

FIRST CLASS MAIL

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



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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.

the
Little Deer Dispatch



COLD RIVER CAMP • AMC
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**Three CRC
Reunion Hikes**

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

Sat. MARCH 25th
SIGN-UP BY MARCH 17

If you know anyone who would like a free copy of *the Little Deer Dispatch* (while supplies last), please see page 25.

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 2006

Dear Cold River Camp Friends,

GOOD PLANNING IS AS IMPORTANT FOR an enjoyable summer vacation as it is for the continued success of Cold River Camp, and so the Cold River Camp Committee, volunteers and staff continue to plan for this upcoming summer. At the end of last summer, Bill and Kathy Waste finished their long tenure as Co-Managers of Cold River Camp. I am sure that all of the members of the Cold River Camp Community wish them well, and hope to see them back at Camp in the future. I am happy to tell you that Manager Search Committee successfully recruited two new Co-Managers, Ned Beecher and Christine Clyne. This married couple lives in nearby Tamworth, NH. Ned was on the CRC crew in his youth. He is currently Executive Director of New England Biosolids & Residuals Association, a non-profit association that "cooperatively promotes the environmentally sound recycling of biosolids and other wastewater residuals in the New England region." Chris is a nurse practitioner at White Mountain Community Health Center in Conway, NH, and an instructor at Granite State College and the University of New Hampshire in issues in women's health and community health nursing. Both are active hikers and involved in AMC activities. We warmly welcome Ned and Chris to the Cold River Camp Community.

The Committee is not only preparing for the summer of 2006, but is also actively involved in future maintenance plans. Construction on the first permanent CRC structures, including the Lodge, began in 1909. Many of the ravine cabins joined the Camp in the early 1920s. With so many buildings approaching their centennial, there is an ongoing need to keep them in good condition. This includes simple repairs such as replacing a roof, as well as required health and safety updates. The Camp spends a substantial amount of money on these projects every year. The funding comes mostly out of Cold River Camp's operating budget, as well from donations from time to time. We think that this work is so

important that this year we have included a special letter in the Little Deer Dispatch from the Facilities Committee outlining some recent projects and highlighting plans for 2006.

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 1st for best results. Volunteers who contribute 25 or more hours of service to the Camp will receive priority. At the fall 2005 meeting, the Committee voted to have the same rates for the nine weeks of the regular Camp season, eliminating the lower rates for the first two weeks. In addition, the Committee approved a small increase in rates for adult and youth (12-16 yrs.) but left the child under 12 rates for all nine weeks at last year's regular season rate. We believe that a week at Cold River Camp continues to be a good value for individuals and families alike.

This year, Cold River Camp Reunion will be held at three different locations to allow even more people to attend. These gatherings will take place on March 25, 2006, in the Boston, New York, and Delaware Valley areas (see inside for more details). Each of these reunions will consist of a local hike/walk followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. The 2005 reunions in the Boston and New York metropolitan areas attracted a large number of Cold River Campers, and we hope that you will 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 is truly a unique treasure within the Appalachian Mountain Club. Its traditions are long-standing, and yet always provide a warm welcome to newcomers. We look forward to enjoying the summer of 2006 and many future summers at Cold River Camp, and hope to see you there sitting on a comfortable chair on the Lodge porch.

John Dean, CRC Committee Chair 2006

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MANAGERS' LETTER



Tamworth, NH, January 2006

Dear Friends,

WE ARE EXCITED: we will be at Cold River Camp this summer! There, as the new managers, we will meet you, the many people that make Cold River what it is – a splendid tradition of camaraderie, shared meals, and peaceful outdoor life in the most beautiful quiet valley in the White Mountains.

Despite living in Tamworth, NH (not that far away) we have explored Evans Notch only a little: the Baldfaces, the Deer Hills, and, early this January, up and around over Blueberry Mountain, with winter sun beaming through leafless beeches. So all we have is a sense of the broad landscape of Evans Notch and Cold River Camp. (Although Ned, from his years on the Cold River crew in the mid-1970s, remembers some details, like plunging into Emerald Pool at the end of a hot summer's day and the morning wake-up horn.)

Since the Cold River Camp Committee hired us in October, we've met with former managers Bill and Kathy Waste, who served the camp eleven grand years. We have a few photos from them (most notable - a rainbow over Conant Lodge), as well as their scores of helpful computer files on management details. We've gathered more details from Committee members and other volunteers. We thank them all for their warm welcome, for supporting our efforts toward a smooth transition into the 2006 season.

But despite these preparations, we know we will only learn the real sense of Cold River Camp and its people there and from you, as you share details with us—an unusual bird sighting, a favorite hike, a talent—or, most importantly, ways we can help make your stay at Cold River Camp that much better. We look forward to these discoveries we have ahead - the many special details in the landscape and in the day-to-day rhythms of camp life. We can't know how each one will be revealed to us, but each of you—those who have long cherished Cold River Camp

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and those of you who will be there for the first time—will likely help guide us. We thank you, in advance, for that. We are looking forward to meeting you in Evans Notch this summer. We'll be welcoming you, even as we are being welcomed. See you there.

*Ned Beecher and Christine Clyne
Cold River Camp Managers 2006*

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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



Hello to all you Cold River-ites. For those of you who have been regulars for the last few summer and extension seasons, you have probably noticed a few changes. One that stands out was the renovation of Hemlock completed last spring. Larry's Lair may look the same, but last year the floor and floor joist were replaced then the area around the cabin re-graded to keep water away from the floor and rotting it out again. The Rec Hall now has a permanent handicap access ramp.

There have been other changes that may not be so obvious. You may not have noticed, but all the railings on the Lodge porch were replaced in 2005 as well. Also, we continue to rebuild cabin fireplaces at a rate of 2 to 3 per year. The main electrical panels have been moved and upgraded from inside the kitchen to outside on the back wall of the lodge. Now the crew won't have to stand on the counter over a sink to turn on or off the various circuit breakers.

This past year, we replaced the roofs on Potter, Big Birch, Porter, and Meaderview. The reach-in refrigerator in the kitchen finally died, it was replaced just as camp opened. In addition, the old icemaker began to dispense water rather than ice cubes and was replaced as well. Thanks to Carl McNall, a past manager, we now have new dining room tabletops. And of course there is all the work from volunteers to open camp, participate in work weekend, and close camp. Lots of little projects get done during these times.

For 2006, we hope to upgrade the UVwater purification system in the pump house, replace the generator which is getting cantankerous and is too small for the camps needs, re-roof Alice, Fernbank, Baldface, and the Office, and add emergency lighting in the bathrooms. How much we get done depends on our resources. So far we have been able to do all this work using volunteers where we can and using operating funds to hire outside help where needed. Although we would like to start renovating another cabin this year, the list above will use up all or more than we can budget for capital improvements.

Don't forget that another family work weekend is coming up in June. We will be concentrating on painting, clearing of bush, minor repairs

and such. So volunteer early as space is limited.

Thanks to a gift from Dot Kinaman, a long time Cold River hike leader, a large portion of the cost for renovating Larry's Lair was covered. Larry's Lair was Dot's favorite cabin and many of us still miss her at camp. If you would like to get involved, the committee has putting together a list of projects. If you have a special project that you would like to undertake or support, please don't hesitate to contact any of the Camp Committee members.

The Facilities Committee '05

FROM THE WASTES



Lyme, NH, January 2006

Dear Friends,

THE TIME LEADING UP TO THE Little Deer Dispatch deadline has been a bit different for us this year. In January, instead of starting the hiring for next summer, we were able to sit down and read through the wonderful comments folks wrote in the Journal we were given at the end of last season. It brought back all the wonderful words, both written and spoken, and even the hugs for friendship that had no words at all.

Over and over people generously thanked us when in reality we are the ones in your debt. You have given our family an experience few others are fortunate enough to share. We had eleven wonderful summers full of satisfying work, wonderful friendships, and a deepening appreciation of how special Cold River really is. For Elizabeth and David you took them in as your own to where it was like a huge family reunion every summer. We can not and will not forget you, and "Thank you" does not begin to cover it.

We have met with Ned and Chris and are really excited about what they will bring to CRC. We will continue to support them however we can, but know that the most important factor in their success will be your continuing support. We will be taking a bit of a break to do some summer things we have not had the chance to do in a while, but we will be around. Our relationship with Cold River is not ending, just shifting, and our relationships with you will never end.

We thank you again for all you have done for us over these years, we wish you well, and invite you to stop by and visit us in Lyme, NH should your travels to-and-from Camp bring you our way.

-Bill and Kathy Waste, Cold River Camp Managers 1995 - 2005 '05

CHATHAM TRAILS ASSOCIATION



Manchester, NH, January 2006

Dear Friends,

LAMAS BROUGHT ME to Cold River Camp and Chatham Trails Association. I had joined a small group of llama trekkers to hike in the Carter and Baldface ranges and camp beside the Wild River. The sound of the rushing river at night and the sight of the valley from Eagle Crag under a giant blue sky were unforgettable. I knew I'd come back to explore the area on my own.

One day I picked up a National Trails Day brochure that offered a trail improvement project at the Wild River campground on the first weekend in June. I contacted project organizer Ted Barrett of Chatham Trails Association to get driving directions, then headed north to meet Ted and a large group of NTD volunteers at Cold River Camp. At the worksite we picked up tools that were supplied and, under Ted's leadership, we redirected a section of trail around and away from some campsites.

CTA MEMBERSHIP

Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 Town/State/Zip _____



Telephone _____ E-mail address _____
 ☐ I/we desire to become members of the CTA for the year of 2006.
 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 bring this form to Annual Meeting on May 27-29 or mail to:
 Robert Goeke, Treasurer, Chatham Trails Association,
 22 Grove Place #29, Winchester, MA 01890

Ted acknowledged that the project was small for the number of people who showed up. That's when he told me all about CTA and the work that volunteers had already done the week before to get trails ready for the spring hiking season. Seems I had already missed most of the fun, such as clearing blowdowns, cleaning out water bars, cutting back overgrowth, and painting blazes.

Don't let this happen to you! New volunteers and "regulars" are encouraged to sign up for the Memorial Day work weekend, May 27-29. Come stay at Camp, enjoy the camaraderie, and learn what maintaining hiking trails is all about. If you prefer, join the heroic volunteers in the CRC kitchen who prepare meals and set out the trail lunch fixings. Supper will be available at 6:00 PM if you arrive on Friday.

Just complete and mail the CTA Volunteer Opportunity form below.

I urge you to renew your CTA membership by sending in your \$5.00 annual dues and/or by serving as a volunteer for at least eight hours during one or more of our work weekends.

The Annual Meeting of CTA will be held during the Memorial Day work session at Cold River Camp.

Sandy Finn, CTA President 2006
 603-232-1721 <sandycta@comcast.net>

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CTA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY TRAIL WORK 2006

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 27-29 (Annual Meeting) June 3-4
 June 10-11 (tentative)

Please mail to:

Sandy Finn, 1163 Island Pond Road, Manchester NH 03109





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. For questions, please call me at 718-237-9782 or e-mail me at chetkap@aol.com. Better yet fill out forms at right and send them now.

"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 17th 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 >>>>

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP



Name(s) _____

Address _____

Town/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

JOB PREFERENCE

Camp Opening May 13/14 (Sat./Sun.) _____

AMC Naturalist Weekend May 20/21 (Sat./Sun.) _____

CRC Family Work Weekend Jun. 16/17/18(Fri/Sat/Sun) _____

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

Please respond by May 1st, 2006 to:

Chet Kaplan, 268 Degraw Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231
718-237-9782 ⚡ chetkap@aol.com

"GROWING UP" WITH COLD RIVER CAMP



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, 2006 to:
Chet Kaplan, 268 Degraw Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231
718-237-9782 ⚡ chetkap@aol.com

TRIP LEADERS - 2006

Trip Leaders and Naturalists for 2006 Season
(as of 1/18/2006)

July 1-8	C. Waite (CT), C. Kaplan (T), I. Logan (T), P. Norton (N)
July 9-15**	N.Bearce (CT) R. Patera (T), B. Goeke (N), TBA (T) <i>**Bearce will emphasize kayak/canoeing</i>
July 15-22	Edelman (CT) R. Cross (T), L. Fink (T), P. Pomerantz (N)
July 22-29	H. Adams (CT), Breach (T), M. Regan(T), C. McArdle (N)
July 29-Aug. 5	W. Gross (CT), D. Huse (T), C. McArdle (T), P. Birch (N)
Aug. 5-12	J. Liptack (CT), A/T Prindle(T), H. Wechsler(CT), J. Gorman(N)
Aug. 12-19	B. Fuchs(CN), J. Gorman (T), A. Piascik (T), Shane (N)
Aug. 19-26	M. Swartz(CT), Devine (T), S. Morris(T), B. Fuchs(N)
Aug. 26-Sept. 2	M. Levine(CT), A. Woods(T), A. Wright(T), M. White/M. Arnott(N)
Sept. 2-9 (Ext.)	TBA
Sept. 9-16 (Ext.)	TBA

CT = Coordinator & Trip Leader
CN = Coordinator & Naturalist
T = Trip Leader
N = Naturalist

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) (hereafter collectively 'claim' or 'claims') for any injury, damage, death or other loss in any way connected with my/mmy child's enrollment or participation in these activities, or use of AMC equipment, facilities or premises. I understand 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 ('indemnify' meaning product 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/mmy child's enrollment or participation in these activities or use of AMC equipment, facilities or premises. 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 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 parents 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
Parent or Guardian Signature	Date
Parent or Guardian Signature	Date

Approved January 2006

2006 AMC Cold River Camp Application

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 7/1/2006) _____

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

Address _____
City _____
State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ License Plate No. _____

Registration Fee enclosed \$ _____
Make checks payable to **AMC COLD RIVER CAMP**
OPTIONAL- Emergency Contact or Family Physician: _____
Phone _____

SIGNED _____ Date _____

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

Please include the complete signed AMC Release Form on back.

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
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Do not mail
before April 1, 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 parents or guardians (hereafter collectively "parent(s)") must also sign. In consideration of the services of the Appalachian Mountain Club, Inc., a charitable, not-for-profit corporation, organized and existing under the laws of Massachusetts, and its chapters, including all officers, employees, representatives, agents, independent contractors, volunteers (including leaders and co-leaders), members and all other persons or entities associated with it (collectively referred to in this Document as "AMC"), I (participant and parent(s) of a minor participant), acknowledge and agree as follows:

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

Use of AMC volunteer managed facilities and/or instructional, educational and/or adventure activities (which may be scheduled or unscheduled, supervised or unsupervised and/or occur during free or independent time) occur in a variety of locations in the U.S. and include the August Camp program. Activities may include, but are not limited to hiking, biking, skiing, swimming, maintenance of trails and facilities, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, participant's independent use of AMC cabins or other facilities or use of those facilities in connection with AMC organized trips or activities, and transportation or travel to and from AMC facilities or activities (referred to in this Document as "activities" or "these activities"). Leaders of most AMC activities are volunteers. They are not paid professional guides or leaders. In all activities, participants share in the responsibility for their own safety. Participants (and 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 (referred to in this Document as "risks") that can cause or lead to injury, property damage, illness, mental or emotional trauma, paralysis, disability or death to participant or others. Some, but not all of these risks include: hazardous and unpredictable ground, water or weather conditions; injuries/mishaps 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 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.

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

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VOLUNTEERS - 2006

2006 Cold River Camp Committee

John Dean (Chair) '07	Wellesley, MA	781-235-2150
Frank Mastro(V-Chair/Facil./Open) '07	Lebanon, NH	603-443-9978
Leona Florek '06	Holyoke, MA	413-535-2183
Dick Goethel (Treasurer)	West Roxbury, MA	617-325-7357
Nancy Kellogg '07	Chappaqua, NY	914-238-3626
Bill Fuchs (Facilities/Closing) '07	Mattapoisett, MA	508-758-7859
Cher Kaplan (Vol. Coord.) '06	Brooklyn, NY	718-237-9782
Jim Kenyon (Fam Work WE) '08	Westborough, MA	508-366-7002
Sally Morris '06	Boxford, MA	978-887-0622
Ted Shwartz '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

2006 Cold River Camp Volunteers

Art Wright (Trip Leader Coordinator)	860-429-9958
Lois Winkler (Registrar)	914-747-3194
Peg Birch (Naturalist Coordinator/ Naturalist Weekend)	603-526-7657	
Gwen Stose	603-447-4750
Ted Barrett	603-694-3004 or 978-256-9184
Mag Wine (Winter Cabin Registrar)	207-781-3244
Sam (& Bev) Hawley (Caretaker Emeritus)	207-935-2823
Meg Holland (Former Assistant Manager)	603-692-6898
Bill & Kathy Waste (Former Managers)	603-795-4440
Jim Weston (Previous Chair)	781-275-8034

2006 Cold River Camp Managers

Ned Beecher & Christine Clyne	Tamworth, NH	603-323-7862
Don Devine (Extension)	N. Chatham, NH	734-975-0132
Cold River Camp, 32 AMC Road, Chatham, NH 03813 603-694-3291		

Cold River Camp



Editor's Note:

This page and the following pages have been selected and reproduced from the original Cold River Camp prospectus to the AMC issued early in 1919 for the very first CRC season. Please take a look at the things that have changed since 1919 and all the things that have stayed the same.

Enjoy!

OUR INVITATION



OES your soul cry out for a peaceful valley? ♫ Do your eyes crave for the beauty of rugged granite hills? ♫ Are you longing for clear air, filtered through spruce and pine? ♫ Are you thirsting for pure water, cold as the heart of a mountain? ♫ Do you desire nature's wild fruits, with the morning dew upon them, sweet cream, delicious butter, and fresh vegetables in season? ♫ Then come where appetite grows with what it feeds upon.

COLD RIVER CAMP (A. M. C.),

NORTH CHATHAM N.H.

COMMITTEE IN CHARGE

FRANK S. MASON THEODORE S. CONANT

WILLIAM T. MAY

MISS M.E. NOYES MISS MABEL. C. CHESTER



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

ORIGINAL PROSPECTUS, 1919 North Chatham, N.H.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB:

In the early days of our club's existence some half dozen members "discovered" the beautiful Cold River Valley and deemed it a country worthy of exploration (see Appalachia, Vol. III, page 264).

Its remoteness and secluded location probably account for the fact that the rhapsodies of Miss Pychowska were given such scant attention. The intrusion of fashionable life into many of our most cherished mountain haunts in recent years led a few of our members to seek out this lovely and little known mountain fastness.

Since 1915, three of our excursions have served to further widen our acquaintance with it, but the chosen few have been inclined to hug their enthusiasm rather closely for fear the simplicity and charm of the place might be spoiled by too great an influx of the unappreciative "summer boarder."

Mr. Howard Jackson, our modern pioneer, says:

"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 tree line 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."

For many years Dean Wilford L. Robbins had spent his summers in the valley, so when he determined to build a summer home there he naturally chose the best site. With his eye for beauty he did not fail to select the finest viewpoint. The buildings he erected are in most excellent taste architecturally, are splendidly constructed and artistically furnished. The property comprises some fifty acres of nearly level, elevated land which includes both sides of the river and is bordered on the east by the Maine boundary line. The deed covers two excellent springs of water, a small water-power, a considerable grove of pine and spruce, a well-made tennis court and six bungalow-type buildings, all quite recently built but fitting into the landscape as though they had grown there.



CONANT LODGE SOUTH SIDE
Main Building 25 ft. by 50 ft. Covered Porch 20 ft. square

Blazed trails, for the strenuous, lead to the mountain tops, and charming wood road and river paths lure the less ambitious to glades and dells of infinite charm.

There are seventeen mountains within the range of one-day climbs.



THE "SISTER'S" CABIN
Little Deer Mountain in background

A dozen brooks, abounding with trout, furnish sport for anglers.

This camp could not be better placed in relation to the three club huts of the great range. It is admirable, either as a beginning or all ending, to that very fascinating journey. A few days spent among the Royces and Baldfaces in tuning up will make the fifteen miles to Carter Notch via Baldfaces and Wild River a comfortable day's journey. Mt. Washington may be reached the second night via the new (1919) Wildcat Trail and Boulder Trail.

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through the generosity of one member of our club, this opportunity for enjoyment of an unspoiled country is placed within their reach. The camp will be conducted by a Club Committee. It will be open only to club members and family, or to guests introduced and recommended by members.

Mrs. J. L. Chandler, of North Chatham, will have charge of cuisine, table and service. Mr. Mason of the Committee will be at camp all summer.

Accommodations 1919.-- It will be possible to lodge twenty guests under roof; further tents with platform floors will afford sleeping quarters. The camp will be well furnished, with comfortable springs and mattresses, bed linen and towels. The Lounge and Dining Room, in the large bungalow, are adequately furnished, and the ten-foot-wide piazza, surrounding three sides of the main building, covered by awnings, assures a pleasant out-of-door daytime resting place for the less strenuous members.

The table will be simple yet excellent, with special attention to healthy appetites induced by tramping.

Meals will be served at regular hours, but tramping parties will be provided with lunches and special meals on proper notice. A ledge on the property runs across Cold River affords attractive bathing pools supplied with crystal water.

Those desiring accommodations for a stated time should make reservations as far in advance as possible. Members coming for week-ends (by auto or otherwise) will be cared for to the best of the camp's ability.

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20 ft. by 20. ft. Women's
Dormitory # beds Shower Bath



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Routes, Rates and Rules for 1919

Leave Boston about 9 a.m. from North Station for Portland, and continuing about 2 p.m. from Portland Union Station, arriving at Fryeburg about 4 p.m., where take auto stage for North Chatham, arriving at camp about 6 p.m., or

Leave Boston by train about 12:50 P.M. (North Station), arriving in Conway, N. H., about 5:40 p.m. Auto may be hired at reasonable figure from Philip S. Davis, Conway, and camp reached about 7 p.m.

By Auto.-- Boston to Portsmouth, thence by east side state road following yellow bands to Conway; here leave the trunk line and take road east to Fryeburg, thence to North Fryeburg, Chatham and North Chatham.

Mail address, Cold River Camp, North Chatham, N. H.; one mail weekdays. Telegrams addressed to Cold River Camp, Fryeburg, Me., will be repeated over private line. There is no telephone connection.

The base rate for members is \$14.00 a week. \$2.75 a day for transients, and applies as well to husband, wife or minor child of a member. Friends of members, and other relations than the above named may be introduced as guests, at an additional charge of

\$1.00 a week or 25 cents a day for transients.

The rates above are based on beds in dormitories, or two in a tent. Tents for one person, \$1.00 a week extra. ~ There are three charming rooms, with open fireplaces, in bungalows, for which a special price will be charged.

Tips are not permitted. Members should understand that we cannot call on our working force for special service.

Address, till June 21, 1919
Cold River Camp (A.M.C.), 1050 Tremont Bldg., Boston, Mass.

Address, June 21 to September 15, 1919
Cold River Camp, North Chatham, N.H.



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Little Deer Dispatch

If you have any family or friends who would like to receive this *Little Deer Dispatch* free (while supplies last) and to be on the mailing list of Cold River Camp, then please send this form to:

Mark Winkler, 17 Southview St., Pleasantville, NY 10570

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Town/State/Zip _____

3-26-2006 CRC REUNION HIKES SIGN-UP

PLEASE JOIN US AT ANY OF THREE COLD RIVER REUNION sites on March 26th. We are expanding the reach of reunions to include Boston, New York City, and Delaware River Valley. All reunion hikes will meet at 10 a.m. on March 25th 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. We hope that this new format makes it easier for more people to attend.

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Town/State/Zip _____

Phone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

of people attending _____ Please email/call/mail to arrive by 3/17.

Metro New York Hike (Historic Brooklyn Heights)

Chet Kaplan, 718-237-9782, 268 Degraw St., Brooklyn, NY 11231

The New York reunion includes a 3- to 4- hour walking tour of Historic Brooklyn Heights. We begin with a brisk walk across the Brooklyn Bridge while observing many landmarks along the way. We continue along the Promenade and stop for lunch at a wonderful Polish restaurant. We will meet at the foot of the Brooklyn Bridge, in Manhattan, across from City Hall. It is directly across from the Brooklyn Bridge train stop (IRT #4,5, or 6) at 10AM. Chet Kaplan is the coordinator of this event. 

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. 

Cold River Camp Annual Reunions BOSTON • NEW YORK • DELAWARE RIVER SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2005 @10AM

 

Boston Area Hike (Plum Island's Parker River Refuge)

Leona Florek, Bill Fuchs, & Sally Morris

A Beach walk and/or stroll on boardwalk nature trails. Consider joining the group for lunch after the hike (optional). Parker River National Wildlife Refuge is located in Newbury Port, MA, where the Parker River flows into the Atlantic Ocean. The refuge is known for its diverse bird life and scenic barrier beaches. In late March sea birds like loons, grebes and scoters are feeding off-shore and early spring migrants like piping plover and red-winged blackbirds have returned. On warm days, mourning cloak butterflies may appear. Be prepared for cooler temperatures or windy weather near the water. For more info/maps of the refuge go to: <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/parkerriver/>.

Please call Sally by March 17 to reserve your space for lunch at The Grog, 13 Middle Street, 2nd floor function room, \$8 - \$20 range, \$6.95 kids meals. Visit thegrog.com for more info.

Contacts for the hike and lunch reservation: (deadline, March 17) Sally Morris, swmorris@exeter.edu or (603) 778 6452 up until March 10. Between March 11-17, please call (978) 887 0622. Contact for the hike only (no deadline): Sally Morris, swmorris@exeter.edu or (603) 778 6452, Bill Fuchs (bill_fuchs@nps.gov or (508) 789-9070), or Leona Florek, florek.javanet@rcn.com or 413-535-2183.

Directions to Refuge: Distances approx. Refuge is located 35 miles north of Boston near the City of Newburyport. From I-95 take exit 57 and travel east on Route 113, then continue straight onto Route 1A South to intersection with Rolfe's Lane for a total of 3.5 miles. Turn left onto Rolfe's Lane and travel 0.5 miles to its end. Turn right onto the Plum Island Turnpike and travel 2.0 miles crossing the Sgt. Donald Wilkinson Bridge to Plum Island. Take your first right onto Sunset Drive and travel 0.5 miles to the refuge entrance. **Continue on the asphalt road to Lot 4, approx. 3-1/4 miles in, on the right hand side. If you reach a gravel road, you have passed the lot. 