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2023 MEMBERS’ MEETING & FOREVER WILD DAY

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Dear Member,

The Adirondack Council is excited to invite you to join us on Wednesday, July 12 from 12:00 - 1:15 pm virtually on Zoom for our Annual Members’ Meeting. During this time, you’ll have the opportunity to learn about some of this year’s major accomplishments through the Council’s work, review finances, and vote on a slate of candidates for re-election to the Board of Directors.

We hope that you, along with your family and friends, will also be able to join board, staff and fellow members for our in-person annual Forever Wild Day celebration at Crown Point State Historic Site on Saturday, July 15 from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm.

There will be optional activities from 9:00 - 11:00 am and 2:00 - 3:30 pm, and we’ll gather over lunch to highlight some of the amazing work being done on behalf of the Adirondacks by this year’s Conservationist of the Year, the New York State Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, and Asian (BPHA) Legislative Caucus, and our Special Recognition Award Recipient, Champlain Area Trails (CATs) and its Executive Director, Chris Maron.

We invite you to join us for a slate of morning outings to learn about the history of the area, the natural lands along the Champlain coast, and to enjoy time with fellow members who are equally as passionate about the preservation of the Adirondack Park’s clean water, clean air, ecological integrity and wild character. We hope you’ll stick around after the lunch program to meet some of our staff and there will be an opportunity to explore a local CATs trail.

Thank you for supporting our work and the Adirondacks. We’re looking forward to seeing you in July!

BULWAGGA BAY
LAKE CHAMPLAIN
PORT HENRY
NEW YORK, ADIRONDACK PARK
BULLWAGGA BAY
CROWN POINT STATE HISTORIC SITE
COOT HILL

GROUP OUTINGS - CROWN POINT STATE HISTORIC SITE
Saturday, July 15 | 9:00 - 11:00 am or 2:00 - 3:30 pm

9:00 - 11:00 am | Lake Champlain Paddle (moderate)
(Weather permitting - please bring your own boat and personal flotation device)
Join Adirondack Council staff members John Davis, Rewilding Advocate and Jess Grant, Conservation Associate on a paddle around Lake Champlain to explore the ecological significance of the waterway and the species that populate the lake and surrounding area.

9:00 - 11:00 am | Historical Tour and Museum led by Museum Staff (easy)
Learn about the historic significance that Crown Point plays in New York history. Guests will be able to explore the historic grounds and hear from museum staff about the stories of different folks who have occupied the site. They’ll also venture into the museum on site to see a number of historical artifacts that have been discovered at Crown Point. $4.00 museum entry fee

9:00 - 11:00 am | Geology Walk & Talk (easy, uneven ground)
The New York State Park at Crown Point is known for the well-preserved ruins of forts that date from 18th century military engagements between the French and British struggling for control of Lake Champlain. The State Park also contains excellent rock exposures of much, much older chapters in the history of the Champlain Valley. This field trip will examine the rocks of the ~450 million-year-old Chazy Group (metamorphosed exposed in and around the fort. We will examine the fossils and rock features that record their origin in the shallow, tropical marine sea that existed in this part of North America during the geologic time period formed the Ordochiean. The field trip involves walking on uneven ground through the Park and is led by Prof. Charlotte Mehrtens, who has studied and published numerous scholarly works on the geologic history of the Champlain Valley region of New York and Vermont.

2:00 - 3:30 pm | Coot Hill Hike (moderate)
Coot Hill Trail leads to one of the best viewpoints in the Champlain Valley. It follows a seasonal road to an old cemetery where it then goes to the overlook where hikers can look south down the Champlain Valley toward Ticonderoga, east across Bulwagga Bay and the Champlain Bridge toward the Green Mountain of Vermont, and north to Split Rock Wild Forest almost twenty miles away. Meanwhile, just to the south is “Big Hollow,” a special carved canyon whose cliffs provide thermal updrafts used by hawks when they migrate north and turkey vultures flying for fun and looking out for food. The trail is two miles round trip and is fairly easy except for a couple short and somewhat steep inclines.

Please register for the Forever Wild Day group outings by using the enclosed form or visit us online at AdirondackCouncil.org

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Thank you to our event Patrons for supporting Forever Wild Day and honoring our 2023 Conservationist of the Year. The event not only provided economic and community benefits for Champlain Valley residents and visitors. it also preserved 2,000 acres of forests, farms, and wetlands. This work is especially important in New York’s Champlain Area Trails (CATS) in 2007 and its first executive director in 2009. Since then, thanks to the help of many volunteers, he and CATS have advanced the mission of making the Adirondack Park welcoming, and inclusive for everyone.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD
Champlain Area Trails & Chris Maron, Executive Director
Maron’s twenty-five-year career with The Nature Conservancy, first in Indiana and then with the Adirondack chapter, led to him becoming one of the founders of Champlain Area Trails (CATS) in 2007 and its first executive director in 2009. Since then, thanks to the help of many volunteers, he and CATS have advanced the mission of making the Adirondack Park welcoming, and inclusive for everyone. CATS has been an Adirondack Council Member for more than thirty years. He has been an active supporter of Parks statewide and a 46er (#4500). He lives in New York City. David Bronston is a lifelong advocate and activist on behalf of the Adirondacks, an active supporter of Parks statewide and a 46er (#4500). He lives in New York City. David Bronston is a lifelong advocate and activist on behalf of the Adirondacks, an active supporter of Parks statewide and a 46er (#4500). He lives in New York City. David Bronston is a lifelong advocate and activist on behalf of the Adirondacks, an active supporter of Parks statewide and a 46er (#4500). He lives in New York City. David Bronston is a lifelong advocate and activist on behalf of the Adirondacks, an active supporter of Parks statewide and a 46er (#4500). He lives in New York City.

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Mary Bijnor spends her summers at a family home on Lower Saranac Lake, and is from New York City. In addition to a career running and leading her interior design business in NYC, Mary has a long history of working with non-profits as a volunteer, employee and trustee. An alumna of St. Lawrence University, she served on the University’s Board of Visitors for many years with leadership positions related to fundraising, building projects, and executive search.

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Durham Holt and his wife, Margaret Lancefield, live on Silver Lake in the Clinton County, NY, and in Washington DC. As a Member of Congress representing New Jersey (from 1999 to 2015, Bush was an advocate for scientific research, education, and protection of natural resources. After he stepped aside from Congress in 2015, he was CEO of the Adirondack Association of Commerce until his retirement in 2019. Before election to Congress Holt was Assistant Director of the Princeton Environmental Institute. His career includes lobbying for environmental and social justice issues.

Jerry Page has spent as much time as he could at his family’s seasonal home on Lower Saranac Lake since the early 1980s. He lives in New York City and is retired from a 29-year career at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority where he served as General Counsel to a strategic leader. He has experience with the workings of government in New York State and specialized in facilitating public-private partnerships and infrastructure financing.

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