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President's Report

By Will Soter

Hello Fellow NYSOGA Guides, This is such a busy time of year for many! I know I am in the woods or on the water just about every day for the next few months. While this time of year can seem like a whirlwind, it is important to take time to enjoy with friends and family and to make time to plan for the future.



Will Soter from Kingston is NYSOGA's new president. Here he is with daughters Indie and Cameron.

Our upcoming Summer Rendezvous presents great opportunity to do just that! Join us to relax, connect with friends and family, learn new skills, to get to know your fellow guides, as well as a great chance to learn about how you can get involved with NYSOGA. Our organization exists to serve our members BUT will only run because of the efforts of our members, and it is important that we all find a role to play in supporting the industry and community of Guides throughout this state. There are many opportunities to get involved outside of the board of directors; we have a multitude of committees that can use your insights and, certainly, your energy. One example is our virtual office committee which is currently looking for members who are technologically savvy to help us make an impact in the digital world.

Additionally you can engage your Regional Director, and the local Guides in your area. As an organization, we are looking at ways to support local efforts to raise awareness across the state, to the guiding industry, and NYSOGA. This would also be a great chance to network, and learn from fellow members working in your area. New York has so many wonderful natural places and unique opportunities to enjoy time with a Guide. Having a network of fellow NYSOGA Guides to call on can help us as individuals and as an organization as we continue to grow and maintain awareness of changes in our

field, or regions.

NYSOGA should be the first place folks check when they are looking to explore this great state and its natural treasures. Aside from the changes we will be making to our digital presence, we need more active involvement at the regional, and committee levels. Ask yourselves what you wished NYSOGA had to offer. Then find the support to bring that to life in your region or throughout our organization. Working together, we are the future of guiding in New York.

I look forward to serving our members, and encourage you all to contact myself or your regional director if you are interested in supporting NYSOGA as it works to promote the highest standard of guiding in the Empire state.

Will

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

NYSOGA's 2020 Rendezvous and annual meeting has been scheduled for the last weekend in March and the current plan is to hold it at the Frost Valley YMCA complex in the Catskills. Watch for more details in upcoming issues

Summer Rendezvous At the Great Lot Sports Club

July 19th, 20th, 21st 2019
At the Great Lot Sports Club
Near West Leyden NY

*** The Main Entrance on (4277) Osceola Road Will Be Marked as before- w/a Large Wooden Sign for NYSOGA ***

Come One- Come All~ Do Not Miss Out

On This One! The last Rendezvous held at Great Lot was a huge success and we are hoping for a repeat performance! Bring your: own gear, food/drinks/snacks and extra to share, cameras, bedding & towels, utensils, place settings, tents or small campers are ok (*No electric/dump station hook avail)*no "hooking up" Roy! HA!

Bring your fishing gear for the creek and

pond, insect repellent, lanterns, flashlights/ batteries/ car chargers for electronics needs (*electronic service is minimal). You are welcome to bring your 4 wheeler/ATV/UTV for the miles and miles of trails. (Helmets Required!)

See Rendezvous on page 3

MEMBERSHIP

To all members: Some of your personal web sites on NYSOGA's web site are non functional or bogus and are subject to removal. Please review your individual web site listings for authenticity at your earliest convenience.

Your Membership Committee,
Contact us at: NYSOGA.org select Email NYSOGA



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Membership Report

By Capt. Lee Godin

The following is our member numbers as of 6/11/2019:

17 Life
126 Active
14 Associate
10 Honorary

Please welcome the following new members:

Northwoods Outfitters is run by Mark Sabia from Altmar, NY. He can be reached @ (315) 427-1692 or via email northwoods.ms@gmail.com.

John Vermilyea from Schenectady, NY is a new guide from Region 4. He can be reached at 518-382-2669 or via email Johnvermilyea@hotmail.com

David Burnham from Norwood, NY runs Grass River Adventures. His website is grassriveradventures.com. David can be reached at (315) 854-0422 or via email at grassriveradventures.com.

West Mountain Guide Co. is run by Henri and Lauren de la Vega from Brooklyn, NY. They can be reached at (973) 598-5578 or via email at hdelavega.bcl@gmail.com.

Jon Schnauffer is from Rochester, NY and runs Rochester Outdoor Company. Jon's website is rocoutside.com His phone is (484) 695-7976 and his email is info@rocoutside.com.

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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 at (518) 542-2709 or go_lee3@yahoo.com.

Note: I have moved and my new mailing address is 26 West Mountain Lane, Berne, NY 12023. Have a Safe and Successful Season,

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NYSOGA Honorary Member Retires from Ranger Position

Col. Andrew Jacob, one of the leaders of the DEC Forest Rangers, a NYSOGA honorary member and a visitor and speaker at some past Rendezvous, has retired from DEC. Andy has worked closely with NYSOGA for several years. We wish him a happy retirement and invite him to visit us at future functions.



Col. Andrew Jacob

Here's a Way to Get Your Message Out

From VP Scott Locorini and the NYSOGA Advertising Committee

Whatever Marketing is actively looking at tagged posts in order to find fresh content to share on the NYSOGA Facebook and Instagram pages.

Please tag #NYSOGA on Instagram or mention @NewYorkOutdoorGuides @ on Facebook. These are the best two methods of making your content visible for us to repost. Or, you can email photos (with descriptions) to contact@whatevermktg.com. Please

keep in mind that we cannot reshare everything that is tagged or emailed. We also rely on your comments and hashtags in order to recognize the geographic region for your post. Please try to be as accurate and descriptive as possible when posting.

The more content that is tagged, the larger source of authentic Outdoor NY activities we have to choose from to create awareness for NYSOGA.

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'Bag Ladies' Offer Member Opportunity

Our Shows Committee "Bag Ladies" remind all fellow guides that one member benefit is having your personal guide service advertisements placed in bags to be given out at sports shows. Each member guide may send up to 500 business cards, one page brochures or rack cards to be placed in the bags prior to the show season.

Your information should be mailed to Mary Hall, 90 Country Club Road, Tupper Lake, NY 12986 by October 31, 2019 for inclusion during this upcoming season.

Promote our Water Safety for Guides Class

NYSOGA offers our Water Safety for Guides class that fulfills the DEC requirement in this area periodically around the state. It lasts about three and a half hours and has no expiration date. If you know of someone who aspires to get a guide's license, we hope you will encourage the person to take this from us. Dates and locations are on our website.

Rendezvous

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Bring lawn chairs, (No Refrigeration Avail!) Bring Coolers/Ice! & BYOB. If you play an instrument please bring it and/or craft supplies for any craft that you might wish to share and have others participate in.

**The Board Meeting is at 1:00 p.m. on Friday the 19th w/no Internet. With that out of the way, * The Time Honored Dish to Pass is Saturday at 6:00p.m ... and then ~ Let The Events Begin! - Campfire, Music & Laughs at the Lodge. Corn Hole Tourney, Hawk Throwing and more on the "Shooting Range" 2019 Challenge ~ Bring "Group Friendly" Jokes To Share! Questions or more info needed? Contact Squeak (315) 877-0110

~~ Men and Women's Fall Sports Show ~~

w/ Free Baked Ziti Dinner & Homemade Desserts

Hosted by Region 7 - NYSOGA Members

Mallory Wesleyan Church ~Mallory NY~

Rain or Shine - Saturday September 14th 2019 ~ 6 to 9 pm

**Hunting, Fly & Spey Fishing, Fly Tying, Camping, Birding, Canoeing,
Hiking, Taxidermy, 4 Wheeling and More!**

Guest Speakers and Demonstrations

We are looking for more Guide Booths and Displays

We Look Forward To Your Participation! Please Contact Sandra Rose

"Squeak" ~ 315 877 0110~



AROUND THE REGIONS



REGION 3

By Brian Manning
Hello Folks,

This is my first report from Region 3 and I am still getting my feet wet!

We had a very wet spring and, if you were a hiker, this made for some hazardous conditions on trails due to copious amounts of mud in some places and slippery spots in others. The NYS Rangers have been busy with this and have had approximately 6 missions in Region 3 to help hikers that have sustained injury because of poor trail conditions and/

or the lack of traction devices while hiking.

A little trick that I have used in the past during mud season is to make sure I wear gaiters over my boots to keep them as dry as possible and to employ micro spikes when needed. When the cleats of your boots fill with mud and become slippery, these help greatly on rocks and in the mud itself. Lastly, I like to use hiking poles because it gives me more or less the ability to be a four-wheel drive while hiking. I also strongly recommend having an extra pair of dry socks with you.

The wild plants are springing up. Jewelweed for poison ivy relief, plantain for minor skin irritations, yarrow for minor cuts with bleeding and stinging nettle for eating.

A new season is also growing well. Trout season opened and, in certain areas of the state, DEC was kind enough to stock many lakes, creeks and streams. I, myself, have had some good luck this year, having caught five rainbow trout in the several times I have been out.

The state had Outdoors Day and there were events scheduled at the Catskill Visitor Center and Stony Kill Educational Center. You can get these updates from the state sent directly to your email by signing up on the DEC website.

That's really all I have at the moment. I sent emails to the active guides in Region 3 and I am still hoping for responses. I will periodically forward info I find noteworthy and look forward to receiving the same.



REGION 4

By Bruce Fuller

Although we have had a couple of nice days recently, rain, cold and high water has pretty much dominated the outdoor scene this spring. That fact has certainly compromised all outdoor activities. Not only can this weather make it

uncomfortable to be outdoors but the high fast water can make stream fishing nearly impossible and can even cause hazardous conditions to develop for all but the very experienced individuals when piloting kayaks and canoes.

Outdoor enjoyment in many areas was also hampered by what appeared to be a major increase in this year's biting insects.

However, in spite of the negative weather conditions, there have been some positives that were witnessed by those of us that ventured out. It appears

that our deer in Region 4 came through the winter very well and we are starting to see the arrival of a new fawn crop. My predictions of a better turkey season for much of the region seems to have turned into a reality, according to several numbers. I just hope this year's wet weather does not cause a large die-off of newly hatched young.

With the summer rapidly approaching, it's time to finish preparing for the new season. Hoping for some drier weather and wishing everyone a great summer.



REGION 5

By Sheila Young

I guess we have had the same spring/early summer weather in Region 5 as elsewhere in the state...wet weather followed by rain. Water levels are high, impacting stream/river fly-fishing and lake spin-casting. Trails remain muddy later in the season and pack snow is still being reported in the High Peaks. Spring flowers seemed to bloom a little later than normal. I personally have seen no evidence of turkey poults here in the Tupper Lake

area. It feels like a vastly magnified black fly season. Millions of the critters seem to be born with large drills and siphons attached to their heads.

Be reminded that parking restrictions remain in place along the Route 73 corridor from Rooster Comb to Giant Mountain where I have heard that cars are being ticketed. There is no parking at the Garden in Keene Valley at all this summer. Hiking to the Garden from John's Brook Lane is also prohibited. On traditionally busy days, parking may also be restricted at the Cascade trailheads.

DEC, APA, ADK, the Adirondack Council, Ad'k Park Invasive Plant Program, Ad'k Wild, Protect the Ad'ks, and the Ad'k Watershed Institute have named the top five

threats to the Adirondacks ...

- #1. Invasive species
- #2. Climate change
- #3. Pollution
- #4. Boots on the ground (meaning too few traditional guardians/Forest Rangers)
- #5. Loving the Ad'ks too much

DEC, ADK and the 46ers are working to reduce #5 and the number of search and rescue events by promoting proper planning and preparation through face-to-face hiker conversations on summits and at the Cascade trailhead. Can you think of a way NYSOGA can be involved in these discussions?

Do you live outside Region 5, but want to receive email Region 5 Newsletters? Drop me a line at adkfoothillsgs@gmail.com



REGION 6

By John Wainwright

Not much going on here due to high water conditions. Obviously, all of us river guides have had a tough spring. Regional rivers such as the Mohawk, Susquehanna and West and East Canada Creeks have finally started to be fishable. Keeping fingers crossed for more dry weather. Wondering how turkey poults have managed during this long wet and cold spring.

John Wainwright

That's all for now - Off to fly fish!

Wilderness First Aid

Get your Wilderness First Aid certification at a NYSOGA-sponsored class at the Catskill Center in Arkville on Saturday, July 13. This is a two year certification and you do not have to be a NYSOGA member to attend. It is a one day course designed for assessing illness and injury and providing first aid in remote areas within 1-3 days of advanced care. Register online at www.nysoga.org or contact Sonny Young at (518) 359-8194 or adkfoothill@gmail.com.



REGION 7

By Sandra "Squeak" Rose

Hello NYSOGA~ We are as wet as everyone across the state. Since I am most definitely not a hot weather person, I am fine with the rain and cool wet weather - with the exception, of course, being the shorelines along Lake Ontario; they are in trouble. The fishing will be affected for a while, as well as recreational boating, but by the end of July, it is very likely to go in the opposite direction (very quickly) just as it normally does in this region.

Sandra Rose

The hay fields are benefitting from it

no doubt and I have complete hedgerows of trees that were near to death from drought over the last 2 years that are now flourishing magnificently. The local commercial potato farmer has all of his crops in and has moved onto other things. The apple blossoms in my small orchard and in the commercial orchards around the area are heavy and it would appear that they have escaped frost damage this year. I am seeing corn already over 3 inches high just a few miles from me. The turkey and geese populations are up considerably although not restored to the counts of several years ago and I had a spiker in velvet hop out in front of me just the other day.

The bird watching endeavors are increasing every week and the variety of birds that I am watching is astounding!

(the latest being a gorgeous Brown Thrasher). The enormous erosion projects that DEC put in place over the last year on our mighty Salmon River are being put to the test and I am awaiting reports as to their success or demise, which will help form the plans for the next stage.

Guitar strings are worn out regularly, calluses built constantly, as the Ford brings a tired but Thankful Squeak home at all hours of the night, from playing all over "The Tug."

Congratulations to new NYSOGA Reg. 7 member Mark Sabia - NorthWoods Outfitters - Altmar, NY! Region 7 hammers onward the same as everyone else and we will survive and gain! Remember: We host the 2019 NYSOGA Summer Rendezvous; please see the story in this issue.

All The Best To You and Yours



REGION 8

By Capt. Jim Morgan

It sure was a cold wet spring. Every morning leaving the dock, it was upper 30s to 40s and usually raining. Then, if there was any wind, it made for a really cool trip. Fortunately, the fishing was hot.

Jim Morgan

My good friend and our fellow guide, Mary Hall and her friend Diane came down for a fishing trip on Mary's birthday in May. We had a great morning and a lot of fun. The lake trout

were biting and they limited out and went to catch and release. Diane caught one of our largest trout of the spring, a laker over 11 pounds. Thanks, ladies, for the homemade bread and maple balsamic vinegar you brought.

The cold wet spring has affected the turkey nesting season. Hopefully, their second attempt will be successful.

Another invasive fish has been found in the Great Lakes. It's called "Tench" and is native to Europe and Asia. It will compete for the same food sources as perch, bullheads and sunfish. Soon they will be in the Finger Lakes as well. Again, the good old days weren't so bad before all these illegal invasions.

Have a good season, everyone.



Bear Precautions - Sightings on the Rise

By Craig Tryon

In the past few years it has been noted by the NYSDEC that bear sightings have been on the increase in almost every county throughout New York State. Depending on the location, during our guiding activities, there is always a chance we will encounter a bear. Here in New York, that

bear will be the Black Bear.

This is Part 1 of a 2-part series on Bear Safety.

The following is a copulation of information from UDAP Industries from Butte, Montana that manufactures and distributes UDAP Bear Deterrent spray:-

Be alert in bear country. Always note any posted

information from park officials or fish and wildlife personnel. Avoid areas that bears frequent - forest edges, streambeds, and berry patches in late summer.

Avoid traveling on trails at night and at dawn or dusk. Watch for bear signs on trails or near campsites such as scat, diggings, or claw marks on trees.

Make plenty of noise on trails in bear country. Be especially diligent on blind trail bends or in areas of dense vegetation so you don't surprise the bear.

If you see a bear cub, leave the area immediately. The mother bear is not far away and

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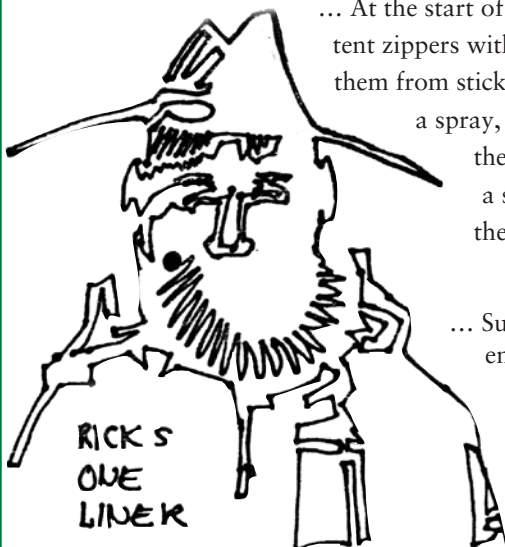
2019 Trip Planning Request

Compiled by Roy Earley

April • May

DATE	ORIGIN	GROUP SIZE	REGION	CATEGORY
04-11-19	New Jersey	3-5	3	Multiple
04-12-19	New Jersey	?	5	Multiple
04-20-19	New York	?	?	Multiple
04-29-19	New York	1-2	4-7	Multiple
04-29-19	New York.	11 +	9	Multiple
05-07-19	New York	6-10	3	Fly Fishing
05-18-19	Nevada	3-5	4-6	Big Game
05-23-19	New York	3-5	3-5	Fishing
05-25-19	New York	1-2	1-3	Big Game
05-29-19	New York.	1-2	1-3	Multiple
05-29-19	New York	1-2	4-5	Multiple
05-31-19	Maryland	1-2	5-6	Backpacking

"Guidie Says ..."



... At the start of each season, treat all tent zippers with silicone to prevent them from sticking. If all you have is a spray, which might damage the fabric, spray it onto a small cloth and wipe the zippers with that ...

... Sunlight is a particular enemy of lightweight tents. Don't leave a really good one pitched in the yard for the kids to play in ...

... Store your fishing rod in a case when it's not being used. If you don't have one, make your own out of PVC tubing. Buy a piece long enough to accommodate your rod, along with one end cap, one screw cap and a can of PVC cement. This will take a lot of abuse and will float if your boat capsizes...

... Measure the spread of your hand, either across the palm or between the tips of your thumb and little finger. Remember the measurements and you always have a ruler ...

... When carrying worms in a can with dirt or bedding in it in hot weather, put a wet rubber sponge over the top of the can and keep it wet. This will prevent the worms from dying and may keep them in perfect condition all day ...

The NYSOGA STORE

* indicates logo item for sale to NYSOGA-member licensed guides



NYSOGA SALES BY SHIPPING April 2019 Total includes 0.8% tax and shipping

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST	TOTAL
Logo Patches**	Embroidered, 3" round	\$6.00	\$7.48
Master Guide rocker patch ***	Rocker style to fit 3" round	\$5.00	\$6.40
Lapel pin, die cast**	1" round metal	\$5.00	\$7.40
Bill Leege original art note cards	Cards w/ envelopes, 2 sets/6 images	\$10.00	\$14.80
Window Decal, transparent***	Interior 3"x7"	\$2.00	\$3.16
Window Decal, yellow**	Exterior 5"x8", NY outline	\$6.00	\$8.18
Hat, Cotton Twill**	Beige, embroidered logo	\$20.00	\$26.60
Hat, Waxed Canvas**	Dark Brown, embroidered logo	\$20.00	\$26.60
Hat, Adidas golf cap, 100% poly **	Vista Grey	\$22.00	\$28.76
Hat, Dri-Duck cotton/poly**	Moss	\$20.00	\$26.60
Cap, knit watch-style**	Dark Blue	\$20.00	\$26.60
Vest, Columbia fleece**	Charcoal Heather	\$42.00	\$52.36
Tee, performance 100% poly**	Forest Green – 3" logo or badge	\$27.00	\$34.16
Shirt, Dri-Duck angler shirt**	Fog	\$52.00	\$61.16
Russell Hoodie**	Camouflage	\$65.00	\$77.20
Camp mugs, metal, w/logo	White	\$11.00	\$15.88
Coasters, cork/hardboard, logo	Images vary	\$5.00 ea	\$7.40
Unisub note holders w/Post Its	Images vary	\$7.00	\$11.56
20 oz water bottles, metal, w/ logo	White	\$14.00	\$20.12
2020 Commemorative tee		\$20.00	\$26.60
ITEM	YEAR, LOCATION, COLOR		
Any tee from a previous year, \$10.00 (not all sizes available)	'19, Hamilton, Indigo	\$10.00 (50% off)	\$15.80
	'18, Hamilton, Chestnut		
	'17, Claryville, Mint green		
	'16, Hamilton, Navy long sleeve		
	'14, Lyons Falls, Grey		
	'13, Malta, Black		
	'12, Hamilton, Tan long sleeve		
	'07, Saranac Lake, Ivory		
	'03, Johnstown, Brown**		
	'01, Saranac Lake, Ivory		
	'99, Saratoga Springs, Ivory		
	'98, Boonville, Brown**		

** Must be a NYSOGA member to purchase.

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To verify merchandise availability and arrange payment

Phone 518-359-8194 or emailadkfoothillsgs@gmail.com

Sheila Young, 214 Old Wawbeek Road, Tupper Lake, NY 12986

REFUNDS: Merchandise

1. Sales of items purchased at Winter Rendezvous are considered final.
2. Payment and/or refund of mail order items via PayPal is preferred.
3. Personal checks must be received at least two weeks prior to mail order item shipment.
4. Refund for mail order items returned within 30 days of receipt, in original condition, includes the price of the item plus tax, but minus shipping.
5. Refund for flawed, damaged or incorrect mail order items includes the price of the item plus tax and shipping.
6. In the event that a product is unavailable, the consumer may apply for refund or credit.

Bill Leege original art
Life Member and Charter Member



Note cards & envelopes
3 each of 2 cards
Wolf/tent Fox/canoe

Bears

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will fiercely defend her young at all costs.

Avoid traveling alone. Travel in groups to help ensure a bear will leave the area to avoid contact with your group.

Have your bear deterrent spray in hand and ready to use.

BEAR BEHAVIOR

It has been demonstrated that bears experience moods in similar ways than we humans do. They can be curious, aggressive, shy, very territorial or a combination of several moods. Each bear we encounter should be treated as an individual and we cannot predict how it is going to react to our presence in their territory. If a bear stands on its hind feet, it is usually trying get a better look at you or get your scent. This is not an aggressive posture and it is unsure of what you are. A bear that swings its head from side to side or turns sideways is looking for a way to avoid contact with you and a way out of the situation. In each of these instances,

the bear could charge if it feels threatened. A bear that looks you directly in the eyes and has its ears back is telling you that you are too close and they feel very threatened. If they click their teeth, they are very likely to charge at you. The first charge most likely will be a bluff and may reoccur several times before leaving or making a real charge and attack. If the bear charges and knocks you down, it is making an attempt to remove you as a threat. A bear will use as much force as it feels necessary to remove you as a threat. Keep in mind that a bear can reach speeds of 30-35 miles per hour and can cover 50 yards in less than 4 seconds. Never try to outrun a bear, as it may trigger a chase response and you will not win the race.

Stay tuned for Part 2 of this article in the next issue of Guidelines. We will be discussing bear encounters on the trail

and in camp, what causes a bear to attack and frequently asked questions about bear deterrent sprays and how they work.



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