

For ACTIVE Members Only

As an ACTIVE member you are entitled to a free listing on NYSOGA's website.

Please indicate what applies to you below.

If you **DO NOT WANT** the free listings, check here ()

I am currently () Not Guiding at this time

() Guiding Part-Time () Guiding Full-Time

IF YOU WANT TO BE LISTED, CONTINUE BELOW

Next to each category that you provide guiding services enter the DEC Region number(s) where you ply your trade

HUNTING	Big Game _____
	Small Game _____
	Wild Turkey _____
	Waterfowl _____
	Predator _____
FISHING	Fly Fishing _____
	Drift Boat _____
	Streams & Ponds _____
	Lakes & Rivers _____
	Surf Fishing _____
	Charter Boats _____
SUMMER SEASON	Boating _____
	Canoe & Kayak Trips _____
	Whitewater Rafting _____
	Camping _____
	Backpacking _____
	Hiking _____
	Rock Climbing _____
WINTER SEASON	Camping _____
	X-Country Skiing _____
	Snowshoeing _____
	Ice Climbing _____
	Ice Fishing _____
	Snowmobiling _____
SPECIAL	Nature Trips _____
	Photography Trips _____
	Pack Horse Trips _____
	Youth Groups _____
	Outdoor Education _____
	Other _____

On a separate piece of paper, with your NAME and GUIDE NUMBER printed at the top, please provide up to a 50 word description of your guiding activities as it should appear on the NYSOGA website. **You must also include a copy of both sides of your LICENSE TO GUIDE (the small one with your picture).** The certificate will NOT be accepted as proof of being a licensed guide.

Please return the completed application with the copy of your guide license, guiding activities description and the membership fee payable to NYSOGA. Mail to **NYSOGA, c/o Lee Godin, 121 Hillcrest Ave., Albany, NY 12203-2712**

Allow 6-8 weeks processing time. Only applications with the correct payment and proof of valid license (for Active Members) or expired license (for Associate Members) will be processed.

For questions regarding membership, please email info@nysoga.org or contact Lee Godin (518) 542-2709 Email: go_lee3@yahoo.com

CODE OF ETHICS

THE PROFESSION

I will, to the best of my ability assist, promote and otherwise support the profession of Outdoor Guiding and make every effort to provide competent and reliable guide services in New York State.

MULTIPLE USE

I will support equal access to the lands and waters of New York State for recreational, education, and sporting purposes for all. I will promote conservation and a traditional use of the environment.

THE ENVIRONMENT

I will subscribe to a professional standard of wilderness travel and low-impact environmental usage. I will acquire a useful knowledge of local natural history and the ability and willingness to impart this knowledge to my clients. I will maintain orderly, sanitary and environmentally sound camps at all times.

RESPECT FOR THE LAW

I will fully cooperate with all wildlife officials, law enforcement offices, private landowners and public land management agencies. I will abide by, and advise my clients of all applicable conservation and game laws, statutes and regulations, and will not condone their violation.

EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

I will provide clean, well maintained, serviceable equipment and gear that is adequate for all conditions likely to be encountered. I will employ competent and courteous personnel in sufficient number to adequately care for the comfort of my clients. I will offer reasonably well-prepared and balanced camp fare for clients and employees in keeping with the nature of the trip.

ACCURATE INFORMATION

I will accurately advise my clients of the factors and conditions involved in achieving their goals. This includes weather conditions, terrain, fish and game populations, and the equipment, physical endurance and skills required for the activity to be undertaken.

SAFETY

I will at all times provide for the safety of clients and employees.

TROPHIES AND LIMITS

I will never fill a clients game tag or limit of fish or game. Barring unforeseen conditions, all fish and game hides and capes will be prepared and delivered to the processor, taxidermist or to the client at the conclusion of the trip in a satisfactory and usable condition.

TRUTHFUL ADVERTISING

I will not misrepresent rates, services and/or accommodations nor otherwise mislead prospective clients through false advertising.

DISCIPLINE

A NYSOGA member, failing to abide by this Code of Ethics will be subject to investigation and may lead to reprimand, fine, suspension, and/or expulsion.

Carry On An Outdoor Tradition . . .



BECOME A MEMBER

**1936 Saranac Avenue, Suite 2 - 150
Lake Placid, NY 12946-1402**

*(Refer to enclosed application for mailing
address for payment and application)*

**Email: info@nysoga.org
Website: www.nysoga.org**

GUIDING AND "NYSOGA" IN NEW YORK STATE

Guiding has enjoyed a long and colorful history in New York State. Early surveyors and sportsmen needed help in traversing the northern wilderness, so they engaged the services of old woodsmen.

Many of these first "guides" were trappers, hunters or loggers who "hired out" to occasional visitors for extra cash. As tourism flourished, guiding became a full-time profession and resulted in the Adirondack Guides Association being formed in 1891. Following World War II, the lure of the wilderness waned and the Association all but dissolved.

By the 1970's the public showed a renewed interest in the outdoors, but had difficulty locating reliable guides. Thus the old tradition of "guiding" was revived in 1981 when the informal New York State Outdoor Guides Association was formally incorporated.

THE PURPOSE OF NYSOGA

The purpose of NYSOGA, established by its Board of Directors, is to:

- Promote Safety in guiding for guides and their clients.
- Provide educational and marketing services for NYSOGA members.
- Increase awareness of the professionalism of guiding with the public and with the land management agencies.
- Participate in legislative reform for the betterment of guides, the profession of guiding, and the health of our natural resources.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

As a member of NYSOGA you will be affiliated with the premier guides association in New York State.

ACTIVE MEMBER Dues \$75/year

To qualify for an Active Membership, an individual must:

- Hold a current license to guide from the State of New York,
- Agree to abide by the Code of Ethics of NYSOGA,
- Submit a completed application together with a copy of both sides of his/her pictured NYS Guide License, and pay the annual dues.

An **ACTIVE MEMBER** receives:

- Free Listing on NYSOGA Web Site.
- One-year subscription to *Guidelines*, the NYSOGA publication of outdoor news.
- Membership discount on advertising programs.
- Inquiries from potential customers.
- Opportunity to participate in all NYSOGA events, including training and networking.
- Use of NYSOGA logo for guiding promotions.
- Membership certificate, card and pin.
- Ability to vote at the NYSOGA annual meeting.
- Opportunity to purchase official NYSOGA products.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER Dues \$40/year

To qualify for an Associate Membership, an individual must:

- Have been a former NYS Licensed Guide.
Or
- Hold a current NYS Guide License but not currently conducting business as a licensed guide.
- Submit a completed application and pay the annual dues.

An **Associate Member** receives:

- An invitation to all NYSOGA events.
- One-year subscription to *Guidelines*, the NYSOGA publication of outdoor news.

New York State Outdoor Guides Association

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP* January 1-December 31

Individual's Name:

_____ (Last)

_____ (First)

_____ (MI)

Guiding Business Name (if applicable):

Mailing Address: (County) _____

_____ (State)

_____ (Zip Code)

Home Telephone (_____) _____ — _____

Guiding Business Telephone: (if different from home number)
(_____) _____ — _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Type of Membership

() **ACTIVE MEMBER** Enclose \$75.00
(Please Complete the back of this application)

() **Associate Member** Enclose \$40.00

Please make check payable to **NYSOGA**

Copy of License Both sides of guide license (the small one with your picture) must accompany applications for ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

I agree to abide by the laws and regulations of New York State and the Code of Ethics of NYSOGA

Your Signature

Date

*subject to approval by the Board of Directors