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# *the Little Deer Dispatch*



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- \* Mt. McKinley Slide Show
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## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER



Pleasantville, New York  
January 1997

Dear Cold River Camp Friends,

I continue to be impressed with the work of our many volunteers, of our trip leaders, of our trail keepers, and of our summer and fall season managers and staff. The success and long tradition of Cold River is due to the combined efforts of all who share the magic of the pines. We all do our part to share what we know with each other; from leader to apprentice, from expert to novice; from generation to generation. The lessons often come subtly (in a world that is less so) across the breakfast table, while fixing a screen door, or high on a ridge trail. The sun rises. The mist clears. The horn sounds. Simple things that so often are ignored. Much is happening quietly at Camp. Much that reflects a caring for the Camp and community, for the valley, and for the greater world we all share. Maybe it's time to come back. Maybe it's time to finally join in and lend a hand. Maybe it's time to help keep that kerosene flame burning brightly. I look forward to seeing you at reunion.

Mark M. Winkler



## '96 QUESTIONNAIRE



The questionnaire responses for the season were very encouraging. Guests at Camp noticed improvements in both our facility and cabins. The wood chips were a big hit. The ratings for the meals reflected a big gain from previous years: "Overall, the food was excellent!" The extra staff member in the kitchen for '96 seems to be working out very well.

Our hiking trip program remains strong. Even though the choices for trips could have been better during some weeks, our leaders were well respected and they continue to make a real, positive difference. Evening programs improved in '96. However, we saw a slight drop in the overall camp experience due primarily the extremely wet weather and extra bugs (we even had hungry mosquitoes at our 9/21 Camp Closing!). The Camp's value for money increased significantly during '96. Thanks to all who filled out the questionnaire. We listen to and appreciate your comments.

### • FROM ONE 1996 SEASON QUESTIONNAIRE •

"Additional comments on Cold River consequent to my children's week at a different camp which triggered several observations: 1) CRC is clean; 2) CRC showers work; 3) CRC has stuff to do and places to go regardless of weather (games, library, etc.); 4) CRC staff is friendly and available; 5) CRC food is excellent and there is enough; and 6) CRC lets you be yourself. Thank you for a special place!"

## COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Committee enjoys a wonderful working relationship with our Camp managers, Bill & Kathy. They have our complete support and trust. Also, Camp's relationship with Joy Street is quite good. We again have the option for fund raising as needed (with Club approval). Because food costs were contained, we could keep all but one of our '97 rates at '96 levels. The physical plant is in excellent shape. Besides our regular maintenance, we hope this year to finally replace the work shop (in tribute to Norm Rayner who sadly passed away last year), to refinish the lodge floors, and to begin addressing improvements to the women's bath facility.

Many thanks go to Dave Ireland and Chris McArdle who are both retiring from committee after three-year terms. Although off the committee, Dave continues as caregiver to the Camp's water system from well-to-faucet. Chris retires after many years from her Camp closing job. Richard Foster has volunteered to carry on with these responsibilities each fall. Al Cressy retires as our hike leader coordinator—again after many years of service. Although Al hands off his job to Marvin Swartz, Al is still very much involved in many behind the scene activities at Camp. Many of the recent successes at Camp can be traced back to Al. So, thank you, Al!

I, too, will retire as Chair this fall and Dick Birch will step up at committee Chair in '98. In the meantime, we are always looking for new volunteers as well as new committee members (who serve 3-year terms). If you are interested in helping out with the continuing stewardship of the Camp experience—or if you know someone else who might be—please contact Mark Winkler, CRC Committee Chair, 17 Southview, Pleasantville, NY 10570.

## CHATHAM TRAILS ASSOCIATION



### Annual Meeting & Diamond Anniversary Celebration - 1997

Saturday, March 22, 1997 at 3:00 PM

(before the Cold River Camp Reunion Dinner)

Election of Officers for 1997 - 1998 and Other Business

Last year we proposed a special celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CTA's founding on November 10, 1921. This celebration will occur in conjunction with our annual meeting and the Cold River Camp reunion on March 22, 1997. It so happens that this date is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CTA's formal association with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) which began with an exchange of letters between CTA's first secretary, George Evans, and the White Mountain Forest Supervisor, J.J. Fitz.

In honor of this event CTA has invited several past

members of the CTA executive committee to attend our annual meeting and CRC reunion dinner as guests of CTA. We have even invited CTA's founder, Frank Mason (or a reasonable impersonation of this most honorable gentleman).

The afternoon and evening should provide enjoyment for all—a chance for us both to learn more about CTA's and CRC's operations in days past and to reflect on CTA's future in the White Mountain National Forest (WMNF).

To help us look to that future, we have invited the head of the

WMNF Forest Service to inform us about its current operations within the Forest under reduced budget constraints and about how volunteer trail organizations like CTA can provide future service to the USFS.

This is a time for reflection. In many ways CTA's "domain" of Evans Notch and North Chatham has changed a

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great deal over 75 years. However, when compared to other parts of the America, this valley has almost been frozen in time.

In 1921 the valley road, now Route 113, was only a dirt road which ended at the Brickett place—there was no road up through Evans Notch. Many trails we now hike on did not exist. This fact prompted Mr. Mason to form CTA.

There were a few large farms in the Valley—notably the

Andrews, Chandler, Charles and Chandler-Hill. The farms still exist today pretty much intact but in some cases with other owners. Most hikers in the valley then, however, were AMC members based at Cold River Camp.

These early years of CTA's existence saw major trail construction culminating in the building of the Bicknell Ridge Trail in 1941 (with a few more trails constructed since). Most trail maintenance then was done by valley residents under the supervision of Millard Chandler. As Mr. Fritz, WMNF Forest Supervisor, noted in 1922:

*We trust that the Chatham Trails Association will not only aid in the preservation and protection of natural beauty spots of the region, but that they will also use its influence for the improvement of the region so that it may be made useful and enjoyable to the greater numbers that will inevitably go there in the future."*

This quotation leads us to think of the present—and of the

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future...

The prediction of a greater numbers of hikers flocking to the Cold River Valley has proven true. CRC donated to and now hosts a 20 car parking lot for the USFS. This lot frequently overflows with cars belonging to Baldface hikers. The region now attracts many non-CRC hikers and maintenance of CTA's trails is done by volunteers using Cold River Camp as a base of operations in late spring of each year.

Securing permission to improve an old trail—let along getting permission to build a new trail or to reopen an abandoned trail—is now much more difficult. The Environmental Protection Act was not around in the “simpler” days of CTA’s early existence.

Liability has become a big issue largely because people no longer wish to accept responsibility for their own actions. This again is a big change from 1921.

The Forest Service has been down-sized even though its work load has increased; an increase due largely to increased

paper work required by EPA and other complicating regulations. These issues all affect the future CTA and its relationship with the Forest Service. We hope to touch on some of these issues at our celebration of the past and look to the future.

This is also a time to thank the many members and friends of CTA for their generous financial support and—in particular—a time to thank those hardy CTA volunteers who have spent many hours doing what CTA was largely founded for - creating and maintaining trails.

The current trend in the United States is toward less government and more public involvement. The cutback in USFS funds and personnel reflects less government. CTA’s mission—then as now—is that more hikers become involved in their trails. That each of us take part in trail work weekends and NH Trails Day. If more of us get involved, we can perhaps take over the maintenance of more trails.

We now offer you *three*

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chances to become involved. We’re having three consecutive trail-work weekends starting Memorial Day weekend (5/24) complete with hearty meals, rustic CRC housing, good fellowship, and a true sense of accomplishment. These are the rewards for joining CTA for one or more work weekends.

Although it seems early to sign up for the weekends now, do so anyway if you think you

(*The CTA*: Ted Barrett, Pres.; Allen Cressy, V. Pres.; Terry Frost, Pres. Em.; Gwen Stose, Sec.)

might be able to attend. We’ll phone all registrants shortly before work weekends to reaffirm and determine arrival time and cabin choices. For more info contact:

Ted Barrett, 36 Galloway Rd., Chelmsford MA 01824  
H: 508-256-9184 W: 508 369-1441.

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### CTA WORK WEEKEND SIGN-UP FORM

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

#### I am interested in volunteer trail work:

Please circle the date(s) of your choice below

May 24-26

May 31 - June 1

June 7-8

NH Trails Day July 19

Please circle your interests and/or abilities below

Blazing Trails      Chain saw work      Cooking

Trail clearing      Making Trail Signs      Trail construction

I / we (also) contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a self/family  
1-year membership in the *Chatham Trails Association, Inc.*

Please return this Registration Form by mail to:

Chatham Trails Association

Box 605, Center Conway NH 03813

...OR BRING THIS FORM TO THE REUNION

On Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 THE SEVENTH ANNUAL  
**CRC REUNION FAMILY HIKE**



This Family Hike has become a traditional part of CRC Reunion's activities for the past six years. For fun (and for promoting the outbreak of winter weather) Judy and Marvin Swartz (H: 413-529-0024) have again agreed to lead the hike on Wachusett Mountain. Come see the Boston skyline from afar!

**Time:** Start at 10:45 am and conclude at 2:00 pm allowing us to get to Worcester for the CTA meeting and reception following.

**Description:** We'll meet at Reservation Headquarters & Visitor Ctr. on Mountain Road in Princeton. Hike route depends on weather & ground conditions. (The ground was bare in January, but snow cover is likely for late March.) Total distance about 4 miles. **Bring your lunch & drink. Be prepared for wet and/or icy conditions.**

If you arrive early, the Visitor Center is heated and has rest rooms and indoor picnic tables (and, hopefully, a wood fire in a central fireplace). It also has a number of worthwhile exhibits. ☺

**DIRECTIONS :**

<b>From Worcester:</b> Take Exit 5 off Route 190 onto Route 140 north. Go 2½ miles to Route 62; turn left onto Route 62 west. Proceed 4 miles to flashing light in Princeton. At light, take right onto Mountain Rd. Proceed 3½ miles to Visitor Center (on left).	directions. OR Take Exit 25 off Route 2 to Route 140 south and go 2½ miles until you see a green Mass. State sign (Wachusett Mt. State Park 2 [miles]) and a white commercial sign (Wachusett Mt. Ski Area). Take right there and proceed 2 miles - past ski area - to the Visitor Center (on right).
<b>From Boston (or Greenfield):</b> On Route 2, get off on Route 190, go to Route 140 north and follow the above	(Note: do not bear right onto Bolton Rd. where ski area entrance is located.)

## CAMP RECOLLECTIONS



*"The Camp is an ideal tramping center with over sixty miles of interesting trails radiating from the valley, and so varied that every taste in tramping can be satisfied...The large living room and huge fireplace in Conant Lodge, and the Recreation Hall with its fireplace, piano and Victrola, give plenty of opportunity for amusement or reading, and especially add to comfort on rainy days and cool evenings."*

-AMC Bulletin 1937

*"Each year I look forward with increasing ardor to the renewing of old ties; and each year I find richer satisfaction in the addition of new friendships to old ones. The simple, natural, unadorned life in the open appeals to people of unusual substance and depth, and reveals them at their very best. We are not together long enough to exhaust the possibilities of fruitful conversation or revealing play; and neither money nor ambition inject their subtle poisons into the stream of our happy hours together."*

-Rev. Wolcott Cutler "Dominic" October, 1937



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RESERVATION FORM



Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate choice (and #) of entrees:

Chicken\_\_\_\_\_ Stir-fry\_\_\_\_\_

Check is enclosed for \_\_\_\_\_ (\$13.00/person)  
Please make check payable to *Chatham Trail's Association*.

Will you be taking part in the Wachusett Hike?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Mail reservations by March 7th to :  
Gwen Stose, P. O. Box 475, Center Conway NH 03813



PLEASE NOTE: RESERVATIONS MUST BE  
RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12th



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COLD RIVER CAMP ANNUAL REUNION  
CHATHAM TRAILS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING

Greendale People's Church,  
Worcester, MA (see directions on page 14/15)  
Saturday, March 22 1997



Mt. Wachusett Family Hike - 10:45 AM  
CTA Annual Meeting - 3:00 PM  
Reception with hors d'oeuvres - 4:30 PM  
Dinner - 5:30 PM

DINNER MENU

*Cranberry Juice with Sherbet*  
*Boneless Breast of Chicken OR Vegetarian Stir-fry*  
*Fresh Carrots*  
*Rice Pilaf*  
*Rolls & Butter*  
*Apple Crisp with Ice Cream*  
*Beverages*

Program - 6:15 PM

AFTER DINNER PROGRAM

Hike Leader's Report - CTA door prizes  
Introduction of CRC 1997 Staff and Croo  
United States Forest Service Talk  
Meet *Frank Mason*, CTA founder  
&

*Mount McKinley Slide Show*  
*by our own Paul Anderson*

PLEASE JOIN US THIS YEAR



## DIRECTIONS TO REUNION



### Greendale People's Church

25 Francis Street, Worcester, Massachusetts

Church is in Greendale section of north Worcester just off Route 12 at Fortin's Market. (Norton Co is also in the vicinity.) Route 12 is West Boylston St. Distance from Rt 190 to Francis St is about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

#### From the East, South & West:

Take Rt 290 into Worcester.  
Leave Rt 290 at Exit 19 for Rt 190  
Exit 19 sign reads:  
"Rt 190 N to Rt 12".  
Stay on Rt 190 to Exit 2.  
Exit sign reads "Ararat St.  
Holden Greendale"  
At end of exit ramp turn RIGHT  
at traffic light onto  
wide part of Ararat St.



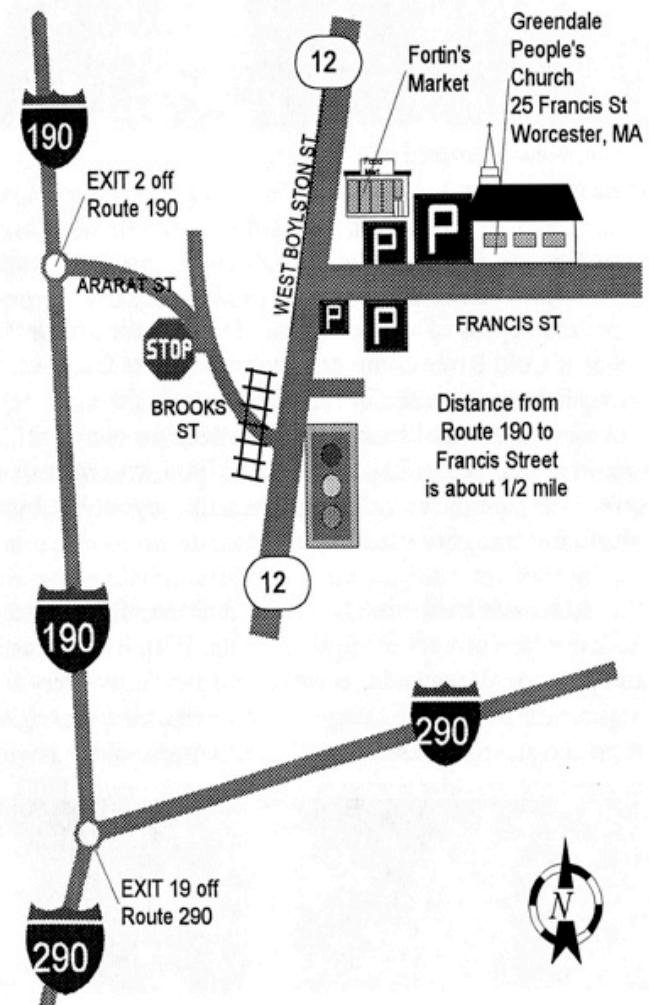
#### From the North:

Take Rt 190 south into Worcester.  
Leave Rt 190 at Exit 2.  
Exit sign reads "Ararat St.  
Holden Greendale"  
At traffic light turn LEFT using  
overpass onto wide part  
of Ararat St.



Follow Ararat St. as it narrows see sign to Rt 12.  
At a Stop sign, Ararat St. joins Brooks St. (right).  
Follow Brooks St. to traffic light (Rt 12) after passing under a RR bridge.  
Turn LEFT at light on to Rt 12 (West Boylston St.).  
Francis Street is 2nd right just before Fortin's Market.

Parking is in the church lots on right and left sides of Francis St; in bank/credit union on right side of Francis St just before the church lot; and rear part of Fortin's Market.  
Enter church activity building from left parking lot. Use either elevator or stairway to 2nd level where dining hall, fellowship hall, and coatroom are located. 



## MANAGER'S LETTER



Lyme, New Hampshire  
January 1997

Dear Friends,

From the depths of a dark and cold January, the prospect of being at Cold River Camp next summer shines like a warm sunny light at the end of a very long tunnel. Yet the time will pass quickly and soon we will be back for our third season in that beautiful place. To all of you who entrusted your vacation time to us last summer, thank you! We hope you found things to your liking.

Due to a lot of hard work by the committee and volunteers, we know you saw some improvements. With its new roof and paint on the outside, as well as the new upholstery and rugs on the inside, the Lodge regained some of its former glory. According to the guest surveys, when compared to the



results of our first year, we improved the Camp most in those areas that you said needed attention. The staff and crew work hard to listen and then to respond to guests' input. It was nice to have our efforts make a notable difference.

Right now we are contacting last summer's crew to see who will be returning. Already we know it will be a good year because Joan Bando will be back as Chef and Debby Hearne will return as Assistant Manager. Joan will keep good things coming from the kitchen and (if truth be told) Debby is the one who really runs the place; we are just there for the fruit cake! We will present the rest of the crew to you at the Reunion.

We hope to see you in March, but, if not, we are looking forward to seeing you in July or August. As beautiful a spot as Cold River Camp is, it is the people who come there that make it so special, and that is you!

See You at Camp,

Bill and Kathy Waste

## CRC CORPS OF VOLUNTEERS



Somersworth, New Hampshire  
January 1997

Dear CRC Volunteers,

It is once again the time of the year to begin planning ahead for volunteer work activities at CRC. In 1997 the following work opportunities are being planned:

- |             |  |
|-------------|--|
| May 10-11   | CRC Opening Weekend                      |
| May 14-16   | Preparation for the Naturalists' Weekend |
| May 16-18   | Naturalists' Weekend                     |
| May 24-26   | Spring Work Weekend                      |
| Sept. 13-20 | Fall Work Week                           |

We are of course seeking to recruit any and all able bodied volunteers with time and inclination (talent is optional but welcome) to help us with minor maintenance chores such as painting, carpentry, grounds work and KP. The work done in September will be determined over the course of the summer. Remember, it is not necessary to volunteer a whole week of your time. A couple of days or a few hours — anything you can reasonably manage is welcomed.

Cabins are assigned on an availability basis. Meals are cafeteria type, and you will need to bring your own sleeping gear and towels. Children (15 and older) are welcome if they can help with the chores, but please leave pets at home.

Don't forget, having fun is part of the work, so if you haven't been a CRC volunteer in the past, why not give it a try this year? Just fill out the sign-up application below and return it before May 1, 1997 for Spring dates and before September 1, 1997 for Fall dates. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to call.

Meg Holland  
Volunteer Coordinator

### VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP FORM

Sign up for CRC volunteers activities. Don't miss out on a great opportunity to get behind the scenes and build new relationships. Please select the dates you desire:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the '97 dates of your choice below

MAY	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	24	25	26
SEPTEMBER	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		

Please circle the type of work you would like to do:

Painting( <i>bring old clothes</i> )	Clean-up
Carpentry/Repairs	Gardening
Kitchen	Grounds & brush cutting
	Other interests

Please return by mail to:  
Meg Holland, 15 Pinecrest Drive, Somersworth NH 03878  
(603-692-6898)

...OR BRING THIS FORM TO THE REUNION

## ELDERHOSTEL AT COLD RIVER



If you are over 55,

Join us for Elderhostel at Cold River Camp  
September 21 - 26, 1997

PROGRAM

### *Hike Mountain Trails of Inspiration: Literature from the Environmental Movement*

John Muir, Enos Mills, Rachel Carson, Sigurd Olson and Edwin Way Teale are just a few of the authors sampled in this exploration of individuals who raised their voices on behalf of conserving and protecting wilderness. Daily 4-6 mile walks on mountain trails will help you experience the profound inspiration and commitment these authors found in nature. Selected class readings, audio and video excerpts will serve as the basis for class discussion. Participants will examine selections such as *The Singing Wilderness*, *Silent Spring* and *The Wilderness World of John Muir*. Instruction will be provided in safe mountain travel, walking techniques and equipment.

Program runs from Sunday, 9/21 to Friday, 9/26 at a cost of \$365.

Register with:

Elderhostel Office, 75 Federal Street, Boston MA 02110  
(617-426-8056)

For questions about program, please contact:

Linda Cooper, 100 Worsley Avenue, North Kingstown RI 02852  
(401-295-0367)

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## SEPTEMBER MANAGERS' LETTER



Chelmsford, Massachusetts

January 1997

Dear Cold River Camp Friends,

We are looking forward to returning as volunteer managers of September Season of 1997. You will be pleased to know that we are expecting that the CROO from last year will also be returning. In fact, this coming weekend we will be joining the 1996 September CROO members in North Chatham for some skiing and planning for another banner year at Cold River.

We hope that those of you who attended September Season last year enjoyed your stay and are planning to return for another year. For those of you who have not joined us at Cold River in September, you are truly missing one of the premier times of the year to be in the valley - no black flies, crisp days, no crowds, and Sunday afternoon tea on the front porch! Please refer your friends to us as well!!

We are looking forward to seeing you in September!

Al and Jackie Cressy

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1997 AMC Cold River Camp Application			
For period of (please give your choices)			
1st	to	2nd	to
Preferred location at Camp		3rd	to
1st		2nd	
Address _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Home Phone _____	Work Phone _____	License Plate No. _____	
Registration Fee enclosed \$ _____ (\$10/person/week in July & August) or \$25/person in Sept.) Self addressed stamped envelope enclosed? / / Make checks payable to AMC-COLD RIVER CAMP OPTIONAL- Emergency Contact or Family Physician: _____ Phone: _____			
Do not mail before April 1st			
SIGNED _____ Date _____			

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## 1997 SEASON RATES

1997 Rates	6/28-7/19	7/19-8/30	8/30-9/13
Adult (12yr&cover)	\$300/wk	\$350/wk	\$40/day
Child (under 12)	\$200/wk	\$250/wk	\$30/day

All inclusive rates cover meals, rooms, hiking, gratuity, taxes & firewood. Non AMC members add 10%. For July/August partial weeks accepted only after 6/20 with a minimum stay of 3 days and a daily rate of 20%. Only Cash or checks accepted for payment.

**Mail reservation** (from 4/1 to 6/20) to Lois Winkler, Registrar,  
17 Southview, Pleasantville NY 10570 T:914-747-3194 before 9pm;  
(after 6/20) to Bill & Kathy Waste, Managers, HCR Box 221,  
Center Conway, NH 03813 T:603-694-3291

Trip Leaders and Naturalists  
Cold River Camp - 1997 Season

6/28 M. Griffin (T) C. Kaplan (T) P. Norton (T/N) R. Patera (T)	7/5 R. Daniels (N) C. Waite (T) D. Wilder (T)	7/12 P. Birch (T/N) R. Cross (T) E. Edelman (T) D. Luskin (T) T. Shafer (T)
7/19 J. Doucett (T) D. Thompson (T) M. Wine (T/N)	7/26 J. Gorman (T/N) F. Mastro (T) Chris McArdle (T) Colin McArdle (T)	8/2 A. Carlson (T) G. Munson (T) M. Regan (T) H. Wechsler (T)
8/9 J. Kenyon (T) C. Prendergast (T/N) L. Prendergast (T)	8/16 R. Cowen (T) S. Morris (T) A. Wright (T)	8/23 P. Anderson (T) S. Keroes (T) M. Swartz (T)

T = Trip Leader, T/N = Trip Leader/Naturalist, N = Naturalist