



# Good Tidings



November 2011 - February 2012

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"Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their freshness into you and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves." John Muir (1838-1914)

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## Chair Words

*A message from Chapter Chair, Bert Yost*

This will be a year to remember in the North Country. Mother Nature threw everything at us from earthquakes to hurricanes to floods. And through it all the human spirit has burned brighter than ever. Amazing things have happened since Irene; neighbors helping neighbors, strangers pitching in, and organizations holding benefits to help our local communities. Special thanks to the Governor for the leadership he provided during the disaster. With his perseverance, Route 73 has been rebuilt in time for the leaf peepers. Most North Country businesses were able to open for the fall season.

DEC has assessed the damage to our wilderness areas and has decided to open the trails for the fall and winter seasons. However there is still much work to be done. Many bridges have been destroyed and some parts of various trails have been destroyed by slides caused by Irene's rains. If you have a chance, please try to attend one of the many trail days that will be scheduled for this fall and next spring. For those of you who have not had a chance to view the damage first hand, here is a link to a web site that has posted pictures of damage to Johns Brook Lodge and the surrounding area: [http://www.brendanwiltse.com/Photography\\_Site/My\\_Albums/Pages/JBL\\_-\\_Hurricane\\_Irene.html](http://www.brendanwiltse.com/Photography_Site/My_Albums/Pages/JBL_-_Hurricane_Irene.html).

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Macys for hosting the Hurricane Mountain Chapter Annual Summer Picnic on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at their residence on Newberry Pond. It was a delightful day even though the forecast called for rain. Some of us had a paddle on the pond where we saw a few blue herons and a loon with a chick.

Last but not least, if you plan on being out on the trail in the next few weeks, please wear some blaze orange or other bright colors. The fall hunting season begins in earnest on Oct. 15 with the opening of muzzle loader season for deer.

Bert

**Membership Update** - Please extend a warm welcome to the following new members who have recently joined our chapter.

**New Members:**

Francine & Scott Coby, PO Box 125, Keene, NY 12942

Cori & Tom Klein, 602 Park Lane, Towson, MD 21204

Vic Powell, 110 Spinnaker Ct., Davidson, NC 28036

Maureen & Keven DeLaughter, 574 Loudon Road, Latham, NY 12110

## Guidelines for Participating in Hurricane Mountain Chapter Outings

- **MUST CALL** trip leader 24 hours in advance to register unless otherwise designated.
- Be willing to sign the liability form (required by ADK)
- Total participants including trip leader(s) is 15 for day hikes. (DEC/ADK standards)
- Check distance and ascent in the hike description, or check with leader.
- Check hike rating. Know your capabilities.
- Wear appropriate clothing and footwear.
- Take an extra water bottle.

### Guide to Hurricane Mt. Chapter Hike Ratings

- A+ Very Strenuous: Rugged terrain, steep climbing (over 2500' elevation gain) and/or long distances (over 12 miles). Participants should be experienced and in excellent condition.
- A Strenuous: Possible steep ascents (1500-2500' gain) and/or distances of 10-15 miles. Can be demanding. Expect faster rate of travel. Participants should be experienced and in excellent condition.
- B Moderate: Elevation gains 1000'-1500' and approximately 5-9 miles distance. Expect rolling hills and short steep climbing. Participants should be in good physical condition.
- C Easy: Hiking/walking under 5 miles with very gradual or no climbing

## Hurricane Mountain Chapter Outings Schedule November 2011 – February 2012

**PARTICIPANTS PLEASE NOTE:** New York Northern Zone Regular hunting season (deer and bear) is from October 22 to December 4, 2011. Please use caution, stay on marked trails, wear blaze orange or bright-colored clothing, and avoid areas where hunters may be present. Fall and winter weather is unpredictable. Please come to hikes with clothing and gear suitable for the weather, and bring sufficient food/water for the duration of the outing. If you are unsure, consult with the leader about possible conditions and necessary clothing/gear/food.

### Saturday, November 5      Wilmington Wild Forest Flume Trails

We will hike several segments of the Flume Trail System. Starting at the trailhead we will hike along the Upper Connector and then up Flume Knob. Back to the Upper Connector and on to Bear Den Mountain. Then back to the Upper Connector to Kids Campus at Whiteface Ski Center and back to the trailhead along the Lower Connector.

Level B, 4.7 miles, approx. 1000 feet ascent on both Flume Knob and Bear Den Mountain

Leader: Mary Jean Bland      647-5803      mjbland@aol.com

### Sunday, November 20      Hardy Road Trails

We will hike on the Hardy Road trail system in Wilmington. Meet at 10:00 a.m.

Level C, 3-4 miles, some elevation gain

Leader: Bert Yost      946-7669      bertyost@frontiernet.net

**Saturday, December 3      Bald Peak**

We will climb this peak from the trailhead on Rte 9 in New Russia. Snowshoes may be needed as well as traction aids such as Microspikes.

Level A, 7.8 miles, 2000 feet ascent

Leader: Joe Bogardus      576-9739      joe.adks@gmail.com

**Saturday, December 10      Owen, Copperas, and Winch Ponds**

Starting at the southern trailhead off Rte 86 we will snowshoe in to Owen, Copperas, and Winch Ponds, and return to Rte 86 via the northern trailhead. We will spot cars at the northern trailhead. Snowshoes may be needed; traction aids such as Microspikes may be helpful as well.

Level C, 3.8 miles

Leader: Mary Jean Bland      647-5803      mjbland@aol.com

**Sunday, December 18      Whiteface Landing**

Depending on conditions, we will ski, snowshoe, or hike to scenic Whiteface Landing on the Connery Pond trail. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Rte 86 parking area.

Level B-, 6 miles, some elevation gain

Leader: Bert Yost      946-7669      bertyost@frontiernet.net

**Thursday, December 22      Phelps Mountain**

We will approach this 46er peak from the Adirondack Loj and Marcy Dam. Snowshoes required, traction aids such as Microspikes may be helpful as well.

Level A, 8.8 miles, 2000 feet ascent

Leader: Peter Biesemeyer      483-0641      pbiesemeyer@nccc.edu

**Wednesday, December 28      Street Mountain (Nye optional)**

These two peaks are much easier than they used to be, thanks to a new herd path developed by the 46ers. We will need to cross Indian Pass Brook, hopefully on snow. Snowshoes required, traction aids such as Microspikes may be helpful as well.

Level A, 8.8 miles, 2600 feet ascent

Leader: Peter Biesemeyer      483-0641      pbiesemeyer@nccc.edu

**Saturday, December 31      Ski or Snowshoe Whiteface Mountain**

Depending on conditions we will decide how we will climb Whiteface.

Level A, 7.6 miles, 3400 feet ascent (on hiking trail)

Leader: Peter Biesemeyer      483-0641      pbiesemeyer@nccc.edu

**Friday, January 6      Algonquin and Iroquois Mountains**

We will climb these great mountains on snowshoes. Traction aids such as crampons or Microspikes may be needed.

Level A, 10.8 miles, 3800 feet ascent

Leader: Peter Biesemeyer      483-0641      pbiesemeyer@nccc.edu

**Saturday, January 7      Clements Pond**

We will snowshoe to this scenic pond, off Styles Brook Road in Keene. Route is a new trail mostly gradually uphill.

Level C, 3.0 miles

Leader: Monique Weston      576-2224      adkweston@gmail.com

**Sunday, January 15 Nun-da-ga-o Ridge**

This trail is little used in winter and always has some surprises in trail-finding, but the rewards are great. Snowshoes required.

Level B, 6.0 miles, 1800 feet ascent

Leader: Joe Bogardus 576-9739 joe.adks@gmail.com

**Saturday, February 4 Silver Lake Mountain**

We will climb to the rocky ledges on the summit of Silver Lake Mountain from the road running from Au Sable Forks to Silver Lake. Snowshoes required.

Level B, 1.8 miles, 900 foot ascent

Leader: Bill Roberts 576-2027 billandlizroberts@gmail.com

**Saturday, February 11 Dix Mountain**

We will climb Dix from the Round Pond trailhead. The last mile to the summit is very steep. Snowshoes required. This trip is for experienced winter climbers only.

Level A+, 13.6 miles, 3200 feet ascent

Leader: Joe Bogardus 576-9739 joe.adks@gmail.com

**Wednesday, February 22 Ski Jackrabbit Trail**

For this outing we will ski the Jackrabbit trail starting at the former VIC at Paul Smiths. Trail conditions with dictate length and start time.

Leader: Elisabeth Craven 523-5846 sandbrook2@roadrunner.com

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*Adirondack Mountain Club*

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