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*Near the summit of Whiteface on this season-opener trip are John DeBritten, Mat Melsert and Jane McCloskey of the Schenectady Chapter. (Details in Trip Tales)
Photo by Roy Keats*

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The Lookout

The newsletter for the Schenectady Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club

APA Mulls Boreas Ponds Classification

Whether the cry of the loon or the snarl of motors will echo across the Boreas Ponds is now under debate within the Adirondack Park Agency.

The argument could be that simple, but of course it is not. That was clear from dozens of speakers at the final APA hearing on the classification of the ponds and surrounding lands, conducted Dec. 7 at the headquarters of the Department of Environmental Conservation in Albany.



Cathy Pedler, legislative director of the Adirondack Mountain Club, models her "I want wilderness" T-shirt at the Dec. 7 hearing on Boreas Ponds classification. Flanking her are Kevin Chlad of the Adirondack Council, also sporting the message, and Carole Fraser of the DEC.

Photo by Mal Provost

The arguments expressed at the hearings break on familiar lines:

Folks living in the Adirondacks are watching their communities struggle with limited jobs, closed businesses and kids migrating away. Town supervisors of the towns of Newcomb and North Hudson, for examples, said opening the land to more recreational use will enhance the economies and sustain more vibrant communities. Also, they say, no one loves the land more than they, but they just want to use it. Long Lake Supervisor Clark Seaman, for example, cited businesses closing in the town and blamed the nearby Whitney Wilderness as the cause for reduced traffic, saying "Don't Whitneyize" the Boreas Ponds.

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There were few mugwumps – those having their mug on one side of the question and their wump on the other – at the session. Most speakers were adamant, whether in favor of maximizing the amount of wilderness in the remote and scenic 21,000 acre tract or aggressively speaking for the presumed local economic benefit of opening the land to motors to enhance tourist traffic.

A side issue of whether the APA had already blown its responsibilities also was prominent, primarily for those pushing for the greatest protection of the ponds. This centered on the APA's decision to put only four options before the public for debate, none of which offers a large wilderness tract stretching north from Blue Ridge Road and limiting access to the ponds to foot or horse traffic. The APA took that off the table early, and the hearings could serve only to tweak their four options.

Kathleen Regan, APA deputy director for planning, said it is likely the board will vote on a recommendation by March – having digested the comments and letters from the eight hearings across the state – and present its decision to Gov. Andrew Cuomo. He has the final decision, possibly with options beyond a simple yes or no.



Neil Woodworth, (foreground) and Willie Janeway of the Adirondack Council at the December Hearing.

Photo by Mal Provost

Innings and Outings

How do I sign up for a hike?

For further details or to sign up for a hike, call the trip leader. Try to call at least two days in advance, as leaders may cancel on the day before an outing if there is insufficient interest. Leaders reserve the right to refuse participants for any reason, including lack of experience and/or lack of physical fitness. All equipment and supplies are the sole responsibility of the trip participants.

What do I need to bring?

The trip leader will let you know if any special equipment (crampons, snowshoes, etc.) will be needed. In general, you should always carry food, water, rain gear, map, compass, headlamp, first aid kit and extra clothing, including hat and gloves in case temperatures drop. Clothing for wet or cold weather should not be made of cotton — use a synthetic fleece or wool. If in doubt, ask the leader.

What if I don't have snowshoes/crampons?

The chapter has hi-tech snowshoes and one pair of universal fit crampons available for rental at \$5/trip. Contact Stan Stoklosa at 383-3066 to arrange for pick up from his convenient location in Clifton Park. Gear is also available to rent at local retailers..

Should I reimburse drivers for gas?

Yes! Each rider should pay their driver four to five cents per mile, depending on the current cost of gasoline. With gas at \$2 per gallon, four cents per mile should be used and at \$2.50 per gallon, five cents should be used (\$3/gallon – six cents, etc).

The kind of hikes I'd like to do aren't listed here — what can I do?

Trip leaders may be willing to plan trips based on member suggestions. If there's a specific trip you'd like to do, contact Larry Woods at 518- 810-7552 and let him know.

Wilderness First Aid Course

The Schenectady Chapter Board agreed to provide partial tuition refund for outings leaders who take Wilderness First Aid courses. The program is modeled after the 46ers current program so people who are both 46ers and Schenectady trip leaders can reimbursement. For further information, call Larry Woods at 518-810-7552.

HIKE CLASSIFICATIONS

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Leader's Pace</u>	<u>Terrain</u>	<u>Examples</u>
A+ 13 Miles or More	1. Fast	A Very Difficult	A+1A Most Difficult Trip
A 8-12 Miles	2. Moderate	B Strenuous	B2C Moderate Trip
B 5-8 Miles	3. Slow	C Average	C3D Easy Trip
C Under 5 Miles		D Easy	

Thursday, Feb. 9

XC Ski to Boreas Ponds

Strenuous (A+2B). Limit: 10

**Roy Keats at 518-370-0399, or royskipaddle@gmail.com;
Marti Townley at 518-301-3712 or mdksshea@aol.com**

This will be about a 13.4 mile round trip on a road into the dam at Boreas Ponds. There should be spectacular views from the dam. If there is sufficient energy and time remaining we might explore the ponds slightly to make sure we get all the views possible. There is a long uphill (about a mile) coming out of the parking lot. This should make a great return to the car. Beyond that uphill there are smaller undulations going into the ponds. We plan on being out of the woods between 3 and 4 p.m., but bring a

headlamp just in case. This is a joint outing with the Cold River Chapter. Please signup by February 7.

Sunday, Feb. 12

Snowshoe @ Garnsey Park

Class: C3C

Jacque McGinn, 438-0557, Jeve3@aol.com

This will be an easy, local snowshoe (or hike with microspikes if there's not enough snow). Garnsey Park is a little gem right in Clifton Park, near Rexford. We will meet in the morning, exact time TBD, at the entrance on Rte 146. Please email or call if interested.

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Tuesday, Feb. 14

X-C Ski Clapper Hollow State Forest

Novice/Intermediate (B2C)

Roy Keats, 370-0399 or royskipaddle@gmail.com

Clapper Hollow State Forest is in southwestern Schoharie County. At over 1,800 feet elevation, it usually gets a lot of snow. It has a few long uphill and downhill with a pond, a lean-to, and some nice views. We will probably do about 5 miles of the 8 miles of trails potentially available. Please sign up by February 12. This will be a joint trip with ECOS.

Friday, Feb. 17

Windham High Peak & Burnt Knob, Class B2C

John Susko 383-1284 or jpsusko@netzero.net

We'll take the trail from the end of Big Hollow Road over Burnt Knob to the top of Windham. This is a longer and less frequently used approach to Windham; but, it provides several good views. We will either return the same way or spot a car at Peck Road and do a through hike. The distance is 7 - 8 miles with about 1,500 feet of ascent.

Saturday, Feb. 18

Pinnacle Icefalls

Class B2B

Norm Kuchar, 399-6243 or nkuchar@nycap.rr.com

A winter trip to the several large and colorful icefalls on the northwestern slopes of Pinnacle, in northern Fulton County, has become an annual event because it's that nice! Besides the ice formations, the hike (half on trails, half bushwhack) goes along Pinnacle Creek, through open woods and past a beautiful vly. Round trip distance is about 5 miles, with a total climb of about 550 ft. Snowshoes and winter gear will be required.

Sunday, March 5

Snowshoe @ TBD

Class: C3C

Jacque McGinn, 438-0557, Jeve3@aol.com

This will be another easy, local snowshoe (or hike with microspikes if there's not enough snow). The location is yet to be determined but I will be looking to stay local so we can snowshoe in the morning and have the afternoon to relax. We will meet in the morning, exact time TBD, exact place TBD. Please email or call if interested or have ideas.

Saturday, March 11

Snowshoe Ampersand Mountain (A winter Saranac 6er)

Strenuous (B2B)

Roy Keats 370-0399 or royskipaddle@gmail.com

Round Trip 5.4 miles, 1,800 ft. of elevation gain. For the first mile, the trail is mostly flat, providing an ideal walk in the woods. The remainder is steep and rugged. The bald summit offers a stunning 360 degree view -- from the High Peaks to the east and the Saranac Lakes Chain to the west. There is very little wind protection at the top. Full winter gear required. Limited to 12 hikers. Please sign up by Thursday, March 9.

Young Members Group Activities

(Jointly with Albany and Glens Falls/Saratoga chapters)

Young Member Group Report

Our efforts to recruit another generation of conservation-minded outdoor enthusiasts are truly paying off! New member recruitment for the Schenectady chapter was way up in 2016, with nearly half of those folks being under age forty! The next step though is providing safe and meaningful programming for our new members. Thus, while building off the success of holding a minimum of one young member social and one young member outing each and every month, our top priority for 2017 is training new leaders. This means certifying new outing leaders and financially supporting proper training through Wilderness First Aid classes at a minimum and bringing at least two new young members onto our chapter board as well. Finally, we also plan to better coordinate with the Albany and Glen Falls/Saratoga chapters' to assure we're not creating schedule conflicts. If you have an interest in learning more, please contact me.

-- **Dustin G. Wright**

Saturday, Feb. 18

Black Mountain

Class B2C

Dustin G. Wright, dustingwright@gmail.com or 603.953.8782

Join our young member group for a hike to one of the best fire tower summits in the Adirondacks! We'll do a 7.7-mile loop with 1,496 feet of elevation change. The summit features not only incredible views of Lake George and of the course the fire tower but a windmill as well. Steeper parts of the trail may be icy so traction gear is required.

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Thursday, Feb. 23, 7-9 p.m.

Social: Van Dyke Restaurant and Lounge

Dustin G. Wright, dustingwright@gmail.com or 603.953.8782

If you're roughly in your twenties and thirties and looking to build some community with other likeminded young adults in the Schenectady area, join us for a good food, delicious brews and great conversation! We'll spend an evening at the Stockade's top meeting spot, discussing the many opportunities available through the ADK for younger members and help us brainstorm about how to increase our young member programming. All are welcome, members and prospective members alike!

Saturday, March 11

Wakely Mountain

Class B2B

Dustin G. Wright, dustingwright@gmail.com or 603.953.8782

Join our young member group for a fire tower hike that's just a few feet short of a high peak with spectacular views. The hike is 6 miles with 1,635 feet in elevation change. The summit features a 70-foot fire tower, the second tallest in the forest preserve. Depending on conditions, traction gear will likely be required.

Thursday, March 23, 7-9 p.m.

Social: Wolff's Biergarten in Schenectady

Dustin G. Wright, dustingwright@gmail.com or 603.953.8782

Come get an early start on celebrating Oktoberfest with ADK Schenectady's Young Member Group! Delicious brats and brews plus fantastic conversation about all the many opportunities available through the ADK for young adults await! Members and prospective members are welcome!

Invasive Species Information

A public information meeting on the threat to Adirondack forests from the hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) is set for Jan. 31, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the McChesney Room of the Main Branch of the Schenectady County Library, 99 Clinton Street.

The HWA is an invasive species that has been found in Schenectady County, and which has been spreading north from southern regions. It poses serious danger to one of the North Country's dominant trees and is the focus of eradication efforts. Contact: Mary Werner: mhwerner4@aol.com or 370-3099.

Upcoming Projects, Scholarships for Students

Teen Trails Project - The Adirondack Mountain Club offers trail projects reserved for high schoolers (ages 14-17) who want to spend a week in the woods camping in the backcountry and experiencing trail work. The Schenectady Chapter of ADK will offer a scholarship to pay the cost of participation for a local teen. We will be advertising details regarding applying in the next Lookout, on our web page and our Facebook page.

High School Scholarships - Each year the Schenectady Chapter of the ADK offers two high school scholarships of \$500 to local seniors who show an interest in the protection of the environment and will be pursuing, in September of the upcoming academic year, a course of study such as forestry, marine biology, conservation or environmental science. We will be advertising details regarding applying in the next Lookout, on our web page and our Facebook page.

-- **Jacque McGinn**

Dudley Marple Trail Fund Established

The Schenectady Chapter has received a gift of \$5,000 from former chapter members Ted and Joann Rautenberg in memory of Dudley Marple. Current long-time members Clark and Millie Gittinger were also instrumental in delivering the gift to the chapter.

The gift was designated to establish the "Dudley T.F. Marple Trail Maintenance Fund." A separate endowment account has been set up, from which funds can be drawn to support the chapter's trail maintenance and improvement activities. The funds could be used for items such as purchase of materials for bridges, kiosks, and trail signs; purchase of trail maintenance equipment; and partial support of ADK's Professional Trail Crew for building sections of the North Country National Scenic Trail.

The funds could be used for items such as: bridges, kiosks, trail signs, equipment and trail crews.

Dudley Marple was a member of the ADK Schenectady Chapter from 1967 until his death in 2014. In the 1970s he served as chapter director (now project coordinator) and as chair of the Trails Committee. Dudley was an Adirondack 46er (#412) and was also a Northeast 111er (#50), having climbed all the mountains over 4,000 ft elevation in New England and New York. He was active in maintaining the chapter's adopted trails on Porter Mountain and Mount Gilligan, as well as in leading chapter outings, so the fund established in his memory is very appropriate.

The Rautenbergs were members of the Schenectady Chapter for more than 30 years prior to their move to North Carolina in 2004. Ted was a physicist at the GE R&D Center, where he worked with Dudley Marple. Both Ted and Joann were involved with the musical scene in Schenectady, Ted as a French horn player with the Schenectady Symphony and Joann as an accomplished pianist. Ted passed away in 2015.



*Overlook of Northwest Bay of Lake George from the summit of State Mountain.
Photo by Norm Kuchar*

Clark and Millie Gittinger have been chapter members for more than 55 years. Clark served on the board as chair of the Trails and Outings Committees and as a chapter director. He is an Adirondack 46er (#103) and Winter 46er (#8). Millie is also an Adirondack 46er (#3331) and has been a 46er correspondent for many years. Both were long-time hiking partners with Dudley Marple.

--Norm Kuchar

APA Mulls Boreas Ponds Classification

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Members of the ADK, Adirondack Council and many, many other environmentalists, say the region is unique – in this case with the Boreas Ponds being a jewel nestled in direct line of sight of the High Peaks – and must be protected from the noise and overuse that is characteristic of motorized access. They recognize people must make a living, but say the true draw is wilderness, which will maintain the region into the future.

Peter Hornbeck, the Olmsteadville canoe designer noted for lightweight boats, said he built 500 craft last year and supports a half-dozen jobs. "Bring it on," he said of wilderness restrictions.

The ponds – expanded by a dam built in 1997 by Finch Pruyn as part of its former logging operation in the region – are an impoundment of the Boreas River, which flows south to join the Hudson near North River. Access to the ponds is via Gulf Brook Road, about seven miles of former logging road running north and west off Blue Ridge Road. The tract is part of a larger state purchase from the Nature Conservancy, which bought the land from Finch Pruyn years ago to preserve it. Now as state land it falls to the APA and governor to decide its classification.

Synopsis of the options offered by the APA:

The first is most favored by officials of the towns and of snowmobile interests; not surprisingly it is anathema to environmental organizations. That plan would classify all of Gulf Brook Road and the land south of it, an envelope around the ponds and the ponds themselves as Wild Forest, which would open the area to motorized traffic, whether boat or snowmobile. There would be extensive Wilderness areas outside that heavy use footprint, but the quiet isolation of the ponds would be history.

The second option would open Gulf Brook Road as Wild Forest, but would classify the ponds and the land immediately around them as Wilderness except for a swath of land up to the shore of the Boreas Ponds.; that would be Wild Forest allowing public motorized use. Gulf Brook Road could become part of a snowmobile trail in the Unit Management Plan process.

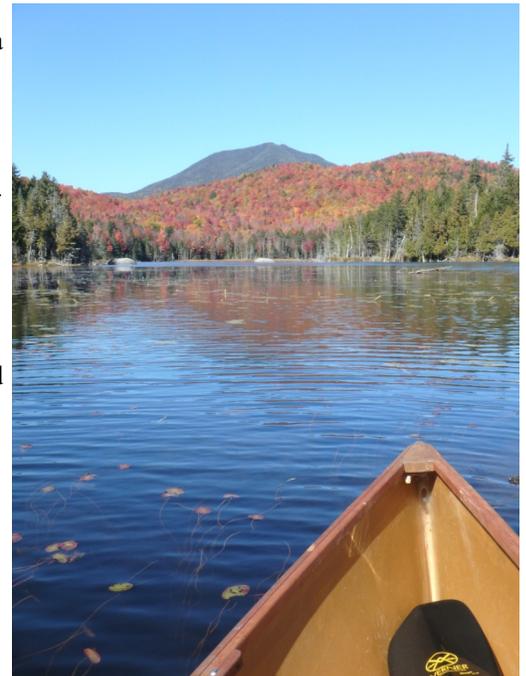
The third option is similar to the second, with some further Wilderness classification south of the road; opponents say a road corridor through Wilderness is inappropriate zoning.

The fourth option would stop all public motor vehicle traffic at LaBiere Flow, about a mile before the ponds, expanding the Wilderness footprint but allowing better access for people with disabilities and generally meaning easier canoe and kayak access, with bicycle access potentially allowable to the ponds. The fourth option has a swath of land classified as primitive up to the shore of Boreas Ponds. Although ADK does not support any of the four options, this fourth option is considered by the ADK, Adirondack Council and others as the best of the package (though hardly satisfactory).

ADK has called on the APA to produce a revised draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) to provide a full range of reasonable alternatives, including a full Wilderness proposal and a proposal that follows the Be Wild NY classification model. ADK has also requested that the APA provide more data and analysis and a comparison of the alternatives. Further it seeks the identification of a preferred alternative that protects the Boreas Ponds as Wilderness, while providing the potential for a limited, permit parking only area at LaBier Flow.

I recommend readers of this brief article check the APA and ADK web sites, and Adirondack Explorer's November/December edition for greater detail. APA has suggested that they may be ready with revisions to their data and document for a classification decision to be made on the Boreas Ponds Tract by the March APA meetings.

--Mal Provost



North view from Boreas Ponds

Trip Tales

State Mountain

Nov. 4, 2016

This hike was postponed by one day to avoid heavy rains. As it turned out, we had a beautiful fall day, sunny and crisp, with temperatures in the mid-40's. We used the marked trail to Walnut Ridge for about 1.5 miles before beginning a bushwhack up moderate slopes and through open woods to the sag just west of the State Mountain summit. From there, we turned east, following the south-facing line of cliffs to several open-rock viewpoints. The views of Northwest Bay and the southern end of Lake George were superb.

The sun's reflection turned the end of Northwest Bay into a sheet of molten silver. To top it off, there was still decent color on the mountains, mostly the golds and russets of the oaks. We enjoyed a long lunch in the sun on the open rocks, surrounded by the reds of the blueberry bushes and the golds of the oaks. We returned by making a loop over Middle Mountain. Enjoying a perfect hiking day were Jayne Boudier, Bob and Nancy Buckley, Walt Hayes, Jean Holcomb, Nate Mack, Kathy Miles, Paul Sirtoli, Wayne Virkler and the leader, Norm Kuchar.

Vischer Ferry Nature and Historic Preserve

Nov. 12

A large group of 16 hikers and history buffs made a 6-mile loop through the preserve on a sunny, but cold and breezy day.

We walked along the towpaths of the original and enlarged Erie Canals, passing an old drydock, the sites of the first white settlement in Clifton Park and a 1728 ferry across the Mohawk, and a canal lock built in 1842. Because of the high level of interest in this hike, it will probably be offered again in the spring. Strollers were Charlie Beach, Sharon Bonk, Paul Dean, Marsha Hanson, Jeanne Haubrich, Walt Hayes, Mary MacDonald, Ken and Nilde Marcinowski, Elizabeth Milo, Lin Neil, Lillian and Ron Ramsey, Robbie Roessle, Karen Wang and leader Norm Kuchar.

Moreau Lake State Park

Dec. 10

Ten hikers met on a clear morning, with temperatures in the mid-teens, to hike on the new trails in the McGregor parcel of Moreau Lake State Park. We made a six-mile loop from the new parking area on Corinth Mountain Road, using the Lake Bonita, Waterfall, West Ridge, East Ridge, and Lake Ann trails. These trails pass through some rugged and picturesque terrain, with one of the highlights being the viewpoint over the Hudson River from the West Ridge trail. Only about two inches of snow blanketed the ground, but most of us used Microspikes or Stabilicers for traction.



*Hikers take a break on the new trails at Moreau Lake State Park.
Photo by Mal Provost*

Hikers were Charlie Beach, Laura Fisk, Walt Hayes, Mary MacDonald, Ken and Nilde Marcinowski, Kendra Pratt, Mal Provost, John Susko and leader Norm Kuchar.

Whiteface Highway, Dec. 10

Skiing up and down the Whiteface Highway has always been one of my favorite early season outings. It is a little tough for the first ski of the year since it's a steady grade up 2,500 feet in about five miles. Depending on the group it can take on the order of three hours up and less than half the time for the ski down.

This year there was plenty of snow which kept us in a single track on our way up and in a single track for speed on the way down. The views opened up periodically so we could see Lake Placid and some of the surrounding mountains, the downhill area, and the top. It's a great way to start your season!

We usually do not hike the last quarter mile to the actual summit. The views on the way up and on the top can be magnificent. I have had some days when we came above the clouds at the Lake Placid turn, and the High Peaks were jutting above the white cloud blanket below. Whiteface itself showed up as a glistening white peak all surrounded by brilliant blue sky.

We have had some high wind days with blown off icy turns at the upper elevations where you had to lean into the wind to keep from getting blown over. In 2014 and 2015 we had perhaps our best views ever. In 2015 we were able to squeeze the ski in at the last minute when a small storm brought just enough cover to ski down if you were not afraid of hitting asphalt. The snow was sufficient to get a good ski up and down with only a little blown off icy problem near the last turn at the top and watching out for asphalt in spots.

Our Dec. 10 effort was a joint trip with the Cold River Chapter. The attendees were John DeBritta, Matt Melsert,

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Jane McCloskey, Barbara Kearns, Rich and Miok Salz, Ken Shea, with leaders Marti Townley and Roy Keats .

Hennig Preserve

Dec. 21

We had a partly sunny, but cold day for this hike, with temperatures ranging from 9 to 18. The ground was covered with 8 inches of snow, topped by an inch of frozen crust, so snowshoes were the order of the day. We made a 5-mile loop through the preserve, both north and south of Centerline Road, from the eastern trailhead. Since only a very short section of our route had been hiked on since the snowfall, we broke trail most of the way. Consequently, the trip was more strenuous than usual, and we were glad to see the cars through the trees by mid-afternoon. Getting a good workout were Gail Livingston, Rick Robinson, Rich Vertigan and the substitute leader, Norm Kuchar.

Peaked Mountain

Dec. 27

Due to heavy icing and high winds shortly after Christmas, our young member group decided to move our planned Giant/ Rocky Peak hike to a more modest goal, Peaked Mountain located north-west of Thirteenth Lake. Six folks (plus a wonderful lil pup named Willy Bear) participated in the moderate seven-mile hike. Elevation change was nearly nonexistent until the near last half of mile and fears about an extremely windy summit proved largely inaccurate, so we quite simply had a wonderful time! On the way in Thirteenth Lake was pretty much open but as temperatures rapidly dropped going into the evening the lake had completely frozen over leading to a beautiful sunset.

Dustin Wright led the outing.

Winter Pool Sessions in Cohoes

Yes, it is time for the winter indoor pool sessions sponsored by The Cohoes Community Center and the Schenectady Chapter ADK.

Why bother? This is a great time to practice skills, learn new skills and get ready for the spring run. It is also a great time to introduce friends to paddling.

There are dedicated ADK trip leaders willing to help you or “newbies” you might bring along. A new paddler “Mike” just got his roll at the Community Center Pool session. Also, it is always nice to practice skills (like rolling) without the icy cold water creeping down your back. The Cohoes open pool sessions run every Tuesday evening through March 14, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Email ahead and reserve a spot for the day that you plan to attend to ensure space is available. Space will be limited to 10 paddlers. If you reserve and then cannot make it please call to cancel, so that others may take your spot. rpascale@spendwood.com.

Boats enter the pool through the double doors on the left side of the main entrance. Bring in your boat and walk around the building to the main entrance to pay or check in. It is \$10 per session or \$75 for all 10 sessions. Please pay the Community Center directly. This is an open pool session but ADK volunteer instructors are available to assist if requested in advance.

--Ralph Pascale

Whitewater Planning Meeting Feb. 3

Come one come ALL! It is time to plan for the whitewater 2017 paddling season! This is a great time to bring new and exciting ideas for the coming year, new rivers to paddle, classes, workshops, ideas and activities for the coming season. This is your opportunity to get involved and to help advance the paddling sports.

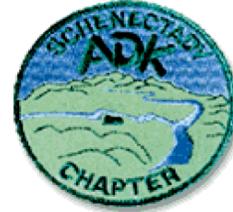
We generally schedule about 55 trips for the coming year, including the Hudson, Schroon, Catskill, West and more. We are always open to new ideas and new rivers to explore.

How about ramping it up? If you have never been a trip leader but are interested we can help! We can schedule trip leader training and arrange mentors to help you get started. Are you currently leading trips but would like more training? We can offer instructor training, wilderness first aid and whitewater Rescue. All possible.

The meeting will be Friday, Feb. 3 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Spendwood, 50 Johnston avenue, Cohoes, NY. We will provide pizza and soft drinks, BYOB if you like.

--Ralph Pascale

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CHAPTER BOARD MEETINGS: Are held regularly on the first Tuesday of the month. No meetings are held in July or August. Any concerns members have may be expressed to any board member listed on the inside front cover, or attend the meetings which are open to the membership. Call a board member for date, time & directions.

CHAPTER DISCLAIMER: People who attend outings reminded that such activities entail a certain degree of danger; and persons participating do so at their own risk. This disclaimer is for both whitewater and regular outings of the chapter.

SCHENECTADY CHAPTER PATCH: This lovely patch (shown at right) can be purchased by mailing a check (payable to Schenectady Chapter ADK) to Mary MacDonald, 27 Woodside Drive, Clifton Park NY 12065. The cost is \$3 per patch, which includes the mailing cost.

TRIP LEADERS: If you do not want your trip listed in the local newspapers, call Publicity Chair Roy Keats at 518-370-0399, or roysueski@yahoo.com. This newsletter goes out over the Internet.

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