

FIRST CLASS MAIL

Leaving for the Baldface Circle Trail - 2005
detail of photo by Bruce Henderson



Cold River Camp, AMC
c/o Mark Winkler
17 Southview Street
Pleasantville, NY 10570-3351

COLD RIVER CAMP RESERVATION UPDATE

Each and every person registering must submit with their reservation requests a signed copy of the AMC Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risks & Release and Indemnity Agreement.

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

the
Little Deer Dispatch

COLD RIVER CAMP • AMC
Winter 2007 issue - Number 15



**Three CRC
Reunion Hikes**

DELAWARE RIVER,
NEW YORK CITY
& BOSTON
(see pages 26/27)

Sat. MARCH 24th
SIGN-UP BY MARCH 17

If you know anyone who might be interested in coming to CRC and get a free copy of *the Little Deer Dispatch*, please see page 25 for details..

Trail sign on top of Little Deer - 2005 Detail of photo by Bruce Henderson

For Camp Reservations. You'll need to include signed AMC Release forms. Further details on page 5. Actual form on pages 13 & 16.

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER



Wellesley, MA, January 2007

Dear Cold River Camp Friends,

ALTHOUGH COLD RIVER CAMP SITS comfortably in its seasonal slumber between one summer and the next, the Cold River Camp Committee and other volunteers continue to actively plan and manage the Camp's affairs. The Committee manages the Camp's finances, the budget for the coming year, acts on maintenance and capital needs, and is responsible for making sure that the Camp's operations run smoothly. The Camp remains the wonderful place it is because of the combined efforts of many volunteers. If you have not had a chance to do so, I encourage you to become a volunteer, and join in one of several volunteer weekends; Camp Opening (May 5-6), Family Work Weekend (June 9-10), and Camp Closing (September 22-23).

The Committee continues to devote significant capital resources to the upkeep of the infrastructure including the buildings, many of which are over 80 years old. In the past few years, several cabins were renovated. This year the Camp replaced its well-worn generator. The funding for Camp maintenance projects comes mostly out of Cold River Camp's operating budget, as well as from donations. An active standing committee on facilities/maintenance, headed by the Vice Chair, Frank Mastro, continues to do an excellent job of evaluating needs and carrying through on projects that keep the Camp in good working order. A special letter from the Facilities Committee on page 6 outlines some recent projects and highlights plans for 2007 is included in this Little Deer Dispatch.

As Cold River Camp enters its 89th season this coming summer, I am happy to report that Chris Clyne and Ned Beecher will be returning for their second season as Camp Managers. Don Devine has decided to retire as Extension Manager after several years of service. Don did a great job, and everyone who attended Extension benefited from his efforts. I want to thank him for his dedication and hard work. I am pleased to announce that Chris Clyne has agreed to stay on after the regular season and become our new Extension Camp Manager. I also want to take this opportunity to thank Gwen Stose, who after many years as the

Extension cook, as well as cooking for many Camp Openings and Closings, stepped down in 2006. Gwen did a wonderful job over the years of coordinating the kitchen effort for numerous happy guests and volunteers. In addition, Mag Wine turned over the Winter Cabin Registrar's job to Meg Holland. I thank Mag for her dedication to the Camp for her tireless service as Registrar.

The Camp continues to be a popular vacation choice for many and operates at close to capacity each year. You are encouraged to send in your reservation postmarked April 2 for best results. However, if you happen to miss the April date, I still encourage you to send in your reservation, especially for the second and third week of July, and the last week of the regular season in late August, which tend to be weeks with some vacancies. In addition, there is usually room during the Extension Season in early September when the number of insects is lower, the weather still usually nice, and the pace a bit more relaxed. Volunteers who contribute 25 or more hours of service to the Camp will receive priority. We believe that a week at Cold River Camp continues to be a good value for individuals and families alike.

Last but not least, for the second year in a row, the Cold River Camp Reunions will be held at three different locations to allow people from many areas to participate. These gatherings will take place on March 24, 2006, in the Boston, New York, and Delaware Valley areas (see inside pages 26 and 27 for more details). Each of these reunions will consist of a local hike/walk followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. I enthusiastically encourage you to sign up and take part in the fun.

A roster of the Committee, volunteers, and staff, along with their areas of responsibility is included in this brochure so you will know whom to contact if you have questions, concerns, or good ideas to share. The Committee, volunteers, and staff contribute many hours and talents to Cold River Camp each year, and we thank them for their efforts.

Cold River Camp remains a wonderful place for a great vacation with family and friends. Whether you are new to the Camp, or have a long tradition of returning year after year, each season offers a unique experience. I sincerely hope that you are able to join us and return to Camp in 2007.

- John Dean, CRC Committee Chair 2007

MANAGERS' LETTER



Tamworth, NH, February 2007

Dear Friends,

HELLO AGAIN COLD RIVER CAMP! We are delighted to be returning for our second season! And not only for the summer - Chris, having worked as a volunteer during extension, will stay on this summer as volunteer extension manager.

A second time brings opportunities to go beyond the learning curve, building on the strong foundation that the Committee, other volunteers, past managers, and you, the Camp, have created over almost 90 years. Cold River Camp is about that foundation, about traditions - it's the quiet corner of the world that time forgets. It is about a slower pace, on rocky trails, at swimming holes, or simply from your cabin to family-style meals, slowing down into conversations and quiet contemplation.

But, of course, the Camp changes over time, just as does its landscape. Each week of the summer, many of you return, steady and true as the bluebirds in the field - but changed after another winter. And each week, Camp warmly welcomes new guests who share fresh perspectives and excitement. Last summer, we recognized the importance of that mix of tradition and renewal. Some of last year's new guests return this year and next, becoming the renewing tradition.

We have a practical reason for sharing these thoughts: yes, the Camp is *you* - people coming together to share hiking, the outdoors, traditions, and of each other. But, in the practical world, Cold River Camp is an aging infrastructure that has real costs. Camp depends on filling cabins to keep the practical aspects functioning. We can advertise more, but not the way you can. Last summer, guests told us things like: "My sister's husband's family has come here for decades, and some years back they urged us to come. We haven't missed a summer since." That's how it's worked. Please, this winter, extend Camp's warm welcome to friends and family! Chances are you will help start a warm Cold River Camp tradition in someone else's life.

Traditions continue in summer '07 - but with some subtle renewal. Todd Barber returns again as Chef, assisted ably, as last summer, by

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Nicole Messerli (Todd will stay on for Extension too). Several crew faces, and many hike leaders, will be familiar to you. But there will be new crew and some renewed cabins - including Sam's Place. You'll note some views are more open, the field less brushy. And, in the weekly schedule, you'll find a new offering or two, like "B.O.B." or a contradance on the lawn. This year, shall we add "T.O.D.?" We'll see - when we see you at Camp! We looking forward to that,

- *Christine Clyne and Ned Beecher*
Cold River Camp Managers 2007

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AMC Acknowledgment and Assumptions of Risks & Release and Indemnity Agreement

The AMC maintains a general liability insurance policy insuring the Club and its volunteers against damages arising out of acts of authorized persons in furtherance of official club activities. As part of the agreements of this policy, effective since the 2004 season, all individuals, including those authorized to sign for minors (under 18 years of age) who attend Cold River Camp, must sign at the time of registration an AMC "Acknowledgment and Assumption of Risks & Release and Indemnity Agreement" Form. Please note the following:

- 1) A signed form for each individual must be returned along with your Reservation Form. There must be a signature for each individual covered by the reservation. Each individual under 18 years of age must have one or both parent(s) or legal guardian(s) sign on their behalf.
- 2) Please make additional copies as necessary for your needs. Copies can also be downloaded from the AMC Website: www.outdoors.org (go to Lodging, Camps: Cold River Camp)
- 3) A reservation form without signed Liability Waiver signatures for all individuals will not be considered.
- 4) There can be no changes to the form.

Any questions concerning form or policy should be addressed to Paul Cunha, AMC White Mountain Program Centers Director Director (603-466-2721 x112).

FACILITIES COMMITTEE



THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE IS DELIGHTED TO REPORT that the renovations of Potter are complete. You may not see much difference from the outside but the windows were replaced and the building re-sided. We also water sealed all the cabin chimneys to prevent seepage of water into the cabins. This was a bigger project than we expected as each chimney needed to be cleaned of all moss and then sprayed with Tompson Water Seal.

The old generator is gone. Replaced by a new, bigger, but quieter, one and ready for the upcoming season. The new generator is capable of powering the entire kitchen and lodge. We will no longer have to make the decision as to whether we cook dinner or wash dishes as we have in the past. Thanks to our electrician, David Hobbs, who volunteered to charge us his cost for the generator. David's generosity saved us several hundred dollars.

As a lot of you know we lost a long time friend and benefactor to CRC, Sam Hawley. Sam will be missed but his memory will live on with a new cabin to be called "Sam's Place". Some years back Sam built a small cabin down the road that passes in front of Chalet. With his passing, the cabin is now available for CRC guests. It does need some upgrading and the work is scheduled for Spring. The cabin will be ready for the summer season. A small ceremony will be held during opening weekend in May and a rare picture of Sam, with a smile on his face, place in the cabin so that further CRC campers will know who Sam was.

Planned projects for this year that you may notice are:

- ◆ Relocating the dumpster to location out of sight from the cabins and eliminating the need for the trash hauler to drive into Camp.
- ◆ Upgrade E&W Royce steps. Add a small deck in front of each door.
- ◆ Regrading of the road in front of the office to eliminate mud hole it became last year.
- ◆ Separate the light over the entryways to the Women's Bath from the interior lights. This will allow the lights to be left on at night without having to light up the entire building.
- ◆ Cut down trees that pose safety concerns around cabins.

The Camp Committee, yearly, has to make decisions regarding how much we can spend to maintain the camp. Each year the list of projects that need to be funded seems to grow longer. In the past campers have come to Committee members and asked how they might help. So the Facilities committee has put together a CRC Wish List. These are items that either campers, Committee or Staff have suggested. We hope you will check out the list. If the items on the list seem too modest and you would like to do more please contact any member of the CRC Committee.

The Facilities Committee *

CAMP WISH LIST

Guests have often ask if Camp needs special items that they could donate. In looking at our projects for 2007, we have spotted four items that we would welcome help in purchasing for CRC. These items are:

- ◆ **New shelving for Kitchen Walkin Refrigerator** — \$450 (1 each)
- ◆ **Sitting benches** (four feet) to be placed around camp — \$140 (6 each)
- ◆ **Emergency Lighting in bathrooms** (with installation) — \$100 (6 each)
- ◆ **Furniture** for locations around camp — \$200

If you are interested in helping fund any of these items, please contact the Camp managers, the Camp chair or any committee person. Thank you for your support.

Manchester, NH, January 2007
Dear Friends,

DID YOU KNOW that Chatham Trails Association was founded in 1922? That's right, the year 2007 marks CTA's 85th anniversary. Volunteers have gathered year after year to care for popular hiking trails, benefiting themselves and other visitors to beautiful Cold River Valley.

In late spring, old and new friends meet at Cold River Camp. Small groups disperse, carrying tools and lunches, to visit always-wanted-to-see trails as well as old favorites, to find out how winter has treated these worn pathways.

The past year, 2006, was a successful year in terms of getting much of the clean-up done before summer. We hope to continue to accomplish as much work and more in 2007. More work is definitely in store, since we've made an agreement with the U.S. Forest Service to take on the once-neglected Bickford Brook Trail.

Happily, CTA's activities are being noticed by local residents as well as by folks from away. Several area residents have made their way to us via the web, having noticed the CTA logo on trail signs. Their inquiries suggest that some of them may join us for a work weekend or may even adopt a trail.

Please visit www.chathamtrails.org to make a contribution. Your generous contribution ensures that the traditions of stewardship of trails, volunteerism, and fellowship will continue. While at the site you can purchase a trail map of the Cold River Valley and read the minutes of the 1921 meeting for organization of the Chatham Trails Association.

Volunteers are encouraged to sign up for any of the work weekends. You can sign up by email via the website, or complete and mail the CTA Volunteer Opportunity form.

The Annual Meeting of CTA will be held on Sunday, May 27, 7:30 PM at Cold River Camp.

- Sandy Finn, CTA President 2007
603-232-1721 <sandycta@comcast.net> 



CTA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY TRAIL WORK 2007

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Town/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail address _____

I/we am interested in volunteer trail work during the weekend indicated below (Please circle the desired weekend):

 May 26-28 (*Annual Meeting*)
 June 2-3 June 16-17 (*tentative*)

Please mail to:

Sandy Finn, 1163 Island Pond Road, Manchester NH 03109



MEMBERSHIP 2007



Name(s) _____

Address _____

Town/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail address _____

• I/we desire to become members of the CTA for the year of 2007. I am enclosing membership dues of \$5 (five dollars) per person for a total of \$_____.

• I/we desire to make an additional tax-deductible contribution of \$_____ to the *Chatham Trails Association, Inc.*

• I/we desire to make a contribution and/or pledge of \$_____ to the Memorial Fund for the Protection of Trails in memory of _____ (please specify name of individual)



Please visit www.chathamtrails.org, or bring this form to Annual Meeting May 27, or mail to:

Robert Goeke, Treasurer, Chatham Trails Association,
22 Grove Place #29, Winchester, MA 01890

VOLUNTEERS!!

EVER SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1919, Cold River has become so special largely due to efforts of a great many volunteers. Each year, we welcome new volunteers who come to camp for a weekend of hard work and great camaraderie, while enjoying Camp's special beauty in the late spring. Our camp keeps in trim, keeps expenses down, and offers service to others through efforts of many loyal volunteers. This year plan a CRC weekend working hard and enjoying the company and beauty of the Camp! ➫ Opening Camp (kitchen prep, cabin housekeeping, placing out of equipment (canoes, benches, etc.) ➫ Spring Work Weekend (kitchen prep, exterior painting, gardening) ➫ AMC Naturalists Weekend Staff (kitchen prep, some housekeep.)

We bring our own bedding and towels, rise early, share meal preparation, eat cafeteria style, get assignments, work all morning, break for lunch, work all afternoon, and relax for social time, dinner and talk around the fire. We have a good time together but work hard; this is an adult event, and kids under 16 are best left home. Each weekend will have its own manager to direct the work and the schedule.

Please make reservations to attend volunteer weekends through me. Sign up early as space is limited for some of the weekends! Your registering (with arrival and departure times) help us better plan for the work, the meals, and the fun. All volunteers will get confirmation and needed information. You can come for any part of the weekend. Come and experience the Camp from a different perspective. Please call me at 508-984-5812 or e-mail tedshwartz@natcocorp.com if you have questions. Better yet fill out forms at right and send them now.

- Ted Shwartz, Volunteer Coordinator 2005 ➫

"Growing Up" with Cold River Camp Family Work Weekend

Come join us for a new and exciting way to be a volunteer one day and enjoy Camp for another day with other families and Cold River Campers. Here is how it works: Plan to arrive in Camp on Friday, June 8th before 6pm for dinner and a cabin assignment.

Work on an assigned Camp project all day Saturday (Projects will not be suitable for young children, so one parent must be responsible for them at all times). Enjoy activities in Camp on Sunday. You may stay in Camp Sunday night, but we need to know ahead of time.

Interested? Please fill out form ASAP, but before June 1st >>>>

BE A VOLUNTEER!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Town/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____ JOB PREFERENCE

Camp Opening May 5/6 (Sat./Sun.) _____

AMC Naturalist Weekend May 19/20 (Sat./Sun.) _____

CRC Family Work Weekend Jun. 8/9/10 (Fri/Sat/Sun) _____

Jobs available: *Painting (bring old clothes), Clean-up, Carpentry, Repairs, Gardening!, Kitchen Meal Prep., Grounds & Other.*

Please respond by May 1st, 2007 to:

Ted Shwartz, 94 Sol-E-Mar St., South Dartmouth, MA 02748
508-984-5812 ➫ tedshwartz@natcocorp.com

"GROWING UP" WITH COLD RIVER CAMP VOLUNTEER WEEKEND: JUNE 8,9,10

Name of Adults _____

Names/Ages of Children _____



Date and expected time of arrival in Camp _____

Date of departure at Camp _____

Special skills or Area of Interest _____



Please respond by June 1st, 2007 to:

Ted Shwartz, 94 Sol-E-Mar St., South Dartmouth, MA 02748
508-984-5812 ➫ tedshwartz@natcocorp.com

TRIP LEADERS - 2007

Trip Leaders and Naturalists (as of 1/16/2007)

CT = Coordinator & Trip Leader T = Trip Leader
 PT = Part-time Trip Leader N = Naturalist

<i>1. June 30-July 7</i>	<i>2. July 7-14</i>	<i>3. July 14-21</i>
Chet Kaplan T Irene Logan T Corinne Waite CT Peter Norton N	Garry Crane T Bill Gross CT Corinne Waite PT Art Wright PT Ellie Goeke N	Bob Cross CT Eileen Edelman T Larry Fink T Paula Pomerantz N
<i>4. July 21-28</i>	<i>5. July 28-Aug. 4</i>	<i>6. Aug. 4-11</i>
Alan Breach T Mike Regan PT David Carlson PT Art Wright CT tbd N	Holly Adams CT Jim Gorman T Hannah McArdle T Chris McArdle N	Jim Liptack CT Ann Prindle T Bill Gross T Jim Gorman N
<i>7. Aug. 11-18</i>	<i>8. Aug. 18-25</i>	<i>9. Aug. 25-Sept. 1</i>
Caroline Devine T Bill Fuchs CT Jim Kenyon T Bill Fuchs N	Sally Morris T Ann Piascik T Marvin Swartz CT Bill Fuchs N	Alan Breach T Mark Levine CT Antonia Woods T Arnott & White N
<i>Exter Sept. 1-8</i>	<i>Ext#2 Sept. 8-15</i>	
Antonia Woods CT Mark Levine T	Susan Keroes T	



VIEW NORTHEAST ACROSS PLATEAU

RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Please read carefully. This Release and Indemnity agreement contains a surrender of certain legal rights. I (adult participant, or parent 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) (hereinafter collectively "claim" or "claims") 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 and I agree here to waive all claims I or my child may have against AMC, and agree that neither I, my child, or anyone acting on my or my child's behalf, will make a claim against AMC, as a result of any injury, damage, death or other loss suffered by me or my child;
 - (2) to defend and indemnify (meaning protect by reimbursement or payment) AMC with respect to any and all claims brought by or on behalf of me, my child, a family member, a co-participant, or any other person for any injury, damage, death or other loss in any way connected with my/my child's enrollment or participation in these activities or use of AMC equipment, facilities or premises.
- This Release and Indemnity Agreement includes claims resulting from AMC's negligence (but not its gross negligence or intentional or reckless misconduct), and includes claims for personal injury or wrongful death (including claims related to emergency or medical response, 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 initiated only in courts in Massachusetts. This Document is intended to be interpreted and enforced to the fullest extent allowed by law. Any portion of this Document deemed unlawful or unenforceable shall not affect the remaining provisions, and those remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

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

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

Approved January 2006

2007 AMC Cold River Camp Application

Please note new reservation deposits amounts.
Please include a Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope.

For period of (please give your 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 7/2/2007)

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

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ License Plate No. _____

Registration Fee enclosed \$ _____ (\$200/person/week in July & August or \$100/person in September)
Mail checks payable to AMC-COLD RIVER CAMP
OPTIONAL Emergency Contact or Family Physician:

Do not mail
before April 2, 2007

Phone _____

SIGNED _____

Date _____

Please include the complete signed AMC Release Form on back.

IMPORTANT: Each person registering must submit with reservation a signed copy of AMC Acknowledgment & Assumption of Risks & Release and Indemnity Agreement (on back).

2007 SEASON RATES

6/30-9/1	9/1-9/15
Adult (17yr & over)	\$475/wk
Youth (12yr to 16yr)*	\$395/wk
Child (2yr to 11yr)*	\$300/wk
Child under 2yr*	\$150/wk

*in same cabin with parents/adults and age as of 7/1/2007.

NOTICE: The AMC Acknowledgment and Assumptions of Risks & Release and Indemnity Agreement Form must be signed and returned with each reservation of each individual attending Camp (see back of this page). For camper under 18 years of age, at least one parent or legal guardian must sign. Deposit rates have increased to \$200/person.

- All inclusive rates cover meals, rooms, trip/naturalist leaders, hiking, ice, firewood, taxes, and support of A.M.C. programs.
- Non-AMC members please add 10%.
- For July/August, partial week reservations will only be accepted after 6/21. There is a minimum stay of 3 days. The daily rate is always 20% of the appropriate full weekly rate.
- Maximum of 10 (ten) names per reservation envelope.
- Reservation forms are processed by lottery in postmark order commencing with April 1. Do not mail before April 1.
- Only Cash or Checks are accepted for payment.
- Camp cannot accept credit cards.
- Please provide self-addressed stamped envelope for confirmation/reply.
- Please ensure that each and every person registering has provided appropriately signed release form (see above). Without these forms, reservations will be rejected.
- See AMC OUTDOORS March 2007 for further info.

Mail reservation from 4/1 to 6/21 to:
Lois Winkler, Registrar
17 Southview Street, Pleasantville NY 10570
914-747-3194 before 9pm, please

Please don't forget your self-addressed, Stamped Envelope (SASE).

Mail reservation after 6/21 to:
Ned Beecher and Christine Clyne, Managers
Cold River Camp-AMC, 32 AMC Road, Chatham, NH 03813-5201
603-694-3291

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 guardians (hereafter collectively 'parent') 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 (hereinafter 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 institutional, 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 parents of minors) take responsibility for having appropriate skills, physical conditioning, equipment and supplies for these activities.

These activities include inherent and other risks, hazards and dangers (inherent 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 participants safety or eliminate any of these risks. Participant is voluntarily participating with knowledge of the risks. Therefore, participant (and parents 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.

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VOLUNTEERS - 2007

2007 Cold River Camp Committee

John Dean (Chair) '07	Wellesley, MA	781-235-2150
Frank Mastro(V-Chair/Faci./Open) '07	Lebanon, NH	603-443-9978
Emma Crane '09	New London, NH	603-526-7684
Leona Florek '09	Holyoke, MA	413-535-2183
Dick Goettie (Treasurer)	West Roxbury, MA	617-325-7357
Nancy Kellogg '07	Chappaqua, NY	914-238-3626
Bill Fuchs (Fac/Nat/Cad/Csing)'07	Mattapoisett, MA	508-758-7859
Jim Kenyon (Fam Work WE) '08	Westborough, MA	508-366-7002
Sally Morris '08	Exeter, MA	603-778-6452
Ted Shwartz (Vol. Coord) '07	South Dartmouth, MA	508-984-5812
Dwight Wilder '08	Somersworth, MA	603-692-6898
Mark Winkler '07 (<i>Little Deer Dispatch</i>)	Pleasantville, NY	914-747-3194
Sandy Finn (CTA Pres.)	Manchester, NH	603-232-1721

2007 Cold River Camp Volunteers

Bill Gross (Hike Leader Coordinator)	860-429-9958
Lois Winkler (Registrar)	914-747-3194
Peg Birch (Naturalist Weekend)	603-526-7657
Gwen Stose	603-447-4750
Ted Barrett	603-694-3004 or 978-256-9184
Art Wright	860-429-9958
Meg Holland (Winter Cabin Registrar)	603-692-6898
Bill & Kathy Wasté (Former Managers)	603-795-4440
Jim Weston (Previous Chair)	781-275-8034

2007 Cold River Camp Managers

Ned Beecher & Christine Clyne	Tamworth, NH	603-323-7862
Christine Clyne (Extension)	Tamworth, NH	603-323-7862
Cold River Camp, 32 AMC Road, Chatham, NH 03813 603-694-3291		

HIKE LEADER COORDINATOR

AS OF THE 2007 SEASON, Bill Fuchs and I have taken over as CRC Naturalist and Hike Leader Coordinators, respectively. We both have large boots to fill, given Peg Birch's and Art Wright's long and excellent tenure in those positions. On behalf of all, thank you, Peg and Art! For those of you who do not know, the Coordinator is responsible for scheduling Trip Leaders for each of the Camp's weeks, expanding the leader lists and encouraging leaders to learn and maintain skills relevant to leading groups in the Cold River Camp area -- all with the goal to provide hikes, trips and programs that are attractive to and safe for CRC guests.

To expand the leader lists and to encourage well trained leaders, a small group has been structuring a revamped Trip Leader apprentice program and developing a CRC addendum to the AMC Outdoor Leadership Handbook. Both should be available for the 2007 season. Also, we are encouraging leaders to attend an AMC workshop on 4/14 at Noble View in the Berkshires (dtwilley@outdoors.org for details). If anyone is interested in participating in the apprentice program or knows someone who might be interested, please contact Bill or me at Billfuchs3@aol.com or wmgross4@verizon.net.

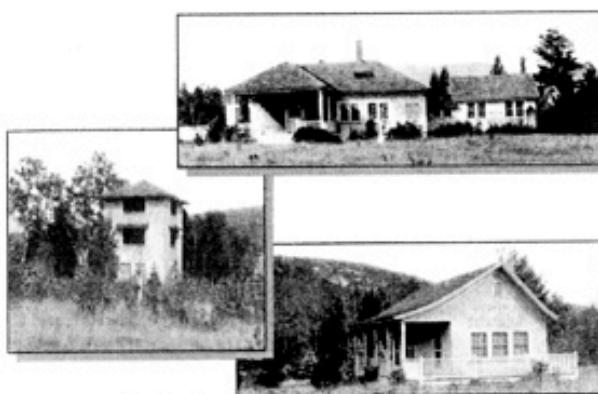
I hope you have a wonderful rest of the winter and a wonderful time at CRC this summer.

— Bill Gross

Deposit Increase for 2007

CRC has seen an increasing number of last minute cancellations both of families and of individuals within family groups. This has caused both unfilled spaces and lost revenue for Camp. To be fair to everyone who applies for space, the CRC Committee has voted to increase the regular season reservation deposit to \$200/person/week.

This is the first deposit increase in almost 20 years.



DURING THE OPENING WEEKEND a special event will take place on Sunday, May 6th as we spend a few moments remembering Sam Hawley. Sam passed away last fall after decades of dedicated service to Cold River Camp as its caretaker and maintenance person. As part of the event we will plant a **Memory Tree in honor of Sam**. The tree will be a white birch planted out in the meadow, hopefully to grow as an eventual replacement for the birch that is there and showing signs of age.

Even if you are not coming up for the full weekend, anyone in the Cold River family is welcome to join us after breakfast Sunday morning (May 6th) to help plant the tree, remember Sam, and think of all the other people over the years who have helped preserve this special place.

— Bill Waze



Selections from THE GROWTH OF COLD RIVER CAMP,
by Luella Otis Beaman (from the *AMC Appalachia*, December 1944)

NORTH CHATHAM is a secluded and forgotten corner of the White Mountains; time goes quietly there, much as it did one hundred years ago. Wild and beautiful mountains almost encircle the handful of farms that form the Settlement. Two hours will take one above the treeline or into the heart of the ancient wood. The quiet old hillside pastures are delicious. Deer are citizens and busy brooks abound, while there are topazes for those who will pick them up. The Wilderness is at your very door. Come then: climb wild crags, know brooks just starting out into the world, sink your feet in the ancient moss, but be very sure you know where that last blaze is. Such was the invitation issued to Appalachians in 1919 by the committee in charge of Cold River Camp, which had just been donated to the Club by Theodore S. Conant.

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Cold River valley, lying in the towns of Chatham, New Hampshire, and Stowe, Maine, is one of the many little known intervals so characteristic of the section. Except on the south, the valley is surrounded by hills and mountains. The northern boundary is formed by Speckled Mountain, Spruce Hill, and the Royces. Toward the west rise Meader, Eagle Crag, the Baldfaces, and Eastman, with Pequawket looming up at the southwest. On the east lie Deer Hill, Pine, Lord, and Hamdon hills, and the ridges of Styles, Adams, and Palmer.

Until recent years the valley was a dead end. But the building of Evans Notch Road between the Royces and Spruce Hill has now made it possible to travel completely through the valley and north to Gilead and Gorham. Even this convenient and beautiful drive, however, has not brought the influx of tourists which was so much feared when the projected highway was the subject of many an "academic discussion" by members as they sat around the fire at Camp. So the valley today still seems far from the tragic world, and the hamlet itself still "a secluded and forgotten corner of the White Mountains."

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Theodore Conant offered to purchase the property and present it to the Club. On May 22, 1919, the Council voted to accept this gift... Since Mr. Conant presented the \$5,000 necessary for the purchase, the funds previously pledged were used for immediate needs of equipment.

The original gift consisted of 38 acres of land, a fine spring, and six attractively designed, well constructed buildings: a 25' x 50' main building with an ell attached, a three story tower, a stone and shingled chapel, and three cabins. Almost all of the furniture already in place was included in the sale.

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On July 1, 1919, Camp opened with facilities for eighteen guests in cabins

and in tents. On July 2, word came that 24 people would arrive the next day! At the height of the season in August, there were thirty-seven guests enjoying the new vacation place. The first season was so successful that the Council voted in February, 1920, to increase the capacity to 50 to enable a greater number to enjoy its advantages. After some experiment, capacity was finally fixed at 60, which is the number accommodated at the present time. This gives an adequate degree of comfort for the guests, and does not cause crowding in the dining room where space is somewhat limited.

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The original buildings were readily adapted to their new purposes. The main building was immediately named Conant Lodge in honor of the donor. This houses the kitchen and dining room and also the lounge, which is the main assembly place for campers... A large, beautiful stone fireplace dominates the room and is the focal point on rainy days and cool evenings. Along the side walls are writing tables and the Camp library, consisting of a good collection of books on out-of-door life and other recreational reading.

Near the entrance to the grounds is the original chapel. It is now known as the Barracks and serves as the dormitory for men, with accommodations for eight. A short distance from the entrance is the Tower, which rises to a height of forty feet, with three floors 20' x 20'. Formerly the lodging for the choir boys, this now is the dormitory for women, with space for ten persons.

May Cottage, situated back of the Lodge near the rim above Charles Brook, is now the cook's domain. The cottage, located beyond the Lodge toward the woods, has become Headquarters, the camp office and home of the hostess. Cox Cottage, across the grounds at the south end, was built for two sisters and later renovated by funds given by Charles Cox, for whom it is named.

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By 1920, seven additional cabins had been built along the edge of the high bank above Charles Brook, and within the next few years nine more were added, making our total 19. Several of these were placed at the other side of Camp.

The architecture of the cabins is noteworthy. They are pleasing yet practical in design, more or less uniform in style, with stone chimneys and fireplaces which add distinction and contribute greatly to the comfort of the occupants. The settings for the cabins have been happily planned. Each one is so placed as to face an interesting view. Those on the rim over Charles Brook are surrounded by large trees which rise from below the embankment, thus framing the vista, which is sometimes Meader and Evans Notch, or maybe the Baldfaces. Those on the other side often are accented by towering white pines; they face across the green always with a view in prospect. Others are buried in the deep woods, sometimes so surrounded as to afford complete isolation. It is agreed by members and guests alike that our campus is unusually beautiful.

Throughout its history, the Appalachian Mountain Club has been blessed with many friends who have given generously both of time and of money. Cold River Camp has been no exception and the list of its donors is long and notable. Its original benefactor, Theodore S. Conant, who made possible acquisition of it in 1919, gave numerous other important gifts and was a constant "smoother of the way" until his death in 1933.

By 1922, Camp had become so well known and so popular that a recreation hall seemed necessary for the happiness of all. This need so appealed to Mr. Conant that he offered to present such a building to the Club. In design it follows the lines of the main building, Conant Lodge, and is placed at the edge of the wood, across from Headquarters, facing the grounds. Here is ample assembly and recreational space for the campers. A massive stone fireplace flanks the south end of the room, and an excellent floor for dancing and for games lures the campers to evening frivolity.

The piano is here and a fine victrola also, the gift of an anonymous donor. A goodly supply of records, both classical and popular, appeals to varied tastes. At the south end of the building are the quarters originally designed for the use of Mr. Conant, which now accommodate the manager.

Mr. Cox gave the building and equipment for hot and cold showers and baths, which are much appreciated. Besides the changes in Cox Cottage, he also donated funds for making the lawn and croquet grounds.

In September, 1923, there was dedicated the Mabel Chester Memorial, a bridge and dam across Cold River, forming a delightful swimming pool. This memorial was the gift of Walstein Chester in honor of his daughter, a member of the original Cold River Camp Committee. This same year Mr. Bishop gave funds for improving Conant Lodge and for clearing the beautiful trail through our woods to the "Federal Building," as the North Chatham post-office is known.

Thus in the years 1919-1944, Cold River has expanded remarkably and, as can be seen, much of its physical gain has been due to its generous friends. Various other utility buildings and equipment, such as garages, woodsheds, engine house, tank house, a cabin for the boy helpers, and the like, have been added to meet various needs, until there are now thirty-five buildings. Subsequent purchase has expanded the original 38 acres of land to 50.

In 1922, an electric light plant and water supply were installed. These improvements were a great boon to campers, as well as to the administra-

tion. Previously the only lighting was by kerosene, and the water had to be carried from the spring situated below the steep embankment. The lighting plant was abandoned in 1938, however, when the cooperation of all the inhabitants of the valley enabled the Public Service Company to extend its lines into this remote region. Kerosene is still used in the cabins.

Even with all the improvements and changes, the rates first established have been maintained until recent wartime costs necessitated a slight increase. Accommodations in the Barracks and the Tower were originally provided for \$16 per week; and in cabins, with two occupants, for \$18. Now with only \$2 per week increase, vacation privileges are still offered at a very low figure.

For a long time Frank S. Mason was the guiding spirit of Cold River. Philbrick Bridgess was placed in charge, a chef was installed, and college boys came to do the work. Mr. Bridgess remained four seasons and then entered war service. Milton MacGregor succeeded him, and has been manager for the last two years.

During all the early years, Camp was open through September, enabling members to enjoy the autumn days and the brilliant foliage. With the increased complications of administering such an institution in a remote region during these times, it has become necessary to open July 1 and close immediately after Labor Day.

The most strenuous climb is that of the Baldfaces. There are several different routes by which they are approached, the one by Eagle Crag being a particular favorite. Along the trail, blueberries grow in great size and profusion; the climbers frequently bring home many quarts of the fruit to enliven the menu at Camp with blueberry pie and muffins. Speckled Mountain, topped by a fire tower, is another favorite, now more easily approached since the construction of the road through Evans Notch. The Royces, Meader, Spruce, and Eastman, the other peaks which surround the valley, are often the goal of trampers. The more distant Pequawket, Chocouria, the Presidents, and the Mahoosucs will again be within range when travel restrictions are removed.

The views of the mountains from Stone House meadow are among the finest. From this point there are several attractive extensions. Blueberry Ridge offers fine views, interesting geology, and usually an abundant supply of the fruit whence comes its name. On Palmer Mountain the Rattlesnake Ledges, seemingly so called from an absence of reptiles in the locality, provide another easy climb.

The latest addition to the trails was built in the autumn of 1941 on the

Baldfaces, and named in memory of William J. Bicknell, who was for so many years a devotee of Cold River Camp.

In early years the Camp had a trails' leader in residence; Stanley Duffill filling the position for some seasons, and being succeeded by Laurence [Larry's Lair] Campbell, who served through 1938. Later the present plan of volunteers was established. Guest leaders usually remain for a period of two weeks, thus providing a variety of guides during the season.

During the day, most of the campers are off on the trails, either with the leader or on jaunts of their own. Those who wish a day off from tramping find plenty of amusement around camp with the croquet set, tennis court or swimming pool; or they may occupy themselves with useful chores, such as weeding the drive or pulling up encroaching pines. In the evening the Lodge will see a table or two of bridge and perhaps a game of anagrams, while other campers read or write letters. The more actively inclined gravitate to the recreation hall for games or impromptu dancing. Now and then there will be a showing of amateur movies here or a guest will talk of his experiences in far places. An occasional campfire supper by the river is a gay break in the routine. But, over and beyond these definite activities are the fun of friendships, the joyous camaraderie and freedom of the place, so refreshing to the regimented city dweller.

In spite of its actual remoteness, Cold River Camp can be reached by several routes...[One] approach is by train from Portland to Fryeburg, thence by automobile or rural mail-bus. Those who have never come by mail-bus have missed a pleasant human experience, for along the route the arrival of the mail is the event of the day. The driver throws out the individual mail bags house to house, deposits awaited packages from mail-order houses, delivers his commissions of bags of meal or spools of thread to the waiting customers; all this is accompanied by his inquiries, perhaps for a sick child, a visiting relative, or news of a boy away at war.

Trees are one of the great joys of the valley. Giant pines, spruce, hemlock, birch, and beech dot the trails and the mountains, and by their size and height show that they have been longtime dwellers. In the woods bird lovers find many different species to delight them, but the glory of the valley is its thrushes. Ever present and ever welcome is the hermit thrush. He greets one in the morning, calls often through the day, and brings a benediction as the sun sinks behind the mountain bulwarks and night falls upon this peaceful valley.

the ***Little Deer Dispatch***

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CONANT LODGE AND THE PLATEAU
The Royces, Evans Notch and Blueberry Mountain on skyline

SATURDAY 3-24-07 CRC REUNION HIKES SIGN-UP

PLEASE JOIN US AT ANY OF THREE COLD RIVER REUNION sites on March 24th. We have expanding the reach of our annual reunions to include Boston, New York City, and Delaware River Valley.

All reunion hikes will meet at 10 a.m. on March 24th and include several hours of a local walk/hike followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant (details below). Each person is responsible for their meal cost. This format makes it easier for more people to attend and to hike (since CRC is a hiking Camp). Please call your hike leader by 3/17.

Metro New York Hike (Sterling Forest), Irene Logan,
845-753-5651, no calls after 9 pm. Conditions determine exact route/distance. We'll make stops to enjoy winter scenery. Bring gaiters, snowshoes, stablifiers, etc. as conditions warrant. I will turn away hikers without appropriate winter gear. **YOU NEED TO REGISTER WITH THE LEADER THAT YOU ARE COMING ON THE HIKE.** Inclement weather of any variety (extreme cold--below 20 degrees, snow, sleet, rain, etc.) or forecast of same will cancel the hike. Call after 7 a.m. day of hike if you have a questions regarding the hike. Meet in Sloatsburg, Rockland Co., NY. The Short Line bus arrives at 9:07. From Rt. 17 north turn right at blinker. Go one block to RR sta. Turn R before crossing track. Then turn R into large parking lot. ←



Delaware River Valley Hike (Wissahickon Valley)

Bill Gross, 610-667-3605, <wmgross4@juno.com> Join fellow CRC campers for an easy 3-hour hike in Philadelphia's Wissahickon Valley. It is a gorge packed with natural beauty and geological and historical interest. Its trails pass through heavily wooded areas, around and over bluffs and rock outcroppings and always near the Wissahickon Creek. After hike, we'll continue the camaraderie over lunch at Valley Green Inn, a mid 19th century roadhouse. In true CRC tradition, only severe weather will thwart getting together. Meet at the Valley Green parking area at 10 A.M. Contact Bill Gross to RSVP and for directions. This is a true gem of a hike. ←



Boston Area Hike (Weetamoo Woods, Tiverton, R.I.)

Leona Florek, Bill Fuchs, & Sally Morris

We will meet at Weetamoo Woods in Tiverton, Rhode Island at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 24, 2007 for a nice hike through the woods and up onto a rock outcropping with views out over a cedar swamp and the surrounding countryside. After the hike Ted and Sally Schwartz will host an optional pot-luck lunch at their home in Dartmouth, MA (directions available the day of the hike). Please register with Bill Fuchs if you plan on attending the hike and/or the pot luck lunch. If you're attending the lunch, let Bill know what you would like to bring. Contact Bill at billfuchs3@aol.com or (508) 789-9070.



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From the East: Take Route 195 west to Route 24 south

From the North: Take Route 93 to Route 24 south

From the West: Take Route 195 East to Route 24 south

From the South: Take Rt. 95 N to Rt. 138 E (Exit 3A) to Rt. 24 S

Then....Follow Route 24 south to Fish Road (Exit 6).

Turn left onto Fish Road and go 1.4 miles to intersect with RI Rt. 177.

Turn left on RI Route 177 (Bulgarmash Road).

Follow Bulgarmash Road 1.0 mile to the intersection with RI Route 77.

Turn right on RI Route 77 (Main Road). Continue 3.2 miles to East Rd.

Turn Left on East Road and go 0.4 miles to the Weetamoo Woods sign and parking area on the left side of the road.

NOTE: Starting this year, all participants will need to sign the AMC risk assumption form, the same one needed for summer CRC reservation requests.

Cold River Camp Annual Reunions
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