



THE TRAIL MARKER

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Chapter Chair's Message

by Ed O'Donnell

Dear Members,

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer at the camp. The Board has been busy dealing with a long list of issues and definitely needs your help.

Membership – We have a significant gap between expenses and revenue. One of our goals is to re-invigorate the club by recruiting more new and active members, thus helping to generate more revenue and sustain the camp. To this end we would like to solicit volunteers to staff tables at EMS on Club Days, Friday, October 5 and Saturday, October 6. We will have brochures to hand out. The idea is not to simply sit there and look beautiful, but to reach out, encourage people to join the chapter, visit the camp... Please contact me ASAP if you can do a shift (morning, afternoon or evening) eodonn2236@aol.com. It's an opportunity for you to get your 20% EMS discount off ALL merchandise. Remember to bring your ADK membership card.

Wood Day is Saturday, October 13. This weekend event (not just one day) includes a lot more than just chopping wood. We will take down the swim area, clean the cabins, maybe put up some of the plywood paneling inside.... There's lot's to do, so please come.

The phone! – Yes, a perennial problem. Despite numerous phone calls to Verizon, and many promises by them to come and fix the line, we are giving up on the landline. Virtually every time that there is a storm, the lines are down. We have not had service in five months, despite numerous calls and complaints. We will try to move to a wireless line by the BBQ on 9/29, using the same number.

Paving of camp road – It was very difficult to get any reliable information on whether the camp road would be paved, including the turnaround. One day a spray painted arrow appeared at the base of our road with the word "PAVE" and an arrow pointing to the turnaround. An intrepid Board member, who shall go unnamed, volunteered to lay down in front of the paving machine rather than have the turnaround blacktopped. Abbie Hoffman would have been proud! Luckily this

'direct action' was not needed, and the Park agreed to leave the gravel in the turnaround for a more rustic feel. (Thanks Steve!)

Vote – It's once again time to elect a new ADK-NY board of directors, so please cast your ballots by October 31, 2012. (The ballot is in this Trail Marker.)

See you at the BBQ on September 29th.
Sincerely,
Ed O'Donnell, Chapter Chair

An important reminder from Harriman Park:

If while at camp you have a maintenance issue that requires immediate attention on the weekend or before or after park office hours (7am - 4:30pm), call the Park Police at **845-786-2781**. They will notify appropriate Park Staff who will assist you.

If it is an electrical problem **do not** call Orange and Rockland. Call the Park Police.

If you require an ambulance or there is another type of emergency call the Park Police.

Regarding Black Bears:

DO NOT FEED THE BEARS

Call **845-786-2781** and Camp Office **845-351-4245**, so we can keep track of the sightings.

ALWAYS MAKE SURE YOUR GARBAGE IS IN THE DUMPSTER WITH THE LID SECURELY CLOSED.

DO NOT FEED THE BEARS. THIS CAN HAPPEN ACCIDENTALLY when food is left lying around. All food should be secured in the mess hall.

DO NOT USE AIR HORNS AVAILABLE AND USE THEM WHEN NECESSARY
DO NOT BLEACH OVER THE GARBAGE IN YOUR DUMPSTER TO eliminate the odor.

Thanks
Bill Ledwitz
Director - Harriman Group Camps

Volunteers Wanted!

We are always seeking volunteers to lead hikes. Familiarity with trails and hiking experience is all that is required. If you are interested, please contact the Hikes Chairperson, Glen Nison, 718-625-2182
gnisonbike@juno.com

Welcome, New Applicants!

Laurel Nadler
Marta Bautis
Paul Bartlett
Urania Mylonas

Welcome, New Keyholders!

Monica Vokoun
Michelle Kassmir

Pack Room Cleanup scheduled for October 13

Dear Nawakwa members,

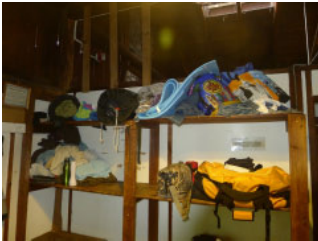
The pack room, adjacent to the large room in the main cabin, is intended for day use or weekend use only. Unfortunately, lately the room has become cluttered with an array of clothes and other items for long periods of time. This leaves little room for day users, and creates an unsightly mess.

On October 13th, the first day of the Fall Work/Wood Weekend, we will clear out all unclaimed items and either donate or dispose of them. So, if you are storing anything in that room, please remove everything that is yours before that date, and do not use the room for long-term storage in the future.

Lockers are available for that purpose.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter

-The Nawakwa Board



Glen Nison

Lockers available for rent

Many Nawakwa members find it convenient to rent a locker at Camp to store such items as sleeping bag, tent, air mattress, toiletries, towels, spare shoes, change of clothing, hiking gear, camp chair, and other necessities of camp life. The lockers are fairly spacious, and at \$35 a year, they're probably the cheapest real estate you'll ever rent. If you don't have a locker currently but would like to enjoy the benefits of having one, you should notify Jerry Flower at membership@adkny.org or drop a note to ADKNY Membership, 802 W. 190th Street #1F, New York, NY 10040 with a check for \$35.

Hosted Weekends:

October–December 2012

(visit www.adkny.org for frequent updates)

To host a weekend or midweek, contact Host Chair:

Janet Sibarium (212) 254 0738

Email: jansib@mindspring.com

Commissary Concerns?

Call or email Maryann Poris (973) 731-7117

maporis@aol.com

A note to hosts: There is a limit of one host plus one co-host per weekend or midweek, and both host and co-host must be either a keyholder or an applicant. This includes summers and holidays. This also includes families with adult and minor children.

October 6 – 7 • Early Autumn Weekend

Enjoy crisp air, great hiking, and a mini-course in Hosting 101. (Simple menu prep and easy meals.) Menu not yet determined, but guaranteed to satisfy all palates!

Co-Hosts: Jerry and Susanne Flower

jerry.fower@verizon.net

October 13 – 14 • Fall Work/Wood Weekend

All hands needed to clean up camp and prepare for Winter, and to add to our firewood cache! There will be a hearty healthy lunch & dinner to nourish all volunteers. Lunch only is complimentary. Please register by Wednesday Oct 10 at 9:00 p.m. and let me know if you're staying for dinner and overnight for breakfast, and if you are vegetarian.

Host: Giacomo Servetti gservetti08@gmail.com

or tel 845-047-0054

October 20 – 21 • Fall Weekend

Menu not determined yet, but fresh seasonal veggies and wholesome tasty meals sure to please all appetites. Enjoy colorful foliage and congenial company!

Co-Hosts: Teri Zubarik and Mary Hilley

tzubarik@gmail.com

October 27 – 28 • Almost Hallowe'en/Applicants' Camp 101

No, it's not a trick. The ghost of last October's freak snowstorm will be banished from the house! Starting at noon sharp, veteran Nawakwan Rich DeCoursey will demonstrate What Makes Nawakwa Tick. Applicants and keyholders alike will learn how to fire up the coal and wood stoves, how the water system works (it's seasonal) and more. This is invaluable information, especially for those new to camp. Please join co-hosts Kim and Giaco for a nice fall weekend, good food and refreshments. After breakfast on Sunday we will lead a hike up to Parker Cabin Mountain.

Please register by 9:00 P.M. Thursday, October 25.

Co-Hosts: Giacomo Servetti and Kim Waldhauer

845-947-0054 or gservetti08@gmail.com.

Hikes: October–December 2012

(visit www.adkny.org for frequent updates)

Hikes Chairperson: Glen Nison

718-625-2182

gnisonbike@juno.com

Please check schedules of various public transportation options as fares and schedules may have changed.

Saturday, October 6 • Bronx Botanical Garden

A leisurely stroll of around 3 miles. Chrysanthemum show in conservatory, plus conifers & primeval forest walk. Take the 10:23 Harlem Line train from Grand Central, arriving at the “Botanical Garden” Station at 10:42 (get “City Ticket”). Alternatively, take the 4 or D subway to “Bedford Park Blvd.” and then the #26 bus east to the Mosholu Gate entrance -- or, the 2 subway to “Allerton Ave.” and then the #26 bus west to the entrance. Meet just inside the Mosholu Gate at 10:45. Admission to the Gardens is free on Saturdays until 11, but there is a fee for admission to the conservatory. If driving, park in the lot by the station or on a nearby street. No coordination of rides. Visit will end by 3 but, of course, you can leave earlier or stay later. Not necessary to register, but you must call or preferably email me beforehand to make sure that the visit is on. Bring lunch and beverage, or buy it in the cafeteria. Not qualifying. Bob Susser 212-666-4371; rsusser@aol.com

Saturday, October 27 • Applicant Special: Green Pond-Island Pond Circuit

Starting from the Elk Pen parking area, and using a variety of trails and woods roads (including the newly re-located section of the Stahahe Brook Trail), we will take in views of Green Pond and Island Pond, with lunch at either Green or Island Pond. The Elk Pen is off Arden Valley Road close to the NYS Thruway, accessed either from Route 17 just south of Arden or from Tiorati Circle. We will pass through the Valley of Boulders, see some nice views from the Green Pond area, and take a look at the remains of Boston Mine. For Applicants, this is a good introduction to typical trails of Harriman and to a very interesting area of the park with a lot of history. For example, the return to the Parking Area will be by way of part of the oldest section of the Appalachian Trail. There is a moderately strenuous uphill at the start of the hike and a downhill back to the parking. The rest is easy, level walking. Leader will be in Sloatsburg at 9:15AM for any who might be coming up by public transportation (please call to arrange the pick-up). Bring lunch, water, snacks. Meeting time is 9:45AM at the Elk Pen. Please call Leader to register and for any questions. Hike is qualifying (about 6 miles). Leader: Ray Kozma (917-406-3782)

Sunday, October 28 • Trick or Treat on Parker

Cabin Mountain Moderate loop hike from Camp Nawakwa to Parker Cabin Mtn. We'll hike along the White Bar and Triangle trails. Leaders will hand out treats on the mountain. Qualifying. Please register with leaders: Giacomo Servetti gservetti08@gmail.com or Kim Waldhauer kwaldhauer@gmail.com

Saturday, November 24 • Trail Clearing on the RD Trail
Meet at the Tuxedo parking lot area (north of the train station) at 9:20 am. Bus riders take the 8:30 am Shortline Bus, from the Port Authority North Wing to Tuxedo.

Leader will be on the bus. Bring work gloves.

Qualifying.

Leader: John Lipsett

(b) 212-867-8280 (h) 212-864-6109.

Sunday, December 2 • Manhattan Walk

From Penn Station we will hike to the High Line Park and east through the village, have breakfast on Houston St and continue to Chinatown and the Brooklyn Bridge. Then past City Hall to the Freedom Tower, Wall Street, the South Street Seaport and up to Little Italy for a late lunch. Inhale the holiday spirit of this magnificent city. Leader Ron Engasser 631-289-5375 USRON@JUNO.COM

Contact the leader for time and exact meeting location.



Glen Nison

Nawakwa Camp Income

By Bruce Rosenbloom, Treasurer

In the last Trail Marker, I gave an account of the varied expenses the club must pay to operate in a given year. In this article, I present the income side of the spreadsheet. Below are the main income categories with my commentaries following them.

Note: These are best estimates bases on the full year of 2011 and trends in 2012.

Income Categories	Estimated Yearly Income
Shared Affiliate Fees	8500
Camp Fees	6500
Donations: Camp Improvement Fund	6000
Keys, Lockers, Commissary	2500
Applicant Fees	250
Trail Marker	200
Interest Income	100
Total	24,050

Comments:

The shared affiliate fees are those the main club shares with each chapter. Each year that you renew your membership to ADK, 30% of those funds go to the chapter that you belong to. As the only chapter with a facility, we have argued that our share should be greater than the 30% that other chapters receive—but to no avail.

Camp fees are those you pay for weekends and day fees. We have recently raised the per day fee to \$10 per adult, per day. Although this increase was needed, it in no way makes up for an alarming trend of decreased camp usage throughout the summer. The Board will need to look into the multiplicity of reasons for decreased usage of the camp and take needed steps to stem this tide.

The Camp Improvement Fund was a tremendous success and likely brought in twice what the camp would normally get in the way of donations. In this drive, we clearly explained what the fund was for, made it easy to contribute with a SASE, and personally addressed each letter. These funds have already been used to build tent platforms, and will soon add paneling to most of the cabins to improve insulation. We hope for another successful drive starting in December of this year.

Lockers, key and commissary fees are a nice source of funds for the camp. We will be de-commissioning some older lockers this fall, and looking to see what the demand for lockers will be going forward.

Other sources of income including fees for applicants, the Trail Marker, and interest income (very little at less than 1% interest) are not substantial enough to make much of a difference to the camp's financial picture.

Outlook:

Although we have several months before we close the books on this year, I am projecting a \$5-7K deficit for the club this year. I would regard this as structural in nature since there is nothing on the horizon that would change the expense or income situation in a substantial way. With that said, we still have the same reserves in the bank that we've had for years, so we are not faced in the immediate term with tapping into those funds. However, as a club, we will need to seriously re-examine how we do business going forward to ensure sustainability for future Nawakwans.

Note: In a previous Trail Marker, it was announced that the club would be receiving around \$18k from the estate of a deceased former member. To date, no monies have been received, although these legal matters can take time. I don't believe "in counting the chickens before they're hatched" so I will only write that that gift is possible in the future. I urge all members who feel so inclined, to consider putting ADK-Camp Nawakwa into their will/ trust or other legal documents to ensure our financial future.



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