

## President's Message

By Capt. Tim Hallock

Hello to all members and your families, and friends of NYSOGA. As I write this, we are expecting temps to dip into the 40's tonight here on the Island, in complete contrast to the great heat wave of July, which brought us the hottest month ever recorded. I also understand that the Maine Farmer's Almanac is predicting a bitterly cold winter, so it seems we may see both extremes in less than a year's time. In any event, these changing



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weather patterns, increasing frequency and intensity of storms, etc. are certainly issues that we who ply our trade in the outdoors will have to be wary of. Only recently have I experienced heat so oppressive on a hike on Mt. Greylock, that my client and I went through 26 liters of water in 2 1/2 days (this includes water for cooking, but still..), and during an assault on the Bond group of peaks in New Hampshire's Pemigawasset Wilderness this past February, I recorded -45 degrees in camp, which was down by the Pemi River. I don't know what it was up on the peaks, as my thermometer only reads to -45, but my water froze in my insulated bottles, turning me around after summitting only 2 of 5 peaks. I'm sure many of us have similar accounts of how these extremes affect our activities and I'm

### Region 6 Hosts Summer Rendezvous

This year's Summer Rendezvous, hosted by Region 6 guides and held at the Herkimer Diamond Mines Resort near Middleville, NY on July 26 – 28, proved successful in drawing more guides and their families to a first-class KOA campsite with a number of unique recreational activities available.

Attendees were able to select accommodations in a common area at tent sites, RV sites or cozy camping cabins located on the banks of the West Canada Creek and take advantage of fishing, paddling, tubing, "diamond" prospecting or just lounging around the campground pool in perfect summer weather.

Region 6 guides John Wainwright and Jeff Whittemore of White Dog Trail Co. hosted a welcome party on Friday evening and the traditional "pot luck dinner" was held on Saturday evening with a delicious variety of entrees satisfying all who attended. The weekend concluded with a Board of Directors meeting on Sunday morning.

This event was a departure from previous Summer Rendezvous, which have always been held at remote locations with few facilities, and demonstrated that similar events may be successful in the future. sure this will continue to be a topic of conversation and concern.

I know many of us have had a busy summer and there are sure signs of the economy bouncing back in some sectors of business, etc. and this is good news. The "I Love New York" ad campaigns running on some major TV stations promoting outdoor tourism throughout the state, I feel, has also been a boon as there seems to be a fairly steady stream of trip planning inquiries coming in. Highlighted in these action oriented ads are the activities of river rafting, hiking, camping, zip lining and fishing and they have been running throughout the summer.

Some other items of note include our very successful Summer Rendezvous, hosted by Region 6 guides Jeff Whittemore and John Wainwright at the Herkimer Diamond Mines Resort and Campground near Middleville. There was excellent trout fishing on the West Canada Creek, a swimming pool, well appointed cabins, lovely campsites, and even an observatory for serious planet and star gazing. We had the company of some new faces, as well as the regulars, and the Saturday night pot luck was a feast fit for kings and queens. As usual, we wrapped up the weekend with a productive BOD meeting and all concurred on just how splendid a weekend it was. Thanks, Jeff and John!

The previous weekend, on Sunday, July 21, NYSOGA participated in the Governor's Challenge event, held in Indian Lake, NY. Along with the actual challenge, which was a paddle race, there was a large tent designated to " A taste of the Adirondacks," featuring local foods and wines, a small concert music venue, a water slide for kids, local craft beer and grilled sandwiches on site. Other displays included hand crafted guide boats. Our display, set up by Sonny and Sheila Young and Bill Leslie, consisted of a modern guide camp complete with tents, cook gear, and other camp accessories. You can view photos of both the rendezvous, and the Governor's Challenge event on NYSOGA's facebook - I posted in the "posts by others" area.

Our Standards and Education Committee instuctors are once again offering a one day Wildernes First Aid class this year to be held at the White Otter Fish and Game Club, in Woodgate, NY on Sept. 28. This is a National Safety Council approved

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### Winter Rendezvous Plans Being Formed

A team of NYSOGA members from Central New York is starting to formulate plans for the 2014 Winter Rendezvous and annual meeting. It will be held the weekend of March 28-30 at the Edge Hotel and nearby Boondocks Restaurant in Lyons Falls, NY. Information will be put on the www.nysoga.org website and a mailing will go out to all members in January.

# **GUIDELINES**

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- Alan Woodruff, Editor

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### Try This Recipe...



### **Honey Chicken**

By Patricia Buehler, Otter Lake, NY Ingredients: 1/2 c. honey 1/2 c. prepared mustard 1/4 c. butter or margarine 1 tsp.curry powder 2 or 3 lb. broiler/fryers

Combine the first 4 ingredients, set aside. Remove skin from chicken if desired. Drop each piece of chicken in sauce and place in a large greased roasting pan. Pour remaining sauce over chicken. Bake at 350 for 1 hour. Makes 8 servings and is very good.

This feeds many and is easy to do.

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## Spiny Water Flea Is Invasive Threat Submitted by Sheila Young

Your NYSOGA Conservation and Trails Committee will bring you highlights of invasive species that are of special interest to NYS guides.

Invasive species are non-native plants, animals and insects that can harm our environment, our economy or our health.



Image, spiny water flea female with egg sac

Do you think that invasive species don't spread during the cold winter months? Well, the spiny water flea can move from one body of water to another on our ice fishing gear. The spiny tails of these tiny animals (0.6 inches long) snag on fishing lines and gear. The species can survive the frigid environment in relatively warmer places, such as inside heated fishing shanties and in bait buckets. During warm weather, they also hitch a ride in bilge water and live-wells, and on watercraft and trailers.

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class and is posted on our website under "Outdoor Training." I took the class last year, and it was very well attended, and an excellent presentation.

Our trade show and expo season will be kicking off in the coming months with the Saratoga Winter Expo, followed by shows in Edison, NJ, Suffern, NY, and Springfield, Mass. (see our show schedule on our website). Though we have an established group of regulars that staff each show due to proximity and habit, I would encourage anyone interested in helping out or attending to lend support to contact me for the Saratoga Expo. Bruce Fuller is the contact for all other shows.

I understand that the recent proposals from Senator Betty Little's office regarding changes and recomendations pertaining to guiding and outfitting in New York did not make it to the Senate floor. However, our Guide License Advisory Committe is still working on our own recommendations and concerns, as any legislation here is integral to "what we do". We have collected considerable input from members of the board of directors but little from the rest of the membership. If you have any ideas or input, we want to hear from you, and the fact that members of the Senate and others have been looking at these issues of late should fuel our fire.

Lastly, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the executive board members with concerns, ideas, or questions. The other officers, directors and I are here to serve you to the best of our ability.

Signing off for now, "Yeti" Captain Tim Hallock ph. 631-255-2672 Visit us at Northeast Mountain Guides Spiny water fleas have been confirmed in the Great Sacandaga Reservoir (2008), Peck Lake (2009), Stewart's Bridge Reservoir and Sacandaga Lake (2010), and the Champlain Canal, Glens Falls Canal and Lake George (2012).

There are no known eradication controls for spiny water fleas. But licensed guides can help in the prevention of transfer by inspecting all fishing gear, removing any debris and mud, thoroughly drying gear and disinfecting gear according to



Image, spiny water fleas clumped on fishing gear.

manufacturers' instructions. We also can take the lead by educating anglers and water recreationists, whether they are our clients or someone we meet along the way.

For more information, visit USGS Spiny Water Flea Fact Sheet: http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.asp? speciesID=162.

### NYSOGA Represented at Service For Member Walter Bonome

A memorial service for longtime NYSOGA member Walter Bonome was held last June in Oxford, NY. Members Craig Tryon, Sonny Somelofski, Alan Woodruff and "Bick" Bicknell were in attendance.

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rial gifts given

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the NYSOGA

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in Walter's



Capt. Walter Bonome is shown with daughter Holly in this picture taken by the Guidelines Editor at a Winter Rendezvous in Boonville.

"Kids to Camp" fund, allowing us to increase the number of young people we sponsor to attend a DEC summer camp.



### **REGION 1**

By Capt. Tim "Yeti' Hallock

Hello to all, once again a shout out to all from the Island which, at times, has felt like a tropical island this summer. The heat wave of July was unprecedented and there has been some speculation that the rainy and



Tim Hallock

William Swiac

cold spring, coupled with the almost unbearable heat of mid-summer have conspired to keep the

#### fishing moderate to slow with striped bass as well as the bottom fish, mainly flounder and fluke.

The porgy fishing seemed decent, however, and there are many who favor this small, but delicious fish. Since the banner season for crabbing of a couple seasons ago, the Blue Claw variety seems quite prolific and healthy hereabouts in the creeks and night crabbing by skiff, pole, and lamp has experienced a resurgence among many locals. Having grown up on Richmond Creek, in the town of Peconic, I spent many a happy evening out in a skiff, net and lamp in hand. Low tide is the best time for this activity as the crabs are easiest to see in the lamp light and catch in shallow water. My brother, Matt, has been out several times this late summer and I can't wait to join him in a few weeks when I have a chance and the crabs are a bit bigger. I find crabbing much more relaxing than fishing, as handling a crab in a net can be done with a beer in the other hand which is impossible when you "have a fish on." It's the little things, you understand!

There have been plenty of does grazing along with their fawns this summer, so we are anticipating the usual success with local hunts when

### **REGION 3**

#### By William Swiac

The days are getting shorter and soon the colors of fall will paint the landscapes from the Adirondacks to the Catskills. This is the time of year that so many of us live for. Some of the best fishing of the season is soon to come and

some small game seasons have already begun.

Here in Region 3, the trout waters are cooling down and many of us goose hunters are waiting for the farmers to disk their fields. One of the big game changers throughout the state has been

the change to the September goose season. In most zones, we are now permitted to bag 15 per day during the early season. In addition, no plug is required (just make sure you have no more than 7 rounds loaded), you can shoot till 1/2 hour after sunset, and the use of electronic calling devices is allowed. The rules for some zones vary so be sure to check the new rules and regulations for your area.

On another front, many of us guides use DEP land and waters. The DEP has now been issuing permits to guides for that purpose. The turn around time from application to receipt of permit is about 30 days so plan accordingly.

We'll be having our October meeting here in Region 3 and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Guarino Farms. It's located the season opens this fall. I am determined to learn bow hunting this year, which I prefer to firearms and allows greater hunting range due to the residentail areas here which curtail use of

There are those who are optimistic regarding the hurricane season - so far, so good - but it "ain't over yet" and, as a lifelong sailor, I'm keeping a wary eye as I will be navigating the entire East Coast again soon, perhaps several times. And as storm Irene has taught us, it's not just those of us on the coast that need be concerned.

As autumn approaches, I think of those of you "upstate" with envy as we seldom see the brilliance of color to which you are treated further north. There has been one year of late - last fall, when we did have a brilliant display for Long Island. It would be nice to have that again but I'm counting on seeing the beautful colors of the mountains during my fall guiding and training.

My best to all from the Island for now, and happy and safe guiding!

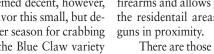
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at 626 Latintown Rd. in Marlboro New York. There is a very good clays course there and we'll be able to shoot the course after the meeting.

Finally, RGS, the DEP and the Wounded Warrior Project are putting together a deer hunt for 6 Veterans. We still need volunteers for this event, scheduled for the last weekend in November. This will hopefully be the start of a biannual program that gets Veterans out into the woods and on the waters not, just as a thank you for their service but as a healing process for them. Neither you nor I get to do what we do if it were not for the sacrifices these people made so let's get behind them and show them we appreciate their service rather than just telling them. For more information please feel free to contact me at any time.



NYSOGA directors and officers took a break from their summer meeting. That's "Ketch" Young in front.



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#### **REGION 4**

#### By Bruce Fuller

Not a great deal to report. Hard to believe summer is already coming to an end. Much of our area faced a mixture of heavy rains with flooding along with periods of very little rain. Most of our streams



**Bruce Fuller** 

are heavily impacted by these changes in weather and we faced many days of high muddy water as well as periods of very low and clear water that dictated the use of long light leaders to have even a remote chance of hooking a trout on a fly. Our fly hatches this year also seemed to be off and difficult to predict due to our varied weather. However, fishing on local reservoirs for brown trout and smallmouth bass has been good. The periods of heavy rain also brought out the mosquitos in far greater numbers than most years and was something you just had to learn to live with on any outdoor adventure.

One notable change that took place in one area of our Region is a one year pilot program that was started on the Cannonsville Reservoir by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) that allows electric trolling motors up to 55 lbs. of thrust on boats registered with them as "fishing" boats. I have no doubt that, barring any serious problems, this

will be expanded to other reservoirs in the future and very possibly to boats registered as "recreation" boats. The NYCDEP has always had a policy of not permitting any commercial activities on their property. They certainly knew that some licensed guides were operating on their property but looked the other way on that fact as they actually considered us to be beneficial. They understood that individuals with a guide were far less likely to get lost or do something illegal. Now they have decided to officially adopt a policy allowing New York State Licensed Guides to operate on their property. You must submit an application to them which results in the generation of a "NYCDEP Guide Services Permit" being issued to you. You must keep this with you while guiding on their property so you can present it to law enforcement personnel when requested.

As an FYI footnote on the use of electric motors on NYC property, it should be noted that when operating as a paid guide we are required to have the "Joint Pilot & Engineers" license on most inland waters of our State when using any means of mechanized propulsion of a boat, even the smallest of electric trolling motors. There is also the fact that, although we are only allowed to use 11' 6" to 16' rowboats on NYC property, they be licensed through must NYC Department of Motor Vehicles once any form of motor is added. When we are for hire and use the vessel when fishing with a client, it must also be registered as a "Public Vessel" and PV must be displayed in letters at least 5" high beneath the boat's registration number. In addition, the equipment requirements for any boat registered as a Public Vessel is far greater and much more restrictive than a motorized boat for personal use. For example, all PFDs on a Public Vessel must be TYPE 1 which is the high dollar PFDs that keep you pointing face up in the water and are really meant for use when far from shore. You must also pay for an inspection of the Public Vessel each year before you are allowed to use it with a client. I am not sure how I will deal with the Public Vessel requirement while guiding for fishing on NYC property. During my many years of guiding on NYC property, I have found that the law enforcement individuals I have dealt with do not understand their own rules and, although they probably know motorized boats must be registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles, I am confident they will have no knowledge of other licensing or Public Vehicle registration I certainly welcome any requirements. thoughts or opinions of fellow guides.

Hoping everyone had a good summer. THIS YEAR'S SUMMER RENDEZVOUS WAS GREAT. WISH MORE GUIDES HAD ATTENDED. Wishing you all a great and prosperous fall.

Respectfully Submitted, Bruce R. Fuller Region 4 Director

#### **REGION 5**

#### By Sheila Young

June and July in the Adirondacks were wet, to say the least. I was talking with one fellow who said he didn't know what all the fuss was about, as it only rained twice in the Adirondacks this summer...."Once for 32 days and once for 49 days." Upper Saranac Lake suffered a microburst on July 19. NOAA reported the swath was as much as a mile wide, but the band of destruction was pretty narrowly focused at our place.



Sheila Young

Heavy and seemingly constant rain across the High Peaks has caused several new slides, with a notable addition on Dix Mountain. Slide-climbers are having a wonderful summer! I wonder if those heavy rains contributed to a significant rock-fall from a climbing route on Wallface Mountain in Indian Pass between Lake Placid and Tahawas, or if it was just coincidental.

Joe Hackett, a Charter Member of NYSOGA, will be master of ceremonies and a moose-calling ongtest official at the 4th annual Great Adirondack Moose Festival in Indian Lake on September 28th and 29th.

We attended two new Wild Center (Tupper Lake) presentations this summer. "Chasing Ice" is a stunning visual documentary film by James Balog about the unprecedented loss of northern glacial ice

masses. Dr. Chip Taylor of Monarch Watch presented a program about the biology, migration, and population decline of our iconic butterfly. You can check out "Chasing Ice" or Monarch Watch on the web.

Another thing to check out is DEC's Citizen Scientist program through the DEC web site. You can report to the Cooperative Ruffed Grouse Hunting Log, the Bowhunter Sighting Log, or the Winter Wild Turkey Flock Survey, among other things.

As you start preparing for autumn and winter seasons, remember that the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) is creating a new expert glade on Lookout Mountain / Whiteface. Several new snow guns are also being added to the mountain's snowmaking arsenal.

I have heard varying opinions about the streamlined 2014 hunting and fishing license process. Some folks are saying it is easier and less expensive, while others feel it is actually a subtle fee increase. What's your opinion?

Lastly, the subject of use of the 119 Remsen-to-Lake Placid railroad corridor has been a real hot-button topic in the Adirondack towns along the line. DEC and DOT are holding four public meetings. Most, if not all, will have passed by the time this issue of Guidelines goes to press...September 9 in Old Forge, September 10 in Ray Brook, September 16 in Utica, and September 17 in Tupper Lake. However, DOT is accepting written comments until September 25. You can comment at NYSTravelCorridor@dot.ny.gov; or fax to 518-457-3183; or write to RF Hessinger, Director of Freight and Passenger Rail Bureau, NYSDOT, 50 Wolf Road POD 54, Albany NY 1232.

#### **REGION 6**

By John Wainwright Well, the unusual weather of winter and spring continued through July here in the southern portions of Region 6. The rain started in early June and continued until mid-July, at which time John Wainwright we had two major rain



events that dropped nearly 10 inches of additional rain to the already saturated soil, caus-

#### **REGION 7**

By Craig Tryon Where did the summer of 2013 go?? It seems as though yesterday was June and bass season opener. The calendar now says September and the start of fall. Summer seems just a blurred memory.

**REGION 8** 

By Capt. Jim Morgan

part are gone and,



Craig Tryon

We're at camp on the St. Lawrence River and I was reminded this morning that the fall hunting seasons ing tremendous flooding in our area. The West Canada, Mohawk River and most other streams in the Southern Adirondacks and Mohawk River Corridor were unfishable for nearly 6 weeks. Even nearby lakes were too high to navigate and the Erie Canal was closed for a month. Needless to say, not much guiding for us fish folks this summer. However, some guides in the other recreational areas of guiding in the Adirondack portion of our region had a boom season. So, as usual, it's feast or famine.

But, now that things are somewhat back to normal, the fishing has been excellent on the Mohawk River and occasionally good on the

are now here and winter will soon be on the way. The neighbor's 10 gauge shotgun was the morning alarm clock and I'm sure it was followed by a splash when the goose hit the water. The nights are also cooler and great for sleeping and the trees will be showing their fall colors.

The next Board of Directors meeting is on October 9, beginning at '10ish.' The location is in the Catskills at Guarrian Farms, 68 Lattintown Road, Marlboro, NY. This meeting is hosted by Region 3 Director Bill Swiac. If you can join us, set the GPS and enjoy a fall day in the Catskills. If there are any issues hat need to be taken to

West Canada Creek. We did have a great time at the Summer Rendezvous and managed to catch quite a few browns fly fishing the W. Canada during the day and enjoying good meals and great conversation around the campfire each evening.

Lake Ontario is really starting to crank up for salmon with good catches being reported this week (Aug.22). Turkey season was good for some and rather slow for others. Hopefully, all the rain in June didn't have a negative effect on this year's young. Only time will tell.

I guess that's it for now. Hope all of you Region 6 guides are doing well, have happy clients and have a fantastic fall.

the board, get them to me and I will present them. (E mail and phone

The seasons seem to come and go quicker than they used to, really not sure why though. I think back to an old adage that my Grandpa Tryon used to say ... "If I had to do it all over again, I wouldn't do it any different...I'd just do it sooner!!"

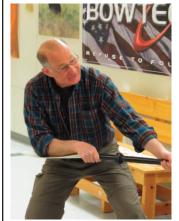
Be sure to take the time this year for several fall outings: a hike, paddle, fishing or hunting trip or just a drive into the countryside to take in the beautiful fall colors we enjoy here in the Northeast.

Winter is coming...

Get out and enjoy fall.

Sometimes it is just hard to have fun.

On a serious note, round gobies have been found in Cayuga Lake. DEC officials are now trying to trace how they got there. Are they really serious? They swam here from the Great Lakes-by way of the canal systems! So, they are in Seneca Lake too. Until New York State and all the other states stop the dumping of ballist water in the Great Lakes and stop bass tournaments in all our lakes, we will keep getting invasive species like gobies, hydrilla, etc.



NYSOGA member Michael Drillinger of Woodstock is now available to instruct NYSOGA's Water Safety for Guides class in the Catskill area. Michael has an extensive aquatic background working at Boy Scout camps, took the class in New Paltz in 2012 and, along with Alan Woodruff, instructed one in Kingston last April. In the picture, Michael is shown doing an animated reach rescue demonstration in Kingston.



Memory Lane. Long time NYSOGA members Alan Woodruff, Craig Tryon, Bill Wharton and Sonny Somelofski are shown at an early Rendezvous.

Summer is winding down-Fast! A little taste of autumn this morning, a cool 40. The near by campgrounds are mostly deserted, the tourists for the most

sadly, the fishing charter business is really slow now.



Jim Morgan

There is more time now to be in the woods, getting things ready for hunting. Looking back on the fishing season, I was down on number of charters significantly from the past 2 seasons. The tourists that I rely on in July and August didn't materialize as in the past years. I'm sure everyone has felt the pinch across the board that rely on tourism.

For the most part, the fishing was great but the weather at times not so much. Freezing cold April and May, then a lot of rain and cold fronts through the summer.

# "Guidie Says ..."

...If you are getting misfires, it may be that the firing pin isn't hitting at full power or that hardened grease is freezing it. To test the pin, put a drop of melted paraffin on the primer of a fired cartridge or shell and dry fire it...

...The position in which an animal falls helps to tell whether or not it is dead. If it lands in a sprawled position with mouth open, legs at loose angles and ears flopped, it is probably dead. A bunched-up position with ears laid back indicates it is alive and should be approached with caution...

...Backpacks, although water-resistant, are not waterproof. Carry a waterproof pack cover...

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...When blowing up an air mattress, place a small piece of muslin (cut from a bandage in your first aid kit) over the valve. This will prevent moisture from getting into the mattress and maybe causing damage later...

...Never wash polypropylene in hot water unless you plan on letting a two-year- old wear it...

...Carry a large piece of cheesecloth or mosquito netting with you on a deer hunting trip. If the weather turns warm, you can use it to keep insects off your kill...

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PRICE			
NYSOGA Pen	yellow ball point	\$ 2.00			
Logo Patches	embroidered 3"round	\$ 6.00			
Window Decal	interior 3x7"	\$ 3.00			
Window Decal	exterior 5x8" NY outline yellow	\$ 6.00			
Window sticker	interior 2.5" round	\$ 2.00			
NYSOGA pin	pewter 1" round	\$ 6.00			
Travel Mug	granite/green w/Logo	\$ 6.00			
Membership Pin Collection	11 pins 1995-2005	\$ 5.00			
Hat green/tan waxed canvas	embroidered guide pin	\$ 20.00			
Hat tan cotton twill	embroidered guide pin	\$ 20.00			
Tee shirt Rend. 2013 - Malta	black Lg, XL, 2XL	\$ 16.00			
Tee shirt Rend. 2012 - Hamilton	tan long sleeve M,Lg,XL,2XL	\$ 10.00			
Tee shirt Rend. 2011 - Lake Placid	grey cool dri fabric Lg, XL, 2XL	\$7.00			
Tee shirt Rend. 2010 - Hamilton	black Med, Lg	\$7.00			
Tee shirt Rend. 2009 - Margaretville	brown Med, Lg	\$7.00			
Tee shirt Rend. 2008 - Boonville	rust Med only	\$7.00			
Tee shirt Rend. 2007 - Saranac	white S, Med, Lg, XL	\$7.00			
Tee shirt Rend. 2003 - Johnstown	brown Med, XL	\$7.00			
Tee shirt Rend. 2002 - Boonville	ivory XL only	\$7.00			
Tee shirt Rend. 2001 - plain back	ivory S, M, Lg, XL, 2XL	\$7.00			
Tee shirt Rend. 1999 - Saratoga	ivory Med, Lg	\$7.00			
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## Membership Report 2013

Hello Fellow Outdoors Persons:

The following is our member numbers as of 9/16/2013: 6 pending 17 Life 116 Active 11 Associate 1 sponsor 12 Honorary **Total 163** 

Please welcome the following new members:

Frederick D. McCagg is a new guide from East Nassau NY. He runs Dynamic Sports Adventures and offers Camping, Backpacking, Hiking, Cross-country Skiing, Snowshoeing, Youth groups and Outdoor Education in regions 4 and 5. He can be reached @ 518-766-3177 or via email info@dynamicsportadventures.com

Rocksport Climbing Gym and Outdoor Guide Service is run by Robert Livingston from Queensbury NY. Robert specializes in climbing trips in the Lake George / Southern Adirodacks region. He can be reached at 518-793-4626 or via email support@rocksportny.com

Many new guides have not provided me with information for a website listing. If you are a guide and would like a listing on the NYSOGA website, please provide me with a up to 50 word description of your activities and the categories and regions for each category you offer.

As always, please contact me if you need anything 518-542-2709 or go\_lee3@yahoo.com

Everyone have a safe and successful fall.

Lee

### Dear Mr. Tryon and NYSOGA,

I want to thank you for the opportunity you gave me to attend Pack Forest DEC Camp this summer. I spent the week learning any new thing in conservation and enjoying the Adirondacks.

What I like the most was the forestry portion of the program. I learned how to core a tree to determine age, types of trees, and the forestry industry, about forest fires and how to conserve the forest resources we have.

We met with people who worked in the conservation field. A local Forest Ranger and his K9 partner Gunner came to camp and he discussed the law enforcement field. Gunner showed off his abilities and it was great! We also met with an Environmental Conservation Officer and discussed fishing regulations. It was great to learn about the the different careers in the conservation field.

We got to have a lot of fun also! We did a day trip to the garnet mine and learn how garnets are formed and the history of the nimbus. One of the nimbus we went to was abandoned and no longer mined and the other was still active. I was able to find a couple of nice stones with garnets and a few small pieces of garnet. I kayaked for the first time and found out that I like to canoe better. We went swimming, played games, and sang songs together. I made many new friends from all over New York State. The staff was great and so was the food, we were never hungry!

I also earned my bow hunter certification while at camp which is something I have wanted to get.

I really like being at camp and now I think after getting to see what the DEC does, I might go into the forestry field as that is what I like the best at camp.

After I got home and talked with my parents, I told them I would like to back next year. The one thing I missed out on was the hiking and overnight trips they did because I was doing my bow hunting course so I was not able to go. I like to hike and sleep in the woods so I would really like to get to do that. My parents agreed and we are planning on me going next year.

I am truly grateful for the opportunity you gave me. I have to say it was more fun that going to Scout Camp! I got to see a different part of the Adirondacks and leach many new things

Thank You Again!

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