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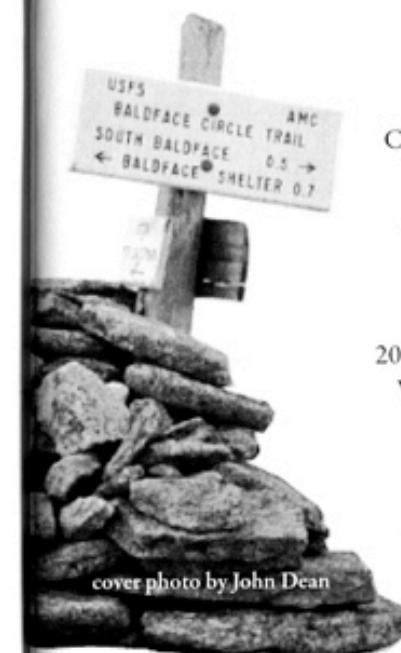
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From the Editor/Designer

I hope that this *Little Deer Dispatch* will help inform and inspire as you plan your 2008 summer vacation into the Cold River Valley. If you have any CRC articles, photographs, stories and history that you would like to share in future *Dispatches*, please send to me. Thanks for your continued interest in CRC.

-Mark Winkler

Chairman's Welcome

Lebanon, NH, February 2008

Dear Cold River Camp Friends,

It is that time again to start thinking summer and Cold River Camp. For returning campers, welcome. If you have not been to camp for a while, we have missed you and hope that you will be back this summer.

For those considering Cold River Camp for the first time, a special welcome. I am sure you will have the same great experience that my family and I had our first time so many years ago for Cold River Camp is an almost magical place.

No one can stop time, but here we try our best. Many, after a long period away from Camp, have said when they turned into the gate and drove down to the Lodge, the camp looked the same as they had remembered. So as we say about Camp, "Step back in time", relax and join the communal life of Cold River Camp. How? Well turn off the cell phone (it probably doesn't work here anyway), leave the computer off, and wind down. Remember you are on vacation to enjoy the outdoors with family, friends, and new friends you'll meet during your stay at Camp.

As many of you know, Cold River Camp (CRC) is an AMC facility run and managed by a dedicated group of volunteers. I would like to recognize and thank one special volunteer, John Dean. For the past three years John has been Chairman of the CRC Camp Committee. John's term has ended but he will remain on the committee one more year, for which I am grateful as I learn the job. During John's term he encouraged and supported many capital improvements to camp. It is my intention to continue the upkeep of our aging buildings.

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While the camp provides qualified hike leaders and naturalist who are all volunteers, during the regular season the camp also has a paid staff of managers and crew to make your stay enjoyable. The rest of the year there are a host of volunteers carrying out the myriad of tasks that make Cold River Camp run so smoothly. Our extension season in September is more laid back and quiet run primarily by volunteers, many who have been coming back for years. If you would like to join CRC's family of volunteers please contact **Ted Shwartz**, our Volunteer Coordinator, or any CRC Committee member for a list of opportunities.

Again, have a great time stepping back into the magic of Cold River Camp.

*Frank Mastro
CRC Committee Chair 2008 •*

Help Wanted: Crew Apprenticeships and Extension Crew

Each summer, apprentice crew members supplement the regular summer crew, mostly during late August. This is a great opportunity for 16 – 18 year olds to get a taste of working at Cold River Camp and may lead to a future job. Apprentices receive full room and board and are encouraged to commit to a week of work, including a day off.

Serving as volunteer Crew for a week during the two-week Extension season can be a rewarding experience for adults who like a "working vacation." And it's a way to stay at no cost for September's colorful and quiet hiking.

If interested, please contact Neb Beecher & Chris Clyne,
Cold River Camp Managers, at crcmanagers@gmail.com

Manager's Welcome

Tamworth, NH, February, 2008

Dear Cold River Campers,

*Summer at CRC turns to...
 fall... turns to...
 winter... turns to...
 spring... turns to...
 summer at CRC.*

Summer is returning soon, as it does every year. We will return, too, for our third summer as managers. And Chris as manager of her second Extension season. We hope that you will return, too, whether it is for the first time, or for the fiftieth.

What will be the same for 2008?

The Cold River Camp experience: Seeing friends and making new friends, hiking and enjoying meals together in the quiet beauty of Evans Notch.

What's new for 2008?

First, we welcome Jason DeVries as head cook. Todd Barber, steadfast cook and friend of Camp for more than a decade, has retired as our regular season cook. However, Todd will stay on as Extension Season cook and as the cook for both Opening and Naturalist Weekends in May. Jason grew up in Wolfeboro, NH and has excelled at cooking positions around New England and New York, including as head cook at a Nature's Classroom camp.

Also, we welcome, as new Assistant Manager, Liz Hall, a long-time Cold River camper and former crew. This winter, Liz is working at McMurdo

Station down in Antarctica, but will return to New Hampshire refreshed and ready after a spring of world travel homeward. The crew will be new, too (We are hiring now)!

Bob Crane has generously developed a Camp web site:
www.amccoldrivercamp.org.

This is becoming a valuable communications tool – we encourage you to check it for any last-minute news as your trip to Camp approaches.

Even as we protect the traditional Cold River Camp experience, we recognize the demands of the future. This year, we will be analyzing the Camp's sustainability, exploring ways to further reduce, reuse, recycle, and save resources. We welcome your input. And we are looking forward to seeing you.

*Ned Beecher & Chris Clyne
 Cold River Camp Managers 2008*

P. S. As you make your summer plans, please tell others about Cold River Camp. You are the best advertising for Camp, and keeping the Camp going depends on keeping the cabins full all summer. Thank you. •

Cold River Camp to Extend Its Season

Cold River Camp has extended its season to offer AMC chapters and other groups, exclusive use of Camp for a weekend or a week. We currently have time available starting Sept 15 through Oct 10th. The camp also has some limited time available in May and June.

If interested contact Meg Holland (mitymeg@comcast.net) or phone 603-692-6898) for details.

Facilities Committee

Report of the Facilities Committee: The past year, 2007, brought several changes to Camp. The biggest was a new guest cabin, Sam's Place. Although the number of guest in camp during any week is limited to the dinning room capacity, the additional cabin allows our registrar more flexibility in getting you into camp on or near your desired dates.

The one change that seemed to catch most campers' attention was the extensive cutting in the Ravine. The purpose was to open up views from camp into Evans Notch. Campers, who have been coming to camp for years, remember fine views of the mountains, even from Ledgewiew Cabin. Like all logging operations there was a considerable amount of slash left. It was the logger's intention to gather up the slash but unfortunately the ground thawed before he could. It became a question of which was worse, the slash or deep ruts from the skidder. So, we apologize for the slash and are currently trying to figure how to get an industrial size wood chipper into the area and some willing volunteers to feed the chipper. Not as noticeable was the removal of several large pines near Greeley and family cabins. The trees in this area were removed primarily to protect the cabins that they towered over.

Decks were built in front of East and West Royce Cabin. Feedback from the camps questionnaire indicated that those staying in the cabin liked and enjoyed them. The committee is considering something similar for East and West Speckled.

A major project that we have been postponing for several years was to replace the water lines out to Tower and Barracks. This project was completed last fall.

The major project for 2008 will be re-siding of the Lodge. We have contracted with **Kevin Larue**, Davis Mountain Builders, who did the work restoring Larry's Lair and Sam's Place. Kevin will be starting early this

spring and should have it ready for painting before our scheduled Work Weekend (June 6 - 8).

We are looking for volunteers to help paint the Lodge during the June 6-8 Work Weekend. For those that would like to help but cannot make Work Weekend, contact **Frank Mastro** at femastro@verizon.net or 603-443-9978 for other possible dates.

The Facilities Committee •

Opening Weekend

Opening Weekend this year is May 3-4. It is a wonderful opportunity to come see the beauty of Cold River as it awakens in the Spring. We open up the buildings and chase out the worst of the cob-webs looking to get Camp in operation for the pre-season activities.

Meals are provided from Friday night, if you can get there by 6:00, through a Sunday trail lunch. Todd will be in the kitchen, so you know the food will be good. Please bring sleeping gear and towels as the linens are not out yet. Families are welcome provided young hands can help out or require only minimal supervision.

Please call or email by April 19th if you would like to come, how many there will be, and by what meal you plan arrive (especially if it is Friday night). Space is limited and first-come, first served, so RSVP to **Ted Shwartz**, Volunteer Coordinator, (508) 984-5812 or email: tedshwartz@natcocorp.com.

Hope to see you at CRC this Spring!
-Bill & Kathy Waste

Camp Wish List

The CRC Wish List allows interested Campers to donate funds toward the purchase of a variety of items for Camp. You may donate money toward any item anonymously, or be formally recognized in the CRC donation book located in the main Lodge.

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE APPRECIATED.

1. Pillows for guest cabins (\$5 each).
2. Five energy efficient fluorescent outdoor floodlights to replace incandescent flood lights (\$10/bulb).
3. Rechargeable fluorescent lanterns for use by guest (\$35 each).
4. Two eastern white pine trees (five to seven feet tall) to plant at Sam's Place, a new guest cabin that opened in 2007 (\$70 each).
5. Replacement mattresses for guest cabins (\$145 each).
6. Braided rug for Lodge entrance to help protect floors (\$150).
7. New fluorescent flood light fixture on Tower so light points down toward entrance & more energy efficient (\$170).
8. Plant "conservation mix" grass seed with a truck load of loam around Sam's Place (\$300).
9. Help fund publishing *The Little Deer Dispatch* (\$400).
10. Small replacement stove for Sam's Place (\$500).
11. New stainless steel shelving for kitchen walk-in freezer (\$600).
12. Repair Speckled fireplace so that it draws air adequately to support a fire. (\$1,500 estimated cost).

Please contact **Frank Mastro** (femastro@verizon.net) if you would like to make a donation. The Wish List is updated on the CRC web site (<http://www.amccoldrivercamp.org/>). Check the web site from time to time to see if anything new has been added.

Chatham Trails Association

CHATHAM TRAILS ASSOCIATION

22 Grove Place, Unit 29
Winchester, MA 01890



In 1922 a group of Cold River Camp volunteers formed CTA to improve hiking in the Evans Notch and make Cold River Camp a premier hiking destination. In the early years before the National Forest had a trail system, the "trailbuilders" set out to create new routes and build new trails so hikers could enjoy scenic and interesting areas. Today, the volunteers of CTA continue that tradition but with a purpose of maintaining about 40 miles of trails, a task that becomes more important as trail use increases and the Forest Service's already tight budget was further reduced by the need to redirect resources to the severe forest fires. This of course impacts their ability to maintain all the trails decreases. This season CTA reported to the Forest Service 736 hours of work on our trails.

On Memorial weekend over 40 volunteers gathered to perform basic maintenance of cleaning and repairing waterbars and drainage ditches, removing blown down trees and cutting brush along the trails. The volunteers also did an assessment of the trail conditions and work needed. The assessment is used by CTA and the Forest Service to plan future work. Our friends from Trailwrights joined us again this year to repair an eroded section on the Deer Hill Trail and installed stone steps on a steep section.

On the second weekend CTA members were joined by volunteers who chose our projects to participate in the National Trails Day, a nationwide event to bring people together to care for our trail system.

A highlight of this year was the first Trail Stewardship Hike. CTA volunteers joined CRC leaders on a hike to learn about trail construction and maintenance. As we hiked along the Deer Hill Trail we observed trail features and challenges to maintenance. The high point of the hike was repairing a wet area on the trail and constructing over twenty feet of bog bridge, a feature that will not only keep hikers out of the mud but will protect the land along the trail corridor.

Plans are in the works for the 2008 season. The traditional "spring cleaning" of the trails will be Memorial Weekend. The annual meeting will be Saturday May 24. Our second weekend, May 31-June 1, will be listed as a National Trails Day event bringing new volunteers to CTA. The weekends will not be all work; there will be plenty of time for old friends to catch up and to welcome new members.

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

The work weekends, adopter reports and hike leader reports provide us valuable information about the condition of the trails and work that needs to be done. This year one of our priorities will be updating the trail signs. Over the winter volunteers are designing, routing and painting new signs that will be installed in the spring.

The Brickett Place wilderness information center is an important asset to Evans Notch. The exhibits describe the history of the area, the National Forest, CTA and CRC. The USFS budget is not able to assign staff to

keep the center open. Last season volunteers staffed the center several days each week. CTA members are working with the USFS to find new ways keep the information center open more hours.

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

My personal thanks to all of you who supported CTA and contributed to our success through work on the trails, "behind the scenes" support to the trail crews and for support with dues and contributions. For more information or to become a member visit our web site.

Have a wonderful vacation and enjoyable hiking. When you plan your activities look for the Trail Stewardship Hike and join us for a day on the trails.

Michael V. Zlogar
CTA President 2008

<http://snebulos.mit.edu/orgs/cta/>

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2008 Cold River Camp Calendar

May 1	Convent Closes for Winter Guest Use
May 3-4	Camp Opening Weekend
May 3	CRC Spring Committee Meeting
May 16-18	AMC Naturalist Weekend at CRC
May 24-26	CTA Trail Work Weekend/Annual Meeting
May 31-June 1	CTA Trail Work Weekend
June 7-8	CRC Work Weekend
June 21-28	Season Prep and Work Week
June 28-July 5	CRC Guest Week 1
July 5-12	CRC Guest Week 2
July 12-19	CRC Guest Week 3
July 19-26	CRC Guest Week 4
July 26-Aug 2	CRC Guest Week 5
Aug 2-9	CRC Guest Week 6
Aug 9-16	CRC Guest Week 7
Aug 16-23	CRC Guest Week 8
Aug 23-Aug. 30	CRC Guest Week 9
Aug 30-Sept. 6	CRC Extension Week 1
Sep 6-12	CRC Extension Week 2
Sep 12-14	Shed/Bicknell Reunion 2008
Oct 11-12	CRC Camp Closing
Oct. 1	Convent Opens for Fall / Winter Use
Oct 11-12	CRC Fall Committee Meeting (Location TBD)

HELPFUL HINTS FOR COLD RIVER CAMP

by Sally Morris

Here is a glimpse into the possibilities that draw us back each year to CRC. Are you new to Camp? Did you think you had exhausted all the options? Let us share some of the customs that old timers know to make a week at camp even more enjoyable.

Packing List: Summer hikers know that they need good boots and socks, raincoats and warm layers, water bottles, maps, sunscreen, and bug dope, in addition to snacks and lunch, before they hit the trail. At Cold River, close to brooks and the river, some people choose to pack a swimsuit and light towel, or even water shoes, for trips.

Some hikers have their favorite trail food despite the delicious lunch table Camp provides. Pack from home a well-sealing plastic box or cooler for mouse-proof storage in cabin. Some prefer to pack lunch in reusable containers (i.e., sandwich boxes and snack cups) from home to reduce waste.

You may find yourself canoeing down a beautiful river with sightings of osprey, bald eagles, and king fishers a regular treat. You will appreciate water shoes, a sun hat or sunglasses, wet/dry bags (or garbage bag liners for your daypack), and for the young at heart, water toys to join in the splashing that occurs between some of the campers.

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Enjoy time in Camp: CRC is first and foremost a hiking camp, but it is also so beloved in large part for the companionship can be found so easily just inside the gate. The buildings were designed to encourage people to enjoy each other's company, but also to provide retreat and relaxation. How do campers while away the day when they just don't feel like hiking? Reading, drawing, or napping on the porch is refreshing. Some spend part of the day picking from the low-bush blueberry meadow. Gardeners enjoy the garden around the porch, designed with local and xeriscaping plants, complete with a map and botanical names. The garden is full of birds, especially hummingbirds, for the ornithologists.

The Rec Hall, with piano and ping pong, is the spot for evening programs. Guests can read through naturalist materials on the walls and tables. The building provides a great option for rainy day activities.

The Camp Library is for people who crave silence and a good book, or perhaps a little unfinished work. For children, the Lodge provides a well-loved collection of books for all ages in addition to board games and cards.

Rather than a rigorous day hike, some campers enjoy the gentle trails that encircle camp: the Conant Path and the Tea House Trail, both of which lead to the Cold River and can be combined into one nice loop. Small children enjoy the varied woodland views along the Conant Path, which starts behind the Cox cabin, skirts along a farm property, then descends to the river, providing lots of puttering opportunities in little streams, full of mushrooms and fungi. Occasional benches along the way or glimpses onto the river are a treat to discover. The Tea House is a screened gazebo, a soothing spot with the sounds of the brook and the river just below. Campers enjoy this retreat for art projects, reading, or a quiet lunch picnic.

Early mornings at Camp are magical. The sunrise cresting over Little Deer, lighting the Baldfaces, draws the early bird to the Porch where the weather update is posted and hot coffee, tea, or hot chocolate is ready

before the horn blows. On cold mornings, the fire in the Lodge draws people together before breakfast to plan their day's outing.

Other Tips: Some pack a sleeping bag or comforter instead of heavy wool blankets. Families with children prefer battery operated lamps to the kerosene. Wool blanket under the bottom sheet makes the bed warmer.

Outings or Activities: Post-dinner drive to Moose Blind or Deer Hill Bog Blind. Esther Williams Pool (on the Wild River) for a slightly warmer swim. Sebago Lake beaches and Songo Locks. Antiquing in Bethel. Eastman Homestead Day on the Farm. Square Dancing in the Rec Hall. Games on the Lawn (soccer, badminton, Frisbee, tether ball). Playground. Pre-breakfast hike up Little Deer. Sing-a longs. Finding and exploring the lesser known trails: Speckled's Cold Brook Link Trail to the Ledges. Albany Basins. Grafton Notch. Mount Sabbath. Lowe's Bald Spot. Rumford White Cap. •



Poetry Nights for 2008

By popular demand (from guests & trip leaders), there will be Poetry Nights during weeks 4 (July 19-26), 8 (August 16-23), and 9 (August 23-30). Guests are invited to participate, and to bring with them their favorite poems-to-read-aloud or to tap the Camp library's poetry collection once in Camp. Trip leaders will offer evening presentations centered on poetry readings. Another option is informal evening gatherings in Lodge or Rec Hall.

COLD RIVER CAMP 2008 SEASON RATES

	6/28-8/30	8/30 - 9/12(Friday)
Adult (17 yr & over)	\$480/wk	\$50/day
Youth (12yr to 16yr)*	\$400/wk	\$45/day
Child (2yr to 11 yr)	\$300/wk	\$45/day
Child under 2yr*	\$150/wk	\$45/day

*in same cabin with parents/adults. Age is as of 7/1/2008.

- All inclusive summer and extension rates cover all meals, lodging, taxes, activities, firewood, ice, and support of AMC programs.
- Non-AMC members please add 10%.
- For July/August reservations are full-week, Saturday to Saturday. Partial week reservations only accepted after 6/21 with a minimum stay of 3 nights. The daily rate is 20% of weekly rate.
- Maximum 10 (ten) names per reservation envelope.
- Deposit of \$200/person/week (\$100/person for extension season).
- Reservations forms are processed by lottery in postmark order commencing with April 1. Do not mail before April 1.
- Payment: Only Cash or Checks are accepted. Camp cannot accept credit cards. Make checks payable to **AMC-COLD RIVER CAMP**.
- Please provide self-addressed-stamped-envelope for confirmation/reply.
- Please ensure each and every person registering has provided an appropriately signed AMC release form. Without these forms, the reservation request will be rejected.
- See AMC OUTDOORS March 2008 for further information.

Mail reservations from April 1 to June 21 to:

Lois Winkler, Registrar 17 Southview St., Pleasantville, NY 10570
914-747-3194 before 9pm, please.

Mail reservations after June 21 to:

Ned Beecher and Chris Clyne, Managers
Cold River Camp, 32 AMC Rd., Chatham, NH 03813-5201
603-694-3291

2008 AMC Cold River Camp Application

For period (please give choices): 1st _____ to _____ 2nd _____ to _____ 3rd _____ to _____

Preferred location at Camp: 1st _____ 3rd _____
Please print or type
Names _____

AMC Membership
(type & number) _____

3rd
Children's Age & Sex
(as of 7/1/2008)

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

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Car License plate #: _____

Email: _____

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

- Make checks payable to: **AMC-COLD RIVER CAMP**
- PLEASE include a: Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope with reservation request.
- Each person registering must submit with reservation signed copy of AMC release form on back.
- Optional: Emergency Contact or Family Physician: _____ ph: _____

Do not send before April 1, 2008

Signed: _____ date: _____

Approved January 2006

AMC VOLUNTEER MANAGED FACILITIES

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISKS & RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

INTRODUCTION

PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. All participants must sign this Document. For participants under 18 yrs. of age (hereafter sometimes "minor" or "child"), one or both parent/s or guardian/s (hereafter collectively "parent/s") must also sign. In consideration of the services of the Appalachian Mountain Club, Inc., a charitable, non-profit corporation, organized and existing under the laws of Massachusetts, and its chapters, including all officers, employees, representatives, agents, independent contractors, volunteers (including leaders and co-leaders), members and all other persons or entities associated with it (collectively referred to in this Document as "AMC"), I (participant and parent/s of a minor participant), acknowledge and agree as follows:

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

Use of AMC volunteer managed facilities and/or instructional, educational and/or adventure activities (which may be scheduled or unscheduled, supervised or unsupervised and/or occur during free or independent time) occur in a variety of locations in the U.S. and include the "August Camp" program. Activities may include, but are not limited to hiking, biking, skiing, swimming, maintenance of trails and facilities, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, participant's independent use of AMC cabins or other facilities or use of those facilities in connection with AMC organized trips or activities, and transportation or travel to and from AMC facilities or activities (referred to in this Document as "activities" or "these activities"). Leaders of most AMC activities are volunteers. They are not paid professional guides or leaders. In all activities, participants share in the responsibility for their own safety. Participants (and parent/s of minors) take responsibility for having appropriate skills, physical conditioning, equipment and supplies for these activities.

These activities include inherent and other risks, hazards and dangers (referred to in this Document as "risks") that can cause or lead to injury, property damage, illness, mental or emotional trauma, paralysis or death to participant or others. Some, but not all of these risks include: hazardous and unpredictable ground, water or weather conditions; misjudgments made by leaders, co-leaders, participants or others; travel in remote areas that can cause delays in transportation, evacuation and medical care; equipment that can fail or malfunction; the potential that the participant or others (e.g. co-participant, driver, medical and rescue personnel) may act carelessly or recklessly; I understand that AMC staff, leaders or other personnel cannot assure participant's safety or eliminate any of these risks. Participant is voluntarily participating with knowledge of the risks. Therefore, participant (and parent/s of minors) assume and accept full responsibility for the inherent and other risks (both known and unknown) of these activities, and for any injury, damage, death or other loss suffered by participant, resulting from those risks, and resulting from participant's negligence or other misconduct.

RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Please read carefully. This Release and Indemnity agreement contains a surrender of certain legal rights. I (adult participant, or parent/s for themselves and for and on behalf of their participating minor child) agree as follows:

(1) to release and agree not to sue AMC, with respect to my and all claims, liabilities, suits or expenses (including attorney's fees and costs) (hereinafter collectively "claim or claim/s") for any injury, damage, death or other loss in any way connected with my/ my child's enrollment or participation in these activities, or use of AMC equipment, facilities or premises. I understand I agree here to waive all claim/s I or my child may have against AMC, and agree that neither I, my child, or anyone acting on my or my child's behalf, will make a claim against AMC, as a result of any injury, damage, death or other loss suffered by me or my child;

(2) to defend and indemnify (hereinafter meaning protect by reimbursement or payment) AMC with respect to any and all claim/s brought by or on behalf of me, my child, a family member, a co-participant, or any other person for any injury, damage, death or other loss in any way connected with my/ my child's enrollment or participation in these activities or use of AMC equipment, facilities or premises. This Release and Indemnity Agreement includes claim/s resulting from AMC's negligence (but not its gross negligence or intentional or reckless misconduct), and includes claim/s for personal injury or wrongful death (including claim/s related to emergency or medical response, assessment or treatment); property damage, breach of contract or any other claim.

I agree that the substantive laws of Massachusetts govern this Document and all other aspects of my relationship with AMC, and that any mediation, suit, or other proceeding must be filed or entered into only in Massachusetts. This Document is intended to be interpreted and enforced to the fullest extent allowed by law. Any portion of this Document deemed unlawful or unenforceable shall not affect the remaining provisions, and those remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

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

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Print name here _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Print name here _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Print name here _____

Winter 2008

- Deposit of \$200/person/week (\$100/person for extension season).
 - Reservations processed by lottery in postmark order commencing with April 1. Do not mail before April 1.
 - Payment: Only Cash or Checks are accepted. No credit cards. Make checks payable to AMC-Cold River Camp.
 - Please provide self-addressed-stamped-envelope for confirmation/reply.
 - Please ensure each and every person registering has provided an appropriately signed AMC release form.
 - Without these forms, the reservation request will be rejected.
- Please mail reservation materials to:**
- Mail reservation from April 1 to June 21 to:**
 Lois Winklet, Registrar 17 Southview St., Pleasantville, NY 10570-3351
 914-747-3194 before 9pm, please.
- Mail reservation after June 21 to:**
 Ned Beecher and Chris Clyne, Managers
 Cold River Camp, 32 AMC Rd., Chatham, NH 03813-5201 603-694-3291

TRIP LEADER 2008 SCHEDULE

Cold River Camp, AMC

*C = Coordinator N = Naturalist**PT = Part Time Leader**pn = poetry night*

Week #1	Week #2	Week #3
June 28 - July 5 Chet Kaplan (C) Susan Keroes Corinne Waite tbd N	July 5 - 12 Madeline Mann Russ Patera (C) Corinne Waite PT Unfilled PT Eli Goeke N	July 12 - 19 Bob Cross (C) Larry Fink Dan Huse Paula Pomerantz N
Week #4	Week #5	Week #6
July 19-26 Bill Gross Antonia Woods Art Wright (C) pn tbd N	July 26 - Aug. 2 Art Carlson PT Dave Carlson PT Chris McArdle Mike Regan (C)	Aug. 2 - 9 Holly Adams Carolyn Devine Jim Gorman (C) tbd N
Week #7	Week #8	Week #9
Aug. 9 - 16 Jim Kenyon (C) Jim Liptack Ann Prindle Eli Goeke N	Aug. 16 - 23 Sally Morris pn Gary Munson PT Sean Munson PT Antonia Woods (C) Bill Fuchs N	Aug. 23 - 30 Alan Breach (C) Marvin Swartz Antonia Woods pn Mike/Mary Arnott N
Extension #1	Extension #2	
Aug. 30 - Sep. 6 Susan Keroes (C) Mark Levine	Sept. 6 - 13 Ann Piascik Unfilled	

Volunteer Opportunities at Cold River Camp

Cold River Camp is successful because of the efforts of its volunteers. All camp activities are overseen by a committee of volunteer committee members assisted by a group of volunteers with special interests and specific responsibilities. The committee hires the managers and crew for each summer season, but volunteers organize and run a busy off-season schedule of workshops, camp maintenance and trail work. Therefore, when we say that volunteers are the lifeblood of CRC, it's not just an empty phrase -- it really is the truth! New volunteers are always welcome. If you enjoyed your Camp experience, would you be willing to share your talents to make CRC an even better place? You do not need a background in education, recreational management or environmental science -- a simple willingness to help is more important.

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

Hike Leaders/Naturalists: Would you like to be a hike leader or naturalist? Hike leaders receive training and undergo an "apprenticeship" program before they become leaders. Naturalists also receive training. Both hike leaders and naturalists are encouraged to keep their skills sharp by participating in periodic "refresher" sessions. Special interests or a background in these areas are certainly helpful, but people skills, common sense and a willingness to see to it that guests have a good time are much more important.

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

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

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

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

If you would like to be contacted about any of these,
please circle your choice(s), and mail to:

Ted Shwartz, 94 Sol-E-Mar St., South Dartmouth, MA 02748
(508)-984-5812 • tedshwartz@comcast.net

along with your name, interests, and contact information.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

e-mail: _____

I am interested in _____

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

We are thinking sustainability...

Last year's crew and campers offered several suggestions for making Cold River Camp more sustainable, including "use fewer paper products" and "compost food scraps."

Many sustainable practices are already in place at camp. Guest cabins use wood heat and no electricity; car-pooling to hikes is common; reusable cloth lunch bags are available; and guests and staff diligently recycle newspaper, cardboard, glass, metal, and aluminum cans. Energy efficient light bulbs are replacing incandescent, native plants are used in the perennial gardens, worn guest towels are reused as rags, and food scraps go daily to neighborhood pigs. Although we have vacuum cleaners and a drying room, it's more common for the crew to use brooms to sweep floors and the clotheslines to dry laundry.

Our current energy-saving and waste-reducing practices qualify the camp to be certified as an Environmental Partner by the New Hampshire Sustainable Lodging and Restaurant Program. Now we're researching and evaluating other changes suggested by the NHSLRP, including use of washable cloth napkins, low-flow shower heads, greener cleaning products, and hand blow dryers. We plan to compost coffee grounds, offer tissues and paper cups for campers by request only, and promote the use of bandannas as trail lunch napkins instead of paper napkins.

What do you think? Such small efforts save money and resources. Sometimes, as we consider them, they seem to point to times past, when most things were simpler and had less impact. In some ways, earlier times at Camp can be a model for sustainability efforts today. But we recognize that there are some things that don't deserve the moniker "back in the good ole days" – like cold showers. We think CRC is an ideal, low-impact – yet rich and rewarding – vacation experience. Campers choose this simpler, gentler, greener community. You have sparked our greater focus on Camp becoming even more sustainable. We welcome more input and discussions with you. •

The Convent

Something you may not have known about 'Convent'

During the summer the building known as 'Convent' serves as quarters for female crew. However, in the off season – October 1st through April 30th - it is available as a "Winter Cabin" rental. The cabin is winterized and has an efficient wood stove to provide heat and, if need be, a cooking surface. There is electricity in the cabin and a small kitchen area. There are six bunks in the bunk room, but there is plenty of floor space if you want to add more. The kitchen is equipped with a microwave oven, a small refrigerator, a two burner hot plate, a coffee maker and a hot water kettle. There is no running water during the off season and guests have use of the outhouse located just to the north of the cabin. Guests bring their own water, food, bedding and linens. Blankets, pillows and wood for the stove are provided. In the winter, the driveway gates are locked, so a key is provided. A small area at the edge of 113 is plowed at the northern driveway entrance. The road is not plowed beyond this point. Current rates are \$40/night for the 1st four guests, \$10/night for each additional guest. Payment in advance is requested.

If interested please contact the registrar for information and reservations. With confirmation of reservation guests receive cabin instructions and where to pick up the key.

Meg Holland, Winter Cabin Registrar
603-692-6898
mitymeg@comcast.net

HISTORY OF CRC

by Ted Barrett
(work-in-progress as of January 2008)

In the spring 1982 CRC Committee meeting a resolution was passed that "a CRC Historian will be charged with the responsibility of maintaining a photographic, written and/or oral record of CRC history as a continuing reference for those responsible for policy, planning and daily operation of CRC". In a November 13, 1982 memo from Don Allen to Guy Papale, chairman of the committee at that time, Don stated among other things that there is no current need for a new history of CRC because:

"The acquisition of CRC and the early years are detailed in Frank Mason's article, 'Cold River Camp' in the 50th anniversary number of APPALACHIA, February 1926, page 362."

The history of the first 25 years, and the transition to present-day operation and management, is excellently told by Luella Otis Beaman, 'The Growth of Cold River Camp' in APPALACHIA for December 1944, page 176. (See also 'Little Deer Dispatch' – number 15, page 20-24).

The record is carried forward, expanded by Carl Gary's pamphlet, 'Cold River Camp A.M.C. 1919-1969' (This was later expanded to 'Cold River Camp Reflections 1919-1986'). Don goes on to say that "there have been no important changes since 1969 that would seem to cry out for a new full-length history."

In a little more than a decade CRC will have its 100th anniversary and even now the most notable building in camp will have its 100th birthday. It is time to update CRC's history. This, I hope, will be a start, to be placed on a future ColdRiverCamp.org web site that can be updated by others and myself. Don states in his memorandum that this history of CRC

"seems too large (and too important) a job to commit to a single historian or even to a small committee." With the advent of the Internet the entire CRC community including the CRC committee that is responsible for the health and operation of Cold River Camp can keep this history.

My own interest in this history dates back to about the 26th anniversary of CRC as a 15 year old crew member. Since that time I have served on several committees starting around 1960 when I returned from six years in Alaska. Starting in 1975, I started bringing my new family to CRC and continued to do so until we completed the Hedgehog Hillton a half-mile south of CRC in 2000. I am now happy to act as an advisor to CRC. After being involved in buying land for CRC and later 100 acres for my own HH from C. Harry Eastman, I became interested in the origin of Chatham and it's original settlers. This is an on-going process but I have managed to trace back the original land purchased by Frank Mason, Ted Conant et al as described under CRC Land History below..

The history that I'm adding now is not so much about the traditions of CRC or about the people involved in its founding and operation. It is more about the physical and environmental changes that have occurred even going back more than 200 years to trace the ownership of the original 40 acres of land which AMC bought in 1919 (actually the 40 became 38 because of the right of way of the major road running the length of Chatham). It will attempt to describe the changes in the camp infrastructure including major structural changes. These changes were made for various reasons by approximately 24 different committees as building and health codes and AMC itself changed. Unfortunately most of the committee records from 1919 through the 60's seem to be missing. Carl Gary however was able to chronicle some of the changes through either personal recollection or records that he was able to obtain. It is my hope that others may be able to find old records and or recollections that can be used to augment the history.

I went to the archives at 5 Joy St. in May 2007 to find out what they might have that would shed some light on the early history of CRC. The

most valuable item they had was a collection of old photographs taken around 1919 and donated by Ben English Jr. It would be good to have a copy of these photographs to add to the collection made by Bobbie Kaufman and which is located in the CRC library.

The backdrop if you will is Chatham itself which, although it has changed a lot less through its approximately 200 years of settled history, then most towns. It still has a town house with no plumbing; the town clerk has office hours in her house once a week for 2 hours; Barbara Eastman holds forth in the Chatham library and historical society building every Wednesday afternoon. There is no zoning, no building inspector and only relatively recently was forced by the state to form a planning board. There once were five elementary schools in town. Now there are none. The kids have to be bussed to Lovell. There once were three post offices in town now there are none and the Chatham zip code is Center Chatham. The population of Chatham when CRC was founded was slightly less than it is now (226 in 1920, 260 in 2000). Of course what is now route 113 (also called Main Road) was a meandering dirt road which ran from South Chatham over Robbins Hill past CRC to the Brickett Place. The road over Robbins Hill was closed when the town fathers decided not to rebuild the bridge across Langdon Brook after a "freshet" wiped it out in the 50's. Thus one cannot get to Center or North Chatham without going through Maine. Of course the reason for the five schools, is the kids had to walk to school. According to Harry Eastman who grew up next door (and later sold some of the farmland he inherited to AMC) the road through town was not plowed until 1931. Instead the road was rolled with a huge roller pulled by oxen or draft horses after a storm. Cars were placed on blocks for the winter and a sleigh pulled by a light horse was used for transportation.

The following written a little more than a decade after the founding of CRC by George Evans of CTA expresses the bucolic nature of the North Chatham:

"This seclusion and unspoiled naturalness is one of the compelling charms of the valley. There is a blessed absence of hot dog stands and

amusement places. No blatant signboard intrudes its shrieking vulgarity upon the purple splendor of the Royces. The roadsides are unlettered with the debris of slovenly motor luncheon parties. The forests are still immune from the devastating cigarette stub. As you pass a fox slips over a stonewall and silently fades into the green shadows. A portly 'chuck raises his head inquiringly from his clover patch. The mellow tinkle of a distant cowbell filters through the drowsy summer afternoon. The cows are coming home and the long brown road will presently bring you into camp. Only here in all the wide world can you go 'a-purpling at the hour of the hermit's vesper song".

CRC Infrastructure History

For at least the first couple of years the water piped from the spring on the Preston Chandler farm mentioned above was used. It is not clear where it was used but at least it must have gone to the cooking area in the Lodge. It apparently stopped being used in 1921 or 1922 according to "Reflections". The Preston Chandler farm was sold to Oscar Williams, Dorothy Wardwell's father, in June of 1920. I would not be surprised that for whatever reason the water became unavailable because of this sale. In any case, apparently for a while water had to be brought up from Charles Brook by bucket. Probably in the early 20's a spring below Springhaven was found and the current Pump house built over it. A Fairbanks Morse shallow well pump was used to pump water to a wooden water tank on the site of the current "Men's". See also "Little Deer Dispatch - number 12". Some time in the 50's?? a well was dug a few feet northeast of the pump house and lined with two 4' well casings. In 1953 or 1954 the water tank was removed and water was pumped to a pressure tank next to the old workshop. By this time the Fairbanks Morse gasoline pump was replaced by an electric pump. In the 80's the pressure tank was removed and a pair of bladder tanks were installed in the pump house along with a submersible pump in the well. Finally, in the 90's a UV system was installed and later replaced in 2005. The reason for the UV system is that just before camp was to open the water did not pass the test. The well was emptied, cleaned and sealed at the same time. The reason for the replacement was both the

difficulty of changing the bulbs and obtaining bulbs for a unit no longer manufactured. (They should be replaced every couple of years). The original steel water pipes were replaced with plastic in the 60's??

Mention was made above about the water turbine in the Cold River. Was it used for low voltage lights in the Lodge?? Probably in the early 20's a Delco System consisting of a gasoline engine driven generator and 20 six-volt glass batteries was used to supply electricity for lights in the Lodge and kitchen and possibly in some other buildings. This System was placed in a small tower located at the current site of Housekeeping that was built in the 90's. Overhead wires from this system were used to bring power to the Lodge, kitchen and possibly other buildings. It was not used for the water pump but may have been used for a refrigerator in the kitchen. The Rural Electric Association (REA) was founded in 1935 to supply electric power to rural areas like Chatham. In 1938 this power came to Chatham that meant the Delco System could be removed. The tower continued to serve as the first separate Housekeeping. It is interesting to note that according to Harry Eastman the town wanted to install street lights along the main road through Chatham (now called Main Road) but fortunately it was found to be too expensive. In the 60's and 70's underground cables replaced the overhead wires.

Not much is known about the original sanitation systems. There were several outhouses around camp probably emptying into pits that occasionally had to be cleaned. Men's, Women's, Jack and Jill were around by the 40's but the date of their original appearance is unknown. Unfortunately there are few photographs of such structures. Originally, the waste from the toilets went into various cesspools and gray water went into dry-wells. Similar systems were installed in Barracks and Tower early on. In the 60's or 70's?? septic tanks were put in for all waste systems including the kitchen that also required a grease trap. These changes were made because new state codes required it. Note that a septic tank was placed at the end of the soil pipe at Manager's around 1986 but none knew about it until 20 years later when the soil pipe into the septic tank backed up sewage because the tank had never been cleaned. CRC got permission

from the state to run the output line from the septic tank to a dry well rather than a leach bed.

Major Buildings

Lodge: The "most major" and probably oldest building in Camp is the Lodge a.k.a. Conant Lodge also referred to as the Main Bungalow by Wilford Robbins. The actual date of its construction is not known but has been reported to be the first building on the "Ledges" property. Robbins bought the property in November 1906 and probably started the Lodge in either 1907 or 1908. There are several photographs of the original Lodge looking at it from the south around 1919 but none that I'm aware of from the north. The original Lodge obviously consisted of the common area west of the fireplace, a dining area east of the fireplace, and a kitchen with wood stove connected to the dining area with a pantry. From this pantry a set of stairs led to a small basement where root crops could be stored (as was done in 1945). Probably in the early 20's?? the dining area was expanded towards the north by building a connecting shed on the north side and removing the windows (but not their frames) in back of the fireplace. A photograph in the Ben English collection shows a large door in the opening between the two parts of the expanded dining area – probably a back door to the Lodge. At some time in the 20's or 30's the kitchen area was expanded eastward to make way mainly for the large ice rooms. A new electric refrigerator was added in 1939 after the REA power became available. The ice for the ice rooms was cut from a pond on Mill Brook about a half-mile north of camp by local people and stored with sawdust for insulation in the Ice House. The remains of the ice pond dam can be seen next to Main Road. In 1952? several changes were made in the kitchen: the ice rooms were removed to be replaced by the walk in refrigerator; the wood stove was replaced by the current gas stove; a bake oven was installed to the east of the main stove. Dishes were washed by hand until sometime in the 60's when a Hobart dishwasher was purchased (I was on a committee of two with Lathrop Merrick to select one). A newer dishwasher was purchased in the 90's. I don't know when the porch north of the kitchen was built but it was closed in the 80's?? In the late 90's the porch part of the dining room was extended westward to accommodate another table because the 11th

table that had to be placed in the Lodge was considered to be a hazard. Unfortunately this made two of the Lodge windows non-functional. The handicap accessible ramp on the west end of the lodge was installed in the early 90's?? after AMC mandated that full service facilities had to be made accessible to the handicapped. Other recent changes are paddle fans in the dining area; modern wiring, emergency lighted exit signs, doors that opened outwards and battery operated emergency lights. These were done following a report by Shawn Bergeron who was hired by AMC in 2004 to bring AMC facilities up to various safety codes. A major change was made in 2005 when all of the circuit breakers and transfer switch on the east wall of the kitchen were placed in a shed attached to this wall. At the same time 400-amp service was installed to replace the old 200-amp service. In 2006 a 28 KVA emergency generator was installed to replace the 8 KVA generator installed in the early 90's. The 8 KVA unit could not be used without shutting off various circuits in the kitchen and had lost the ability to recharge its battery.



Ravine Cabins: The ravine cabins are singled out because they were the first cabins to be built and were designed by Frank Mason who Don Allen in his 1982 memo describes as: "Probably the single most important person in CRC history". The dates when these cabins were built can be ascertained from the CRC Registers in which CRC guests (and frequently crew) signed when they arrived and their quarters assigned. They date back to 1919 but were discontinued in 19?? Incidentally 74 guests of the first CRC Valley Day on July 8, 1921 signed the 1921 Register including Millard Chandler and his father John from the Royce House (Henrietta, John's wife was hosting the affair), Charles S. Chandler who originally owned the property and helped build the Lodge, Preston Chandler and the Wardwell's from across the road.

The following list is of all "new" cabins including non-Ravine Cabins: The Frank Mason designed ravine cabins are marked with *.

1920	*Choate - now Notchview, *Alice, *Potter, New Villa, *Carpenter - now Big Birch (according to "Reflections" the initial cabin), *Chalet, *Baldface, Birch - probably the same as Big Birch
1921	Porter, Jewett Villa (same as New Villa ?), *Hemlock
1922	*Whipple - now Springhaven, *Mohican, Purple Mountain, *Tall Pine, Ledge now Ledgeview, *Little Deer, Bicknell - Owl's Nest ??
1923	Fernbank
1973 -4	East/West Royce, Meaderview, Speckled Mountain

They are truly unique cabins and might be called the trademark cabins of Cold River Camp. They were all built at their ravine location because of the beautiful mountain views to the north and the sound of Charles Brook not far away at the bottom of the ravine. With a lot of help over 87 years they have managed to keep their precarious perch on the edge of the steep slope leading to the ravine bottom. A good many of the original supporting timbers have been replaced with PT wood. Old railroad ties have been used to help shore up the bank under the cabins and in many cases concrete filled sauna tubes have been used to provide a solid support for the cabin base. There have been a few changes; the most noticeable is the infant proof deck railings required by insurance underwriters. Old photos of these cabins show the old beautiful railings made from young peeled Hemlocks. One of my main delights was replacing them as necessary at Committee meeting days. Of course the decks did not last long until Norm Rayner had the brilliant idea to make the deck in sections that could be removed in the fall and stored in the individual cabins. In the early 90's it was decided to do away with the removable decks and replace them with PT or redwood. According to "Reflections" During the late 1960's some of the shuttered head-hazarding fronts of the Ravine cabins were modified to provide a safer and lighter look with

doors and windows" I think this was done in the 80's but eventually all the Dutch doors were replaced with French doors and the front shutters replaced with windows. There is one photo in the English collection that shows the front of an original Ravine cabin. There were advantages to the original front in that it was easy to adjust the front of the cabin to take best advantage of the wind and rain conditions. The combination of non-removable decks and French doors has caused problems with sticking doors and rot. If you observe these cabins in the winter with two or three feet of snow on the deck you can appreciate the Norm Rayner solution. In 2005 the roof of Hemlock was extended as a shed type over the deck that shielded the deck from most snow but had the effect of making the cabin much darker. Also all of the shuttered windows were replaced with sliding windows. In 2007 the shuttered windows of Potter were replaced with sliding windows. •



Cold River Camp As I Remember It

By John H. Fullerton
January 19, 2008

Cold River Camp, AMC, had existed for "a long time" when I went there in 1940. It hasn't changed much in physical appearance in the last 68 years. I know, because for about ten years, from about 1995 to 2005, I took a half dozen of my children and grandchildren there.

Earl W. Taylor was the Latin teacher at Roxbury Latin School in West Roxbury, MA, when I went to RLS from 1934 to 1941. If I remember correctly, Taylor was Treasurer of the Camp from his summer home in Bridgeton, Maine. It is likely he persuaded M. Philbrick "Phil" Bridgess to become Manager of the Camp in the late 1930's and his wife Evelyn Gilman Bridgess to become Hostess. Phil was the Math teacher at RLS. Phil grew up in Salisbury, MA, where his mother ran a Boarding House in the summer and thus he knew something of feeding a group of guests.

For the summer of 1940 Phil hired John Morse, a graduating Senior at RLS, to be on the Crew. John was the best athlete at RLS that year and would go to Dartmouth the next year and play football. At Cold River John set a new record for the Baldface Circle Trail, all ten miles of it, in about two and a half hours. He ran most of the way. As a consequence his knees swelled up and he could no longer work at Camp. I had just completed being a counselor at Camp Hale, Center Sandwich, NH, when Phil hired me to take John's place for the balance of the season.

At Cold River in 1940 I was a "kitchen boy", prepping vegetables and washing dishes by hand. Jovial Mr. King, the Cook, baked and fried on a wood stove for the 60 odd guests. George Robertson, a college student, was the Assistant Cook. Boys were paid \$5 or \$6 a week plus "tips" at the

end of the season to bring it to about \$15 a week. We lived in "Kitchen View", a cabin with two cots and four bunks which has since been replaced by a newer cabin.

For the summer of 1941, between high school and college, I was hired to "work in the woods" and "drive" the Ford station wagon to pick up guests from the train in Fryeburg or North Conway and to get milk from the pasteurizing dairy in Fryeburg. I avoided the Hurricane Mt. Road because it was dirt in those days. We on the crew could take the wagon Saturday night to go to square dances if Walt Charles, son of the Postmistress in North Chatham, wasn't going. I had my bicycle with me at Camp. One guest took me and my bike to Center Sandwich from where I rode back to Camp. Another time I rode or walked my bike over Evans Notch, then a dirt road, to Bethel on Route 2 and back. Since I was free from noontime before my one day off per week, I left at noon, climbed over Eagle Craig, went into the Wild River Valley, up it to Carter Notch, down to the road and on it to the Pinkham AMC hut, where I could stay overnight free, being on an AMC crew. The next day I hiked back, about 20 miles each way. On Labor Day Monday, Phil and I climbed Mt. Washington.

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Mark Winkler, 17 Southview Street, Pleasantville, NY 10570

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/State/Zip: _____

Pa Bicknell died that summer. In his honor the campers and crew built the Bicknell Ridge Trail, about 2.5 miles, all in one half day. Someone went ahead and "strung" the route and the rest of us cut, hacked and marked the trail.

Since World War II started at the end of 1941, Phil went into the Navy as an officer in air navigation and I went to college year round. After college in 1944 I went into the Navy Seabees as an Ensign in the Pacific. After the war Phil and Evelyn went back to work at the Camp summers. Phil asked me to be Treasurer, which I was for five or ten years, simply writing checks weekly for bills approved by Phil. Being Treasurer I was on the Camp Committee with Amy Damon as Chairman. When she resigned I became Chairman for a few years. At that time Don Severance was AMC Chairman of all AMC Camps. He later became President of AMC. Don Severance and his wife Phyllis moved to Riverwoods, a retirement community, in Exeter, NH, some years ago. My wife Jeanne and I have enjoyed their company since we moved here last August 2007.

When I was Treasurer or Chairman of CRC I did two things for Camp. At Phil's suggestion I designed the toilet building on the south west side of Camp. A local carpenter built it. I also designed a new water system. The water had been taken from a surface spring on the north side of Camp and pumped periodically into a wooden storage tank in the tower portion of the men's shower building. When the float marker indicated, the Camp Manager went down to the pump at the spring and ran the pump to refill the tank. In its place I designed and ordered from Rhode Island a large pressure tank that sat behind the building just north of Kitchen View. When the water in the pressure tank fell to one third, relays started the pump which ran until the pressure tank was two thirds full. That system has since been replaced.

My grandchildren are now starting families. They will at sometime likely enjoy the wonders of this "little changed" camp.

— *the end*