



The Little Deer Dispatch



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Stay in touch!

During the pandemic, it is more important than ever to keep up with friends and your networks. Did you know that Cold River Camp maintains a newsletter and several social media platforms to stay connected with the Camp community during the off-season?

To sign up for the CRC newsletter, please visit the AMC Cold River Camp [website](#), where you will find a signup form in the top right corner of the homepage. Has your email address changed recently? Please update your contact information there. The Camp often has good news to share, and email is sometimes the fastest and most effective way to get the message across. Don't miss out!

If you are on social media, follow the Camp on Instagram. CRC's handle is @amccoldrivercamp, where you will find the latest shots of beautiful Evans Notch. You can follow Camp news on Facebook too at @AMCColdRiverCamp.

Thank you for being a member of the Cold River Camp community. Let's stay in touch!

Chair's Welcome

Greetings to the Cold River Camp Community!

The shock of the first news of COVID-19 washed over us as Camp was shuttered for the summer of 2020 to all but a few volunteer groups for the first time in its history. We look longingly toward summer 2021, yet the pandemic lingers. Today I am writing with the good news that Camp will open this summer, thanks to the careful planning of the Summer 2021 sub-committee! We will limit Camp occupancy to approximately two-thirds the normal occupancy to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19. We look forward to a full Camp in 2022. A description of the plan and some FAQs follow.

Please join me in celebrating the progress on the Conant Lodge Project. We have contracted with the building group Garland Mill to begin work on the kitchen just after Labor Day 2021. Guided by Cold River camper and architect, Jan Irvin, our resident expert in working with historic structures, the Lodge Project and Kitchen Committees have created a nuanced design.

Donors have given so generously already - more than \$900,000 in pledges to date towards the \$1.2 million goal. The web of relationships formed and nurtured in and around the Lodge over its first 100 years will grow stronger as the beloved building grows with us and adapts to the needs of the future.

Please visit the Camp's webpage for updates on the Project, to see the Campaign trail and how many more cairns we need to reach the summit of South Baldface, which is our beacon of inspiration to raise full funding for the Lodge, and to make a pledge to help us meet the goal. Our Campaign will run until December 2022 and we want to see as many names as possible to join the giving to strengthen the center of the CRC experience for the next 100 years. Please support the Conant Lodge Campaign today and spread the news to friends and family.

In another important announcement, I would like to thank John Dean for his service to Camp as he steps down as Chair this winter. John has served on Committee over the decades, twice as Chair, AMC VCC

Chair, and Chair of the Centennial Committee, as well as his exacting work on the Lodge Project from soup to nuts. He continues to be involved on particular projects for Camp as well as to advise me as I take my turn as Chair.

I am so thankful for all the CRC volunteers that continue to make Camp run strong. The joy and dedication that these volunteers exhibit is inspirational to me. We forge even stronger bonds of friendship working together for Camp, whether staining a cabin, Opening, Closing, or collaborating on projects large and small near to our hearts on Committee or sub-committees.

Reach out if you have interest in sharing your strengths and interests on the Camp Committee. Terms are three years; we encourage a broad cross-section of our community to get involved. The Committee, the sub-committees and all the project volunteers of Cold River inspire each other, work together, and laugh together. Please consider joining us!

Let us welcome new Committee member John Grasso, filling the spot vacated by Peter Norton. Peter continues to serve on the Communications Committee. Cheers to Peter and MaryStarr Hope for putting together the CRC Weekly Zoom Gatherings and Activities during the summer of 2020, helping us stay connected.



Finally, I am pleased to announce that Jennilee Sirois will return to Camp in 2021 as Manager, flexible and ready to adapt the Guest Plan to the current pandemic guidelines. Thanks to the summer planning committee, we may see each other at Camp, if not this summer, definitely next!

Sally Morris
AMC Cold River Camp Chair

Opening Camp During COVID FAQs

Cold River Camp: COVID-19 and the 2021 Season

We are excited about our plans to reopen Cold River Camp for the 2021 summer season! The Cold River Camp Committee is committed to operating the Camp safely and has spent a great deal of time learning how to prevent and to mitigate COVID-19 in our small community. As we receive information from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, and from the AMC, we will make specific plans so that all aspects of Camp life will remain welcoming and safe.

Based on our current plans, here are answers to some common questions. Due to the changing nature of COVID-19 and regulations surrounding health and safety, some of the information below may change. Please check back on these on the CRC site regularly, as we will update these frequently asked questions (FAQs) on a regular basis.

Coronavirus FAQ (Updated 15 February 2021)

Will Cold River Camp be open this summer?

Yes! We have a plan for opening to guests as described below. Guided by the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, the AMC's experience, and outside medical advice, we have been planning for a modified Camp opening since September. We will limit Camp occupancy to approximately 2/3 normal to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19. This means fewer campers will be able to attend. We will continue to monitor the situation and will make a final decision about whether it remains safe to proceed with Opening on April 30. We look

forward to a full Camp in 2022.

Summer weeks will consist of six nights instead of the usual seven, with Sunday arrival and Saturday morning departure. This will allow the Croo and staff the extra time necessary to thoroughly clean cabins, bathrooms, the kitchen and other spaces.

To reduce exposure to COVID-19, the Camp will not provide linens to summer campers in 2021. Campers will need to bring their own sheets, blankets/sleeping bags, pillows, and towels.

What are the New Hampshire travel restrictions?

As of February 2021, travelers/visitors to AND residents of New Hampshire need to self-quarantine for 10 days following the last date of any travel outside of the New England states of Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. Please check the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services for updates: [NH COVID-19 Travel Restrictions](#).

Won't the vaccine make all this go away?

Eventually we all hope that is the case. It seems clear that ultimately the world and Cold River Camp will be a safer place once a vaccine is fully distributed. In the meantime, there is little likelihood that the entire Camp population will be immunized by summer 2021. Nor will we know this summer the extent to which mass immunizations will have protected the population at large. Conscientious planning requires us to begin preparations as described on this page.

Should I be tested prior to coming?

It is our expectation that testing will be more readily available by the summer. Depending on current state and AMC guidelines, we may require campers to test at home prior to their scheduled arrival.

What can I do to reduce the risk of exposure to campers, other Croo/staff and myself?

Campers should not come to Cold River Camp if they have [symptoms](#)

[consistent with COVID-19](#) (such as fever, cough, and recent loss of smell), have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or are quarantined for potential exposure to COVID-19.

Those who are at higher risk of getting sick from COVID-19, or who may expose family members who are at higher risk, may want to consider not coming. Please visit the CDC website for [guidelines](#) for high risk individuals.

In the spirit of community, we encourage all guests to embrace the well-established best practices that have emerged for personal and group safety and health. All campers must bring their own masks. Masks must be worn in all public interior spaces, on the Lodge Porch and in any interior space aside from one's own cabin. Campers are required to wear masks outdoors if unable to maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from others, including on hiking trails.

All campers, Croo and staff are expected to maintain a minimum of six feet from one another, with the exception of members of their party/group.

What will meals be like?

All food will be “to go.” Delicious, home-cooked meals will be pre-packaged for pick up from the Lodge Porch. Each cabin will have an assigned thermal bag packed for you with dinner and breakfast each day. Trail lunches ordered the night before and prepared by the kitchen team will be available each morning. You may eat outside at a location of your choice or in your cabin. CRC will provide additional amenities such as extra picnic tables, canopy tents, portable tables and extra chairs in your cabins for your use. You can still have a picnic style meal behind the Lodge.

Will the Lodge, Rec Hall, and Library be open?

Currently, the AMC is requiring that all common enclosed spaces be closed. As of now that means the Lodge, Rec Hall, and Library will not be available. We hope that this restriction changes prior to the start of the summer.

Will the dam and the Tea House be open?

Yes! You can spend time relaxing in your cabin, go down to the dam to swim or just sit on the warm rocks, and enjoy time in the Tea House reading.

Will Camp group activities be different?

Group activities, including the Sunday night all-Camp Meeting, evening programs, Square Dances, and the Talent Show, have been Cold River Camp traditions for many years. However, in order to reduce risk of COVID-19 exposure they will not be held in 2021.

Will there be led hikes at Cold River Camp this summer?

For a variety of reasons, there will be no led hikes in 2021. Instead a Hike Consultant will be available all summer at set times each day to support you in trip planning so you have a great hiking experience. There will be maps and guidebooks available. This is a great summer to enjoy hiking at Camp with your family group. Check the CRC website for the Hike Consultant weekly roster.

Will there be changes to the bathrooms?

We are planning to strengthen daily cleaning procedures to ensure the bathrooms and other high-touch areas are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. Bathrooms will be modified to provide enhanced COVID safety.

Will kids come free Weeks 1 and 2?

Weeks 1 and 2 will be Kids Stay for 50% due to financial considerations this year, but we expect to return to the Kids Free program in 2022.

What is Camp's cancellation policy this summer?

Cancellations received prior to May 1 will receive a 50% deposit refund. No deposit refunds will be made after May 1.

In fairness to those denied space, payment in full is required if a cancellation request is not received at least 14 days prior to scheduled arrival.

If, within 14 days prior to arrival to Camp, you are experiencing symptoms of COVID or have been exposed to COVID please do not come to Camp. If you experience COVID symptoms while at Camp, you will be asked to leave. The Manager will discuss your reservation options at that time.

If the entire Camp season is cancelled due to state or AMC regulations, the full amount will be refunded.

Cold River Camp recommends that campers purchase travel insurance to cover expenses in the case of personal cancellation and in the case of Camp cancellation.

Have more questions? Email amc.crccommunications@gmail.com



Rates and Reservations

	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Extension</u>
Adult (17-yr & over)	\$675/wk	\$92/day
Youth (12-yr to 16-yr)*	\$544/wk	\$76/day
Child (2-yr to 11-yr)*	\$413/wk	\$59/day
Child under 2-yr*	\$217/wk	\$35/day
Infant under 1 yr*	\$20/wk	

*staying in same cabin with parent/adult. Age is as of 1/1/2021.

All inclusive summer and extension rates include lodging, three meals a day, taxes, activities, cabin firewood, ice, and support of AMC programs. Rates shown include the 20% discount for AMC members (become a member and save).

Summer Reservations Lottery and Timeline:

Full week reservation requests are accepted by mail beginning March 1st. Reservation requests postmarked from March 1-20 will be co-mingled and processed using a lottery system. Reservations postmarked starting March 21 are welcome and will be considered in the order in which they are received, and after all those postmarked in March have been processed.

Applicants excluded from their first choice of dates will receive immediate consideration for any alternative dates they have listed. Inclusion of alternative dates will not reduce your chance of getting your first choice.

Reservation requests for partial weeks during both the summer and extensions seasons will be accepted beginning April 19th, subject to availability.

Summer Season Full Reservations:

Due to the pandemic, standard summer season reservations will consist of six nights instead of the usual seven, ***with a Sunday arrival and Saturday morning departure.*** This will allow the Croo and staff the extra time necessary to thoroughly clean cabins, bathrooms, the kitchen and other spaces.

Extension Season Full and Partial Week Reservations:

The same registration process is used for the two weeks of Extension that surround Labor Day as during the Summer Season (see above). However, due to much lower demand for these weeks, openings are likely to be available right up to the very weeks themselves in September. If you are checking for availability after June 20, we strongly advise you to contact the Camp Manager directly at crcmanagers@gmail.com.

Rates and Reservations

Deposits:

All reservations require a deposit of \$200 for the summer season and \$100 for extension. The balance is paid at Camp. Reservation deposits are non-transferable.

Cash or checks are accepted. At this time, Cold River Camp cannot process credit card payments. Please make checks payable to:

AMC - Cold River Camp

Please provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope for confirmation/reply mail. Please ensure that each and every person registering has provided an appropriately signed AMC release form. Without these forms, the reservation will be rejected. The form can be found enclosed in the Winter Little Deer Dispatch and on the CRC website.

Cancellations:

Cancellations received prior to May 1 will receive a 50% deposit refund. No deposit refunds will be made after May 1. Payment in full is required if a cancellation request is not received at least 14 days prior to scheduled arrival in fairness to those denied space.

If, within 14 days prior to arrival to Camp, you are experiencing symptoms of COVID or have been exposed to COVID please do not come to Camp. If you experience COVID symptoms while at Camp, you will be asked to leave. The Manager will discuss your reservation options at that time.

If the entire Camp season is cancelled due to state or AMC regulations, the full amount will be refunded. Cold River Camp recommends that campers purchase travel insurance to cover expenses in the case of personal cancellation and in the case of Camp cancellation.

Mail reservations from March 1 to June 20 to:

Lois Winkler, Registrar

17 Southview St.

Pleasantville, NY 10570.

Phone: (914) 747-3194 before 9pm, please.

Mail reservations after June 20 to:

Cold River Camp Managers

32 AMC Road

Chatham, NH 03813-5201

Phone: (603) 694-3291

YOUR 2021 COLD RIVER CAMP APPLICATION

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

Preferred location at Camp 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

Please print or type
Names
Children's Age & Sex
(as of 1/1/2021)

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

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____ Car License Plate #: _____

Registration Fee Enclosed: \$ _____ (\$200/person/week for summer season or \$100/person/week
in extension season.

- Make checks payable to: **AMC COLD RIVER CAMP**
- Please include a Self-addressed stamped envelope with reservation request
- Each person or family must submit with reservation a signed copy of AMC release form
- Optional: Emergency Contact or Family Physician _____ ph: _____
- Do not send prior to March 1, 2021 Signed: _____ Date _____

AMC COLD RIVER CAMP

COMMON SAFETY EXPECTATION AGREEMENT

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.

As a guest staying at AMC Cold River Camp, I agree to adhere to all of the rules. This summer we have added a new set of requirements for the common good of both the guests and the staff. These rules are put in place as a way to help reduce your risks and the risks of other guests and staff of being exposed to COVID-19. Two of the more important of these include:

1. In the spirit of community, we encourage all guests to embrace the well-established best practices that have emerged for personal and group safety and health. All campers must bring their own masks. Masks must be worn in all public interior spaces, on the Lodge Porch and in any interior space aside from one’s own cabin.
2. Campers are required to wear masks outdoors if unable to maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from others who are not in their pod (people with whom you reside currently), including on hiking trails. All campers, Croo and staff are expected to maintain a minimum of six feet from one another, with the exception of members of their pod.

Refusal to follow, or repeated violations of, the mask-wearing rules would not be in keeping with caring for the common good of the guests and staff. We trust that you, by signing this document, agree to adhere to these rules. If you do not follow the rules, you will be asked to leave Camp immediately.

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB VOLUNTEER CAMPS & CABINS

COVID-19 WARNING & ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISKS & RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

INTRODUCTION

PLEASE CAREFULLY 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, 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:

COVID-19 Warning

The World Health Organization has declared the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, as a worldwide pandemic. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact as well as through airborne particles. As a result, and in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations, AMC has put in place various preventive measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Despite these measures and the best intentions of AMC, AMC cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19 as a result of participating in AMC activities. Further, participating in these activities could increase your risk of contracting COVID-19.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

Use of AMC Volunteer-led Camps and Cabins 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’). 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, disability or death to participant or others. Some, but not all of these risks include: hazardous and unpredictable ground, water or weather conditions; misjudgments made by leaders, co-leaders, participants or others; travel in remote areas that can cause delays in transportation, evacuation and medical care; equipment that can fail or malfunction; the potential that the participant or others (e.g. participant, driver, medical and rescue personnel) may act carelessly or recklessly. I understand that AMC 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. By signing this agreement, I (participant and parent/s of a minor participant) acknowledge that I have read the COVID-19 warning above and understand the contagious nature of COVID-19. I voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by participating in AMC

activities and using any of its facilities or equipment. I understand the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 during AMC activities may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, AMC volunteers, leaders, and staff.

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 initiate any litigation against AMC, with respect to any and all claims, liabilities, suits or expenses (including attorneys' fees and costs) (hereafter 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 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 initiate 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 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 in my heirs, executors, representatives and estate. One or both parent/s must sign below for any participating minor (those under 18 years of age).

Signature	Date	Print Name Here	Signature	Date	Print Name Here
Parent or Guardian Signature	Date	Print Name Here	Parent or Guardian Signature	Date	Print Name Here
Parent or Guardian Signature	Date	Print Name Here	Parent or Guardian Signature	Date	Print Name Here

Participant and parent/s of a minor participant agree: By signing this form, I am acknowledging that I have carefully read and understand the common good rules outlined above and agree that I (and my minor participant(s), if applicable) will follow them while a guest at Camp. One or both parent/s must sign below for any participating minor (those under 18 years of age).

Participant signature	Date	Print name here
Participant signature	Date	Print name here
Participant signature	Date	Print name here
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Extension Season

Make the most of Evans Notch all year-round

The 9-week summer full-service season is not the only way to enjoy Camp. “Off-Season” Camp is a quieter place, offering different experiences. In spring, returning birds are at their most colorful and frolicsome, flowers bloom, and the streams and cascades are running full. The fall offers stunning foliage and the nearby renowned Fryeburg Fair. In these seasons, you can still enjoy classic hiking, biking, or paddling - but in cooler weather, with crisp, starry nights. In winter, the silent snowy landscape is unforgettable – and challenging. The Winter Cabin will be your warm refuge after ski or snowshoe outings.

Fall Extension Season

In 2021, the fall Extension season will run from Saturday, August 28th through Sunday, September 5th. This is some of the best hiking weather: dry and clear, with cool nights, long views, and leaves slowly changing to red and gold. Guests can choose the schedule that fits their needs, from 2 to 8 nights and are responsible for bringing their own pillow and linens or sleeping bag. Extension includes three full meals a day, use of all open Camp amenities, and a hike consultant - just as in summer season 2021. Use the summer season reservation form and specify the dates of arrival and departure.

Change to Spring and Fall Standard Offerings

In 2021, there will be no off-season activities or group events. (There will be organized volunteer work days for CTA trails and CRC maintenance). In 2022, we will return to offering Camp for spring and fall activities, welcoming AMC chapter groups, weddings, and other events in May and early June and mid-September to early October. Contact offseasonsignup@gmail.com.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.amccoldrivercamp.org/Pages/OffseasonInfo.html>

Contact: offseasonsignup@gmail.com



Winter Cabin

The Winter Cabin is available for rental from October until early May. This two-room cabin, also known as “Convent,” has a six-bed bunkroom and a multi-purpose room equipped with a wood stove and small kitchen area. The cabin is winterized and has electricity but please note: there is no running water. There is a microwave, a hotplate and a refrigerator. Guests must bring their own water, food, and bedding. Wood for the wood stove is provided. A heated outhouse is located just behind the cabin. A small area at the end of the camp’s north entrance is plowed and guests walk in to the cabin.

Evans Notch is peaceful in the winter months and most guests hope for lots of snow so they can ski, snowshoe and enjoy winter hiking followed by a cozy night in a warm cabin with friends. Please check the online reservation calendar for availability and rates (currently \$94 per night). With confirmation of their reservation guests receive detailed information about cabin use, including how to pick up the key.

Contact: offseasonsignup@gmail.com

Conant Lodge Project Updates

Encouraged by the positive reaction from guests who last summer viewed the presentations of the East Concept design for the Conant Lodge Project, the Cold River Camp Committee voted to approve the project at its July 11, 2020 meeting.

The Cold River Camp Lodge Renovation Committee was formed early in 2020 to identify and hire a local design and build contractor. The members of this Committee include: John Dean, Jan Irvin, Frank Mastro, Cheryl Poirier, and Mark Winkler.

We first identified potential partners, determined whether each seemed to be a good fit for the Lodge Project, and then held preliminary interviews with the most promising candidates. Next, we asked each of six potential design/build teams to submit formal written RFPs for our review. In the end, we had a full interview with two of the design/build contractors and the full Lodge Renovation Committee (LRC). After a full discussion and evaluation, the Committee unanimously agreed upon Lancaster-based [Garland Mill](#).

Garland is a firm whose abilities and experience will provide the most appropriate fit for the project. They have expertise in increasing the energy efficiency of renovated and newly built structures, timber framing, both commercial and residential construction, and extensive work with non-profit organizations. Construction is expected to start just after Labor Day 2021, and the anticipated finish date is at the end of May 2022.

The Conant Lodge Campaign Committee (Gary Munson, Lee Heald, Kathy Roth Huse, Angela Liptack, Ann Prindle, and Sally Morris) have contacted many of the Cold River community and continue to reach out to more. They have raised over \$900,000 in pledges toward the \$1.2M goal, and they need your help to complete the campaign. Please see the pledge form insert attached to this edition of the LDD so you can contribute to the campaign to support this project.



The Conant Lodge improvements will preserve the beloved building's character and feel as well as enhance the guest experience. Some of the highlights include:

- Removing the dining porch, which has major structural issues, and then restoring the north facing windows in the historic Lodge to their original look
- Relocating the Camp dining into the renovated existing historic kitchen area. This will allow us to expand living room and dining room space, as well as meet ADA standards
- Improve guest bathroom availability, meeting ADA standards
- Integrate solar energy as a means of reducing carbon footprint
- Modernize the kitchen to increase operating efficiency and enhance the working environment



Volunteer Opportunities

Your skills are needed!

Cold River Camp is successful because of the efforts of its many volunteers. All camp activities are overseen by the CRC Committee, a group of volunteers who establish policies for the property, affairs, business and operation of the camp. Other volunteers help with a wide variety of camp projects and activities. Volunteers are the lifeblood of Cold River Camp!

This remains true even during the pandemic, even though some aspects of volunteering have had to evolve for everyone's safety. New volunteers are and will always be very 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, just a willingness to help. Simply reach out to our volunteer coordinator, Antonia Woods, for more information about how you can put your particular talents and interests to work at Camp.

Volunteering for CRC is a rewarding experience. Ask anyone who does it!

How can I volunteer at CRC?

It all starts with a simple conversation. If you would like more information about volunteering, please contact Antonia (contact information on the following page) or the Cold River Committee Chair by email - or fill out a volunteer form while at Cold River Camp.

Hike Leaders and Naturalists

Would you like to be a hike leader or naturalist? Hike leaders and naturalists receive training and undergo an “apprenticeship” program before they become leaders. They 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 ensure that guests have a good time are equally as important.

For safety reasons and to minimize gathering in large groups, our hike leaders and naturalists will not be leading day hikes and other adventures in summer 2021. Instead, most weeks will include a hike leading "consultant," who can offer ideas and tips on what trails to explore next to those joining us at Camp this summer.

We look forward to resuming hike leading and our naturalist program post-pandemic. If you are interested in taking part or learning more about this Camp tradition, please reach out to Jim Greaney or Bill Gross (contact information on page 31.)

Maintenance and Facilities

Keeping CRC's buildings and grounds operating properly requires continuing effort. Volunteers perform needed maintenance on work weekends in the spring and fall. Volunteers will help Open camp over a series of weekends, limited capacity each weekend due to COVID.

Please join us for one or more of the CRC Work Weekends each year. We get a lot done and have a lot of fun doing it! People with skills in plumbing, electrical work and carpentry are of course very welcome, but we also need folks willing to paint, do landscaping, prune shrubs and trees, and assorted simple jobs. Let Antonia Woods know if you would like to be on the "Please Call" list of volunteers and let her know your skill set or interest.

Extension Season Volunteers

During the Extension Season, the dining facility and common areas, including bathrooms and the Lodge, are maintained by volunteers. They also assist the kitchen staff with some meal prep and cleanup after meals.

There is ample time after morning chores and before evening ones to enjoy hiking or other activities. Meals and lodging are provided. You can volunteer for as little as one weekend, to as long as two weeks.

Cold River Camp Committee and Sub-Committees

The CRC Committee manages the Camp, serving 3 year terms. Active sub committees from the full CRC community and/or the CRC Committee work together to complete specific project. CRC also hosts a number of weekend volunteer events in the off-season. However, this year, due to COVID, the options are limited. Check in for 2022!

To get involved, simply fill out the form below. Or, email Antonia.

CRC Volunteer Form

If you would like more information about any of the following options, please circle your choice(s) and mail to:

*Antonia Woods, Volunteer Coordinator
144 North Main Street, South Hadley, MA 01075*

along with your name, interests, and contact information. You may also email Antonia at awoods144@gmail.com.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Evening phone: _____

Email: _____

I am interested in: _____

- Hike Leaders / Naturalists
- Facility Maintenance
- Extension Season Crew (Sept.)
- Flower Garden Maintenance
- CRC Committee
- Trail Work Weekends (with CTA)
- Camp Opening (May) & Closing (Oct.)
- Conservation & Education
- Land Management & Planning
- Publicity & Communications
- Assisting in Other Events/Activities

CRC Wishlist

The Cold River Camp Wish List is a way to encourage giving to tangible causes to help improve camp life. If you like to see where your money goes, donating to the Wish List could be for you! All contributions are tax-deductible. All donors are recognized on the Cold River Camp website and in the Winter issue of the Little Deer Dispatch or you can choose to remain anonymous. You do not need to fund an entire item.

The AMC Cold River Camp Committee is deeply appreciative of those who can and do give extra support to the Cold River Camp community with generous gifts of time, money and/or goods.

1. Garden Fund for additional trees, shrubs and special gardening tools.
2. Furniture Repair and Replacement Fund for the Lodge porch, Lodge, Tea House and cabins. Cost varies with repair or replacement.
3. Mattresses for the ongoing “Mattress Replacement Program.”

Contact Emma Crane at amc.crcwishlist@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding a donation. Checks should be made out to the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) with an indication of what the donation is for and sent to:

Dick Goettle, CRC Treasurer
433 NH Route 119
East Fitzwilliam, NH 03447

Chatham Trails Association (CTA)

Give back by helping keep the trails around Camp free and clear for everyone to enjoy. To get involved, join the Chatham Trails Association (CTA), a venerable organization celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. For more information, please contact Karl Uggerholt, CTA president, at karlslugger@gmail.com.

To sign up for the CTA, please fill out the CTA membership and registration forms to the right.

CTA Volunteer Registration

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Town/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Please register us for work weekend:

Spring 2021 May 29-31

Spring 2021 June 5-6

Fall 2021 Sept 10 -12

Mail to volunteer coordinator, Ingrid Barrett

2003 Main Road, Chatham, NH 03813 (from 5/1 to 10/15)

7 Hemlock Road, Hanover, NH 03755 (from 10/15 to 5/1)

or register at our website www.ChathamTrails.org

CTA Membership

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Town/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

I/we desire to become a member of CTA or renew membership for the year 2018. Enclosed is memberships dues of (\$5) per person for a total of \$_____

I/we wish to make an additional contribution of \$_____ to Chatham Trails Association, Inc.

I/we desire to make a contribution or pledge of \$.... to the Memorial Fund for the protection of trails in the memory of

Chatham Trails Association is a 501(c)3 organization.

Donations are tax-deductible. Mail this form to

Steve Fink, 2062 Main Road, Chatham, NH 03813

www.ChathamTrails.org

CRC Gardens

Have you ever admired the flower gardens around the Lodge? Helping maintain the gardens is yet another way to get involved.

Conceived of by CRC naturalist Peggy Birch and built with the help of Frank Eastman, the gardens are designed to be environmentally and ecologically sensitive, featuring native plants that attract pollinators and birds.

Over the years, the gardens have been maintained by dedicated volunteers - most recently by outgoing garden gurus Jackie Cressy and Susan Dovell. With their departure, Emma Crane and Ellie Morris stepped in to take their place.

Have a green thumb? Reach out to Emma Crane (contact information on the following page) to get involved.

2020 Donors

Thank you to our generous donors in 2020. Your gifts make Camp possible.

Chester Kaplan, Carol Doell, Erik and Melissa Shessler, David and Connnie Beattie, Richard Gopstein and Debbie Grauer, Peter and Beth Norton, Corinne Waste, MaryStarr Hope, Chloe Laplantine and Andrew Eastman, Mike and Jocelyn Charles, Robert Cross, John and Elizabeth Dean, Alexandra Duncan, Ian Duncan, Jim Greaney and Christine Reynolds, William Soeltz, Chris and Colin McArdle, Hannah McArdle, Roger Damon, Amy Damon and Timothy Grover, John Halporn, Susan and Buz Jennings, Greg and Kathy Kulas, Van McGlasson and Jana Odette, Linda Damon, Tom McArdle, Gilliam Graham, Richard Greenspan, Allen' Itgen, Steven Gilbert, John and Sally Morris, Norm and Kate Thibeault, Adam and Janelle Weston, Jim and Meg Weston, Mark Weston, Robert McCade, Cindy and Larry Gubb, Rue Sherwood, Michelle DuEst, Ted and Sally Shwartz, Walter and Bonnie Carter, Katherine Oppenheim, Carl and Suzanne Cohen, Ethan and Este Pope, Alyssa Robinson and Mark Sullivan, Susan Talhouk, Anne Fusco, Nancy Barkman, Stuart and Sheri Saginor, Laura and Todd Smith, Tim Zebo and Kathy Hjelle, James and Liz Doucett, Evan Doucett, Carol Bingham and Andy Sawyer, David and Mary Graham, Demie Kurz and Bruce Birchard, Bill Lee, Amy Bauer and Joseph Basile, Michael Arnott and Mary White, Bill and Elsie Smith, Frances Gillespie, Janet Wineman and Joe Brevard, William Norton, Arthur and Marilyn Wright, Barbara Berko and Joel Deitz, Amy Reeves, William Fuchs, Stephen Fink and Maria Palmisano, Ross M. Lanius, Jr., Eric and Kari Anderson, John and Elizabeth Dean, Bruce Lowry and Shelly Gallender, Cummings Properties LLC

Committee, Personnel & Key Volunteers

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Week 1: Erik Hobbie

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Week 3: Rosie O'Connor

Week 4: Rich Taylor

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Week 6: Jim Gorman

Week 7: Jim Gorman

Week 8: Jenny Lane

Week 9: Mike Arnott/Mary

White

Extension: Mark Levine,

Ned Beecher



2021 CRC Calendar

(Updated February 2021)

March through Early June

March 1	Guest Full Week Reservations Open, Lottery Begins (L. Winkler)
March 20	Guest Full Week Reservation Lottery Closes (L. Winkler)
April 19	Guest Partial Week Reservations Accepted on First Come, First Served Basis (L. Winkler)
April 30	Confirmation Date for Summer Operations (CRC Communications)
May 3	Winter Cabin Closes for Guest Use (C. Clyne)
May 7-9	<i>Camp Opening and Work Weekend (Waste, Mastro)</i>
May 29-31	CTA Trail Work Weekend #1 (Uggerholt)
June 5-6	CTA Trail Work Weekend #2 (Uggerholt)

Summer Season Prep

June 12-13	Camp Opening Work, cont. (OSM, Beecher)
June 19-26	Summer Season Preparation Week (Summer Manager)

Summer Season

Please note, this summer, Camp will shift to a Sunday arrival and Saturday departure to allow more time for cleaning between weeks.

June 27-July 3	CRC Guest Week 1 (Kids 50%)
July 4 - July 10	CRC Guest Week 2 (Kids 50%)
July 11 -17	CRC Guest Week 3
July 18 - 24	CRC Guest Week 4
July 25 - 31	CRC Guest Week 5
Aug 1 - 7	CRC Guest Week 6
Aug 8-14	CRC Guest Week 7
Aug 15 - 21	CRC Guest Week 8
Aug 22 - 28	CRC Guest Week 9

End of Regular Summer Season

Extension Season

Aug 28 - Sept 5	CRC Extension Season
Sept 10 -12	CTA Trail Work Weekend #3 (CTA - Uggerholt)
Sept 13 - Oct 7	Open Fall Foliage Self Service Use/Caretaker Basis (Excluding Friday noon - Sunday noon)
<i>Sept 24-26</i>	<i>CRC Camp Closing I (Fuchs)</i>
<i>October 9-10</i>	<i>CRC Camp Closing II (Fuchs)</i>
Oct. 12 - May 4, 2022	Winter Cabin Open For Group Use (Winter Cabin Coord., Clyne)