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COLD RIVER CAMP * AMC

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Wellesley, MA, February 1999

Dear Cold River Camp Friends,

With the holidays behind us, the CRC Committee returns to working on getting ready for the 1999 season. As Chair of the volunteer CRC Committee which manages our camp, I commend the devotion and work of this group. Welcome to two new members, Anna Goettle and Dwight Wilder. Our thanks to Suzanne Cohen, retiring after her three year term. Meg Holland retires also, but we do not lose her, as she has agreed to continue as coordinator of volunteers, and supervise our opening, and several of our spring work and conference activities at camp. You will find a roster of your committee listed on page 10 in this newsletter, together with key sub-committee volunteers and their area of responsibility so you know who to contact if you have questions, concerns or good ideas to share.

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The 1998 season was very successful, as judged by comments from staff and guests. Some of the best comments came from the new kid's questionnaire. Responses to what did you like best about being at camp? included friends, breakfast, blueberries, and playground, eating the yummy food and comfy beds. The committee appreciates *all* your input.

We had an unusually high occupancy due in part to an 8 week regular season and in part to CRC's growing popularity, but it was harder to have a first choice, or find space for late reservations. The committee has decided to return to a 9 week season, with 2 weeks extension *following* Labor Day weekend, in an effort to accommodate more guests, but I urge early reservations. Reservations are handled chronologically by day starting with April 1 postmarks, and then by lottery, with priority for the committee and those who volunteer more than 25 hours per year. Camp is extremely appreciative of *all* volunteer time, effort, and special skills; it helps keep camp running smoothly, looking great, be affordable, and provides the chance to enjoy the company of old and new friends.

Looking ahead to the 1999 season, the first good news is that Bill and Kathy Waste will again be our managers, and Al and Jackie Cressy our extension season managers. The second news is good and bad: we will move forward on a rehab of the women's bathhouse, but probably will not be able to schedule the work till the fall. Other improvements planned include lighting improvements for the Rec Hall, repairs to several cabins, and some brush and tree clearing around buildings to improve light and moisture ventilation.

We have a full guest schedule planned of daily hikes, weekly naturalist program, good food, and the best of company in our special corner of New England. Our CRC Reunion get-together is on March 27th. It's a great chance for a mid-winter break to talk to friends, share thoughts with CRC staff and committee members, and enjoy yourself.

I hope the weather cooperates, and look forward to seeing you there!

Dick Birch

CRC Committee Chair '99



MANAGERS' LETTER



Lyme, NH, January 1999

Dear Friends,

One of the moments we enjoy most at Cold River during the summer is pausing by the birdbath late at night after having closed up the Lodge. As we look around, all is quiet and there is a wonderful sense of peace. Those thoughts and feelings help carry us through the rest of the year, especially when we look out the window at 5 o'clock to see it already dark with a temperature of only 8 degrees! We know each of you have special memories of Cold River Camp to help you get through the cold and dark of winter, too.

This past summer we saw the completion of the multi-year renovation of the Lodge. Some things were visible such as the new porch floor, but others were not such as the replacement of old wiring. We also put two ceiling fans in the dining room and can now let you in on a little secret--on hot days it is now cooler in the dining room than on the dining porch, but don't tell the old timers who always rush to sit there!

We plan to begin a similar process of renovation to the Rec Hall starting this year in an effort to stay ahead of the maintenance curve. Keeping up with maintenance is only possible, by the way, with the continued efforts of many volunteers putting in hundreds of hours each year. We thank you all.

Having just begun the hiring process, we will provide a full update and as many introductions as possible for this summer's staff and crew at the Reunion. Last year's group was outstanding and we are excited that a number of them will be returning, but you will just have to come to Reunion to find out who!

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!

Until we see you at Camp,

Bill and Kathy Waste

Cold River Camp Managers '99

CHATHAM TRAILS ASSOCIATION



Bethel, ME, January 1999

Nineteen-Ninety-Eight has been a significant year for the CTA. The Ice Storm of January 1998 will be long remembered for the tree damage caused in Northern New England. During work weekends in May & June, CTA volunteers labored long and hard clearing fallen limbs and trees from CTA-maintained trails. By mid-June, these trails were ready for hiking.

In June, a special meeting was held at Cold River Camp to reflect on where the CTA should be headed in the years to come. The CTA vision provides for the continued building, maintenance and protection of trails in and around the Town of Chatham, NH. To assist with attaining that vision, the CTA members at the meeting affirmed the need for a set of bylaws that would set forth how the CTA would function. Among the important provisions of the proposed bylaws is a Board of Directors. An interim Board was elected from CTA members at the June meeting so that plans could be put into motion for developing a set of bylaws and carrying out the CTA work program for the coming year. As the CTA prepares to move into the next millennium, several key goals have been established:

- Encourage membership from the Chatham area.
- Involve more members in the planning & execution of CTA's work program.
- Become more proactive in training members in trail maintenance.
- Promote education of those who enjoy hiking on the CTA trails, through financial support of the Brickett Place Outdoor Wilderness Information Center and publishing of Don Devine's trail guide.

At the CTA Annual Meeting on Saturday, 27 March, to be held with the Cold River Camp Reunion, there will be an important opportunity for you to hear more about the CTA bylaws, the CTA plans for 1999 and beyond, and elect the Association's Board of Directors, to include the officers.

If you have not yet joined the CTA for 1999, please take a moment to complete the membership application and remit the \$5 dues. We encourage CRC guests to support CTA trails maintenance by working during one or more work weekends, scheduled for May 29-31, June 5-6 and June 12-13.

Allen Cressy

CTA President '99

CTA SIGN-UP FORM

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Membership & Contributions

I/we desire to become members of the CTA for the year of 1999.

I am enclosing the membership dues of \$5.

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

Volunteer Trail Work

I/we am interested in volunteer trail work.

Please circle the date(s) of your choice below

May 29-31

June 5-6

June 12-13

Please note that you can become a CTA member by working at least 8 hours during 1999 in support of the CTA.

Please circle your interests and/or abilities below

Blazing Trails

Chain saw work

Cooking

Trail clearing

Making Trail Signs

Trail construction

Please return this Registration Form by mail to:

Allen Cressy, Chatham Trails Association,

P.O. Box 74, Bethel ME 04217

T: 207-824-0308 E: ajcressy@megalink.net

...OR BRING THIS FORM TO THE REUNION

Art Bearce, a former CRC manager, passed away last year. Art with his wife, Ann, were Camp managers from 1976 to 1980. After the great December 1980 wind storm that hit Camp, Art's quick initiative in arranging loggers to come in and remove the wood helped Camp to recover rapidly. Our thoughts are with his family.

REUNION FAMILY HIKE



On Saturday, March 27th 1999
THE NINTH ANNUAL

This Family Hike has become a traditional part of CRC Reunion's activities for the past eight years. For fun, Marvin and Judy Swartz (H: 413-529-0024) have again agreed to lead the hike up Wachusett Mountain. Come see the Boston skyline from afar! If you have questions, or if the weather looks iffy, please call Marvin.

Time: Start at 11:00 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. If weather and ground conditions permit, we shall drive to the north side of the mountain and hike the Bolton Pond and Sumuhenna Trails, then the Harrington Trail to summit of Mt. Wachusett (2006'). Total distance about 3.5 miles. **Bring your lunch/snack & 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:

From Worcester: 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).

From Boston (or Greenfield): On Route 2, get off on Route 190, go to Route 140 north and follow the above 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). (Note do not bear right onto Bolton Rd where ski area entrance is located.)

SEPTEMBER MANAGERS' LETTER



January 1999, Bethel, Maine

Dear Cold River Camp Friends,

Although the snow lies deep on the grounds of Cold River Camp, we have already begun to think about the Extension Season of 1999. We believe that most, if not all, of the volunteer Crew members will be joining us once again for the 21st annual Extension Season. Because Todd Barber has chosen to do missionary work in Scotland and will not be returning as our cook, this spring we will be looking for his replacement. Dwight Wilder will be joining us as a hike leader during the first week.

We are looking forward to seeing those of you who have become Extension regulars at Camp as well as some new faces. If you haven't come to Extension before, we would like to encourage you to give it a try; we think you will find that Extension is a real treat - no bugs, crisp days and few people on your favorite trails.

Al and Jackie Cressy

September Season Managers '99 ❧

NATURALIST PROGRAM

Refresh your memory on the differences between fir & spruce, see a moose at the blind, bird watch in the ravine before breakfast, have the kids sample a wintergreen flavor snack. The weekly CRC Naturalists will share their enthusiasm with guests both young and old, in camp and on the trail. We will have booklets for the Jr. Naturalists and equipment for you to use. We'll have weekly programs about the natural world and info about how we help care for it. A range of basic field guides is kept handy in the Rec hall and there is a special collection of nature books for younger guests in the lodge. We look forward to seeing you!

If anyone is interested in becoming a naturalist at CRC, contact either Peg or Anna. We also have info about the annual AMC Naturalist Weekend.

Peg Birch, Conservation and Education '99 ❧

Anna Goettle, Naturalist Coordinator '99 ❧

1999 REUNION RESERVATION FORM



Name (s) _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Please indicate number of people attending _____

Check is enclosed for _____ (\$15.00/person)

Please make check payable to *Cold River Camp-Reunion, AMC.*

Will you be taking part in the Wachusett Hike?

Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please be sure to provide your phone numbers above.

Mail reservations by March 16th to :
Sally Crocker & Daniel Gallagher
7 Brookfield Avenue, Barrington RI 02806
H: 401-245-5759 W: 617-720-3500 X231
E: scrocker@wgsllaw.com



PLEASE NOTE: RESERVATIONS MUST BE
RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, MARCH 19th

COLD RIVER CAMP ANNUAL REUNION & THE CHATHAM TRAILS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Greendale People's Church,
Worcester, MA (directions on page 11)

Saturday, March 27 1999



Mt. Wachusett Family Hike - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

CTA Annual Meeting - 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Reception with hors d'oeuvres - 4:30 - 5:45 PM

*Swedish Meatballs, Finger Sandwiches, Veggies
Cheese & Crackers, Punch & Hot Mulled Cider*

Dinner - 5:45 - 6:30 PM

MENU (served Cold River Camp style!)

Onion Soup

Pasta Primavera

Green Salad with Rolls & Butter

Chocolate Parfait with Coffee, Tea, or Sanka

After Dinner Program - 6:30 PM

☛ Welcome & Hike Leader's Report

☛ Introduction of CRC 1999 Staff and Croo

☛ "A Trip Down Memory Lane with

Croo members from the 1940's and 1950's"

☛ A Cold River Camp Slide Contest / Door Prizes

End of Program - 8:00 PM

PLEASE JOIN US



CRC CONTACTS



1999 Cold River Camp Committee

Dick Birch (Chair)	Wellesley, MA	781-235-8764
Jim Weston (Vice-Chair)	Bedford, MA	781-275-8034
Harvey Wechsler	Old Bethpage, NY	516-694-0659
Larry Prendegast	Ridgewood, NJ	201-447-5644
Dick Anderson	Hendricks, PA	215-234-4829
Sally Morris	No. Andover, MA	978-683-6747
Anna Goettle	Arlington, MA	781-648-6350
Dwight Wilder	Somersworth, NH	603-692-6898
Al Cressy	Chelmsford, MA	207-824-0508

1999 Cold River Camp Volunteers

Al & Jackie Cressy (Extension Season Managers)	207-824-0508
Karen Winfield (Treasurer)	781-871-9393
Lois Winkler (Registrar)	914-747-3194
Meg Holland (Volunteers Coordinator)	603-692-6898
Peg Birch (Conservation & Education)	781-235-8764
Al Cressy (Land Management Plan)	207-824-0508
Marvin Swartz (Hike Leaders)	413-529-0024
Anna Goettle (Naturalists)	781-648-6350
Mark Winkler (Newsletter, Brochures)	914-747-3194
Sally Crocker & Daniel Gallagher (Reunion)	401-245-5759
Meg Holland (Camp Opening)	603-692-6898
Richard Foster (Camp Closing)	401-334-2880
Sam Hawley (Summer Maintenance, Winter Caretaker)	207-935-3823
David Ireland (Water System)	603-898-8094
Mag Wine (Winter Cabin Registrar)	207-797-4994

1999 Cold River Camp Managers

Bill & Kathy Waste	Lyme, NH	603-795-4440
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DIRECTIONS TO REUNION ¹¹

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 190 into Worcester.

Leave Rt 190 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.

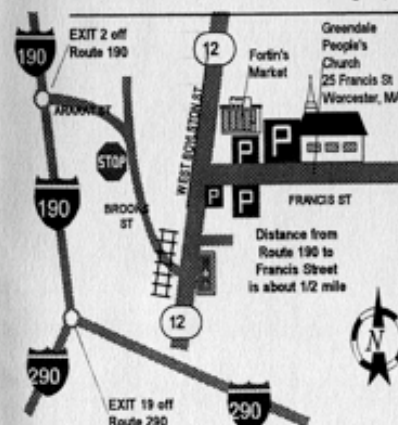
Follow Ararat St. as it narrows see sign to Rt 12.

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 and 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.

HIKE LEADERS WANTED

*If you have any interest in being a
Cold River Camp Hike Leader during the 2000 Season,
please call MARVIN SWARTZ
at 413-529-0024.*

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP FORM ✂

Sign-up for CRC spring activities is flexible. We understand how quickly plans can change. If you can't make a date you have scheduled. *PLEASE* me know. Many Thanks!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Please circle the 1999 dates of your choice below
MAY 8 9 12 13 14 15 16 29 30 31

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

Painting (*bring old clothes*) Clean-up
Carpentry/Repairs Gardening

Kitchen (Meal Prep) Grounds & brush cutting Other

Please respond by May 1st, 1999 to:

Meg Holland, 15 Pinecrest Drive, Somersworth NH 03878
(603-692-6898) ✉ e-mail: mitymeg@aol.com

...OR BRING THIS FORM TO THE REUNION ✉

CRC CORPS OF VOLUNTEERS



Somersworth, New Hampshire, January 1999

Dear CRC Volunteers,

Once again we find ourselves looking forward to CRC spring activities while still in the deep of winter. As I look out my window, a predicted nor-easter is just starting to strut her stuff. Nevertheless, I know, that as usually happens, this will pass and soon we'll be back at CRC.

This year, the month of May has five weekends offering us more work opportunities. The dates are as follows:

May 8-9	Opening Weekend
May 12-14	Preparation for the Naturalists' Weekend
May 14-16	Ninth Annual Naturalists' Weekend
May 29-31	Spring Work Weekend (with CTA)

May 22-23 is a CTA trails work weekend but there is ample work opportunity around the CRC campus if anyone wishes to sign up for those dates. We are not scheduling any work dates for Fall 1999.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each & all of you who so willingly volunteered your time in the past. It is greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work!! Those of you who have helped out in the Spring in years past know what a grand experience it can be. We get up early, prep our own breakfast, work hard all morning, break for lunch, work hard all afternoon, prep our own dinner, and then collapse on the front porch (that is, if we haven't gone to bed already). Sound like fun? Come join us?

Because it's off season, meals are cafeteria style & you will need to bring your own sleeping gear & towels. Cabins are first come, first served. Children are welcome if they can help with the chores, but please leave pets at home. Looking forward to another splendid spring!

Meg Holland

Volunteer Coordinator '99 ✉

1999 SEASON RATES

same rates as 1998!!

1999 Rates	7/3-7/16	7/16-9/4	9/4-9/17
Adult (12yr & over)	\$320/wk	\$360/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 & 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 5pm*;
(after 6/20) to Bill & Kathy Waste, Managers, HCR Box 221,
Center Conway, NH 03813 T: 603-694-3291

Trip Leaders and Naturalists for 1999 Season

July 3-10	C. Kaplan(T), R. Patera(T), C. Waite(T), M. Wine(N)
July 10-17	U. Bakewell(T), M. Griffin(T), W. Gross(T), R. Daniels(N)
July 17-24	E. Edleman(T), L. Fink(T/N), R. Cross(T),
July 24-31	G. Munson(T), T. Shafer(T), C. Lojko(T), P. Birch(T/N)
July 31-Aug 7	J. Doucett(T), F. Mastro(T), C&C McArdle(T/N)
Aug 7-14	H. Wechsler(T), J. Kenyon(T), A. Carlson(T), M. Regan(T)
Aug 14-21	A. Piasik(T), R. Anderson(T), A. Goettle(N), D. Goettle(T)
Aug 21-28	A. Wright(T), S. Morris(T), M. Swartz(T)
Aug 28-Sept 4	S. Keroes(T), G. Crane(T), J. Gorman(T/N)
Sept 4-11	Dwight Wilder(T)

T=Trip Leader; T/N=Trip Leader/Naturalist; N=Naturalist

1999 AMC Cold River Camp Application

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 7/1/99)

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

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ License Plate No. _____

Registration Fee enclosed \$ _____ (\$100/person/week in July & August or \$80/person in September)

Set addressed stamped envelope enclosed? ☐ ☐ Make checks payable to AMC-COLD RIVER CAMP

OPTIONAL: Emergency Contact or Family Physician _____ Phone _____

SIGNED _____ Date _____

Do not mail
before April 1st