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the Little Deer Dispatch



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NORTH CHATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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By C.R.

W A B A T C H E L D E R S

CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE, DECEMBER 2018

Greetings, Campers!

There was a lot going on in 2018, much of which will continue into 2019. As you read about the activities and topics in this article and others, I hope you appreciate the breadth and depth of the commitment of so many volunteers and staff of the CRC community that is so necessary to the well-being of Camp. My deepest thanks and appreciation to all of our helpers, continuing, outgoing and incoming!

- Centennial celebration – it's here, this is the year! Turn to page 4 for more.
- Conant Lodge Planning: Still work in progress. More details on page 28
- New summer manager(s) search: Ten years is a terrific run as Camp managers. We're deeply grateful to Jim DiCarlo and Laurie Barr for their devotion to our community and the camp facilities. And it is always a pleasure to watch the managers' kids grow up over the years, in this case Ruby and Sadie. A new manager search committee was formed in October, and has been exploring channels both formal and informal for good candidates. When we have hired someone(s) we will share the news.
- Major volunteer role changes: Jim Greaney is our new Naturalist Coordinator and Jenny Lane our new Junior Naturalist Program Coordinator, both replacing Emma Crane. The CRC Committee new class of 2021 is Nancy Hartle and Tom Weinrich who are 're-upping' from the class of 2018, and Emma Crane. Bob Crane is an outgoing CRC Committee member. Karl Uggerholt has replaced Don Devine as Chatham Trails Association Board of Directors president (see page 19), and so in that capacity Karl also replaces Don on the CRC Committee. Welcome to Karl, and to Bernadette Cassidy as the new CTA BoD vice chair!
- 2019 CRC guest rates: The CRC Committee increased the 2019 rates about 5.3% over 2018, which is somewhat larger than recent prior years. About half of that is due to an increase in the percentage of CRC revenues that go to the broader AMC, for both administrative support of CRC and for AMC initiatives, going from 15% to 20% over a window of five years, but where we're effectively playing catch-up for the past couple of years because of how this change is affordable, but we think it's still a very good bargain!
- Camp Policy changes: After careful consideration – we know there is a spectrum of views on most anything we do - we have added a policy on vaping – prohibited in Camp. We have added a policy on use of aerial drones - generally prohibited, but special exceptions possible at the discretion/permission of camp managers or trip leader. We have also

revised our Personal Electronic Devices policy to allow quiet use of PEDs in the Library, to say PEDs are to be put away during meals, and to generally be more mindful that PED use not be disruptive to other guests.

- Junior Naturalist Program: One of the purposes of separating out the role of Junior Naturalist Program Coordinator is, with former Naturalist Coordinator Emma Crane's encouragement, to have the JNPC review the current program and consider making improvements. Jenny Lane, our new JNPC undertook a dialog this past fall with members of our current CRC Naturalists pool and other AMC naturalist-related staff and volunteers and looked outside the AMC as well, and received lots of interesting suggestions and ideas. The plan for 2019 is to be a time of guided experimentation – to try out some new things. What seems to be really worthwhile and viable can be factored into a CRC 'JNP 2.0' in 2020 and beyond. Jenny herself will tell you more in the Summer issue of the LDD.
- Camp maintenance and improvements: This summer you'll find the Villa cabin moved back a bit from the ravine edge to a safer spot, and a new shed next to the main parking lot that will serve as a guest bike locker in the summer and camp vehicle storage in the winter. (See the separate article on John Fullerton and the bike shed on page 8.) Our dishwasher acted up so frequently and significantly that it was nicknamed Hobart the Horrible, and will likely be replaced in 2019. There is a project now under way, for safety purposes, to convert all of the vertical-swing cabin windows to sliders. Those are just representative examples of the endless and ongoing efforts, large and small, to keep Camp in good shape. With thanks to Frank Mastro, Jim DiCarlo, Dick and Anna Goettle, & David Halloran.
- On-line reservation request system: We have been exploring various ways to affordably get to a system for several years now, including the ability to charge to a credit card. As of September we have a team of five UNH seniors creating a working system for us as their senior project, with a goal of a 'beta' version in April 2019. We'll see how close we get. The system will allow the registrar to continue to perform the same manual batch mode processing magic as today, and will still allow the



fully paper process we use today to coexist indefinitely. We will need to test the heck out of the system it before ever deciding whether/when to deploy it. Many thanks to Mark Weston, Mark and Lois Winkler, Peter Norton, Tom Weinreich, Ned and Chris Clyne; and our UNH student team: Kaylee Kiefaber, Eric Porter, Pengju Shan, Auderien Monareh & Theresia Tjen.

- Long term bathroom planning: Increasing the diversity of guests is a major goal of the AMC, which for CRC in part translates to considering a long term bathroom plan that addresses accessibility and gender neutrality. Turn to page 29 to learn more.
- Long Term Land Use Plan: This is an area that is always on the radar but doesn't seem to quite get real traction given other priorities. However, in 2018 it was explored enough to lead to a contract with a forester (Daniel Stepanauskas) to create a Forest Stewardship Plan in 2019. Part of that output will be a recommendation on tree removal to restore mountain views to some extent, which may then occur in 2019 or 2020.
- Asset Inventory: One of the requests from AMC headquarters, for planning and legal purposes, has been to create an inventory of assets – structures, infrastructure and any/all equipment, costs, year built/purchased/installed and replacement costs. A couple of our volunteers got a rather extensive start on that at Opening last spring, at least a thorough listing of the ‘what’.
- Granite Backcountry Alliance (GBA): The GBA is a volunteer organization that promotes backcountry skiing. They recently obtained permission from the USFS to create some trails in the forest on South Baldface slopes, and the trail cutting activity has begun. The AMC has a good relationship with the GBA, and we intend to cultivate the same for things related to CRC and the Cold River Valley area. For example, we may want to increase our winter cabin capacity.

As you can see, many changes are brewing in the Valley. We welcome the community's input, and look forward to making the Camp an even stronger and more welcoming place for future generations.

See you in Camp!

Gary Munson

AMC Cold River Camp Committee Chair



COLD RIVER CAMP CENTENNIAL

NORTH CHATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

2019 MARKS THE CAMP'S CENTENNIAL YEAR.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMC COLD RIVER CAMP!



The Conant Lodge, in its early days.

On June 27, 1919, papers were passed and Frank Mason, and the Cold River Camp Purchase Committee consisting of Theodore Conant, William May, Minnie Noyes, and Mable Chester took possession of 38 acres of property (which was called "The Ledges" camp) for the AMC. The property, renamed AMC Cold River Camp, had a number of buildings including Headquarters (the current office), Cox, the present library, the Tower, Chapel (Barracks), a tennis court, and a cold spring.

Cold River Camp began operations on that late June day with a capacity of 18 beds in six buildings and four tents. The first season was highly successful, and extended past mid-September. A large variety of guests attended. Most were from New England. Guest registrations included individuals from the following locations: Massachusetts, Connecticut, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Ohio, New Jersey, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Washington, D.C., Maine, Tennessee, Michigan, Kentucky, and Puerto Rico.

This year, the Cold River Camp Committee, through the efforts of the Centennial subcommittee, has planned a variety of ways for you to help celebrate the Camp's Centennial in 2019.

- You can attend a special one-hour Centennial Celebration at Camp on Saturday, May 11 at 2 PM. This will include the unveiling of a Centennial Plaque at the Centennial Rocks sitting area, and the introduction of the

- 25 Year Time Mailbox (more detail on that below). Please note; if you are planning to come up to Camp for this event we do encourage you to stay for the afternoon, but there will not be any overnight accommodations available for visitors. We will be sending an email to everyone with more details later, so look for it in your inbox. If you are not on the Camp's email list, please go to the Camp's website (<https://www.amccoldrivercamp.org>) and put your email address in the section labeled "Join our mailing list today!"
- Another way to celebrate the Centennial year is to sign up as a guest for the regular summer season or Extension in 2019. There will be special centennial activities at Camp each week for guests. This will include featured programs related to the Bicknell Ridge Trail, which is a historic trail constructed by the Cold River Camp Community in the early 1940s in the White Mountain National Forest. In addition, there will be an opportunity for the children of today to talk to and encourage their children to have great outdoors experiences at Cold River Camp by sharing their Cold River Camp experiences each week in a special 25-year time repeat-use Cold River Camp Time Mailbox. The main contents of this Time Mailbox will be single page letters written by children (up to age 18) at Camp during the Centennial summer. The repeat-use Time Mailbox will also accept letters from adults at Camp who would like to have their observations and experiences included using the same single page format as the submissions from children. The Time Mailbox will be mounted on the wall in the Rec Hall, and be re-opened during the summer of 2044. Look for other Centennial activities at Camp during your stay, and consider purchasing Centennial remembrances (swag) at Camp. Help celebrate with new and old friends who are part of the Cold River Camp Community by being a guest during this notable Centennial year.
 - Whether or not you can join us at Cold River Camp in 2019, you can celebrate CRC's centennial by purchasing Reflections; a new 352 page history of our beloved CRC. Bob and Emma Crane have written a wonderful history of Camp from its inception in 1919 through the summer of 2018. The book is filled with history, stories, and remembrances from 25 guests and photographs spanning CRC's 100 years. You'll be able to find Reflections on the AMC bookstore website and at Camp in 2019. You can also attend a Workshop at the 2019 AMC Annual Summit in Norwood, MA on Saturday, January 26 where Bob and Emma will be making a presentation at 1:30 PM on the history of Cold River Camp. See the AMC website for details.

We look forward to the next 100 Years of Friendship and Hiking at AMC Cold River Camp!

From John Dean and the Centennial Sub-Committee

REFLECTIONS

100 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP AND HIKING AT AMC COLD RIVER CAMP

The new 352-page history of our beloved Cold River Camp (CRC), is available now through the AMC Bookstore website, outdoors.org, just in time for holiday gift giving. It will also be available for purchase next summer at Camp and at our Centennial Celebration at Camp on May 11, 2019.

Since it is the people that make Cold River Camp so special, we asked our guests to provide their memories along with photographs. Twenty-five guests responded and these are included along with memories from our two oldest volunteers, Ted Barrett and Roger Damon, Jr. These memories not only provide an interesting collection of remembrances, but they also give the reader a sense of the rich history of Camp as told through the individual story tellers experiences over the many past decades.

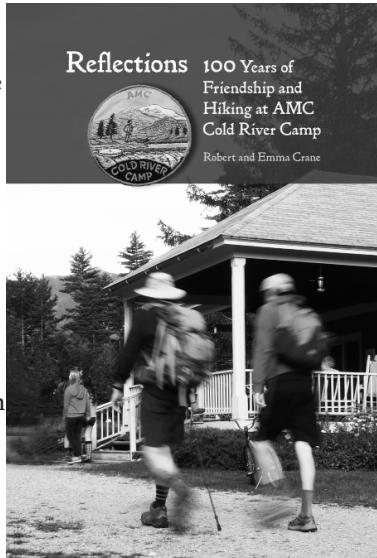
We've also included "fun stuff" along with a selection of Camp traditions, songs, poetry and art, as well as a timeline of land acquisition and buildings and the Annual Reports sent to the AMC from 1926 through 1956.

Over 250 photographs provide visual history as well and record changes in the physical appearance of CRC over the years.

Come along and reflect on the first one hundred years of CRC and how it has changed, but how it still retains its timeless atmosphere.

Robert and Emma Crane

Authors of *Reflections: 100 Years of Friendship and Hiking at AMC Cold River Camp*



FULLERTON BIKE SHED

The Cold River Camp community will benefit from the generous gift of a new bicycle shed, given by the Fullerton family in honor of their grandfather and great-grandfather, John H. Fullerton. John was a long-time visitor to Camp, World War II veteran, and a former CRC croo member. Read the essay below from John's granddaughter, Kari Anderson, to learn more about John's love of life, and about his many contributions to the Camp over the decades.

Our close-knit family is thrilled by the opportunity to commemorate and celebrate the long, productive life of our loving and kind father/grandfather/great-grandfather, John H. Fullerton, by supporting the building of the new bicycle shed at the AMC's Cold River Camp.

It's hard to think of anything that John was more passionate about than those activities: being at Cold River Camp and bike riding. John's relationship with Cold River began in 1940, about the same time he purchased his first bicycle. He loved them both for over 75 years, which extended beyond his last visit in 2013. Being able to support both the camp and bike riding in our contribution to Cold River would certainly make John flash one of his signature broad and lop-sided grins.

John used money saved from odd jobs over a couple of years to buy his first and only bicycle when he was 16, living in Roslindale, Massachusetts. It was a Raleigh road and racing bike. It was a beautiful, well-made bike with a sturdy frame, slim leather seat, racing handle bars and unusual English Sturmey-Archer hub disc brakes that were impervious to rain and wet conditions. He meticulously maintained and rode that same bike for over 60 years, well into his 80s.

In the 1930's when cars were a luxury for the wealthy, bicycles provided young adults the freedom to explore their world. John brought his bike to Cold River Camp during the two summers he worked there. He used it during his one day off each week to visit many of the furthest surrounding towns, including taking a trip to Center Sandwich or biking over Evans Notch on a dirt road to Bethel on route 2 and back.

When he was in college at Yale, he even rode his bike 160 miles in one day on the back roads from New Haven to Boston



John Fullerton

for the Thanksgiving holiday. When he retired, he pulled the bike out of the basement, lovingly refurbished all the moving parts, including all of the individual spokes on both wheels, and took it on weekend and vacation rides in many rural corners of New England. He knew how to take care of things and make things last.

When we were teenagers, he sheepishly admitted to us that he rode it many times during high school and college wearing a rented tuxedo to elegant high society Boston debutante balls, stashing the bike in the bushes a few blocks from the party so none of the wealthier guests would know his modest means of transportation. He said he got invited to those debutante events because he was a good dancer.

This is the same bike he rode to court his future wife, Olive, "Pat" Dennen. Once married and with a family, John would bring his wife and three children to Cold River Camp each summer, creating a tradition that would extend for four generations.

Our Dad was introduced to Cold River in 1940 by Phil Bridgess, his high school advanced math teacher at The Roxbury Latin School near Boston. Phil was an avid AMC volunteer, and was had been hired as the Cold River Camp Manager sometime in the 1930s. During the summer of 1940, one of the college croo working at the Camp was injured trying to set a new record on the 10 mile Baldface Circle Trail. Since he need a replacement, Phil thought of and telephoned his best math student, John, and asked him to fill-in for the balance of the season. John worked as a kitchen assistant that summer, prepping vegetables, waiting on tables, washing dishes by hand and, occasionally, happily churning ice cream.

At the end of that 1940 summer, Phil asked John to come back as croo for the summer season of 1941. That second summer, based on John's warm personality and smarts, Phil gave him the responsibility of driving the Camp's classic 1938 Ford station wagon back and forth to the train station in North Conway to deliver guests to and from Camp, and to handle the daily milk run from the pasteurizing dairy in Fryeburg. In between deliveries, he worked in the woods, and filled the Lodge and each of the cabins with split firewood. Therefore, it is even more fitting that the new shed will house the camp vehicle, the successor to the old Ford he once drove, as well as bikes



during the summer.

Our Dad was not afraid of hard work. He immensely enjoyed the exquisite natural beauty of the New England mountains, the camaraderie of the hard working camp staff and the guests, and particularly appreciated the antics of the Camp cook that year, Mr. King. He relished the challenge and appreciated the beauty of many scenic hikes with the other staff on their days off, which sometimes included a stop in a nearby town where they could find chocolate bars and hamburgers.

For his whole life, the Bald Face Circle was his favorite hike. He and some of the Camp crew would challenge each other every year to set new better times from start to finish. Perhaps he was most proud as an adult guest at the Camp with his family when one of his children, and later his grandchildren and great grandchildren, mastered Bald Face for the first time.

He certainly had a very warm spot in his heart for the Bicknell Ridge Trail. Pa Bicknell died in the summer of 1941 and John was part of the Cold River Camp team that built that 2.5 mile trail in honor of Pa Bicknell. John said part of the team went ahead and strung the route and the rest of the team cut, hacked and marked the trail in a long day's work.

For an inner city boy from a family of modest means the summer job at the Cold River Camp was an unexpected dream come true. His \$5 per



Fullerton family on a hike.

week salary was just an extra bonus. It was a wonderful time.

The dark and terrible storm clouds caused by the Second World War disrupted everyone's life in the following years. Because of his math skills, Phil Bridgess was made an officer in the Navy Aviation Corp and sent to Florida to train pilots in air navigation. John enlisted in the Navy ROTC

program at Yale. After he graduated with a civil engineering degree with highest honors on an accelerated basis in early 1944 after only three years, he was commissioned as an Ensign.

Two weeks after graduation, he was shipped out to the island of Tinian in the Pacific Ocean in charge of a 400 men and heavy equipment Seabees construction unit. He was in charge of building, maintaining and constantly camouflaging three extended hard packed dirt landing strips and their related flight hangers used by Air Force B52 planes in the war against Japan.

There was no time to go back to Cold River. But some of the skills John learned during his summers at Cold River, such as working and living in the outdoors, organizing and managing work crews, or adapting to the weather and what/who was available to work with at any given time, helped him succeed in his command position in the wartime Pacific theatre. It was highly kept secret, even to John's wife of 48 years, that the island of Tinian was where the Navy cruiser, the USS Indianapolis, docked to disembark the two atomic bombs that were loaded onto the Enola Gay, the B-29 super fortress bomber.

During his service in the Pacific, John must have longed for summers in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. After the war was over and he was discharged to return home to Boston, Cold River Camp was a welcome refuge and one of John's favorite places. Phil Bridgess had returned to teaching and resumed his role as Camp Manager. He immediately recruited John's support, this time as a volunteer in the AMC organization. Initially, and for many years, John managed the business and bank accounts for Cold River Camp. He was appointed to the Camp Committee and served as Chairman for several years. He also volunteered to work on the opening and closing weekend work crews.

John was very proud that he was able to use his Yale engineering degree to design and oversee the construction of Cold River Camp's new automated water delivery and tanking system, as well as the Camp's second shared bathroom and shower facility.

Each summer, he arranged our family's wonderful annual vacation week at Cold River Camp. The excitement and anticipation started weeks in advance: packing trunks and duffle bags, buying sunscreen, bug repellent, and matches for the oil lanterns, and then piling into the car for the single lane highway trip from Boston to the camp. It was a 7-9 hour drive, depending on the quality of the dirt road that year and sometimes a flat tire or overheated engine along the way.

This summer tradition continued when John began bringing his grandchildren back to Cold River Camp. It is a place where time seemed to stand still and where a focus on nature and family was the norm. The grandchildren, now returning in their 20's and 30's, delight to see the same cheese cubes at lunch that they ate as kids, revisit nearby blueberry patches, and

experience the pure air of the White Mountains. In addition to hiking, ball games, canoe trips, and talent shows, there were regular trips for ice cream to the Stow store that were always a treat.

At Camp, our usually quiet Dad delighted showing off square dance steps that he learned while on Camp croo and also performing stand-up comedy routines in the talent show night. In more recent years, his annual tradition was a reading of "A Letter from Home" which always had the audience, including his grandchildren, in stitches. His son, David, rekindled this tradition last summer, where John's great-grandchildren experienced this humor for the first time. John told us that the key to the success and attraction of Cold River was the willingness of the guests to volunteer and give of themselves so everyone could have fun.

It was at Cold River Camp, and only much later when John was in his seventies, that he was finally willing to speak about his war experiences to us. He was proud of the dedication, bravery and sacrifices of the American soldiers and sailors, but also keenly aware and horrified by the enormous suffering and pain caused by the war to both sides. Camp was a safe and healing place for him.

Our father was the strength and the core of our family. He taught us to be dependable, gentle, loving, personable, and generous to others, especially to people different or less fortunate than us. He quietly led by example. He wanted us to make our own decisions and follow our interests but, based on his life, we knew fundamentally that, regardless of the path we took, we had to be honest, hardworking, and loyal.

With all our summer trips to Cold River Camp together, we learned to love each other and to love the outdoors and the magic of Cold River Camp. He was so proud when he saw how much his children, his grandchildren and his great-grandchildren loved to ride those camp bikes around the grounds in the afternoon, after a long day of hiking, while the sun went down over the flag pole, until the horn called us all to dinner in the Lodge. We are so very grateful to him for introducing us to Cold River Camp, a place for multiple generations to connect, but most of all, for providing us with so much love in our lives.

Obviously, family has grown and many have moved to distant parts of the US, so Cold River Camp has become an even more meaningful vacation today. John's favorite vacation spot is now our means of keeping the extended family connected and close. Last summer, the Camp had to allocate two cabins and the Tower to accommodate us all! And we are all very excited for next summer when we get the chance to see the newest addition to Camp, the bicycle shed build in the tradition and style befitting such a special spot.

We look forward to continuing our Dad's tradition at Cold River,
Kari Anderson

COLD RIVER CAMP WISH LIST

HELP MAKE CAMP BETTER FOR ALL

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.

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 \$2,200 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 indication of what the donation is for.

THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS IN 2018

A heartfelt THANK YOU from the AMC Cold River Camp Committee to our 2018 donors 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!

Martha E. Liebbrandt, Mary Elizabeth Merrick, Nancy and Jim Miller, John Stern, Stuart Heller, Patricia Stratton, Paul Goldberg, Marvin and Judy Swartz, Steve Fink, Marina Palmisano, Carol Irving Foundation/Wendy S. Burke, Lisa McClellan, David and Connie Beattie, Edna and George Moody, Michael and Jocelyn Charles, Dawn Sangrey and Paul Fargis, Ben and Bernice Gotz, David and Anne Gotz, Josh Gotz, Roberta Kaufman, Ethan and Este Pope, Kate Leary and Andrew Malone, Maggan Bolduc and Michael Arbasetti, Richard and Mary Jane Cheever, Jana Odette and Van McGlasson, Nancy Weinreich, David and Jackie Magagnose, Janet Wineman and Joseph Brevard, Chris and Colin McArdle, Ann and Tim Prindle, Kate and Norm Thibeault, Derek and Jessie Towle, Jenny Lane, Jim and Angela Liptack, Tom Price, David and Mary Graham, Glenn Palmer and Barbara Krause, Barbara Berko, David and Pamela Fullerton, Jean Fullerton, Marnie Bolstad, Lynn Christensen & the Shwartz Family Foundation.

COLD RIVER CAMP 2019 RATES

	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Extension</u>
Adult (17-yr & over)	\$632/wk	\$79/day
Youth (12-yr to 16-yr)*	\$506-/wk	\$63/day
Child (3-yr to 11-yr)*	\$379/wk	\$47/day
Child under 3-yr*	\$190/wk	\$24/day

*in same cabin with parent/adult. Age is as of 1/1/2019. 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 Camp now offers a Sampler program, allowing guests to choose to stay for 3 or 4 nights.

General guidelines:

- Refer to www.amccoldrivercamp.org for information about shorter stays at Camp.
- Deposits are required of \$200 per person per week during the summer season. Balance paid at camp.
- Deposit of \$100 per person during the extension season. Balance paid at Camp.
- 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. amccoldrivercamp.org

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

YOUR 2019 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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- 3.
- 2.
- 1.

Address: _____
City: _____
Zip: _____

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

Car License Plate #: _____

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- 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, 2019 Signed: _____ Date: _____

**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 parents' 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:

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 parents 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) thereafter

(c) to release and/or agree not to sue AMC, and its officers, directors, employees, contractors, agents, or anyone acting on my behalf, from any and all claims or causes of action, including attorney's fees and costs, that I may have against AMC, and its officers, directors, employees, contractors, agents, or anyone acting on my behalf, for any injury, damage, death or other loss in any way connected with my child's enrollment or participation in these activities, or use of AMC equipment, facilities or premises. I understand and 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 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 claims 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	Participant Signature	Date	Print name here
Parent or Guardian Signature	Date	Print name here	Participant Signature	Date	Print name here
Parent or Guardian Signature	Date	Print name here	Participant Signature	Date	Print name here

Approved January 2010

EXTENSION & OFF-SEASON 2019

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. Use the summer season reservation form and specify the dates of arrival and departure. For more details and rates, please see page 14 and 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.com

Mid-May to mid-June:

Minimum stay: 2 nights

Minimum group size: 15 (1 leader stays free)

\$79/person/night (all meals included)

Mid-September to mid-October:

Minimum stay: 2 nights

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

\$79/person/night (all meals included)

Fall Foliage Self Service:

September 8 – October 12 (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



CHATHAM TRAILS ASSOCIATION

After seven years of leading Chatham Trails Association, Don Devine has decided to retire as President. Don has been a long time member of the Cold River Camp community, and under his guidance and stewardship, the CTA has implemented a number of changes to strengthen the organization, increase its membership, and improve its relationship within the hiking club community and our partners in the National Forest organization. Don has graciously agreed to stay on the Board of Directors for the next year to ensure a smooth transition.

2018 Trail update – through the continued efforts of our volunteers and support of the CRC community we had another successful year maintaining the trails around CRC and the Evans Notch area. Our largest project, a relocation of a badly eroded section of the Stone House trail, was completed in September in conjunction with a crew from the Student Conservation Association. The new section of trail is built to current sustainable design standards with an average grade of 10% which will provide a much more comfortable hike.

2019 planning - We depend on trail volunteers to complete our work and are once again planning on three trail work weekends in 2019 based at Cold River Camp. All levels of experience are welcome. We provide the tools, training, supervision, room and board, and a spirit of camaraderie. Student outdoor organizations (college and high school) are welcome. Contact president@ChathamTrails.org more information.

Upcoming Trail Work Weekends (plan to arrive Friday)

- **May 24-27, 2019 (Memorial Day weekend)**
- **May 31 - June 2, 2019 (National Trails Weekend)**
- **September 27-29, 2019**

Register for work weekends at www.ChathamTrails.org. Adopt a portion of one of your favorite hiking trails. Contact Trailmaster@Chatham-Trails.org.

Interested in volunteering? Looking to volunteer for the CTA but can't make it to one of the trail maintenance weekends? We need a few folks to help manage various aspects of the CTA. We currently have the following open volunteer opportunities:

- **Communications/social media director*
- **Fundraising coordinator*
- **Merchandising specialist*

If interested in any of the above opportunities please contact resident@ChathamTrails.org or vicePresident@ChathamTrails.org

*Wishing you the best for 2019,
Karl Uggerholt
President@ChathamTrails.org*

2019 CTA VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Town/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Please register us for work weekend:

Spring 2019 May 24-27

Spring 2019 May 31 - June 2

Fall 2019 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

2019 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

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: _____

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

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

CAMP GARDEN & GROUNDS NEED YOUR HELP!



HAVE A GREEN THUMB? HELP MAINTAIN THE LODGE GARDEN!

Greetings to all you wonderful Cold River Campers and Volunteers!

This message is from Susan and Jackie, the current "Garden Goddesses," and is meant for anyone (god or goddess!) who has had an interest in the CRC gardens or thinks they might have an interest in the future.

Our beautiful gardens have been designed to be as low maintenance as possible, but plants being independent little things, and Mother Nature not always being cooperative, there are regular tasks that do need to be done. (Jackie likes to think of them as "Zen activities" as there is something very calming about working in a garden.)

The Garden Committee is in need of more support, both during work weekends, and during the summer. Although some of us do live fairly nearby, our lives are pretty busy and Susan and Jackie just can't commit to checking on the gardens every week during the Camp season.

Here is our wish list for volunteers:

- One to two Campers to volunteer each week to be the garden Guru for that week. Responsibilities would include doing a bit of weeding and deadheading as needed to keep the gardens looking their best and alerting the Managers to any bigger issues such as insect infestation, looking dead, spreading out of control, etc. As soon as you know what week you are going to be at Camp, let either the Managers or The Garden Committee chairperson know that you are willing to take on this task. And feel free to recruit others to help you while you are there!
- Two or three (or more) people to volunteer to be part of the "official garden group," to be ready to assume leadership as Susan and Jackie begin to cut back on their commitment. This is called "succession planning" - and is an apt term to use in gardening! We will continue to work with you and this does not require you to be here in area. Much of our conversation and decision-making happens via e-mail and telephone. At least one member of the Garden Committee needs to be at work weekends to oversee bigger tasks like putting the garden to bed for the winter, during the Closing Weekend.
- We generally have plenty of helpers during the work weekends, but we do need a few dedicated volunteers who have a broad and long-term view of the garden process.

It has been our great pleasure to be involved in keeping the CRC Gardens in good shape and providing advice to the Camp Committee regarding plantings around cabins and in other areas of the campus. You don't need to be an expert gardener to join us, just a willing and interested worker. There are plenty of resources available, including the CRC Garden Resource Notebook we put together.

FMI, call or e-mail either of us. We hope you will give consideration to sharing your energy and efforts with us!

*Jackie Cressey & Susan Dovell
Garden Goddesses*

**SUSTAINING CAMP GROUNDS & FORESTS:
IF YOU LIKE BLUEBERRIES AND MOUNTAIN VIEWS,
THIS ONE IS FOR YOU**

How do we sustainably keep our Cold River Camp blueberry fields thriving? Exactly how should we address our decreasing views of mountains and hills surrounding Cold River Camp? Can't we do a better job maintaining the condition of the car lanes and lawn areas on our property? Should we be practicing some limited forestry on our property? Should we be doing something more about the dumps on our property? What all is on our property, anyway, natural or unnatural, native or non-native?

Do those kinds of questions interest you? Then we could use your help, by serving on an ongoing 'Grounds Committee' (or we can pick a better name later).

One of those areas gets really good attention at present - Cheryl Poirier has been wonderful and very active as our blueberry fields angel, measuring acidity and coordinating an annual fertilizing and mowing schedule, and Jim Gorman has pitched in with removal of a lot of unwanted vegetation. We might ask who comes after them? It could be you!

Another area expected to be addressed by the Camp Committee in 2019 or 2020 is some tree cutting to restore more views. But in general the management of our grounds could use more attention than our Camp Committee generally has bandwidth to devote to it, given all the other projects on its plate.

Having an ongoing group to address grounds will provide comprehensiveness, thoroughness, coherence and clarity to things we should or could be doing. Think of it as a complement to the very beneficial current Garden Group, but with different areas of focus. We would love to have some volunteers to pitch in to solve these problems!

If you're interested and willing, please contact our CRC Volunteer Coordinator Antonia Woods at awoods144@gmail.com.

CRC TRIP LEADERS & NATURALISTS

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 facing page 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 Sampler program, a partial week stay, or for a full week to fully 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,

**Jim Greaney,
Naturalist Coordinator
Bill Gross,
Trip Leader Coordinator**

TRIP LEADER & NATURALIST SCHEDULE

Week 1. Jun 22-29

Jim Greaney C

Annie Hope

MaryStarr Hope

*Ellen Silverman N
(plants)*

Week 2. Jun 29-Jul 6

Tom D'Avanzo C

Annie Hope

MaryStarr Hope

*Chris McArdle N
(children's activities)*

Week 3. July 6-13

Ian Duncan

Larry Fink C

Jim Greaney N

(general)

Week 4. July 13-20

Chris McArdle

Chester Osborne

*Jenny Lane N C
(plants/animals)*

Week 5. July 20-27

Jim Gorman

Jenny Lane C

*Cheryl Poirier N
(birds)*

*JoAnna Easton
(yoga)*

Week 6. Jul 27--Aug 3

Deborah Kearney

Kent Sinclair

*Jim Gorman N C
(flora)*

Week 7. Aug. 3-10

Mark Levine

TBD

Jim Gorman N C (flora)

Week 8. Aug. 10-17

Jim Liptack C

TBD

Week 9. Aug. 17-24

Bill Fuchs C

TBD

Jim Greaney N

(general)

Extension #1

Aug. 25-29

Mark Levine

Extension #2

Aug. 30-Sept. 2

Rich Taylor

Extension #3

Sept.3-7

Garry Crane



ADDITIONAL CAMP NEWS

PLANNING AND UPDATES

CONANT LODGE

We appreciate all the feedback received on the Lodge planning efforts in 2019. Although there seemed to be some stress around the weekly in-Camp presentations, we felt it was important to share planning status, whatever it was at that point. As a reminder, at that point there were six design concepts being explored. Which did not mean any of the following: the final decision would be one of the six, there were no unsolvable flaws in any of the plans, the Planning committee has had ample time to explore everything it should have in a timely way.

What has been happening since summer? The Planning committee (jointly the Lodge committee and the Kitchen committee) has been meeting weekly since September, with outgoing manager Laurie Barr joining us. In late August and early September each of the six design options was scored by each committee member according to a set of evaluation criteria that was previously agreed to. The current lodge was similarly scored, setting a sort of base line for discussing the six design concepts.

Discussion of the current lodge evaluation occurred first, from September through October. The weekly guest feedback and that gathered through the CRC web site was also digested and discussed in October and November. This led to an exercise in revising our requirements/needs, which is occurring in November and December, at the time of submission of this article. Along the way, we have been reviewing a lot of material on design of the original lodge, sustainability, modification guidelines for historical structures, building code implications and design metrics. And we did a process check in November.

What happens next? Once we revise the requirements, the planning committees will come back around to discussing the scoring evaluations of a subset of the six concepts from the summer in order to further identify and agree on characteristics felt to be good or bad and that can be carried forward into a next round of design exploration. We will probably not need to discuss all six, and there are already other design variations waiting in the wings. From the next round of design exploration we would expect to derive one or two or maybe three alternatives that we will once again share with the CRC community for feedback.

What is the timeline? This is very difficult to say with any precision. Revising the requirements/needs, reviewing the evaluation scoring of some of the six design options from last summer, and doing the next round of design options may occur over several months, i.e., well into the spring of 2019, followed by more sharing and discussion within the CRC community, which could conceivably conclude by early summer, or may require the full

summer. We may end up with a well-supported proposal then, or we may not. This also raises the question of whether we will be starting a capital campaign sometime in 2019. We simply don't know at this point. There won't be a campaign unless/until we have a well-supported proposal. But please do know this – the Planning committee continues to work constructively forward in good faith toward a proposal that we can collectively recommend as the best future for the Lodge and the Camp experience. My deepest thanks to those involved!

*Gary Munson
AMC Cold River Camp Committee Chair*

UPDATING BATHROOMS & LAUNDRY

The Cold River Camp Committee is considering some renovations of our bathrooms to address the wear and tear to some of the older structures. We also plan to add several gender-inclusive and ADA compliant bathrooms. The AMC is clear that all its facilities must address issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion to be as welcoming as possible.

Our proposals aim to create a few single-occupancy, ADA-accessible complete bathrooms for the use of anyone that needs more privacy, as well as one or two bathrooms that are multi-person or family style, available to all genders. The Committee would like to hear your thoughts about the initiatives, e.g., an upgrade which could include fully private changing stalls and showers in Men's.

If the showers had floor-to-8 foot high walls and doors, any person could use the shower in private, regardless of gender. If we make within a larger room some private, all-gender bathing and private toilet spaces, we wonder how best to position the hand-washing sinks, open as they are now, or private sink/mirror stations.

Would you or yours benefit from having a few more ADA-accessible, single-occupancy bathroom options, and upgrades to the tub room on Women's and the tub in Men's? We also would like to hear from you about the utility of the Laundry room, also in need of an upgrade. If you have any thoughts on these issues, we encourage you to write to Anna D'Avanzo at adavanzo5@gmail.com and Sally Morris at swmorris978@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

*Anna D'Avanzo & Sally Morris
AMC Cold River Camp Committee Members*

POLICY UPDATES

Smoking and Vaping

Smoking and vaping are not allowed in Camp or on group activities outside Camp.

Aerial Drones

Use of drones in/above Camp or on led trips is generally not permitted. Spe-

cial exceptions may be considered with the consent of the Camp manager/assistant manager/event manager in Camp, or trip leader for the led trip out of Camp.

Use of Personal Electronic Devices

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, on the lodge porch, or in the lodge vicinity is limited to reading/viewing of information. Devices are to be put away during meals.
- Any form of device communication (voice/text/email/video, etc., incoming or outgoing) should be done discretely, away from other guests, and away from the lodge and its vicinity.
- Device use for personal entertainment (e.g., watching videos or playing video games) is limited to the guest cabins.
- 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, to the extent there is signal, in the Rec Hall and Library. The Rec Hall is available, shared with other uses, between the hours of 7:30 AM and 9:30 PM and outside of scheduled activities there. The camp office and porch are off-limits. In any case, noise from PEDs must not intrude on other guests' or staff enjoyment of natural sounds or stillness or human conversation or ability to sleep, or the tranquility of the Library.

MEAL INFORMATION

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.

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. Soy milk is available at all meals.

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AMC COLD RIVER CAMP

2019 SCHEDULE

January through Late May

January 1-31	Guest Full Week Registration Lottery (L. Winkler)
February 1	Guest Full Week Reservations Accepted, First Come First Served (Lottery Closes January 31)
April 1	Guest Partial Week Reservations Open
May	Winter Cabin Closes For Winter Guest Use
May 10-12	Camp Opening and Work Weekend (Waste, Mastro)
May 17-19	Open for Group Use Off-Season (OSM)
May 24-27	CTA Work Weekend #1 / CTA Annual Meeting (Uggerholt)
May 27	Memorial Day

Late May through August

May 31-June 2	CTA Trail Work Weekend #2 (Uggerholt)
June 7-9	Open for Group Use Off Season (OSM)
June 15-21	Summer Season Preparation Week (Summer Managers)
June 22-29	CRC Guest Week 1 (Kids Free)
June 29 -July 6	CRC Guest Week 2 (Kids Free)
July 6-13	CRC Guest Week 3
July 13-20	CRC Guest Week 4
July 20-27	CRC Guest Week 5 (Yoga Week)
July 27-August 3	CRC Guest Week 6
August 3-10	CRC Guest Week 7
August 10-17	CRC Guest Week 8
August 17-24	CRC Guest Week 9
August 24	<i>End of Regular Summer Season</i>

August and Beyond

August 24 - Sept. 8	CRC Extension Season (OSM Managers - Clyne & Beecher)
September 2	<i>Labor Day</i>
Sept. 8 - Oct. 12	Open Fall Foliage Self Service Use/Caretaker Basis (excluding Friday noon - Sunday noon)
September 13 -15	Open for Group Use Off Season
September 20-22	Open for Group Use Off Season
Sept. 26-28	CTA Trail Work Weekend #3 (CTA - Uggerholt)
October 12-13	CRC Camp Closing (Columbus Day Weekend)
Oct. 14 - May 8, 2020	Winter Cabin Open For Group Use