

the Little Deer Dispatch



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NORTH CHATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE, JANUARY 2018



Dear Cold River Camp community,

October 27, 2017. Needle ice. Those exquisite, fragile crystalline columns of ice that grow out of the ground when conditions are right – moisture-saturated unfrozen dirt and the air temperature below freezing. Beth and I were headed up the A-Z and Mount Tom Spur trails to the Mount Tom summit. Not much of a view to be had up there, but what a special hike! A couples miles of trail whose sides were strewn with oodles of patches and swaths of needle ice. A fairyland of sorts. You just never know what treasure the next hike will reveal.

July 1, 2018. That day will mark the *one hundred years* duration of Cold River Camp's operation serving guests as an Appalachian Mountain Club facility. Imagine that! All the guest footsteps walking our same trails. All the conversations at meals. The songs, poems and skits evoked and shared on Talent Nights. And volunteer-managed all that time. It is marvelous that so many of our CRC community carry on that tradition of committed investment. But we'll hold our enthusiasm in check and do our celebrating in our 100th anniversary year, which will be 2019. A celebration committee has been at hard at work for about two years. You can read more about that on page 18 of this LDD. And you will see signs of preparation this summer.

Frozen ... Time ... We all have a fond image of Camp frozen in time – just the way it has always been, right? However, the truth is that Camp has evolved considerably over the last 100 years, and the Camp Committee must continue to look at the whole Camp experience, including facilities, with one critical eye and another eye looking forward. We certainly want to preserve the essence of our Camp experience – a hiking theme, community-oriented, many repeat guests, simple but inviting facilities, delightful Camp traditions, good food, volunteer-managed, and reasonable rates. The most challenging responsibility of the Cold River Camp Committee is to consider making major changes to Camp facilities, programs or policies.

Especially facilities. You can find the latest on the story of the Lodge projects that may result in major changes on page 23. Turn to page 4 to learn about the replacement of Alice Cabin.

I'm happy to say that Laurie Barr and Jim DiCarlo will be back with us as managers for the full summer, with daughters Ruby and Sadie. We are very grateful to Liz Hall and Jared Murphy for helping out so ably as summer

managers for portions of the previous two summers. Well done! And also happy to say Ned Beecher and Chris Clyne will be with us for Extension Season and coordinating Off-Season.

Our camp was full every week last summer. Great for our financial health, allowing many more guests to enjoy Camp and keeping our rates more affordable. So we are thrilled about that. But special thanks to our Registrar, Lois Winkler for accepting the heady challenge of trying to fit in so many of us with various preferences and requests. And to the managers who never have a slow week in which to relax a little.

Our deep thanks to “graduating” Camp Committee members Lee Heald, Jim Kenyon, Jenn Power and prior chair Amy Damon Grover. Welcome to incoming new members Anna D’Avanzo, Ian Duncan and Peter Norton.

Lastly and firstly, hats off and cheers to *all* the volunteers and the dedicated staff, the heart and soul of Camp. Sometimes it’s hard work, but it’s a labor of love.

See you in Camp!

Gary Munson

AMC Cold River Camp Committee Chair



UPDATES FOR 2018



NEW ALICE CABIN

After tabling work on a new Lodge dining area, Camp devoted resources to addressing the next major priority – Alice Cabin. The cabin and its foundation were both in a significant enough state of deterioration to warrant a decision to replace rather than renovate. The new Alice, like the recent new Notchview, will be set a bit further back from the ravine, allowing for a much simpler foundation. The general design will be akin to the new Notchview and Caribou that guests generally seem to enjoy. It will have a wood stove and covered deck. Old Alice was removed and the new foundation footings set in this past fall. New Alice will be built this spring, to be ready for our 2018 season. Thanks to our Facilities Manager Frank Mastro for moving this effort along, and builder Todd Flagg.

IMPROVING CAMP ACCESSIBILITY

A NOTE FROM THE CAMP COMMITTEE

We believe that Cold River Camp is a place for relaxation, community, and wholeness. To this end, we have a long-term commitment to making camp facilities accessible for all community members when we are able to do so. We are working toward this goal on two specific fronts. First, we are aware of the challenging physical conditions that camp currently presents for people in wheelchairs, and have begun planning to make improvements. Second, we are working to make camp's bathroom facilities more gender-inclusive. Before the summer, we will be labeling the single-use toilet outside the kitchen as an "all-gender" bathroom. This explicitly includes everyone, whether or not their gender has changed since it was assigned at birth, whether they are or aren't a woman, man, boy, or girl, and whether or not their external appearance reflects their gender identity. For the rest of our facilities, it is camp policy that everyone is welcome to use the bathhouses which correspond to their gender identity or expression. We recognize that not everyone in the community is familiar with this language or the reasons for using it. We have a great deal of faith in our community members to listen and learn with an open heart, and to share our knowledge and experiences generously. Questions, comments, or suggestions are welcome: please contact Committee member Tom Weinreich at tom.weinreich@gmail.com. For any accessibility needs while in camp, including gender-inclusive shower facilities, please speak with the Camp managers.

AMC COLD RIVER CAMP

2018 SCHEDULE

January through May

January 1-31	Guest Full Week Registration Lottery Open (L. Winkler)
February 1	Guest Full Week Reservations Accepted, First Come First Served
April 1	Guest Partial Week Reservations Open
May 11	Winter Cabin Closes For Winter Guest Use
May 11-13	Camp Opening and Work Weekend (Waste, Mastro)
May 15-June 14	Open for Group Off Season, Weekdays (OSM)
May 17-20	Bird Camp with Tin Mt. Conservation Center (OSM)
May 25-28	CTA Work Weekend #1 / CTA Annual Meeting (Devine)

June through August

June 1-3	CTA Trail Work Weekend #2 (Devine)
June 8-10	AMC Boston Chapter Young Members Chapter (OSM)
June 16-22	Summer Season Preparation Week (Summer Managers)
June 23-30	CRC Guest Week 1 (Kids Free)
June 30-July 7	CRC Guest Week 2 (Kids Free)
July 7-14	CRC Guest Week 3
July 14-21	CRC Guest Week 4
July 21-28	CRC Guest Week 5 (Yoga Week)
July 28-August 4	CRC Guest Week 6
August 4-11	CRC Guest Week 7
August 11-18	CRC Guest Week 8
August 18-25	CRC Guest Week 9
August 25	<i>End of Regular Summer Season</i>

August and Beyond

August 25 - Sept. 9	CRC Extension Season (Ext. Managers - Clyne & Beecher)
<i>September 3</i>	<i>Labor Day</i>
Sept. 10 - Oct. 7	Open Fall Foliage Self Service Use/Caretaker Basis (excluding some weekend night)
September 14-16	Group Event, Reserved
September 21-23	Open for Group Use Off Season
Sept. 27-29	CTA Trail Work Weekend #3 (CTA - Devine)
October 5-8	CRC Camp Closing (Columbus Day Weekend)
Oct. 8 - May 11, 2019	Winter Cabin Open For Group Use

CRC TRIP LEADERS

With the changing of the calendar year, we begin to think of our plans for the upcoming summer and the return to many of our favorite trails and summits. For new guests at Cold River Camp, a wide range of trails await discovery. The leader coordinators have compiled the leader roster for Summer 2018 and it can be found on the following page of the Little Deer Dispatch and on the CRC website.

The coordinators are responsible for scheduling leaders for the nine weeks of Camp plus the two weeks of Extension. To accommodate the anticipated high volume of young children during the first two weeks, three led hikes will be offered each day. Two led hikes will be offered each day during the following seven weeks with one led hike per day during Extension.

Our goal is to provide a variety of led hikes with varying degrees of difficulty to appeal to all hikers and to provide trail information to those guests wanting to hike on their own. If you are unfamiliar with any trail, ask a leader for information. Our leaders have been hiking in the area for a number of years and can offer suggestions for a trail suitable to your abilities and interests. All of our leaders hold current certification in Wilderness First Aid, CPR and AMC Leadership Training.

Parents with young children will want to be involved in the Junior Naturalist program. Ask the week's naturalist for a booklet which can be completed during the week at CRC. Children who complete the requirements by the end of the week will receive a certificate and patch during the Talent Show on Friday evening.

Meanwhile, enjoy winter and look forward to renewing friendships at CRC. If you have never been to CRC, sign up for our Sample program (partial week) or for a full week to experience camp life and learn what makes Camp unique and why so many guests return year after year.

**Looking forward to seeing you on the trails —
Emma Crane, Naturalist Coordinator
Bill Gross, Hike Leader Coordinator**



2018 CRC LEADER SCHEDULE

WEEK 1 JUN 23-30 TOM D'AVANZO MARYSTARR HOPE BILL DARCY (C) ELLEN SILVERMAN (N, PLANTS)	WEEK 2 JUNE 30-JULY 7 MARYSTARR HOPE BETSY KLIMASMITH CHRIS MCARDLE ERIC HOBBIE (N,C) (BIRDS/MUSHROOMS)	WEEK 3 JULY 7-14 IAN DUNCAN LARRY FINK (C) JIM GREANEY (GENERAL)
WEEK 4 JULY 14-21 JENNY LANE (C) RICH TAYLOR CHERYL POIRIER (N) (BIRDS)	WEEK 5 JULY 21-28 CHRIS MCARDLE (C) KENT SINCLAIR JENNY LANE (N) JOANNA EASTON (YOGA)	WEEK 6 JUL 28-AUG 4 JIM GORMAN (C) DEBORAH KEARNEY LEE BARES (N) (PLANTS/BIRDS)
WEEK 7 AUG. 4-11 WALKER FUCHS OZZY OSBORNE JIM GORMAN (N,C) (TREES)	WEEK 8 AUG. 11-18 MARK LEVINE (C) JIM LIPTACK MIKE ARNOTT (N) (MAMMALS)	WEEK 9 AUG. 18-25 BILL FUCHS JIM GREANEY (C) MATT VADEBONCOEUR (N. ECOL/MUSHROOMS)
EXTENSION #1 AUG. 25 - 29 NED BEECHER	EXTENSION #2 AUG. 30 - SEPT. 3 MARK LEVINE	EXTENSION #3 SEPT. 3 - 8 GARRY CRANE

KEY: C = COORDINATOR; N = NATURALIST

PLEASE NOTE: NATURALISTS WILL FOCUS ON SUBJECTS IN PARENTHESES DURING THEIR WEEK



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT AMC COLD RIVER CAMP

Cold River Camp is successful because of the efforts of its many volunteers. All camp activities are overseen by the CRC Committee, a group of volunteers who establish policies for the property, affairs, business and operation of the camp. Other volunteers help with a wide variety of camp projects and activities. Volunteers are the lifeblood of Cold River Camp!

New volunteers are always welcome. If you enjoyed your camp experience, would you be willing to share your talents to make CRC an even better place? You do not need a background in education, recreational management or environmental science, just a simple willingness to help.

Volunteering for CRC is a rewarding experience. Ask anyone who does it!

How can I volunteer at CRC?

Volunteering for Cold River Camp offers many opportunities, and your contributions of time and effort are welcomed in a variety of areas. If you would like more information about volunteering, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Antonia Woods, or the Cold River Committee Chair by email - or fill out a volunteer form while at Cold River Camp.

Hike Leaders and Naturalists

Would you like to be a hike leader or naturalist? Hike leaders and naturalists receive training and undergo an "apprenticeship" program before they become leaders. They are encouraged to keep their skills sharp by participating in periodic "refresher" sessions. Special interests or a background in these areas are certainly helpful, but people skills, common sense and a willingness to ensure that guests have a good time are equally as important.

Maintenance and Facilities

Keeping CRC's buildings and grounds operating properly requires continuing effort. Volunteers perform needed maintenance on work weekends in the spring and fall. Please join us for one or more of the CRC Work Weekends each year. We get a lot done and have a lot of fun doing it! People with skills in plumbing, electrical work and carpentry are of course very welcome, but we also need folks willing to paint, do landscaping, prune shrubs and trees, and assorted simple jobs.

Extension Season Volunteer

During the Extension Season, the dining facility and common areas, including bathrooms and the Lodge, are maintained by volunteers. They also assist the kitchen staff with some meal prep and cleanup after meals. There is ample time after morning chores and before evening ones to enjoy hiking or other activities. Meals and lodging are provided. You can volunteer for as little as one weekend, to as long as two weeks.

Individual and Committee Activity Involvement

Individuals and committees administer to various aspects of CRC life. CRC also hosts a number of weekend events in the off-season, which are made possible by volunteers. Some of the current volunteer opportunities are listed in the form below:

CRC VOLUNTEER FORM

If you would like more information about any of the following options, please circle your choice(s) and mail to:

Antonia Woods, Volunteer Coordinator

114 Pleasant Street #104, Arlington, MA 02476

awoods144@gmail.com

along with your name, interests, and contact information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Evening phone: _____

Email: _____

I am interested in: _____

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| • Hike Leaders / Naturalists | • Camp Opening (May) & Closing (Oct.) |
| • Facility Maintenance | • Conservation & Education |
| • Extension Season Crew (Sept.) | • Land Management & Planning |
| • Flower Garden Maintenance | • Publicity & Communications |
| • CRC Committee | • Assisting in Other Events/Activities |
| • Trail Work Weekends (with CTA) | |

COLD RIVER CAMP 2018 SEASON RATES

	<u>6/23-8/25</u>	<u>8/25-9/9</u>
Adult (17-yr & over)	\$600/wk	\$75/day
Youth (12-yr to 16-yr)*	\$480-/wk	\$60/day
Child (2-yr to 11-yr)*	\$360/wk	\$45/day
Child under 2-yr*	\$180/wk	\$23/day

**in same cabin with parent/adult. Age is as of 1/1/2018. Infants under the age of one stay free.*

All inclusive summer and extension rates include lodging, three meals a day, taxes, activities (excluding river trips), cabin firewood, ice, and support of AMC programs. Rates shown include the 20% discount for AMC members (become a member and save). For July through August standard reservations are full-week, Saturday to Saturday. Cold River now offers a Sampler program, allowing guests to choose to stay for 3 or 4 nights.

General guidelines:

- Refer to amccoldrivercamp.org for information about shorter stays at Camp.
- Deposit of \$200 per person per week during the summer season. Balance paid at camp.
- Deposit of \$100 per person during the extension September summer.
- All applications clearly postmarked in January will receive equal consideration.
- All reservations will be assigned by lottery after Feb. 1

- **Reservations will be confirmed by March 1.**
- **Payment:** Only Cash or Checks are accepted. *CRC cannot accept credit cards.* Make checks payable to:
AMC - Cold River Camp
- Please provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope for confirmation/reply mail.
- Please ensure that each and every person registering has provided an appropriately signed AMC release form. Without these forms, the reservation will be rejected. The form can be found enclosed in the Winter Little Deer Dispatch and on the CRC website.
- Please refer to the CRC website for further information.

Cancellations received prior to April 1 will receive a 50% deposit refund. No deposit refunds after April 1. Reservation deposits are not transferable.

In fairness to those denied space, payment in full is required only if a cancellation request is not received at least 14 days prior to scheduled arrival.

Mail reservations from January 1 to June 20 to:

Lois Winkler, Registrar, 17 Southview St., Pleasantville,
NY 10570. Phone: (914)747-3194 before 9pm, please.

Mail reservations after June 20 to:

Cold River Camp Managers, 32 AMC Road, Chatham, NH
03813-5201
Phone: (603) 694-3291

YOGA HIGHLIGHT

WEEK 5 (JULY 22 - 29)

The free yoga supplement to the regular Camp program continues to be popular, and so we are delighted that certified yoga instructor JoAnna Easton will return again to practice yoga with camp guests in Week 5 (July 22-29). JoAnna is an active hiker and biker. She will relate the breathing, energetic and movement aspects of yoga to the physical effects of hiking activity. JoAnna is happy to work with camp guests new to yoga as well as current practitioners. While participation in yoga sessions is optional, you may find its restorative essence a wonderful complement to vigorous hiking.

KIDS STAY FREE

WEEKS 1&2 (JUNE 23-JULY 7)

For yet another summer, children can be Cold River Camp guests free for one week. This has been a very well-received incentive that has brought many new families and faces to Camp.

The following conditions apply: Two children free per paying adult guest, either Week 1 (June 23 – June 30) or Week 2 (June 30-July 7). Children must be age 11 or under. Adult guests must stay a full week. Applicable for both new and returning guests.

Please share this offer with family and friends that you think would enjoy the Cold River Camp experience.

YOUR 2018 COLD RIVER CAMP APPLICATION

For period (please give choices) 1st _____ to _____ 2nd _____ to _____ 3rd _____ to _____

Preferred location at Camp 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

Please print or type Names	AMC Membership Type and Number	Children's Age & Sex (as of 1/1/2018)
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1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____ Car License Plate #: _____

Registration Fee Enclosed: \$ _____ (\$200/person/week in July/Aug or \$100/person/week in Sept.)

- Make checks payable to: **AMC COLD RIVER CAMP**
- Please include a Self-addressed stamped envelope with reservation request
- Each person or family must submit with reservation a signed copy of AMC release form
- Optional: Emergency Contact or Family Physician _____ ph: _____
- Do not send prior to January 1, 2018 Signed: _____ Date _____

**AMC VOLUNTEER MANAGED FACILITIES
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISKS & RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

INTRODUCTION

PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. All participants must sign this Document. For participants under 18 yrs. of age (hereafter sometimes "minor" or "child"), one or both parents or guardians (hereafter collectively "parents") must also sign. In combination of the services of the Appalachian Mountain Club, Inc., a charitable, not-for-profit corporation, organized and existing under the laws of Massachusetts, and its chapters, including all officers, employees, representatives, agents, independent contractors, volunteers (including leaders and co-leaders), members and all other persons or entities associated with it (collectively referred to in this Document as "AMC"), I (participant and parents of a minor participant) acknowledge and agree as follows:

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

Use of AMC volunteer managed facilities and/or instructional, educational and/or adventure activities (which may be scheduled or unscheduled, supervised or unsupervised and/or occur during one or independent times) occur in a variety of locations in the U.S. and include the Rapid Camp program. Activities may include, but are not limited to hiking, biking, riding, swimming, maintenance of trails and facilities, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, participant's independent use of AMC cabins or other facilities or use of those facilities in connection with AMC organized trips or activities, and transportation or travel to and from AMC facilities or activities (referred to in this Document as "activities" or "these activities"). Leaders of most AMC activities are volunteers. They are not paid professional guides or leaders. In all activities, participants share in the responsibility for their own safety. Participants (and parents of minors) take responsibility for having appropriate skills, physical conditioning, equipment and supplies for these activities.

These activities include inherent and other risks, hazards and dangers (referred to in this Document as "risks") that can cause or lead to injury, property damage, illness, mental or emotional trauma, paralysis, disability or death to participant or others. Some, but not all of these risks include hazardous and unpredictable ground, water or weather conditions; judgments made by leaders, co-leaders, participants or others; travel in remote areas that can cause delays in transportation, evacuation and medical care; equipment that can fail or malfunction; the potential that the participant or others (e.g. co-participant, driver, medical and rescue personnel) may act carelessly or recklessly. I understand that AMC staff, leaders or other personnel cannot ensure participant's safety or eliminate any of these risks. Participant's voluntarily participating with knowledge of the risks. Therefore, participant (and parents of minor) assumes and accepts full responsibility for the inherent and other risks (both known and unknown) of these activities, and for any injury, damage, death or other loss suffered by participant, resulting from those risks, and resulting from participant's negligence or other misconduct.

RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Please read carefully. This Release and Indemnity agreement contains a surrender of certain legal rights. I (adult participant), or parents for minors herein and for and on behalf of their participating minor child(ren) agree as follows:

(1) to release and agree not to sue AMC, with respect to any and all claims, liabilities, suits or expenses (including attorneys' fees and costs) (hereafter

collectively "claim" or "claim's") for any injury, damage, death or other loss in any way connected with my/our child's enrollment or participation in these activities, or use of AMC equipment, facilities or premises. I understand I agree here to waive all claims I or my child may have against AMC, and agree that neither I, my child, or anyone acting on my or my child's behalf, will make a claim against AMC, as a result of any injury, damage, death or other loss suffered by me or my child;

(d) to defend and indemnify (voluntarily) naming provided by reimbursement or payment) AMC with respect to any and all claims brought by or on behalf of me, my child, a family member, a co-participant, or any other person for any injury, damage, death or other loss in any way connected with my/our child's enrollment or participation in these activities or use of AMC equipment, facilities or premises.

This Release and Indemnity Agreement includes claims resulting from AMC's negligence (but not its gross negligence or intentional or reckless misconduct), and includes claims for personal injury or wrongful death (including claims related to emergency or medical response, measurement or treatment, property damage, breach of contract or any other claim).

I agree that the substantive laws of Massachusetts govern this Document and all other aspects of my relationship with AMC, and that any resolution, suit, or other proceeding must be filed or arbitrated only in Massachusetts. This Document is intended to be interpreted and enforced to the fullest extent allowed by law. Any portion of this Document deemed unlawful or unenforceable shall not affect the remaining provisions, and those remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

Participant and parents of a minor participant agree: I have carefully read, understood and voluntarily sign this Document and acknowledge that it shall be effective and binding upon me, my minor children and other family members, and my heirs, executors, representatives and estate. *One or both parents must sign below for any participating minor (those under 18 years of age).*

Participant Signature	Date	Participant name here	Participant Signature	Date	Participant name here
Parent or Guardian Signature	Date	Participant name here	Participant Signature	Date	Participant name here
Parent or Guardian Signature	Date	Participant name here	Participant Signature	Date	Participant name here

EXTENSION & OFF-SEASON 2018

◇ ENJOY CAMP IN QUIETER SEASONS ◇

The 9-week summer full-service season is not the only way to enjoy Camp. The “Off-Season” Camp is a quieter place, offering different experiences. In spring, returning birds are at their most colorful and frolicsome, flowers bloom, and the streams and cascades are running full. The fall offers stunning foliage and the nearby renowned Fryeburg Fair. In these seasons, you can still enjoy classic hiking, biking, or paddling - but in cooler weather, with crisp, starry nights. In winter, the silent snowy landscape is unforgettable – and challenging. The Winter Cabin will be your warm refuge after ski or snowshoe outings.

Extension Season

The first half of September is typically dry and clear, with cool nights, long views, and leaves slowly changing to red and gold. This is Extension Season at Cold River Camp, featuring a relaxed pace and some of the best hiking, biking, and kayaking weather of the year. You choose the schedule that fits your needs, from two nights to two weeks. You bring your own linens (and perhaps a sleeping bag), but otherwise enjoy all the normal amenities, including three wholesome meals a day, served mornings and evenings cafeteria style. The rate is \$75/person/night (AMC member rate). Use the summer season reservation form and specify the dates of arrival and departure. For more details, please find reservation information at:

<http://www.amccoldrivercamp.org/Pages/reservInfo.html>

Spring & Fall

For a month each “shoulder” season, Camp is open for group use – and self-service in the Fall. Camp cooks provide all meals cafeteria style (except during self-service), in consultation with group leaders. The Camp is staffed with an event Manager and volunteer crew. All facilities are open for use. Campers must bring their own linens or sleeping bag. Otherwise, enjoy all the amenities of Camp as usual. It's ideal for AMC Chapter outings, family reunions, weddings, and celebrations. Advance group reservation & deposit required. First-come, first-served. Weekends in particular sell out early!

Contact offseasonsignup@gmail.com

Mid-May to mid-June:

Minimum stay: 2 nights

Minimum group size: 15 (1 leader stays free)

\$75/person/night (all meals included)

Mid-September to mid-October:

Minimum stay: 2 nights

Minimum group size (weekends only): 15 (1 leader stays free)

\$75/person/night (all meals included)

Fall Foliage Self Service:

September 10 – October 7 (excluding some weekend nights)

Bring your own linens or sleeping bag. Use our kitchen to cook food you bring. Otherwise, enjoy all of Camp, as usual. Caretaker on duty to orient and assist. 2-night minimum. Reservations can be made up to 24 hours prior to arrival. Please reserve at offseasonsignup@gmail.com.

Chris Clyne & Ned Beecher,
Extension Season Managers

WINTER CABIN

During the summer the building known as “Convent” provides housing for six crew members. From October to early May, Convent is available for guest rentals as the “Winter Cabin.” Winter in Evans Notch is no less appealing than in the summer. Most Winter Cabin guests hope for lots of snow so they can ski, snowshoe and enjoy winter hiking followed by a cozy night in a warm cabin with friends.

The cabin features a six-bed bunkroom, with floor space for additional guests, and a multipurpose area equipped with a small kitchen area and wood stove. There is a small refrigerator, a microwave, a coffee maker, a toaster, and a hot water kettle in the kitchen. Plates, mugs, bowls and cookware are also provided. The cabin is winterized and has electricity, but please note: there is no running water. Guests bring their own water, food, bedding and linens. Blankets, pillows and wood for the stove are provided. In the winter, the camp driveway gates are locked, so a key is provided. A small area at the edge of Route 113 is plowed at the northern driveway entrance. The road is not plowed beyond this point.

Current rates are \$85/night. Payment in advance is requested. If interested please contact the Winter Cabin Registrar for information and reservations. Please check the online reservation calendar for availability, <http://www.amccoldrivercamp.org/Pages/Calendar.html>. With confirmation of reservation guests receive cabin instructions and where to pick up the cabin key.

Contact: offseasonsignup@gmail.com



COLD RIVER CAMP CENTENNIAL

NORTH CHATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Cold River Camp's beautiful location in the Cold River valley sparked the interest of the Appalachian Mountain Club nearly 140 years ago. This was well before the turn of the century, and many years prior to the purchase of the "Ledges" in 1919, which marked the inception of Cold River Camp. (See the Winter 2017 Edition of the LDD for an article on the AMC's early explorations in the Cold River Valley.)

In 1881 the editor of *Appalachia* appealed for more information on the valley's lesser known mountains, such as Speckled ("rarely visited"), and the Royces ("terribly rugged"). During those early explorations, AMC members found two trails from the Chandler's up the Baldfaces, one of which was worn by the quarrying of stone from the face of the mountain. The members also noted the "luxurious ferns" in the valley of the "great Cold River." Interest and appreciation for the area continued to build over the years, including a stay by August Camp in 1913 (campers set their alarms at 4:30 a.m. in order to leave ample time to traverse the Baldfaces and Royces, which together are more than half today's "Skyline").

When an opportunity to buy the "Ledges" arose in 1918, Frank Mason heartily recommended the purchase, and the AMC's newly appointed Cold River Camp Committee worked diligently to secure the property and associated buildings, with a sales agreement signed on May 31, 1919, and "papers passed" on June 27, 1919. With a group effort spearheaded by Mr. Mason, Cold River Camp was able to welcome its first 24 guests for the July 4, 1919 weekend by accommodating everyone in the buildings and in an additional 4 tents. We delight that the Cold River Camp community of today would instantly recognize the handful of buildings that first comprised camp: our beautiful Conant Lodge, "Headquarters" (the current Office), Cox cabin, the present Library, the "Lawrence Tower" (Tower) and the Chapel ("Barracks"). And so began the first one hundred years of AMC Cold River Camp.

The Cold River Camp Centennial Subcommittee has been working for over a year planning the celebration of camp's 100th birthday in 2019, and hope to recognize this important milestone in a variety of ways:

- **Centennial Rocks Sitting Area:** this new sitting area will allow camp to both commemorate its centennial, and create a new gathering spot. We plan to use three locally sourced granite boulders that will be low enough and shaped appropriately to allow for sitting, and will commemorate the centennial by installing a brass plaque on one of the boulders, or in the area. The exact location remains to be determined, and priorities include views and safety.

- **25-Year Time Mailbox:** You of course have heard of a time capsule – this is similar in thought, and will allow multiple generations to share their CRC experiences in a centennial “25-year time repeat use Cold River Camp Time Mailbox.” We hope that this will become a 25-year tradition at camp, with letters and memorabilia from that year safely deposited and locked in a mailbox installed in the Rec Hall. Every twenty-five years, the mailbox will be opened, the contents displayed, and new contents redeposited. We feel this is a wonderful way for children (and adults) to share their CRC experiences with their family and friends 25 years later.
- **Reflections—100 Years of Friendship and Hiking at Cold River Camp, 1919-2019,** a 200+ page book will be available for purchase in the spring of 2019. Contents will include reflecting on the one hundred years of our beloved Cold River Camp and will contain poetry, songs and memories written by our guests as well as many photographs, both old and new. We want to note that our dear friend, Dwight Wilder, was instrumental in taking on this project and with his untimely passing, we thank Bob and Emma Crane for assuming ownership of the book. We anticipate that the book will be available both as a hard copy and electronically.
- **Centennial “Swag:”** We want to provide mementos for purchase to the CRC community in celebration of CRC’s centennial, and plan to offer a special centennial edition T shirt, patch, pin, and postcards, and are exploring other ideas such as copies of the 1919 Prospectus, a mug, water bottle, pewter ornament, poster, whistle, and ball cap.

In addition, we are planning:

- A formal centennial ceremony and celebration, a weekly centennial program, “historical” weekly hikes, and of course, what would be a celebration without weekly CAKE?

Do have other ideas on how to celebrate Cold River Camp’s Centennial? Whether you’re a long-time camper, or new to CRC, we’d enjoy hearing from you. Contact information is available on our website or send an email to John Dean (jdean53a@gmail.com). Thank you. - *Written by Amy Damon Grover.*



CHATHAM TRAILS ASSOCIATION

2062 MAIN ROAD, CHATHAM, NH 03813

We are busy planning for the 2018 season after a very successful 2017. Our thanks to all our volunteers and generous donors.

New CTA Trail Maps! The new CTA Evans Notch area Tyvek Trail Maps were printed this past May. In 2017 they were sold at Camp, the Brickett Place, the Stow Store, and elsewhere. They will be available again at all those places next summer. If you want a copy between now and then, you can place your order online any time at www.ChathamTrails.org.

The Trail Sign Auction. Would you like an actual retired CTA Trail Sign as a souvenir or to give someone as a gift and at the same time provide CTA with necessary funding? We'll be auctioning 10 more retired trail signs on eBay in April. The auction will be active for only one week. We'll provide information in the spring CTA Newsletter and, if we have your email address, we'll send a reminder message. If you want to make sure to get the message, send your email address to webmaster@ChathamTrails.org.

Upcoming Re-route on the Stone House Trail. CTA is working to hire a professional trail building crew to create about a third of a mile switch-back on the upper section of the Stonehouse Trail, to get hikers around the steep, eroded, and annoying section that you are probably all too familiar with. The project has been approved by the Forest Service. We hope to have it done in 2018. For the first time, CTA has been awarded a grant by the Forest Service to be used on just such projects. The Forest Service will put up \$20,000 which CTA can start spending immediately on what we see as the first of several projects. However, under the grant agreement, CTA is expected to raise an additional \$8,000 for the same purpose. The first \$500 donation toward this goal has already arrived. We hope you'll consider making a donation to this Major Projects Fund. See the Treasurer's address, below.

We're Recruiting. CTA needs a few more key people to help run the organization. As of today, the Vice President and Secretary jobs are open. Get involved and help out, as an officer or a trail volunteer. Contact President@ChathamTrails.org for more information.

We depend on Trail Volunteers. We run three trail work weekends each year based at comfortable Cold River Camp. All levels of experience are welcome. We provide the tools, training, supervision, room and board,

www.chathamtrails.org

2018 CTA VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Town/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Please register us for work weekend:

Spring 2018 May 25-28

Spring 2018 June 1-3

Fall 2018 Sept. 27- Oct. 29

Mail to volunteer coordinator, Ingrid Barrett

2003 Main Road, Chatham, NH 03813 (from 5/1 to 10/15)

7 Hemlock Road, Hanover, NH 03755 (from 10/15 to 5/1)

or register at our website www.ChathamTrails.org

2018 CTA MEMBERSHIP

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Town/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

I/we desire to become a member of CTA or renew membership for the year 2018. Enclosed is memberships dues of (\$5) per person for a total of \$_____

I/we wish to make an additional contribution of \$_____ to Chatham Trails Association, Inc.

I/we desire to make a contribution or pledge of \$.... to the Memorial Fund for the protection of trails in the memory of _____

Chatham Trails Association is a 501(c)3 organization.

Donations are tax-deductible. Mail this form to

Steve Fink, 2062 Main Road, Chatham, NH 03813

www.ChathamTrails.org

and a spirit of camaraderie. Maybe you have college age children or grandchildren who'd like to organize a group at their school to join us. It's great fun. Contact me for more information.

Upcoming Trail Work Weekends (plan to arrive Friday if you can)

- May 26-28, 2018 (Memorial Day weekend)
- June 2-3, 2018 (National Trails Day)
- September 29-30, 2018

Register for work weekends at www.ChathamTrails.org.

Adopt a portion of one of your favorite hiking trails. Contact Trailmaster@ChathamTrails.org.

Your donations finance our work. Your generosity makes our work possible. It costs us almost \$50 to put one volunteer on trail maintenance for one day. Donations are welcome any time. Checks made out to CTA or Chatham Trails Associations may be mailed to our Treasurer, Steve Fink, 2062 Main Road, Chatham, NH 03813, and donations by credit card or PayPal may be made on our website at www.ChathamTrails.org. CTA is a New Hampshire non-profit corporation and a federal 501c3.

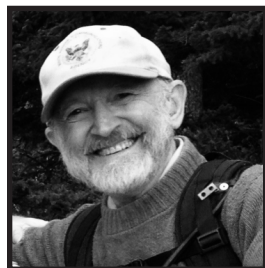
CTA Endowment. The balance of the CTA endowment is now about \$119,000. 4% of the average balance over the previous five years is available annually to support our regular projects, with the excess available to fund special projects above and beyond what CTA can accomplish during its regular work weekends. Please remember the CTA endowment with a bequest in your will. Contact President@ChathamTrails.org for more information.

Some History. CTA has always been a part of Cold River Camp, although we are not a part of the AMC. CRC was founded in 1919, after which the initial guests, the founders and the managers recognized the need for a trail maintenance club. They started CTA in 1922. CRC has always been our home base and about half of our volunteers are regular CRC guests. Other volunteers are principally folks who live nearby and others who are frequent hikers in the White Mountains.

I look forward to seeing you in the summer!

Don Devine

President@ChathamTrails.org



CONANT LODGE RENOVATION

NORTH CHATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE



As many of you may know, the Camp Committee began discussions about needed renovations to the Conant Lodge Dining Room [and Kitchen] in the spring of 2017. Following feedback from the Camp community, the project was tabled on July 18. After a long and healthy pause, the Committee has established three committees to provide input on this vital project as of November 2017:

- The Lodge Committee (comprised of Evan Doucett, Bobby Kaufman, Amy Grover, Frank Mastro, Gary Munson), is charged with assessing overall Lodge needs and synthesizing input from the other two committees.
- A Dining Room Committee (comprised of Emma Crane, Nancy Hartle, Frank Mastro, Mark Winkler) which will assess needs and motivations for a new and different dining space and make a recommendation.
- A Kitchen Committee (comprised of Garry Crane, John Dean, Frank Mastro, Cheryl Poirier, Gail Roberts, Jim Weston) which will propose a recommendation for a major kitchen renovation.

The Camp Committee has also designated an architect to help us realize our vision:

- Architect Anne Whitney of Portsmouth NH, who has extensive experience in working on historic structures and lives and volunteers in a historic preservation-minded town and came highly recommended by one of our committee members based on personal experience.

The three committees and architect will of course work closely together. A first all-committees + architect meeting was held November 30, 2017 to essentially level-set – share information about work done in the past, review a draft statement of needs and considerations, ask questions and share observations.

CRC community members are invited to a Conant Lodge Planning Projects page on our web site under the “About CRC” tab to

- Understand more about the history of the projects, their current organization
- Understand the overall plan and schedule, which involves the intent to run a capital campaign in 2019 to help fund any improvements decided on
- Stay informed of the projects status
- Provide your input on the work if you wish.

CAMP WISHLIST 2018

The AMC Cold River Camp Wish List is a way to encourage giving to tangible causes to help improve camp life. If you like to see where your money goes, donating to the Wish List could be for you! All contributions are tax deductible. All donors are recognized on the Cold River Camp website and in The Little Deer Dispatch or you can choose to remain anonymous. You do not have to fund an entire item. The AMC Cold River Camp Committee is deeply appreciative of those who can and do give that extra support to the Cold River Camp community with generous gifts of time, money or goods.

2018 WISH LIST

1. Game camera – to see what animals are in camp when we're asleep or not there (about \$500).
2. Furniture repair and replacement fund – for Lodge porch, Lodge and cabins. Cost varies with repair or replacement.
3. Washable blankets (\$90 to \$120 each).
4. Underwriting some or all of the production costs of The Little Deer Dispatch (about \$1,500 annually).
5. Mattresses for the ongoing "Mattress replacement program" (about \$250 each).

Contact Emma Crane at amc.crcwishlist@gmail.com if you have questions about making a donation. Checks should be made out to the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) and sent to Dick Goettle, CRC Treasurer, 433 NH Route 119 East, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447, with an indications of what the donation is for.

THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS IN 2017

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to our 2017 donors from the AMC Cold River Camp Committee on behalf of the camp community and the Appalachian Mountain Club. We greatly appreciate your generosity in monetary or material donations and recognize your commitment to the present enjoyment and future good of Cold river Camp. Our sincere apologies if we missed someone!

Susan S. Ahern, Norman L. and Brenda E. Major, Dorothy K. West, Linda Camerato, Jayne Merrick, Bob and Susan Mair, Sara and Will Urban, Wendy C. Goldfarb, Christopher Jone, David and Connie Beattie, George and Edna Moody, Elizabeth Wisler, Susan Champeny, Janet Wiseman and Joseph Brevard, Tim and Ann Prindle, Geoffrey Rice, Marcy Pouliot, Kate Leary and Andrew Malone, Maggan Bolduc and Michael Arbasetti, Scott and Phyllis Rowley, Norm and Kate Thibeault, Carol Irving Foundation, Richard and Mary Jane Cheever, Derek Cheever and Jane Suda, Nancy Weinreich, Philip Werner and Meryl Cohen, David and Anne Gotz, Shani Delaney and Lev Kaufman, Bill Fuchs, Glenn Palmer and Barbara Krause, Ross Lanius, Jr., Joel Deitz and Barbara Berko, Wendy Burke, Steve Fink and Maria Palmisano, Lynn C. Murray, John and Liz Dean, Anonymous.

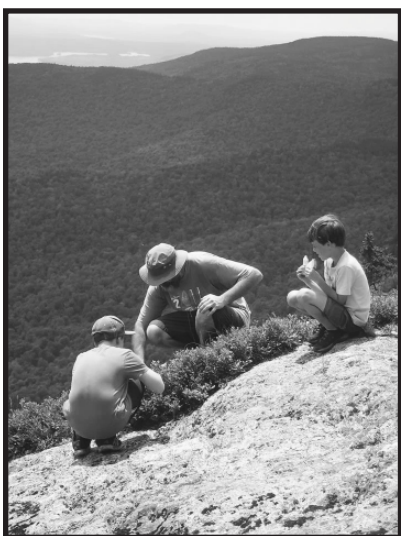
COLD RIVER CAMP PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY

Cell phone coverage is not available in camp. Coverage is available within a few miles of camp along the state highway. A phone that requires the use of a phone card is available in camp for guests.

The Cold River Camp experience centers on enjoyment of nature and guest interactions, away from the routine of everyday life. Accordingly, our personal electronic devices policy is: Device use in the lodge, the lodge porch, and library is limited to reading. ♦ Any form of device communication (voice/text/email, etc., incoming or outgoing) should be done discretely, away from other guests, and away from the lodge, lodge porch and library. ♦ Device use for personal entertainment (e.g., watching videos or playing video games) is limited to the guest cabins, and at noise levels unobtrusive to guest passers-by. ♦ Cords and device charging are to be kept within the confines of the charging station area in the Rec Hall.

Recognizing the occasional need of some guests to communicate with the outside world or to do personal work, Wi-Fi access is available solely for those purposes, as a courtesy, in the area outside the camp office and in the Rec Hall. The Rec Hall is available for quietly doing personal work, shared with other uses, between the hours of 7:30 AM and 9:30 PM and outside of scheduled activities there. The camp office itself is off-limits.

♦ *Guest PED policy adopted as of March 2014*



FOOD STATEMENT 2018

CRC takes pride in serving appetizing, hearty and healthful family-style meals, and strives to provide a variety of options to appeal to a diversity of guests' tastes.

TYPICAL DAILY MENU:

Breakfast - hot and cold cereal; fruit; an egg dish, pancakes, or french toast, often accompanied by a breakfast meat.

Lunch - Variety galore on the trail lunch table, including assorted breads, deli meats, cheeses, PB & J, veggies, fruit and snack items.

Dinner - salad, home made bread, a main entrée accompanied by at least one vegetable side, and dessert.

Soy milk is available at all meals.

With advanced guest notification we can often meet vegetarian, lactose-free, and gluten-free diets. We can also accommodate some food allergies. Due to the nature of our family style food service and finite kitchen resources, we provide a pre-planned menu for each meal. Please call the camp managers *prior to your week* to discuss accomodating your dietary needs.

Please note: CRC does not provide Lactaid milk; guests are welcome to bring their own to be stored for them. Guests with gluten free diets are asked to bring gluten free pasta, bread, and muffin mix for the camp chef to prepare. Ice is available for guests that choose to bring coolers to store their preferred snacks and beverages.



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