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# the Little Deer Dispatch



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# **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

**DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE, JANUARY 2016**

Dear Cold River Camp community,

It was early afternoon one day in late October several years ago. My disagreeable boots had created a large, painful welt above my left ankle over the course of three days in the Wild River watershed. Before heading homeward I hobbled up to Camp from the Baldface Circle parking lot where I had left my car. The sky was blue, the air crisp. I sat on the lodge porch steps, soaking up the warmth of the sun, looking over the sleeping camp. It was put away and buttoned up for the coming winter. The rustle of dead leaves stirred by a light breeze was all that reached my ears. I was entirely alone, but not alone. Camp conveyed palpable echoes of the people and activity of the season ended. It is one of my fondest CRC memories.

Are you ready? While Camp sleeps, the camp committee, camp managers and a host of other wonderful volunteers have been busy preparing for the 2017 season. You can submit a reservation request for a full-week stay now, and for partial weeks starting April 1. Jim DiCarlo and Laurie Barr, and Liz and Jared Murphy will once again serve as co-managers for portions of the regular summer weeks, and Ned Beecher and Chris Clyne for the Extension weeks. Zachary Porter will return to rule the kitchen. We are so fortunate to have them all back! We are preserving our Kids Free program for Weeks 1 & 2. JoAnna Easton will again provide a yoga accent to Week 5. We introduced the Self Service off-season option last fall, and hope to see more guests take advantage of it this fall.

On a personal note, Amy Damon Grover has completed her 3-year term as camp committee chair. Her thoughtfulness and attentiveness have been an inspiration for me. Thanks boatloads, Amy!!

Happy Trails,

**Gary Munson**  
AMC Cold River Camp Committee Chair



# COLD RIVER CAMP CENTENNIAL

NORTH CHATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE



**C**old River Camp, in a direct sense, owes its founding to an AMC group who spent a week in North Chatham in 1918. In their rambles about the valley, they discovered a “For Sale” sign at the “Ledges,” the private camp of Rev. Wilford Robbins, an Episcopal clergyman. Recognizing the potential of the site, an ad hoc group was formed to raise funds for its purchase, and to persuade the AMC to acquire it as a Club facility. Their efforts were successful, and in late June 1919 Cold River Camp opened. The first known AMC visit to this area, however, took place much earlier, in 1882, when a group exploring parts of the Wild River watershed from the north dropped down into Cold River Valley, and checked out several attractions, such as Brickett Falls and the Royces. A report of their trip appeared in Appalachia, the AMC journal.

In the fall of 2016, members of the committee planning CRC’s 2019 centennial learned of another early AMC group who stayed in the Valley in 1885, 33 years before the 1918 party. The evidence comes from a photo album donated in 1936 by Richard Manning of Gambier, Ohio, and recently restored by a member of our CRC “family,” Richard Werbin. Thanks to both of these men, we now have an amazing visual record of the area, two decades earlier than even the construction of Robbins’ original camp buildings. Manning was one of a group of perhaps a dozen or more who travelled on their own initiative (not as an official Club outing) to North Chatham in the summer of 1885. They stayed at the farm of Charles Chandler, which still stands, in a much altered and enlarged form, as Deer Hill Farm, the large white house owned by Steve Fink, just south of Camp. Based on surviving picture captions, the group included Ernest Machado and his wife; Machado’s father; his sister Alice and her husband, Theodore Osborne; a Mr. H.B. Goodrich of Middletown, CT; and Manning. The identities and hometowns of others are not known, nor the duration of their stay.

Thanks to Werbin’s restoration, the photographs show a stunning array of scenes and features that are still recognizable over 130 years later, and that provide clues to the visitors’ activities. There are two panoramic views looking north to the Royces. They took photos of a number of waterfalls, including one of Rattlesnake Gorge and another unmistakable snap of Emerald Pool, as well as earlier bridges over Chandler Brook and Cold River. (cont. page 26)

# **AMC COLD RIVER CAMP**

## **2017 SCHEDULE**

### **January through May**

January 1-31	Guest Full Week Registration Lottery Open (L. Winkler)
February 1	Guest Full Week Reservations Accepted, First Come First Served
April 1	Guest Partial Week Reservations Open
May 12	Winter Cabin Closes For Winter Guest Use
May 12-14	Camp Opening and Work Weekend (Waste, Kenyon, Mastro)
May 19-29	Open for Group Off Season (OSM)
May 26-29	CTA Work Weekend #1 / CTA Annual Meeting (Devine)

### **June through August**

June 2-4	CTA Trail Work Weekend #2 (Devine)
June 9-11	Group Event Reserved
June 17-23	Summer Season Preparation Week
June 24-July 1	CRC Guest Week 1
July 1-8	CRC Guest Week 2
July 8-15	CRC Guest Week 3
July 15-22	CRC Guest Week 4
July 22-29	CRC Guest Week 5
July 29-August 5	CRC Guest Week 6
August 5-12	CRC Guest Week 7
August 12-19	CRC Guest Week 8
August 19-26	CRC Guest Week 9
August 26	<i>End of Regular Summer Season</i>

### **August and Beyond**

August 26 - Sept. 10	CRC Extension Season (Ext. Managers - Clyne & Beecher)
September 4	<i>Labor Day</i>
Sept. 10 - Oct. 7	Open Fall Foliage Self Service Use/Caretaker Basis (excluding some weekend night)
September 15 -17	Group Event Reserved
September 22 - 24	Open for Group Use Off Season
Sept. 29- Oct. 1	CTA Trail Work Weekend #3 (CTA - Devine)
October 6-9	CRC Camp Closing (Columbus Day Weekend)
Oct. 6 - May 2018	Winter Cabin Open For Group Use

## **FOOD STATEMENT 2017**

**C**RC takes pride in serving appetizing, hearty and healthful family-style meals, and strives to provide a variety of options to appeal to a diversity of guests' tastes.

### **TYPICAL DAILY MENU:**

**Breakfast** - hot and cold cereal; fruit; an egg dish, pancakes, or french toast, often accompanied by a breakfast meat.

**Lunch** - Variety galore on the trail lunch table, including assorted breads, deli meats, cheeses, PB & J, veggies, fruit and snack items.

**Dinner** - salad, home made bread, a main entrée accompanied by at least one vegetable side, and dessert.

Soy milk is available at all meals.

*With advanced guest notification* we can often meet vegetarian, lactose-free, and gluten-free diets. We can also accommodate some food allergies. Due to the nature of our family style food service and finite kitchen resources, we provide a pre-planned menu for each meal. Please call the camp managers *prior to your week* to discuss accomodating your dietary needs.

*Please note:* CRC does not provide Lactaid milk; guests are welcome to bring their own to be stored for them. Guests with gluten free diets are asked to bring gluten free pasta, bread, and muffin mix for the camp chef to prepare. Ice is available for guests that choose to bring coolers to store their preferred snacks and beverages.



## **CRC TRIP LEADERS**

**W**ith snow on the ground and skiers heading to the local ski areas, it is time again to begin to plan for the upcoming summer at Cold River Camp. For new guests at CRC, a wide range of trails await discovery. For returning guests, their favorite trails and summits await. The leader coordinators have compiled the leader roster for Summer 2017 and it is included in this edition of The Little Deer Dispatch and is on our website: <http://www.amccoldrivercamp.org/Pages/2017TripLeaders.html>

The coordinators are responsible for scheduling leaders for the nine weeks of Camp plus the two weeks of Extension. Our goal is to provide a variety of led hikes with varying degrees of difficulty to appeal to all hikers and also to provide information on trails to those campers wanting to hike on their own.

If you are unfamiliar with any trail, ask a leader for information. We also have guide books which can be borrowed from the resource library in Conant Lodge. Copies of Don Devine's Cold River Camp, AMC Hiking Guide can be purchased in the Office.

Our leaders have been hiking in the area for a number of years and can offer suggestions for a trail suitable for your abilities and interests. All of our leaders hold current certification in Wilderness First Aid, CPR and AMC Leadership training.

Parents with young children will want to be involved in the Jr. Naturalist program. Workbooks are available for different age groups. Each week we have a naturalist who will lead four hikes, which focus on his or her particular interests including geology, weather, climate, local history, tree identification, mushrooms, birds or wildflowers.

Enjoy winter and look forward to renewing friendships this summer at CRC. For those who have not experienced CRC, come up and enjoy the peace and quiet of Evans Notch. While at CRC, one can hike, bike, walk, talk, swim, read, paint, eat, or snooze – it's your choice!!!

Looking forward to seeing you on the trails---

**Emma Crane, Naturalist Coordinator**

**Bill Gross, Hike Leader Coordinator**



# 2017 CRC LEADER SCHEDULE

<b>WEEK 1</b> JUN 24-JUL 1 TOM D'AVANZO CARLA DOW JIM GREANEY (C) ELLEN SILVERMAN	<b>WEEK 2</b> JULY 1-8 CARLA DOW CHRIS MCARDLE (C) PETER NORTON (N) (PLANTS/ANIMALS)	<b>WEEK 3</b> JULY 8-15 IAN DUNCAN LARRY FINK (C) ERIK HOBBIE (N) (BIRDS/MUSHROOMS)
<b>WEEK 4</b> JULY 15-22 CHRIS MCARDLE RICH TAYLOR C JENNY LANE N (PLANTS/ANIMALS)	<b>WEEK 5</b> JULY 22-29 DEBORAH KEARNEY CHRIS MCARDLE NED BEECHER (N, C) JOANNA EASTON (YOGA)	<b>WEEK 6</b> JUL 29-AUG 5 DEBORAH KEARNEY KENT SINCLAIR JIM GORMAN (N,C) (TREES)
<b>WEEK 7</b> AUG. 5-12 GARRY CRANE JIM LIPTACK (C) JIM GORMAN (N) (TREES)	<b>WEEK 8</b> AUG. 12-19 MARK LEVINE (C) BILL DARCY MATT VADEBONCOEUR N (ECOLOGY)	<b>WEEK 9</b> AUG. 19-26 TODD FLAGG BILL FUCHS (C) JIM GREANEY (N) (GENERAL)
<b>EXTENSION #1</b> AUG. 26 - SEPT. 2 TODD FLAGG	<b>EXTENSION #2</b> SEPT. 2-3 GARRY CRANE	<b>EXTENSION #3</b> SEPT. 3-9 MARK LEVINE

**KEY: C = COORDINATOR; N = NATURALIST**

**PLEASE NOTE: NATURALISTS WILL FOCUS ON SUBJECTS IN PARENTHESES DURING THEIR WEEK**



# **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT AMC COLD RIVER CAMP**

**C**old 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!

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, just a simple willingness to help.

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

## ***How can I volunteer at CRC?***

Volunteering for Cold River Camp offers many opportunities, and your contributions of time and effort are welcomed in a variety of areas. If you would like more information about volunteering, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Antonia Woods, 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.

## ***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. 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.

## ***Extension Season Volunteer***

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.

## ***Individual and Committee Activity Involvement***

Individuals and committees administer to various aspects of CRC life. CRC also hosts a number of weekend events in the off-season, which are made possible by volunteers. Some of the current volunteer opportunities are listed in the form below:

# **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***

***114 Pleasant Street #104, Arlington, MA 02476***

***awoods144@gmail.com***

along with your name, interests, and contact information.

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

# **COLD RIVER CAMP 2017 SEASON RATES**

	<u>6/24-8/26</u>	<u>8/26-9/10</u>
Adult (17-yr & over)	\$585/wk	\$75/day
Youth (12-yr to 16-yr)*	\$470/wk	\$65/day
Child (2-yr to 11-yr)*	\$350/wk	\$45/day
Child under 2-yr*	\$170/wk	\$45/day

*\*in same cabin with parent/adult. Age is as of 1/1/2017*

All inclusive summer and extension rates include lodging, three meals a day, taxes, activities (excluding river trips), cabin firewood, ice, and support of AMC programs. Non-AMC members please add 10% (become a member and save). For July/August reservations are full-week, Saturday to Saturday. Partial week reservations only accepted after 4/1 with a minimum stay of 2 nights.

## **General guidelines:**

- The daily rate is 20% of the weekly rate
- Deposit of \$200 per person per week during the summer season. Balance paid at camp.
- Deposit of \$100 per person during the extension September summer
- All applications clearly postmarked in January will receive equal consideration (Don't mail in 2015)
- All reservations will be assigned by lottery after Feb. 1
- Reservations will be confirmed by March 1

- **Payment:** Only Cash or Checks are accepted. *CRC cannot accept credit cards.* 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.
- Please refer to the CRC website for further information. [amccoldrivercamp.org](http://amccoldrivercamp.org)

**Cancellations received prior to April 1 will receive a 50% deposit refund. No deposit refunds after April 1. Reservation deposits are not transferable.**

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

**Mail reservations from January 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

# **SPECIAL OFFERS 2017**

## **YOGA HIGHLIGHT**

**WEEK 5 (JULY 22 - 29)**

The free yoga supplement to the regular Camp program continues to be popular, and so we are delighted that certified yoga instructor JoAnna Easton will return again to practice yoga with camp guests in Week 5 (July 22-29). JoAnna is an active hiker and biker. She will relate the breathing, energetic and movement aspects of yoga to the physical effects of hiking activity. JoAnna is happy to work with camp guests new to yoga as well as current practitioners. While participation in yoga sessions is optional, you may find its restorative essence a wonderful complement to vigorous hiking.

## **KIDS STAY FREE**

**WEEKS 1 AND 2 (JUNE 24 – JULY 1, JULY 1 - 8)**

We're doing it again this summer – children can be Cold River Camp guests free for one week. This has been a very well-received incentive that has brought new families to Camp.

The following conditions apply: Two children free per paying adult guest, either Week 1 (June 24 – July 1) or Week 2 (July 1-8). Children must be age 11 or under. Adult guests must stay a full week. Applicable for both new and returning guests.

Please share this offer with family and friends that you think would enjoy the Cold River Camp experience.

# YOUR 2017 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** \_\_\_\_\_  
AMC Membership Type and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Children's Age & Sex (as of 1/1/2017) \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$200/person/week in July/Aug or \$100/person/week in Sept.

• 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- Do not send prior to January 1, 2017 Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**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, 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 'facilities' 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, disability or death to participant or others. Some, but not all of these risks include: hazardous and unpredictable ground, water or weather conditions; misjudgments made by leaders, co-leaders, participants or others; travel in remote areas that can cause delays in transportation, evacuation and medical care; equipment that can fail or malfunction; the potential that the participant or others (e.g. co-participant, driver, medical and rescue personnel) may act carelessly or recklessly. I understand that AMC staff, leaders or other personnel cannot assure 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 any and all claims, liabilities, suits or expenses (including attorneys' fees and costs) (hereafter

collective claim or claims) for any injury, damage, death or other loss in any way connected with my/my child's entitlement 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 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 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	Participant Signature	Date	Print name here
Parent or Guardian Signature	Date	Print name here	Participant Signature	Date	Print name here
Parent or Guardian Signature	Date	Print name here	Participant Signature	Date	Print name here

Approved January 2010

## **EXTENSION & OFF-SEASON 2017**

**◊ ENJOY CAMP IN QUIETER SEASONS ◊**

The 9-week summer full-service season is not the only way to enjoy Camp. The “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.



## Extension Season

The first half of September is typically dry and clear, with cool nights, long views, and leaves slowly changing to red and gold. This is Extension Season at Cold River Camp, featuring a relaxed pace and some of the best hiking, biking, and kayaking weather of the year. You choose the schedule that fits your needs, from two nights to two weeks. You bring your own linens (and perhaps a sleeping bag), but otherwise enjoy all the normal amenities, including three wholesome meals a day, served mornings and evenings cafeteria style. The rate is \$75/person/night (AMC member rate). Use the summer season reservation form and specify the dates of arrival and departure. For more details, see the reservation information at:

<http://www.amccoldrivercamp.org/Pages/reservInfo.html>

## Spring & Fall

For a month each “shoulder” season, Camp is open for group use – and self-service in the Fall. Camp cooks provide all meals cafeteria style (except during self-service), in consultation with group leaders. The Camp is staffed with an event Manager and volunteer crew. All facilities are open for use. Campers must bring their own linens or sleeping bag. Otherwise, enjoy all the amenities of Camp as usual. It’s ideal for AMC Chapter outings, family reunions, weddings, and celebrations. Advance group reservation & deposit required. First-come, first-served. Weekends in particular sell out early!

Contact [offseasonsignup@gmail.com.com](mailto:offseasonsignup@gmail.com.com)

**Mid-May to mid-June:**

Minimum stay: 2 nights

Minimum group size: 15 (1 leader stays free)

\$75/person/night (all meals included)

**Mid-September to mid-October:**

Minimum stay: 2 nights

Minimum group size (weekends only): 15 (1 leader stays free)

\$75/person/night (all meals included)

**Fall Foliage Self Service:**

September 10 – October 7 (excluding some weekend nights)

Bring your own linens or sleeping bag. Use our kitchen to cook food you bring. Otherwise, enjoy all of Camp, as usual. Caretaker on duty to orient and assist. 2-night minimum. Reservations can be made up to 24 hours prior to arrival. Please reserve at [offseasonsignup@gmail.com](mailto:offseasonsignup@gmail.com).

Chris Clyne & Ned Beecher,  
Extension Season Managers



## THE WINTER CABIN



**D**uring the summer the building known as "Convent" provides housing for six crew members. From October to early May, Convent is available for guest rentals as the "Winter Cabin." Winter in Evans Notch is no less appealing than the summer. Most Winter Cabin 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.

The cabin features a six-bed bunkroom, with floor space for additional guests, and a multipurpose area equipped with a small kitchen area and wood stove. There is a small refrigerator, a microwave, a coffee maker, a toaster, and a hot water kettle in the kitchen. Plates, mugs, bowls and cookware are also provided. The cabin is winterized and has electricity, but please note: there is no running water. Guests bring their own water, food, bedding and linens. Blankets, pillows and wood for the stove are provided. In the winter, the camp driveway gates are locked, so a key is provided. A small area at the edge of Route 113 is plowed at the northern driveway entrance. The road is not plowed beyond this point.

Current rates are \$85/night. Payment in advance is requested. If interested please contact the Winter Cabin Registrar for information and reservations. Please check the online reservation calendar for availability, <http://www.amccoldrivercamp.org/Pages/Calendar.html>. With confirmation of reservation guests receive cabin instructions and where to pick up the cabin key.

[offseasongs signup@gmail.com](mailto:offseasongs signup@gmail.com)

# **CHATHAM TRAILS ASSOCIATION**

**2062 MAIN ROAD, CHATHAM, NH 03813**

**M**any thanks to all who volunteered and contributed to the Chatham Trails Association in 2016. With your support and labor, CTA maintains more than 40 miles of hiking trails around Camp for all to enjoy.

We are a volunteer organization, active since 1922. The organization runs three trail work weekends each year, basing operations out of the comfortable quarters of Cold River Camp. All are welcome to join in 2017 and pass the word on to friends. No prior experience is necessary. CTA provides the tools, training, supervision, room and board, and a spirit of camaraderie.

2017 work weekends will run: May 27-29 (Memorial Day weekend), June 3-4 (National Trails Day), and September 30-Oct. 1. Register at [www.ChathamTrails.org](http://www.ChathamTrails.org). Consider adopting a portion of one of your favorite hiking trails. For more information contact our Trail Master, Mike Zlogar, at [Trailmaster@Chatham-Trails.org](mailto:Trailmaster@Chatham-Trails.org).

In addition to funding CTA work weekends, donations cover the cost of tools, materials, insurance, government filings, the CTA website, supporting the information center at the Brickett Place, trail maps, and more, all of which are necessary for CTA's ongoing efforts to make Evans Notch accessible to hikers and outdoors enthusiasts.

Other hiking trail maintenance clubs, including the AMC, charge their volunteers something to cover room and board. CTA has always been able to provide comfortable quarters and great meals at Cold River Camp at no charge to volunteers. Direct costs are between \$5 and \$6 to get one person working for one hour on a trail, and this cost is gradually rising. A donation of \$50 covers approximately one full day of one volunteer's trail maintenance

## 2017 CTA VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Please register us for work weekend:

Spring 2017 May 27-29

Spring 2017 June 3-4

Fall 2017 Sept. 30- Oct. 1

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](http://www.ChathamTrails.org)

## 2017 CTA MEMBERSHIP

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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I/we desire to become a member of CTA or renew membership for the year 2017. 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

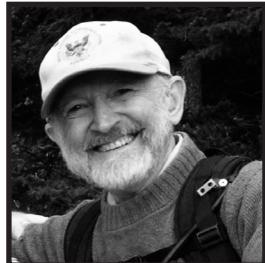
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work; consider sponsoring a volunteer for a day.

Some history: CTA has always been a part of Cold River Camp, although it is not a part of the AMC. CRC was founded in 1919, after which the founding guests and managers recognized the need for a trail maintenance club. They started CTA in 1922. CTA has always operated out of CRC and about half of our volunteers are regular CRC guests. Other volunteers are principally folks who live nearby and others who are frequent hikers in the White Mountains.

*Donations may be mailed to CTA Treasurer, Steve Fink, 2062 Main Road, Chatham, NH 03813, made out to CTA or Chatham Trails Association. CTA is a New Hampshire non-profit corporation and a federal 501c3.*

Don Devine, CTA President  
(President@ChathamTrails.org)



## **COLD RIVER CAMP PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY**

**C**ell phone coverage is not available in camp. Coverage is available within a few miles of camp along the state highway. A phone that requires the use of a phone card is available in camp for guests.

The Cold River Camp experience centers on enjoyment of nature and guest interactions, away from the routine of everyday life. Accordingly, our personal electronic devices policy is: Device use in the lodge, the lodge porch, and library is limited to reading. ♦ Any form of device communication (voice/text/email, etc., incoming or outgoing) should be done discretely, away from other guests, and away from the lodge, lodge porch and library. ♦ Device use for personal entertainment (e.g., watching videos or playing video games) is limited to the guest cabins, and at noise levels unobtrusive to guest passers-by. ♦ Cords and device charging are to be kept within the confines of the charging station area in the Rec Hall.

Recognizing the occasional need of some guests to communicate with the outside world or to do personal work, Wi-Fi access is available solely for those purposes, as a courtesy, in the area outside the camp office and in the Rec Hall. The Rec Hall is available for quietly doing personal work, shared with other uses, between the hours of 7:30 AM and 9:30 PM and outside of scheduled activities there. The camp office itself is off-limits.

♦ *Guest PED policy adopted as of March 2014*



## **COLD RIVER CAMP 2017**

### **WISH LIST**

The AMC 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 *Little Deer Dispatch* or can choose to remain anonymous. You do not have to fund an entire item. The AMC Cold River Camp Committee is deeply appreciative of those who can and do give that extra support to the Cold River Camp community with generous gifts of time, money or goods.

#### **2017 WISH LIST**

1. 1. Game camera, to see what critters are in camp when we're asleep or not there (about \$500).
2. Garden Fund for additional trees, shrubs, special gardening tools, etc.
3. Furniture Repair and Replacement Fund (lodge porch, lodge, and cabins: \$ cost varies with repair or replacement).
4. 6 washable blankets. (\$90 - \$120 each).
5. Underwriting some or all of the production costs of The Little Deer Dispatch (about \$1500 annually).
6. Four mattresses for the ongoing "Mattress Replacement Program" (about \$250 each).
7. Better equipage of the Winter Cabin ("the Convent") for an improved guest experience, new or used: sturdy eating table and chairs, armchairs (2), possibly a love-seat; hot plate.

Contact Emma Crane at [amc.crcwishlist@gmail.com](mailto:amc.crcwishlist@gmail.com) if you have questions about making a donation. Checks should be made out to the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) and sent to Dick Goettle, CRC Treasurer, 433 NH Route 119 East, Fitzwilliam NH 03447, with an indication of what the donation is for.

*Thank you to our generous donors in 2016!*

A heartfelt thank you to our 2016 donors from the AMC Cold River Camp Committee on behalf of the camp community and the Appalachian Mountain Club. We greatly appreciate your generosity in monetary or material donations and recognize your commitment to the present enjoyment and future good of Cold River Camp. (Our apologies if we missed someone!)

David and Connie Beattie, Scott and Phyllis Rowley, Michael and Jocelyn Charles, Yo Young, David and Ann Gotz, Kate Leeary and Andrew Malone, Edna and George Moody, Ethan and Estellle Pope, Ellen Silverman, Richard Gopstein and Debbie Grauer, David Wilkinson and Lisa Hemphill, Richard and Mary Jane Cheever, Jane Suda and Derek Cheever, Susan Champeny, Ann and Tim Prindle, Kate and Norm Thibeault, Joel Deitz and Barbara Berko, Robin Eisman, Janet Wineman and Joseph Brevard, Jim and Angela Liptack, George Witte and Kristin Bluemel, Gillian Graham and Robin Sleith, Tom Price, Lisa McClellan, Gordon Hutchinson, John D. Fenniman, Stephen Fink and Maria Palmisano, John and Liz Dean ◊



All of these testify to walks they took in the Valley. There is another familiar view, looking west from the summit of South Baldface toward Mount Washington, along with one of the party who made that ascent – six men and one woman (Alice Osborne). We should bear in mind that that outing took place in an era before well-marked, maintained trails. Yet another picture shows a tennis court they set up in a roadside meadow, while others show the Chandler farm and its buildings, and a nearby farm (today's Baldface Mountain Farm, also known as the Wardwell Farm – then owned by a member of the Chandler clan).

What is quite startling to a modern viewer, though, is just how wide open the valley floor was back then. The foreground (including the future site of CRC) in the photos of the Royces and other mountains reveals broad fields, even more spacious than those in pictures from Camp's early years. A lack of plowed ground suggests this acreage was used for grazing or hay (or both).

At the front of the album is Manning's 1936 letter donating the collection. In it, he noted that he had returned to North Chatham in 1935, the fiftieth anniversary of his prior visit, observing, "my memories of the rare loveliness and peacefulness were wholly justified." How many of us echo those thoughts when we too come back to Camp!

Dwight Wilder ◊

#### WHAT'S YOUR CRC STORY?

*The Centennial Committee is continuing to plan events and other ways for us to celebrate our 100th birthday in 2019. These include an updated history of CRC. We welcome personal recollections and other memorabilia of Cold River, across the full span of our collective century. Whether you're a long-term camper or a relative newcomer, we'd like to hear from you. Contact information is available at our website.*

**John Dean, Chair**



*Theodore Conant, one of the original architects of the Cold River Camp vision.*

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