

A Note to Sponsors and Applicants

As per our long-standing practice, each Applicant for Nawakwa membership has the help of two Sponsors during the Applicant's Qualifying period (a twelve-month period during which an Applicant must satisfactorily complete five *Qualifying Events* plus meet with their Sponsors). A Sponsor is a current, active Nawakwan who has been a Key-holder for at least one year and who agrees to help the Applicant learn about camp and the responsibilities of membership so that the Applicant may successfully complete the process of qualifying. Sponsors will meet three times with their Applicant (signing the Qualifications form at each meeting) and will:

- A) Assist the prospective Nawakwan in understanding and appreciating the history of the New York Chapter and Camp Nawakwa
- B) Instruct and guide the Applicant in taking up their responsibilities for the good running of Camp Nawakwa
- C) Provide orientation to the general Policy and Procedures of the Chapter
- D) Provide in-put to the Board of Directors who vote on the Applicant for Key-holder status

A new *Sponsor - Applicant Handbook* (accessed on our website under the Membership Section) is presented as a tool to be used by the Sponsors and Applicants during the three orientation meetings. This handbook highlights many important areas that need to be understood, but the handbook is an introduction and is not exhaustive of the many areas that can be covered. This handbook is to be used in conjunction the other resources we have: A new *Hosting Manual* (also accessed on our website); our website itself (e.g. *Documents of interest* section, which includes our *Bylaws*, and the *Policies and Procedures* section); and the *Trail Marker*.

Special attention in these meetings should be given to: The Applicant's understanding of the hosting tradition of Camp Nawakwa and of the hosts responsibilities; the *Bathing Beach Safety Plan* and *Waterfront Regulations*; and the general responsibilities and expectations of being a Key-holder member of the Camp Nawakwa community. A tour of all the camp area, including the waterfront and tenting areas, as well as an in-depth tour of the Main Cabin and kitchen should also be included. Above all, Applicants should get to experience first-hand "the spirit of cooperation, teamwork, mutual respect and camaraderie that we call the Nawakwa Tradition."