



GUIDELINES



President Scott Locorini

President's Message

By Scott Locorini

As I write this, I am humbled at the opportunity to serve as your president again and thank all who supported me and Board of Directors over the past year.

It has been a busy winter season for us all getting ready for Rendezvous and it turned out to be a fantastic event. Thank you to Will Soter for taking the reins as Chair and making a truly special weekend for all involved. A huge thank you

to Lynn Malerba for once again taking reservations.

It was interesting to hear some comments at Rendezvous from new attendees. They were baffled how we pulled off the training sessions and couldn't believe that it was just a small group of folks who put it all together. Honestly, I am also amazed at how we pull off Rendezvous every year and train so many potential guides to get ready for their tests.

While Rendezvous is well attended by day trippers and potential guides, we don't normally get a lot of members attending. Which gets me thinking what else could we offer to appeal to members. We already have great camaraderie and the opportunity meet and network with fellow members. But I'd like to know if you'd like something else. Should we offer more business training? How to structure a business, insurance, payroll, etc? Or, maybe something

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Summer Rendezvous to Return to Moose River Plains in July

By Craig Tryon, Summer Rendezvous Co-chair

Mark your calendars for ... July 28, 29 and 30, 2017!

The Summer Rendezvous Committee is currently making plans for a great get-together in the Moose River Recreation Area. Moose River is a vast wilderness area of 79,487 acres in the west central part of Hamilton County. Access is by either the Inlet or Indian Lake

gates. NYSOGA has enjoyed many Summer Rendezvous in this area over the years and it's time to go back and enjoy this great place again.

The exact location in the area has not been chosen but rest assured it will be a spot where everyone can gather for meals, campfire, and enjoy a few days with fellow NYSOGA members in an informal atmosphere.

Remember that Summer Rendezvous is very family and

kid friendly. Your committee will be planning several activities for guides and families over the weekend. A Board of Directors meeting is planned for Friday morning.

Feel free to email the Rendezvous co-chairs any activity ideas you may have that could be included over the weekend.

When finalized, specific information will be posted on the NYSOGA website un-

der Summer Rendezvous and placed in the Summer edition of Guidelines.

If you would like to get more information on the Moose River Recreation Area do a Google search for Moose River Plains Complex.

Hoping to see you at Summer Rendezvous,

Roy Earley and Craig Tryon
2017 Summer Rendezvous
Committee Co-Chairs

Guide Law Changes are Proposed

By Sonny Young, NYSOGA Legislative Chair

For the second time, a legislative proposal seeks to amend NYS Environmental Conservation Law § 11-0533 which addresses licensing of guides as well as licensing and regulating outfitters. The purpose of the bill is to redefine the terms guide, guiding and

outfitter, prohibit intoxicated or impaired guiding, and provide defined violation penalties. If signed into law, it would become effective January 1, 2018.

Snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and kayaking for hire would become guided activities. The term

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Message from the Rendezvous Committee Chair

I was honored to chair the Rendezvous Committee this year and enjoyed sharing one of my favorite places in the Catskills with my fellow NYSOGA members. I hope that everyone enjoyed their time at Frost Valley YMCA as much as I did. I am very impressed with the number of aspiring guides at the Rendezvous and the number of new faces getting involved with the organization.

I look forward to continuing my growth with NYSOGA and guiding others as they grow with us too.

Will Soter

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Membership Report

By Capt. Lee Godin

Hello fellow outdoors persons:

The following is our member numbers as of 4/13/2017:

- 17 Life
- 114 Active
- 12 Associate
- 10 Honorary

Please welcome the following new members:

Allison Powell from Ashville, NY runs Hike Your Own Hike Guide Service and is our new Region 9 Director. Allison can be reached at 602-451-1269 or via email at toes2222@hotmail.com.

Catskill Mountain Guiding is run by Gordan Cochrane from Durham, NY. His website is catskillmountainguiding.com. Gordan can be reached at 518-339-5687 or via email at gordon@catskillmountainguiding.com.

Matthew Fuentes runs Northwoods Guiding and Photography. Matthew's website is facebook.com/northwoodsguide.

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Several member partners were recognized for their long efforts on our behalf. Their "better half" partner stands behind them.



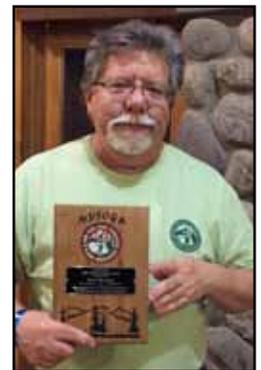
Sheila Young received the Lantern Award for her many contributions to NYSOGA.



Rendezvous Chair Will Soter was awarded the Camp Spoon Award.



Sonny Young got the Pack Basket Award for his many efforts on our behalf.



Herb Broome shows his Life Membership certificate.

NYSOGA Loses Life and Charter Member Mark Shoemaker

Ed. Note: A tap on my door the evening of April 14 brought me the news that my friend and fellow former NYSOGA president Mark Shoemaker had passed away. Mark and I had worked together during NYSOGA's early days during the struggle to get the guide law passed in 1985 and then hashing over implementation of rules and regulations with DEC. After notifying some 'old timers,' I received the following from Craig Tryon. I had known that Craig and Mark both served in Viet Nam, but not the following information that Craig sent.

Mark was the person responsible for getting me started in the guiding profession. I met him at a Sportshow in Syracuse during the Winter of 1987. He talked me through the license process and invited me to the 1987 Winter Rendezvous in Old Forge. I took all my certification courses there.

Mark made me feel very welcome at Rendezvous. I took the Guides exam in Spring 1987 and joined NYSOGA the same year as soon as I was licensed. Since joining, I got totally involved with many

aspects of NYSOGA. Mark was one of our charter NYSOGA members we can thank for making our association what it is today.

Mark and I had another very close bond as fellow Viet Nam veterans. We were both Regular Army assigned to the Army base in Chu Lai Viet Nam. I never knew Mark in Viet Nam. I was field infantry assigned to a unit, Americal Division, 5th Battalion of the 46th Infantry, Company C. As the company command patrol radio operator, I was responsible for radio communications between our field company and battalion. Mark was a helicopter pilot in the Army Aviation Unit on the same Chu Lai base. I am sure Mark and I talked on the radio several times in my three months there. On July 30, 1970, our company struck a buried land mine, killing 9 and gravely wounding 27 soldiers. Luckily, I was one of the 27, not the 9. I was usually the one who made the call for the medivac helicopters to evacuate the wounded. Someone else had to make the call that day.

As the medivac choppers arrived to take the wounded to the hospital, four Cobra Gunships provided security for the medivac. I was very grateful for the medivac and security helicopters that day.

At the 1998 Winter Rendezvous in Boonville, Mark and I were reminiscing over a beer at the VFW. He and I knew we were both Viet Nam vets. In our discussion, we found we were there at the same time - in the same location. We discussed our Viet Nam experiences in depth. Mark left, returning within an hour with his flight records for his time in Viet Nam. We went to July 30 and found out HE was a first pilot on one of the Cobra gunships that provided security for the medivac helicopters taking us to the hospital for much needed treatment. Our bond grew stronger that day.

Sorry to bore you with this email but Mark's passing caught me totally by surprise.

I am very saddened and will miss my Guide Friend and Viet Nam Buddy very much,

Craig



AROUND THE REGIONS



Ed Moran

REGION 1

By Ed Moran

After an unusually mild but fairly snowy winter, spring is off to a damp and chilly start. The good news is that the drought conditions of the past year have eased for the moment.

On the forest pest front, DEC announced on 3/28 that all of

Suffolk County is now included in Oak Wilt Protective Zones as a line of defense against this deadly tree disease. The protective zone previously encompassed a single community. Trees with the disease are currently being removed but the full scope of the effort that will be required is not yet known. Between this disease and the southern pine beetle attacking pitch pine as well as other pines, a high percentage of the native trees on Long Island are under threat.

DEC has released preliminary statewide

statistics for the 2016 deer harvest but no regional details have been released yet. Some may not be aware of the expansion of hunting seasons in Suffolk County that was implemented in 2015:

- The special firearms deer season (shotgun and muzzleloader), which runs from the first Sunday in January through January 31, now includes weekends.
- The regular bow hunting season, which starts October 1, has been expanded through January 31.

Happy spring to all.



Greg Wilson

REGION 2

By Greg Wilson

Ed. Note: Greg, our new Region 2 Rep, is the co-founder and lead backpacking guide of Freestone Expeditions, a Brooklyn based guide service.

I moved from western Massachusetts to Brooklyn 15 years ago. After a decade of solo and friends only trips out of the city, from canoeing the East River

to building quinzhee huts under the high peaks, I realized how much the locals craved the beauty of the state land and yet found it was difficult to access. I made the decision to share my skill set and lifelong passion and became a licensed guide through NYSOGA and its close relationship with DEC.

I strongly believe in pursuing the effort to make NYC more of an outdoor city - an endeavor that requires promoting education in knowledge of our state land, safety, ecology and outdoor stewardship. Since the formation of Freestone

Expeditions, the fledgling company has been working to develop relationships with local businesses, both in the city and upstate, has been working with CATS and has also met with the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce concerning the promotion of outdoor tourism. We have talked with waterfront developers and the local offshore fishermen about their thoughts on public usage.

I look forward to the future of NYSOGA in every region and am excited about what we can all do together to help it grow in the years ahead.



Timothy Keefe

REGION 3

By Timothy Keefe

Hello all! There are so many topics to cover here in Region 3 that I will start with some boots on the ground observations and conversations with other sportsmen.

A trip to a local taxidermist found that there was an increase in local deer brought in for taxidermy work this winter. This follows

the trend NYS posted about an increase in deer harvested this past season. The taxidermist mentioned how the antlered deer brought in are getting bigger every year and the enthusiasm by his clients is at an all time high. He had a record number of small game/predators brought in for work as well.

An interview with a deer/bear meat processor also mentioned that he had an increase in work this season and had seen some big bodied animals come into the shop with quite a few bucks over 200 pounds.

April fishing reports seemed to be extremely slow on the creeks but the

Ashokan Reservoir fishing off shore was producing quite a few Brown Trout in the 22-26" variety. A few nice Rainbow Trout were caught during the short time water was spilling over the barrier wall at Winchell's Corner.

Turkey sightings have been better this Spring. Many nice Toms have been spotted and heard all over the area.

Many of the more popular hiking trails are drying up and are more friendly to the novice hiker/backpacker.

Enjoy your Spring everyone and remember to take a child with you and educate them about the outdoors.



Sheila Young

REGION 5

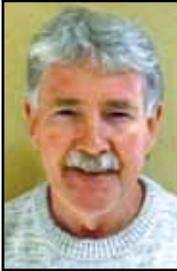
By Sheila Young

Hello to all our NYSOGA friends. Region 5 membership continues to grow. I was pleased to meet several aspiring at Rendezvous. There was so much new info generated at Rendezvous

to print in this issue, I am going to keep this report short. If you are not receiving seasonal newsletters from me or are so new to the Association that I haven't yet received your email contact, let me know at www.adkfoothill@gmail.com.

Happy spring!





REGION 6

By John Wainwright

Two days ago snow flurries, today 78 degrees. It's been another unusual winter and early spring. For the second year in a row, we didn't have safe ice on most Central NY lakes.

Several ice fishing gigs on Otsego Lake were

cancelled.

Things were looking fairly good for opening of trout season until we received over 3 feet of snow in the region three weeks ago. Our smaller streams are starting to return to fishable levels but larger ones like the West Canada Creek will take another week or two to be productive.

Good signs of spring are the return of turkey vultures that usually show in my neck of the woods about mid-March. They came at the end of February this

year and last year. Turkeys are strutting and feeling their oats, hawks are migrating back north for breeding, as are robins and other songbirds. So, hopefully, I can finally put my snowblower and shovels away and start thinking about casting some flies instead of sitting at my typing bench.

Hope all of you have a safe and prosperous summer and please let me know if you have questions for suggestions for the NYSOGA Board.



REGION 8

By Capt. Jim Morgan

April 1st opening day of trout fishing in the streams was a washout. Very high and muddy water dashed a lot of plans for most Finger Lake anglers.

Jim Morgan

A large run of rainbow trout happened in February when the weather was unusually warm and rainy. A lot of fish probably spawned then.

From reports I heard, very few fish were caught opening weekend. Conditions were more ideal a few days later.

Lake trout fishing on Cayuga Lake has been good for those who have ventured out. Perch fishing also picked up in 20-30 feet of water. Haven't heard

anything on Seneca Lake other than no one is finding perch.

I have seen some big flocks of turkeys recently. They seem to have fared well through a mild winter.

My charter boat comes out of winter storage April 10. First charter is April 20. My 27th season and I can't wait to get started. Another long winter is over. Everyone, stay safe and have a successful season.



REGION 9

By Allison Powell

Greetings! As your newly appointed Region 9 Director, I feel a brief introduction is in order. My name is Allison Powell and I reside in Ashville, New York (Chautauqua

Allison Powell

County). I have been a resident of the fantastic state of NY for two years. The first twenty-four years of my professional life were spent in the western United States training horses and providing riding instruction for competitions. Then I made a big change in careers and went into law enforcement. The following 18 years, I was employed by the State of Arizona, specializing in fraud investigations. I retired at the rank of Sergeant.

Now, you may be asking, what does any of this have to do with "guide" services? Well...I grew up in North Dakota where my dad was a respected outdoor enthusiast. He hunted large game and fowl, always dragging my three siblings and me along. Oh yeah, Mom too! Our summer months were spent in Montana's Glacier National Park, South Dakota's Black Hills and Wyoming's Yellowstone National Park. We camped in primitive settings and backpacked all over the countryside. My dad even made his own kayak! All this to say, I grew up in the outdoors.

As an adult, my love for the outdoors continued, as exhibited by my many years as an equine professional and as a recreational backpacker and kayaking enthusiast. Some of my accomplishments are backpacking rim to rim on the Arizona Grand Canyon's Bright Angel Trail and the Canyon's Havasupai Trail. I must mention too, no mules were carrying my backpack! I completed the West Fork Trail in Oak Creek, AZ; Sabino Canyon outside of Tucson, AZ; the Sandia Mountain Tramway & La Luz Trails near Albuquerque, NM and have backpacked over 200 miles of the North Country Trail. I've completed the Westside Cusimano Trail, Eastside Cardot Trail and hiked in Chautauqua Gorge, all located in Chautauqua County, and have hiked or backpacked over sixty percent of the trails in Allegany State Park, NY and the Alleghany National Forest, PA.

As your Region 9 representative, my mission will be to promote NYSOGA as well as the members in our region, and to offer support services. I will organize Region 9 meetings, in an effort for members to meet and learn about each other's skills and services, and to provide support for one another. In addition, I will be seeking your input and feedback regarding how NYSOGA and I can better serve you. I will also establish relationships with our DEC Forest Ranger(s) and promote NYSOGA members and services throughout the region. I will also research opportunities

within Region 9 for NYSOGA guides to be represented at outdoor trade shows. I also want to focus on finding kids from our region to participate in NYSOGA's Kids-to-Camp program. And of course, I will be recruiting new members!

In closing, I want to thank my predecessor Jim Zak for all the years of service he has provided to Region 9 and to NYSOGA. "Zack," I truly enjoyed getting to know you during the Winter Rendezvous and look forward to a growing relationship. Enjoy your fishing, my friend!

Membership

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Chester Karatowski from West Shokan NY is a new guide from Ulster County. His website is facebook.com/AshokanAdventures He can be reached @ 914-572-7286 or via email at chester.karwatowski@gmail.com.

Will Madison is from Steuben County. His phone is 607-346-6434 and his email is wjmadison4@gmail.com.

Please take advantage of your online renewal/payment system to submit your dues payment and any web changes you may have. The online renewal form can be found at <http://nysoga.org/membershiprenewal.html>.

As always, please contact me if you need anything. 518-542-2709 or go_lee3@yahoo.com. Everyone have a safe and successful Spring season.

Lee

2017 Trip Planning Request

Compiled by Roy Earley

January / February / March / April

DATE	ORIGIN		REGION	CATEGORY
01-09-17	New York	1-2	3	Predator
01-12-17	New York	11	9	Camping
01-12-17	New York	??	3-5	Multiple
01-20-17	New York	1-2	1-9	Multiple
01-24-17	Texas	??	3	Fly Fishing
01-28-17	Pa.	3-5	??	C/K, N/T
01-27-17	New Jersey	3-5	5	I/F, L/R
02-05-17	New York	3-5	8-9	B/G, W/T
02-10-17	New York	??	9	???
02-25-17	New York	??	7	S/G
02-26-17	New York	1-2	3-4	Multiple
03-05-17	New York	3-5	3	Hiking
03-10-17	New Jersey	6-10	4-7	Multiple
03-26-17	New York	1-2	1-9	Predator, B/G
03-29-17	Vermont	1-2	5-8	Fishing, Other
04-02-17	New Hampshire	1-2	5	Fishing, L/R

B/P — Back Packing
 B/G — Big Game
 C/H — Camp, Hike
 C/K — Canoe, Kayak
 C/B — Charter Boats
 D/B — Drift Boats

F/F — Fly Fishing
 I/F — Ice Fishing
 L/R — Lakes & Rivers
 N/T — Nature Trips
 O/E — Outdoor Education
 S/G — Small Game

S/P — Streams & Ponds
 W/F — Water Fowl
 W/T — Wild Turkey
 Y/G — Youth Groups

“Guidie Says ...”



... When you plan your time and distance schedule, allow one day in five as lost Time due to wind and bad weather ...

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... Depending on the species and how much blood she has consumed, a female mosquito can lay as many as several hundred eggs in one batch ...

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... If you capsize in running water, stay upstream of your canoe. Being pinned between a swamped canoe and a rock is not a good place to be ...

... Walleyes hang around in schools. If you hook one, there usually several around. Carry a good sized bobber in your boat with a long cord and anchor on it. When you take a walleye while trolling, throw out the bobber with the cord and anchor and simply troll around the bobber in a medium to large circle ...

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... If using a spin-casting outfit and the line does not come in, raise the tip of the rod slightly after a cast. This may take in enough slack to allow the teeth inside to grip the line for retrieval ...

Conservation & Trails Work Day Scheduled

By *Sonny Young*
www.adkfoothill@gmail.com

Our NYSOGA Trail Stewards plan a trail maintenance event on Tuesday, May 9 with a weather alternate on Thursday, May 18 for our adopted section of the

Northville - Lake Placid Trail near Indian Lake. We need several volunteers to be able to carry a chain saw to remove at least one large tree trunk. The day usually takes about 7-8 hours for the 8 mile round trip. We meet at 9 a.m. at Wakely Dam on

the Cedar River Road.

Please let us know in advance if you plan on attending so we will know whether to plan a chainsaw day and so we can contact you if foul weather causes a postponement.

Board Meeting Dates & Guidelines Deadlines

Meeting dates for the NYSOGA Directors are as follows: May 8 at the White Otter F & G Club in Woodgate; July 28 at the Summer Rendezvous site;

October 25 in the Catskills; January 13 at the 2018 Winter Rendezvous site The meetings start at 10 a.m. Anyone wishing to attend a meeting may contact any

director for more information.

Deadlines for Guidelines submissions are June 10, September 10 and December 20.

NYSOGA to Send Youth to Summer Camp

By *Craig Tryon, Kids to Camp Chair*

The NYSOGA Kids to Camp Committee is elated that we were able to send three campers to a NYSDEC Environmental Education Summer Camp during the 2017 camping season.

Our camper nominations came from Region 3 Director Alex Marra. Thanks go to Alex and 3rd VP Will Soter for getting these campers and assisting them to register for the camp and week of their choice. Our campers for 2017 are:

- Jordan Voss from Kingston during Week 4 at Pack Forest
- Samantha Atkins/Hrichi from Rosendale during Week 1 at Camp

DeBruce

- Kyra Smith from Shokan during Week 2 at Camp Colby

By reading their "Why I want to go to DEC Summer Camp" letters submitted with their nomination forms, we are sure these campers will thoroughly enjoy their week at camp.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the fact that in 2017, NYSOGA received a donation from the Ruffed Grouse Society that paid for our 3rd camper. Ruffed Grouse Society and NYSOGA Member Guide Bill Swiac worked with both groups to work out the details to make this generous donation happen. Thanks go to Bill and the Ruffed Grouse Society

for their generous donation. It is hoped that this relationship will continue for years to come.

President

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 on advertising and marketing in the digital world? Or maybe something else we haven't thought of yet. What would inspire you to come to Rendezvous? My virtual door is open anytime; e-mail me at adkexp@gmail.com.

I would like to also congratulate a couple of newer members on stepping up and joining the BOD. Allison Powell will be joining us as Region 9 Director and Greg Wilson will be the new Region 2 Director. Welcome aboard!

I'd also like to thank Jim Zak for holding down the fort in Region 9 for many years and Joe Lombardi for doing the same in Region 2. Many thanks for your years of service. You both deserve a break. That's all for now.

Have a great spring and summer season!

Scott

The NYSOGA Store Has a New Address

Ed. Note: Sheila and Sonny Young are the new proprietors of our NYSOGA Products Store.

Following is their first report, Herb Broome (former store proprietor) was awarded a Life Membership at the Rendezvous for his many years of service as your NYSOGA Store/Products manager. Congratulations, Herb - job sell done!

Because his new plans include travel, Herb has handed over the reins to Sonny and me. (Sheila) Our contact info is 'NYSOGA, Sonny and Sheila Young, 214 Old Wawbeek Road, Tupper Lake, NY 12986 or

www.adkfoothill@gmail.com. We have many tee shirts and pins in the historical bins. Let us know if we can help you with your NYSOGA logo materials.

Security Advice On Passwords

From Lee Godin and the NYSOGA Virtual Office Committee

Not sure how to best protect your passwords? Follow these basic rules:

- Never re-use the same password between work and home.
- Never re-use the same password for financial institutions and social

media.

- Never re-use the same password for an administrator account at work as your standard logon.
- Never tell anyone your password. If you need to share it, change it when the other person is done with using it.
- Change your passwords frequently.

Guide Law

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“whitewater” would be deleted. This means that a license would now be required for guided flat-water trips as well as for whitewater events. (Note: The U.S. Coast Guard has determined that SUP boards (stand-up paddleboards) operated outside a surfing, swimming or bathing area are “vessels” under USCG regulations, but SUP are not specifically named in the proposed NYS legislation.)

Individuals who guide on waterways would see a change from the current license addendum of “skilled in the use of boats and canoes” to “skilled in the use of boats and other watercraft.” Guiding without a UPV or “6-Pack” license in Atlantic Ocean tidal waters would be moved southward from the Troy Barrier Dam to the Tappan Zee Bridge, opening up more than 100 miles of the Hudson River to guides who do not have a Captain’s license.

While the licensing fee for a resident guide would remain no more than \$200 for the 5-year period, out-of-state

residents would see an increase to \$500. Falsifying a license application or conviction of a penal law while guiding could subject the guide to a suspension or revocation of his or her license. A guide who refuses a breathalyzer test may have his or her license immediately suspended if there was the possibility of loss of life such as when using watercraft, hunting, or rock and ice climbing. A guide convicted of manslaughter or reckless endangerment while guiding could face at least five years of revocation or prohibition of receiving a license.

An intoxicated or impaired guide would be prohibited from all activities and an outfitter who knows, or should have known, that a guide is thusly impaired faces the same penalties. The definition of “intoxicated” would mirror the definition under the State hunting regulations (0.10 BAC rather than the DMV definition of 0.08 BAC). Guides and outfitters would be required to create documents detailing the date, time period, cost, and character of the services the guide or outfitter would provide. It would be signed by the client prior to the event and be maintained

and available for review by the guide/outfitter for two years.

New language concerning outfitters includes very specific requirements. An outfitter could not provide unlicensed guides and outfitters would be held accountable for the sobriety of guides that they oversee. Violations (guiding without a license; offering an unlicensed guide; guiding or offering a guide who is intoxicated or impaired) would be misdemeanors. A fine of up to \$1000 and/or imprisonment for 30 days may be imposed upon conviction and a second conviction would include the provision of penalties of up to \$2000 and/or imprisonment for up to one year. A twice-convicted outfitter offering an unlicensed or intoxicated/impaired guide could be prohibited from conducting his or her business for ten years.



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*“Going to the woods is going home, for I suppose we came from the woods originally.”
– John Muir*