, or email him at stanstok89@aol.com.

Trip Tales

Saratoga Battlefield Hike

1/10/15

A group of 14 hardy hikers gathered at the battlefield's Visitor Center on a frigid morning, with cloudless skies and temperatures in the low teens. After being greeted by the park ranger and seeing the orientation film, we marched forth across the battlefield, following the 4.2-mile Wilkinson Trail through fields and woods to see many of the important historic sites as well as several deer. With only about 2 inches of fluffy snow over a hard, icy layer, microspikes were the order of the day. Despite the cold, the group elected to extend the hike by nearly 2 miles to visit the Great Redoubt, a beautiful, but windy, spot overlooking the frozen Hudson River. Hikers were Charlie Beach, Paul Dean, Mark Janey,

Lin Neil, Mary MacDonald, Ken and Nilde Marcinowski, Paul and Jacque McGinn, Gwen Peterson, Rich Vertigan, Karen and Richard Wang and the leader (Norm Kuchar).

Stephens Pond Ski Trip

January 10, 2015

The temperature was 8F when we started with a bright blue sky. There was a fresh 3 to 5 inches of new snow overnight which helped spruce up the rather thin base. The skiing was fine except for a few spots under thick evergreens or where there had been drainage issues. One steep section before we got to the intersection with the Cascade Pond trail convinced us that the cover would not be good enough to go to Cascade as planned. So we turned left at the intersection and skied down to Stephens Pond instead. After lunch at the lean-to we skied northeast up Stephens Pond and bushwhacked our way about a quarter mile to the main trail. This avoided a steep uphill from the lean-to to the main trail intersection. There was plenty of snow for the easy bushwhack. Once on the trail again, it was a great downhill run to our cars. The participants were Marcia Hanson, George Astle, Mike Brun, Ron Karpfen, Will Seyse, and Roy and Sue Keats (the leaders).

Clapper Hollow Ski Trip

January 24, 2015

About three inches of new snow fell overnight before our trip. This, when added to the existing thin base, made for quite good skiing. We skied up the route with the least steep inclines and away from evergreens which might have kept the snow thin. Some of the trails were not as well marked as in the past, and not as well maintained. At one point we were skiing through fairly thick brush on a marked section of trail to get to where we wanted to go. We had nice overlooks from the high point on one of the trails, and had a peaceful lunch at the lean-to. On our way out we continued past the lean-to on a loop through some evergreens and found they really did thin the base down. We continued our loop carefully and returned to the main trail to make our way back down to the car the way we came in. It was a total of about 5.4 miles of skiing with fine snow in most locations. The participants were Marcia Hanson, Stephen and Shelley Justa, Chuck and Inge Pangburn, and Roy and Sue Keats (the leaders).

Princetown Ski Trip

January 31, 2015 (rescheduled from 1/24/15)

An enjoyable trip by 9 of us over the rolling terrain of the Geisinger lands 10 miles from Schenectady and 1100 feet high, followed by hot chocolate & sweets on this cold day. Seven of us skied while two of us took a shorter snowshoe trip. The participants were Nancy Slack, Rich Vertigan, Holly Hawkes, Randolph Franklin, Minna Broman, Lynne Christensen, Kathy Rowland and the leaders David and Sandra Geisinger.

East Branch of the Sacandaga Ski Trip

February 7, 2015

We started at the Old Farm Clearing road access. There had been new snow overnight. The first mile or so of the trip had relatively easy skiing through some new powder. But no one had been on the trail past the Puffer Pond turnoff for a long time. So we had about a foot of fresh snow to plow through for most of the dis-

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tance to the lean-to. Fortunately we had along several enthusiastic packers! It was a gentle up to a height of land with beautiful evergreens part of the way up and then an open hardwood forest over the top and most of the way down the other side. The downhills to the East Branch bridge were very nice. You really felt you were in the wilderness. We had a snack at the bridge at about 4.8 miles into the trip. The steep ramp on the far side of the bridge was a little exciting. At this point the skiing is generally level with occasional steep up and downs for stream crossings. Fortunately all were solidly frozen so, most were easily skied through. We had lunch at the lean-to after about 7.7 miles. It is a beautiful spot with the river right below you and a suspension bridge spanning the river. From the lean-to out to Route 8 the trail had been broken, so our skiing was considerably faster. After lunch we continued on alongside the river until we got to the Diamond Brook Bridge. There were great views of the cliffs on the surrounding mountains all the way along. After this bridge, the trail starts its climb over Eleventh Mountain. Some of us put on skins to ease the ski up and to slow the skis down on the other side of the mountain. We reached the car at Route 8 after 11.9 miles. The nice fresh powder made the descent to Route 8 great. The participants were Mike Brun, Stephen and Shelley Justa, and Roy and Sue Keats (the leaders).

Chase Lake Ski February 17, 2015

The temperature at the trailhead was -4 when we arrived, but it was sunny with no wind. With more than 30" of snow on the ground, we were happy to see that skiers a week earlier had left a narrow track along the trail, and there was firmer base beneath. The side trail to the former lean-to site had not been travelled recently, so we decided to forego a loop and just headed for the new lean-to. After lunch at the lean-to, several of us snowshoed onto the lake to take in the great view of Pinnacle and its cliffs. With the trail now packed, the return hike from the lean-to was much easier. After the hike, Gail Livingston continued her tradition by providing home-

made lemon bars and coffee at her home. Enjoying the day were Nancy Buckley, Walt Hayes, Gail Livingston, Kathy Miles, Claudia Rosenholz, John Susko, Mike Tamer and the leader Norm Kuchar.

Pharaoh Lake Ski Tour February 21, 2015

We had great snow for this trip. The trail was packed all the way to the lake. Only the short section to Lean-to #1 had a little track setting to be done. The ski down from the parking area to the bridge over Mill Brook was great and the steady uphill after the bridge was fine. There had been reports of blow-downs in this area, but apparently they had been cleared by the time we came through. The woods were very pleasant as we made our way to the next bridge over Pharaoh Lake Brook. Some of us took a detour to take in the view of Pharaoh from this flow area before continuing the climb to the Lake after the bridge. At the lake we skied over some up and down pitches to the lean-to for lunch. Most of us took the lake route back to the main trail. A few found a slushy spot requiring de-icing back on the trail (always possible with lake crossing). But we had a nice view of Treadway Mountain from the lake. We then had a great generally downhill ski back to the cars. The participants were Marcia Hanson, Ron Karpien, Lois Leonard, Linda Neil, Gillian Scott, Jean Quattrochi, Stephen and Shelley Justa, Mimi Zucker, and Roy Keats (the leader).

Taconic Crest Snowshoe March 1, 2015

Our snowshoe trip was along the **Taconic Crest Trail**. Of course, we needed snowshoes as there was plenty of snow for our climb up Madden Road on to the crest trail. We started about 9:15 a.m. on a cool day. Dave led the group for a while. But another of our snowshoers, Joanna, wanted to break trail – she must be a strong hiker as she led us for over 2 miles. Another hiker had broken trail – at least for the first half. One did not want to wander off the trail too many times

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Whitewater

Date	Day	Location	Level	Leader	Contact
April 4	Saturday	Catskill Creek	III	Bob Wright	279-1428
April 11	Saturday	East Branch Sacandaga	III	Horst DeLorenzi	399-4615
April 12	Sunday	Catskill Creek	III	Norm Labbe	877-0076
April 18	Saturday	West Branch Sacandaga	III	Rick Gonzales	461-2718
April 25	Saturday	Riparius to the Glen	III	Bob Wright	279-1428
May 2	Saturday	North Creek to the Glen	III	Larry Woods	810-7552
May 3	Sunday	HR Whitewater Rescue	III	Larry Woods	810-7552
May 9	Saturday	Sacandaga: Wells to Hope	II/III	Clark Darlington	370-2144
May 10	Sunday	Schroon/Leader's Choice	II/III	Bob Wright	279-1428
May 16	Saturday	Lower Boreas/Hudson	II/III	Rick Morse	494-4094
May 17	Sunday	Schroon	II/III	Norm Labbe	877-0076
May 23	Saturday	Schroon/Leaders choice	III	Rick Gonzales	461-2718
May 24	Sunday	Schroon/Leaders Choice	III	Mal Provost	399-1565
May 25	Monday	Riparius to Glen	III	Clark Darlington	370-2144
May 30	Saturday	Sacandaga/Stewarts Dam	II/III	Ed Cunningham	885-7444
June 6	Saturday	Cedar River	II/III	John Banevicius	256-7827
June 7	Sunday	Schroon/Leaders Choice	III	Bob Wright	279-1428

High School Scholarship applications due April 24

In keeping with the Adirondack Mountain Club's dedication to conservation and preservation of New York State's parks, preserves and wild spaces, each year the Schenectady Chapter of the ADK offers two (2) high school scholarships. Each scholarship, worth \$500, is awarded to a high-school senior in the Schenectady area who shows an interest in the preservation and protection of the environment and will be pursuing, in September of the upcoming academic year, a course of study in a field such as, but not limited to, forestry, marine biology, conservation or environmental science.

Interested candidates should submit an essay describing their motivation for pursuing their particular course of study, as well as their future goals. Please also include the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Contact number and email address
- Parent(s) name(s)
- Name of High School
- Name of College Attending in September

Send submissions, no later than April 24, 2015, to jeve3@aol.com, Subject line: ADK HS Scholarship or mail to:

Schenectady Chapter ADK

P.O.Box 733

Schenectady, NY 12301-0733

Questions? Call Jacqueline McGinn, HS Scholarship Project Coordinator, at 438-0557 or email her at jeve3@aol.com

Attention: Younger ADK Members

Are you in your 20s or 30s? Are you looking for other younger adults to enjoy the outdoors with? Then get involved with our newly formed Young Members Group (YMG).

For more information and to get involved, contact Jonathan at yng@adk-schenectady.org.

Club Days at Adirondack Paddle 'n' Pole Thursday, April 2, 2015 through Saturday, April 4, 2015

Club members get 20% off regular price on all new in stock merchandise, including car racks (10% to 20% off canoes, kayaks and most special orders).

Proof of membership is required.

Our store is at 2123 Central Avenue, Colonie.

Call 346-3180, www.onewithwater.com.

Conservation Committee seeks member input

What is an appropriate target for the Schenectady Chapter's Conservation Committee? As we continue to work toward improving our chapter focus and activity level, I want to reach out to our membership for comments on priorities.

Here is my current focus. First, for about a year I have acted as a chapter liaison to the Schenectady County Land Use and Open Space Committee, which is part of the county Environmental Advisory Council. My intent has been to improve our awareness and connection with this county function. The committee at present is focusing on trail marking and enhancing issues of open space mapping and protection in the county.

Also, please be aware of the upcoming season of volunteer

trail project work in the Adirondack Park. There is an extensive list of project days available via the ADK web site.

My question: Should we, for example, try to develop a team for one or more projects, whether these might be in Schenectady County or the Adirondack Park proper? Trails and cleanup work would be helpful in both areas.

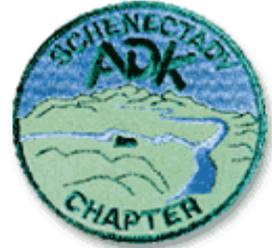
Certainly other chapter members may see possibilities for action by the conservation committee and volunteers, and it would be helpful if these could be sent to me or discussed by phone. You can reach me at 399-1565 or at malprovost1@juno.com.

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CHAPTER BOARD MEETINGS: Are held regularly on the second Tuesday of the month. No meetings are held in July or August. Any concerns members have may be expressed to any board member listed on the inside front cover, or attend the meetings which are open to the membership. Call a board member for date, time & directions.

CHAPTER DISCLAIMER: People who attend outings are reminded that such activities entail a certain degree of danger; and persons participating do so at their own risk. This disclaimer is for both whitewater and regular outings of the chapter.

SCHENECTADY CHAPTER PATCH: This lovely patch (shown at right) can be purchased by mailing a check (payable to Schenectady Chapter ADK) to Rich Vertigan, 1804 Van Cortland St., Rotterdam, NY 12203. The cost is \$3 per patch, which includes the mailing cost.



TRIP LEADERS: If you do not want your trip listed in the local newspapers, call Publicity Chair Roy Keats at 518-370-0399, or roysueski@yahoo.com. This newsletter goes out over the Internet.

EQUIPMENT RENTAL: The chapter has hi-tech snowshoes and one pair of universal fit crampons available to rent at \$5/trip. Call Stan Stoklosa at 383-3066 to arrange for pick-up.

WEB SITE: <http://www.adk-schenectady.org> — *All of the latest information will be posted on the Web, i.e. any changes or corrections. Please review our website and related Internet resources Acceptable Use Policy.*

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: If you move, you must inform the ADK in order to continue receiving The Lookout. The Lookout is sent via bulk mail, which the Postal Service will not forward. Send changes of address to Chapter chair Rich Vertigan, 1804 Van Cortland St., Rotterdam, NY 12203 to insure uninterrupted delivery.

Membership Application

*To join, send this form with
payment to:*

Adirondack Mountain Club
814 Goggins Road,
Lake George, NY
12845-4117

or drop it off at Adirondack
Loj or Headquarters.

Check Membership Level:

- | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family Life | \$1950 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual Life | 1300 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Adult | 50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family | 60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Senior (65+) | 40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Senior Family 65+) | 50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Student (full time 18+) | 40 |
| | School _____ | |

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Home phone _____

I want to join the Schenectady Chapter

List spouse & children under 18 and birth dates

Spouse _____

Child _____ birthdate _____

Child _____ birthdate _____

Bill my _____ VISA _____ MasterCard _____ Discover

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signature (required for charge)

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lest the steps would be into deep snow. We had some snow flurries and a good breeze during the day. Everyone was tired by the time we walked down the Robinson Hollow trail, finishing before 4:00 p.m. Participants were Dave Cole, Jeff Levitt, Joanna Ezinga, Paul Dean, Marcia Hansen, Charlie Beach and Mary MacDonald, leader.

Charleston State Forest Ski March 1, 2015

This trip confirmed two things: (1) Part-day local trips are popular; and (2) there's plenty of pent-up demand for local XC skiing. Fifteen (!) of us caravanned from Schenectady to Charleston State Forest on a beautiful sunny afternoon. Snow conditions could not have been better as we made our way around a couple of popular loops under blue skies. Losing the poorly marked trail at one point, we found it again only to discover that it had yet not been broken. Calling the horses to the front, we continued on until we met a skier coming the other way who was delighted to find his way broken by such a large group, and our trail was now broken as well. Three skiers took the early bailout option for 2.8 miles, while the rest of us just couldn't get enough and continued on for about 4 miles. Skiers were Kathie Armstrong, Ruth Bonn, Margaret Parks, George Astle, Harry and Sandy Willis, Ron and Carol Karpfen, Phyllis Stoker, Lin Neil, Bernie Mansbach, Roy and Sue Keats, and the leaders, Rich Vertigan and Holly Hawkes.



Photos Submitted by Roy Keats

Above: January 10, 2015: Stephens Pond Lean-To.

Right: Crossing a bridge during the East Branch of the Sacandaga Ski Trip on February 7, 2015.

Trip Photos



Gov. forms agreement to prevent spread of aquatic invasive species

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo recently announced an agreement among 53 New York State agencies, municipal governments, property owners, lake associations, conservation groups, sporting groups and businesses to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species in the Adirondack region.

The agreement will help preserve clean water, increase recreation opportunities and promote tourism in Upstate New York.

“In addition to being one of our State’s greatest natural treasures, the Adirondacks are a major economic asset for communities across Upstate New York, and today we are taking an important stand to protect the region from the threat of aquatic invasive species,

“Preventing the spread of these invasive species is crucial to safeguarding the Adirondack waters both today and for the future, and that will ensure that visitors can continue to experience the Park’s natural beauty. Working alongside our dozens of partners, we will help protect the region for years to come,” Gov. Cuomo said.

A recent study by the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program found that if invasive species are allowed to spread, they could cost the Adirondack economy up to \$900 million. This includes annual losses in visitor spending, and agriculture and primary forest production value as well as losses in property value that will affect the tax base and borrowing ability for property owners on an ongoing basis.

To prevent this, the 53 parties pledge to work together to develop a new region-wide aquatic invasive species prevention pilot program to proactively prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species in Adirondack waters. The program will include stewardship, data collection, education, boat inspections and when necessary, decontamination of boats and trailers. Additional entities can sign onto the agreement going forward.

In his 2015 Opportunity Agenda, Governor Cuomo announced the Protected Landscapes and Thriving Communities initiative to foster the Adirondack’s tourism economy, conserve the Forest Preserve and

help communities thrive. A core component of this initiative is preventing the spread of invasive species.

To support this effort, the Governor proposed a \$1 million increase to the Environmental Protection Fund in the next fiscal year to fight the spread of invasive species.

The agreement supports the Clean, Drain and Dry standard for all boats entering and exiting the region and its waters. Under the agreement, a regional boat and trailer inspection and decontamination program is planned for 2015 that will build upon the successful efforts undertaken on Lake George and other lakes in the region.

DEC Commissioner Joe Martens said, “Clean waters supporting healthy ecosystems are important to anglers, boaters, paddlers, swimmers and other recreationists who visit the Adirondacks, as well as the residents whose businesses depend on those visitors.

“The number and variety of organizations signing this agreement demonstrates the serious threat that aquatic invasive species pose to the ecological and economic health of the Adirondack region and the universal desire to protect water quality, tourism revenues and property values of the region,” Martens said.

Adirondack Mountain Club Executive Director and Counsel Neil F. Woodworth said, “This critical agreement between a broad range of stakeholders in the Adirondacks shows the commitment of local and state governments, and the many associations and non-profits that care so deeply for our beautiful Adirondack Park.

The Adirondack Mountain Club is looking forward to continuing our stewardship efforts with our many dedicated members and paddlers to achieve the goals of this essential agreement to prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species in the ponds, lakes, streams, and rivers of the Adirondack Park,” Woodworth concluded.

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