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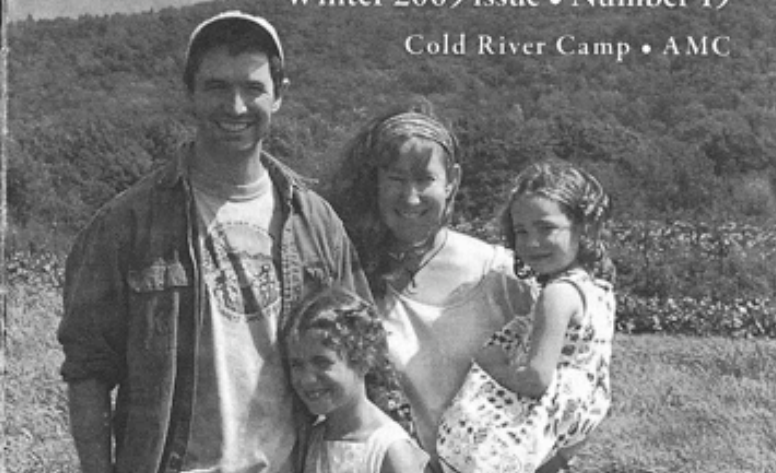
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MANAGERS' WELCOME

Exeter, New Hampshire, February 2009

Greetings! Though it has been a great winter for snow in our hometown of Exeter, NH, we have spent some of it thinking about the summer days ahead. This will be our first summer as managers of Cold River Camp. Laurie and I and our two daughters, Ruby and Sadie, are looking forward to meeting and welcoming you.

From reading past issues of the *Little Deer Dispatch*, it is clear to us how much shared history and community is tied up in this tiny corner of the New Hampshire. It is a place that quickly carves a niche in one's heart. We are very excited to become a part of it. We hope that you will share your memories, your favorite hiking routes, and your new ideas with us.

Though we are new to Cold River, the White Mountains are old friends. We have wandered their craggy peaks and glacially-scoured valleys and marveled at all the varying seasons. We can hardly wait to experience them along with you through the lens of Evan's Notch. Welcome.

Jim DiCarlo and Laurie Barr, Cold River Camp Managers 2009 •

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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Lebanon, New Hampshire, February 2009

Last year, 2008, was a busy year for Cold River Camp. Looking at the reports from the Managers, Chris Clyne and Ned Beecher, and the survey forms from guests, even with the July rains, everyone managed to have a good time. And yes, I do look at all the survey forms that you fill out. They provide a valuable resource of input on how we are doing and how we can make Camp an even better place.

As most of you have heard, Chris and Ned are retiring as Camp's summer managers due to Ned's job making it difficult for him to spend 10 weeks at Camp. During their tenure, Chris and Ned maintained the old traditions and maybe started some new ones. If you were in camp the weeks that the "Breakfast on Baldface" was held, I'm sure you will agree it was a tremendous hit. The good news is that Chris and Ned continue to be involved in Camp. Chris will be back as Extension manager.

I am pleased to announce the Camp's new Summer Managers. They are Laurie Barr and Jim DiCarlo. Jim is a teacher at Phillips Exeter Academy, an accomplished musician, and woodworker. Laurie, also a teacher, is currently a full time mother to their two daughters. Jim reports the entire family is excited about working at CRC and meeting everyone. Right now they are working on hiring a crew and cook. We anticipate that Jason will return as cook for the summer as well as several members of last year's crew.

By a unanimous vote of the Camp Committee, Cold River, starting in 2009, will be a smoke free area both in building and on the grounds. This policy will apply to both crew and guests. It comes about from your comments on the survey sheets and the committee's concern about fire hazards.

For those of you who love and enjoy Camp's extension season, we have 2 extra days this year. Extension season will end on Monday giving an extra full weekend. Because Labor Day is late this year and falls in the middle of Extension season, I urge you to make your reservations early. The extension crew is primarily volunteers, meals are served cafeteria style in the kitchen, and guests are expected to bring their trays and dishes back to the kitchen at the end of the meal. Camp, also, does not provide sheets and towels at extension. Chris tells me that Todd Barber will be back as cook. If you are interested in volunteering for Extension Crew contact me.

Frank Mastro, CRC Committee Chair 2009 •

From the LLD Editor/Designer: I hope that this *Little Deer Dispatch* will help inform and inspire as you plan your 2009 summer vacation into the Cold River Valley. If you have any CRC articles, photographs, stories and history that you would like to share in future *Dispatches*, please send to me. Thanks for your continued interest in, and support of, Cold River Camp. - Mark Winkler •



CHATHAM TRAILS ASSOCIATION

22 GROVE PLACE, UNIT 29, WINCHESTER, MA 01890

In 1922 a group of Cold River Camp volunteers formed CTA to improve hiking in the Evans Notch and make Cold River Camp a premier hiking destination. In the early years before the National Forest had a trail system, the "trailbuilders" set out to create new routes and build new trails so hikers could enjoy scenic and interesting areas. Today, the volunteers of CTA continue that tradition but with a purpose of maintaining about 40 miles of trails, a task that becomes more important as trail use increases and the Forest Service's already tight budget is further reduced by the need to redirect resources to fighting severe forest fires. This of course decreases their ability to maintain the trails.

This season CTA reported to the Forest Service 535 hours of work on our trails. Memorial Day weekend over 40 volunteers gathered to perform basic maintenance of cleaning and repairing waterbars and drainage ditches, removing blown down trees and cutting brush along the trails. Thirty-six new trail signs made by **Sandy and John Finn** were installed at trail intersections. The volunteers also do an assessment of trail conditions and the work needed. This assessment is an important tool used by CTA and the Forest Service to plan future work. During our second weekend, a National Trails Day event, work continued on trail improvement projects.

In July CTA members led a Trail Stewardship Hike for guests, partnering with CRC leaders on a hike to learn about trail construction and maintenance.

Trail Adopters play a key role in keeping the trails in good condition. Adopters hike their trail three or four times each season performing basic maintenance and monitoring trail conditions. CTA members have adopted 12 miles of trail. The commitment of these hikers is helping our stewardship efforts become year round. If you would like to adopt a trail (or part of a trail) contact us. We will provide tools, training and support.

The Brickett Place wilderness information center is an important asset to Evans Notch. The exhibits describe the history of the area and the National Forest. The USFS, CTA, AMC and CRC are working together to improve the exhibits and keep the center open on more days.

CTA members designed an embroidered patch which you will see displayed on their packs or jackets. Two members are working with the Chatham Historical Society to organize and preserve the history of CTA. The IRS approved our application for non-profit 501(c) 3 status. Contributions to CTA are tax deductible.

Plans are in the works for the 2009 season. The traditional "spring cleaning" of the trails will begin Memorial Weekend, May 22-25. The annual meeting will be Saturday May 23. Our second weekend, May 29-31, will be listed as a National Trails Day event. In addition to the basic maintenance we will continue the work of updating the trail signs and working on trail improvement projects. The weekends will not be all work; there will be plenty of time for old friends to catch up and to welcome new members.

Please join us for a trail weekend. We welcome new members and trail volunteers.

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To help us plan for meals, lodging and work we ask you to register for the trail weekends. You can register for the trail weekends at our website (www.chathamtrails.org) or by returning the Volunteer Opportunity by mail to Chatham Trails Association, 22 Grove Place, Unit 29, Winchester MA 01890.

The success of our work is not achieved by the boots-in-the-mud, tools-in-hand crews alone. Each hour of trail work is backed by hours of supportive work by members engaged in tool maintenance, sign making, camp chores, office and paperwork tasks. Our wishes for 2009 are that new volunteers will join us on the trails, that members will step forward to serve on the Board and that members will help with the tasks that support the trail work. We need help with tool maintenance, sign making, record preservation, the website, and training. Please contact me for more information and to volunteer.

My personal thanks to all of you who supported CTA and contributed to our success through work on the trails, "behind the scenes" support to the trail crews and your support with dues and contributions.

Have a wonderful vacation and enjoyable hiking. As you plan your activities, join us for a work weekend or look for the Trail Stewardship Hike and join us for a day on the trails. For more information or to become a member visit our website.

www.chathamtrails.org

Michael V. Zlogar, CTA President •

Merritt Foster, Vice President.
Corinne Waite, Secretary. Robert Goeke, Treasurer.
Board of Directors: Frank Eastman,
Betsy Goeke, Ted Barrett, Ann Landers



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COLD RIVER CAMP 2009 SEASON RATES

	6/27-8/29	8/29 - 9/14
Adult (17-yr & over)	\$495/wk	\$55/day
Youth (12-yr to 16-yr)*	\$415/wk	\$50/day
Child (2-yr to 11-yr)*	\$310/wk	\$50/day
Child under 2-yr*	\$155/wk	\$50/day

*in same cabin with parents/adults. Age is as of 7/1/2009.

All inclusive summer and extension rates cover all meals, lodging, taxes, activities, firewood, ice, and support of AMC programs. Non-AMC members please add 10%. For July/August reservations are full-week, Saturday to Saturday. Partial week reservations only accepted after 6/21 with a minimum stay of 3 nights. The daily rate is 20% of weekly rate. Maximum 10 (ten) names per reservation envelope.

- Deposit of \$200/person/week (\$100/person for extension season).
- Reservations processed by lottery in postmark order commencing with April 1. Do not mail before April 1, 2009.
- Payment: Only Cash or Checks are accepted. Camp cannot accept credit cards. Make checks payable to AMC-Cold River Camp.
- Please provide self-addressed-stamped-envelope for confirmation/reply.
- Please ensure each and every person registering has provided an appropriately signed AMC release form. Without these forms, the reservation request will be rejected.
- See *AMC Outdoors* March 2009 or amccoldrivercamp.org for further info.

Cancellations received prior to May 30 will obtain a 50% refund of deposit. No refund will be allowed after that date. Reservation deposits are not transferable. In fairness to those denied space, any cancellations received within two weeks of your arrival date will be billed in full for your entire scheduled stay.

MAIL RESERVATIONS FROM APRIL 1 TO JUNE 21 to: Lois Winkler, Registrar, 17 Southview St., Pleasantville, NY 10570. (914) 747-3194 before 9pm, please.

MAIL RESERVATIONS AFTER JUNE 21 to: Jim DiCarlo and Laurie Barr, Managers, Cold River Camp, 32 AMC Road, Chatham, NH 03813-5201 603-694-3291 •

OPENING WEEKEND 2009 - INVITATION

At the 2008 Opening Weekend, the Vice-Chair described the crew of volunteers who showed up as a group "...that figured they might as well open Camp while waiting for Happy Hour to start!" I do not know if we were that casual about it, but the hard work of Opening was done by mid-afternoon Saturday and we had a great gathering before one of Todd's excellent meals! Think about joining us this year over the weekend of May 2-3, 2009. We can promise rewarding work and many "happy hours." Families welcome. Contact: Ted Shwartz, tedshwartz@verizon.net Volunteer Coordinator for more information and to RSVP.

Bill & Kathy Waste, Opening Weekend Coordinators •

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2009 AMC Cold River Camp Application

Winter 2009

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 & number) _____
Children's Age & Sex _____
(as of 7/1/2009) _____

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Car License plate #: _____

Email: _____

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

• Make checks payable to: AMC-COLD RIVER CAMP

• PLEASE include a: Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope with reservation request.

• Each person registering must submit with reservation signed copy of AMC release form on back.

• Optional: Emergency Contact or Family Physician: _____ ph: _____

Do not send before April 1, 2009 Signed: _____ date: _____

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Approved January 2006
AMC VOLUNTEER MANAGED FACILITIES
ACKNOWLEDGMENT 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 parent/s or guardian/s (hereafter collectively 'parent/s') must also sign. In consideration 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 parent/s of a minor participant), acknowledge and agree as follows:

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT 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 free or independent time) occur in a variety of locations in the U.S. and include the 'August Camp' program. Activities may include, but are not limited to hiking, biking, skiing, 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 parent/s 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; misjudgments 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 assure participant's safety or eliminate any of these risks. Participant is voluntarily participating with knowledge of the risks. Therefore, participant (and parent/s of minors) assume and accept 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 parent/s for themselves and for and on behalf of their participating minor child) 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/my child's enrollment or participation in these activities, or use of AMC equipment, facilities or premises. I understand I agree here to waive all claim/s 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;

(2) to defend and indemnify ('indemnify' meaning protect by reimbursement or payment) AMC with respect to any and all claim/s 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/my child's enrollment or participation in these activities or use of AMC equipment, facilities or premises.

This Release and Indemnity Agreement includes claim/s resulting from AMC's negligence (but not its gross negligence or intentional or reckless misconduct), and includes claim/s for personal injury or wrongful death (including claim/s related to emergency or medical response, assessment 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 mediation, suit, or other proceeding must be filed or entered into 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 parent/s of a minor participant agree: I have carefully read, understand 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 parent/s must sign below for any participating minor (those under 18 years of age).

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

CRC TRIP LEADERS - 2009 SCHEDULE

Week #1: June 27 - July 4 Bob Crane N PT Emma Crane N PT Chet Kaplan C Corinne Waite	Week #2: July 4 - 11 Garry Crane Elli Goeke N Art Wright C P	Week #3: July 11 - 18 Bob Cross C Larry Fink Elli Goeke N
Week #4: July 18 - 25 Bill Gross C Corinne Waite N Dwight Wilder	Week #5: July 25 - Aug. 1 Jim Gorman N C Chris McArdle PT P Hannah McArdle PT Russ Patera	Week #6: Aug. 1 - 8 Jim Gorman Chris McArdle N Antonia Woods C P
Week #7: Aug. 8 - 15 Elli Goeke N Jim Liptack C Ann Prindle	Week #8: Aug. 15 - 22 Bill Fuchs N C Tom Grasso Marvin Swartz	Week #9: Aug. 22 - 29 Mike Arnott N PT Ann Piascik P Antonia Woods C Mary White N PT
Ext. #1: Aug. 29 - Sept. 5 Mark Levine C Hal Sussman P	Ext. #2: Sept. 5 - 12 Susan Keroes	Coordinator, Naturalist, Part Time Leader, Poetry Night

Cold River Camp Guests—

On behalf of this season's hike and naturalist leaders, we welcome you to CRC. Our goal is to add to the Camp's beautiful scenery, delicious food and warm hospitality by providing enjoyable, diverse and safe hiking experiences for all. If you have a question about a led activity or one you want to do yourself, please ask one of the leaders. Hopefully, we'll know the answer or know where to get it.

Speaking of knowing answers: All CRC leaders are going through certification in wilderness first aid, CPR and accident scene management. Hopefully, we will not need to use the knowledge but it should be comforting to know that it is there.

This year we will have three leaders per week. All will lead hikes of varying difficulty. However, the ones led by naturalists will be sprinkled with interesting information on flora, fauna or rocks depending on the naturalist's expertise. If you have young children with you, make sure they check out the Junior Naturalist Program. And, yes, we may even throw in a canoe trip on the Saco or Androscoggin River, if conditions are right. Evan's Notch -- what a fabulous area to explore and stretch your legs.

We hope you have a wonderful week at Cold River Camp -- hiking, walking, biking, swimming, reading, painting, talking, eating, snoozing: the possibilities are endless.

Emma Crane, CRC Naturalist Coordinator

Bill Gross, CRC Hike Coordinator •

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2009 CTA VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Names(s) _____
 Address _____
 Town/State/Zip _____
 Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Please register us for work weekend:
 Memorial Weekend, May 22-25
 May 29-May 31, National Trails Day Event

I would like help with:

Membership Committee Tools Committee
 Trails Committee Publicity

Mail to volunteer coordinator Sandy Finn,
 1163 Island Pond Road, Manchester, NH 03109 or,
 register at our website www.chathamtrails.org

2009 CTA MEMBERSHIP

Names(s) _____
 Address _____
 Town/State/Zip _____
 Telephone _____ E-mail _____

I/we desire to become a member of CTA or renew membership
 for the year 2009. Enclosed is membership dues
 of \$5 (five dollars) per person for a total of \$ _____

I/we 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-de-
 ductible. Mail this form to Robert Goeke, Treasurer, Chatham Trails Associa-
 tion, Inc., 22 Grove Place, Unit 29, Winchester, MA 01890

Or visit our website

WWW.CHATHAMTRAILS.ORG

www.amccoldrivercamp.org

CRC FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

This past year (2008) was an exciting year for the Facilities Committee. The major project of re-shingling the Lodge was accomplished. Staining of the Lodge was done by a group of dedicated volunteers on CRC's spring work weekend led by Jim Kenyon.

A variety of smaller projects were undertaken. Water lines between the Women's and Men's bathrooms were replaced and re-sloped so they would drain better at the end of the season. This required a lot of hand digging by our contractor Jr Graves to avoid the buried electrical lines.

The committee voted to replace Notchview Cabin. Approximately 20+ years ago, it was noticed that the chimney of Notchview was taking a decided lean towards the ravine. A cable and buried "dead man" were installed to keep the cabin and chimney in place. After many discussions, the CRC committee decided to replace the cabin. Simply moving the cabin and fireplace back from the ravine was determined to be unfeasible due to cost and the amount racking and twisting the cabin has experienced over the years. During the second week of extension, Jr Graves, a local carpenter and general handyman employed by the Camp, with the aid of the Committee's Chair removed the cabin and the existing chimney. A new foundation, designed by Roger Damon an engineer and a long time CRC camper, was installed sufficiently back from the edge of the ravine to assure a long life for the cabin. The cabin will be rebuilt this spring and be ready for occupancy by opening of camp in late June. The new cabin will resemble the old cabin in form but there are some major differences. The stone chimney and fireplace will be gone. Instead the cabin will have a wood stove which is more efficient, safer, and less costly to maintain. The Facilities sub-committee would like to thank John Dean, past CRC Committee Chair, and family for their generous donation that helped to make this happen.

For 2009 we are planning several projects. The major project is to do away with the winter use outhouse and replace it with a composting system. From Oct. 1st until May 1st the camp offers the winterized Convent (female crew cabin) to small groups for a nominal fee. We have identified a composting system that should be adequate for the small groups. We are now looking a location that is both user friendly and cost effective. A ribbon cutting is planned for Columbus Day weekend when camp is officially shuttered for the winter with the exception of Convent. If you are interested in using the Convent for your group, see www.amccoldrivercamp.org for more information.

Another project that is underway is to improve the egress to East and West Speckle by installing decks similar to that put on East and West Royce a couple of years ago. We received a lot of comments about how dark some of the family cabins are and are looking to see how we might provide screen doors for the front of Porter and Owls Nest. If it is feasible, with the unique roof line of these cabins, we will try to have screens installed before opening.

Your feedback about what and how we are doing about Camp's infrastructure is welcomed and needed. You can do this by contacting CRC Committee Chair or any Committee member. •

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In 2007 the Camp established its own website. It has links both to and from the AMC website. The home page for our website provides a space for announcements of events or warnings that may be of interest to or may affect the Camp or campers. It also provides links to a description of CRC, frequently asked questions about CRC, the camp calendar, camp staff, reservation information and the availability of cabins. The site contains pictures of camp activities, an interactive map of camp facilities with links to pictures and descriptions of the public facilities and cabins. An oft-used link is to a short video of the camp horn sounding wake-up or mealtime.

Bob Crane
CRC Webmaster

EXTENSION SEASON 2009 - WELCOME

After the busy summer season at Cold River Camp ends, a peaceful late-summer spell settles on the camp. Please consider joining us for the Extension season this year. All the favorite summer activities continue- the Cold River is a bit colder for swimming, but the cooler temperatures are just right for hiking, and evenings by the fireplace are perfect for reading, visiting, playing games, and working puzzles. The food is delicious and will again be prepared by Chef Todd Barber. This year's Extension calendar includes three weekends, rather than two, and it's common for guests to spend a long weekend at camp.

If you're looking for a working vacation this year, consider joining the Extension crew. Crew members work for one or two weeks approximately six hours per day with at least one day off per week. Duties include light kitchen work and housekeeping, and everyone has the middle of the day free, until 5 p.m., so there's time for a hike, a nap, or visits to local attractions, even on a work day. The crew is a cheerful, relaxed group, and the work environment couldn't be more beautiful - September in Evans Notch. If you'd like more information about this opportunity contact us at chris.clyne@gmail.com.

- Chris Clyne and Ned Beecher, Extension Season Managers •

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT COLD RIVER CAMP

Cold River Camp is successful because of the efforts of its volunteers. All camp activities are overseen by a volunteer committee members assisted by a group of volunteers with special interests and specific responsibilities. The Committee hires the managers and crew for each summer season. Volunteers organize and run a busy off-season schedule of workshops, camp maintenance and trail work. Therefore, when we say that volunteers are the lifeblood of CRC, it's not just an empty phrase -- it really is the truth! 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 -- a simple willingness to help is more important.

How Can I Volunteer at CRC? Volunteering for Cold River Camp takes many forms, and your contributions of time and effort are welcomed in a variety of areas. Please use this form to be contacted (on a "no obligation" basis) about ways you can help CRC.

Hike Leaders/Naturalists: Would you like to be a hike leader or naturalist? Hike leaders receive training and undergo an "apprenticeship" program before they become leaders. Naturalists also receive training. Both hike leaders and naturalists 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 see to it that guests have a good time are much more important.

Maintenance: Keeping CRC's buildings and grounds operating requires continuing effort. Volunteers perform needed maintenance on selected weekends in the spring and fall. Please join us for one or more of these weekends. We get a lot done and have a lot of fun doing it!

People with skills in plumbing, electrical work and carpentry are very welcome. We also need people willing to paint, do landscaping, prune shrubs/trees, do assorted simple jobs, and to cook for the volunteers.

Individual and Committee Activity Involvement: Individuals and committees administer various aspects of CRC life. CRC also hosts a number of weekend conferences and workshops in the off-season. Volunteers make these possible. Some of these opportunities include:

- Maintenance/Facilities
- Extension Season Crew
- Closing Weekend Crew
- Naturalist Weekend Crew
- Flower Gardening
- Annual Reunion Committee
- Winter Season Activities
- Trail Work Weekends (with C.T.A.)
- Camp Opening Weekend Crew
- Publicity & Communication
- Conservation & Education
- Land Management and Planning
- CRC Committee
- Assisting in Other Events / Activities

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CRC VOLUNTEER FORM

If you would like to be contacted about any of these, please circle your choice(s), and mail to:
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 (508) 951-0349 • tedschwartz@verizon.net
 along with your name, interests, and contact information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Daytime phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

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I am interested in _____

(Optional: I have skills or a background in _____
 which I think may be useful to the Camp.) •

THE CONVENT WINTER CABIN

During the summer the building known as 'Convent' serves as quarters for female crew. However, in the off season - October 1st through April 30th - it is available as a 'Winter Cabin' rental. The cabin is winterized and has an efficient wood stove to provide heat and, if need be, a cooking surface. There is electricity in the cabin and a small kitchen area. There are six bunks in the bunk room, but there is plenty of floor space if you want to add more. The kitchen is equipped with a microwave oven, a small refrigerator, a two burner hot plate, a coffee maker and a hot water kettle. There is no running water during the off season and guests have use of the outhouse near the cabin. Guests bring their own water, food, bedding and linens. Blankets, pillows and wood for the stove are provided. In the winter, the driveway gates are locked, so a key is provided. A small area at the edge of 113 is plowed at the northern driveway entrance. The road is not plowed beyond this point. Current rates are \$50/night for the 1st four guests, \$10/night for each additional guest. Payment in advance is requested. If interested please contact the Winter Cabin Registrar for information and reservations. With confirmation of reservation guests receive cabin instructions and where to pick up the key.

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