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President's Message

By Scott Locorini

I have to admit that I've been putting off writing this message. I just can't believe the incredible weather we've had this fall. Today, December 10th, it is almost 50 degrees and I can't wait to get outside! I realize the weather has made the deer and waterfowl hunting tough. It's hard to pattern animals that have no desire or need to move. But anytime I can hunt the late Muzzleloader season in the Northern Zone without numb hands is a good year! Not to mention open water for fishing and paddling!!

Thankfully, it poured during the BOD's meeting this October in Woodgate so I didn't feel like I was missing any outside time. During the meeting, many items were discussed, including the winter show schedule, Winter Rendezvous and Summer Rendezvous. The winter show schedule is now up on the website. If you have any interest in helping out or know of a show we should consider, please let me know.

Winter Rendezvous will be March 17-20, 2016 at White



Mia is growing; wonder if she's caught a fish with a fly rod yet?

Eagle Conference Center in Hamilton, NY. Craig Tryon has a great lineup slated, so save the dates. It was determined that we would do Summer Rendezvous again in Altmar, NY with a similar schedule to last year. The dates are still in the works but it will likely be a little later in August. Also at the meeting, Herb Broome announced that he will be stepping down as Products Chair. I thank Herb for all of his years of service and hope to still see him at the occasional Rendezvous. If anyone has an interest in this rewarding and fun position, please let me know.

Annual membership renewals have been sent; please remember that early renewal saves us time and money on additional notices. If, for some reason, you feel that the association is not serving your needs or you don't see a benefit to membership please feel free to contact me. The BOD and I need your feedback to continue promoting our members. If we don't hear from you, we don't know what you need!

As things slow down for many of you, this is a great time to check out the NYSOGA Members' Facebook Group and "talk" with other members. Maybe you can collaborate over the winter, discuss marketing topics or just say "hello." Check it out at [NYSOGA Members Group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1145206595509182/) (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1145206595509182/>)

Finally, I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season with families and friends and wish you a safe and prosperous New Year.

Scott

NYSOGA Going Back to White Eagle For Winter Rendezvous XXXV

By Craig Tryon, 2016 Rendezvous Chair

Mark your calendars and plan to join fellow NYSOGA Guides, their Families, Prospective Guides, and Guests at the White Eagle Conference Center in Hamilton, NY from March 17 - 20, 2016 for Winter Rendezvous XXXV.

For 2016, our Winter Rendezvous theme is "Soar to Greater Guiding." This comes about because we once again will gather at the White Eagle. Since the early days of the great Iroquois Indian Confederacy Council, fires have been held on the shores of

Lake Moraine. The statue of the great White Eagle adjacent to the main lodge building is the suspected location of the many of them. To Native American people, the White Eagle has always been a sign of strength, prosperity, and cooperation. We again join together under the symbol of the White Eagle for our 35th Winter Rendezvous.

The Rendezvous Committee is currently working to put together a weekend we hope you will enjoy and be special to you. White Eagle is a great place for us to meet, being centrally located in New York

State. Check out their website at www.whiteagle.com. This location allows us to walk to all venues once our car is parked. Meals, lodging, location, and staff are outstanding. Rendezvous will begin Thursday afternoon with a Water Safety for Guides class. Thursday evening will be meet and greet for prospective guides with NYSOGA members present, a Guide Exam Review and an informal discussion for prospective guides to gain information on the guiding profession in New York State.

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Membership Report...

From Lee Godin

Hello Fellow Outdoors Persons:

The following are our member numbers as of 12/29/2015:

3 Pending
17 Life
121 Active
13 Associate
12 Honorary

Please welcome the following new members:

Rock Locey from Raquette Lake runs **Adironack Tracks**. He offers Paddling, Hiking, Camping, Skiing and Snowshoeing. His website is www.adironacktracks.com. Rock can be reached at (315) 369-5555 or via email at adkrock@gmail.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 (518) 542-2709 or go_lee3@yahoo.com.

Everyone have a safe and successful Winter season. I hope to see many of you at the White Eagle Conference Center in March.

Lee

Winter Rendezvous

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Friday morning will be an Adult CPR class and the afternoon brings the corresponding Standard First Aid class. Thursday and Friday training sessions meet the requirements needed for the NYS Guide License. Friday evening is our Welcome Meeting and social time.

The Saturday morning seminars will be interesting and informative to all. Our Saturday lunch will include a guest speaker. NYSOGA Regional meetings, our annual NYSOGA business meeting, and the DEC Licensed Guide Exam will be held on Saturday afternoon. Our Guides' Banquet, with yearly recognition awards, door prizes, and Kids to Camp Quilt drawing will be Saturday evening.

Sunday morning brings the first meeting of the newly elected Board of Directors. Don't miss this great time to renew old friendships or make new ones.

Watch the NYSOGA website for Winter Rendezvous 2016 information and for a mailing with details and registration information.

The 2016 Winter Rendezvous Committee looks forward to you joining us for Winter Rendezvous XXXV "Soar to Greater Guiding" at the White Eagle Conference Center.

Craig Tryon · Roy Earley · Jeff Whitmore

John Wainwright · Alan Woodruff

Sandra "Squeak" Rose · Lynn Malerba

Norm Landis

Walter Boname/Mary Tryon - Kids to Camp Program

By Craig Tryon

We all realize how important it is for us as licensed guides to promote, share, and preserve New York's Great Outdoors with current and future generations. Our next generation of outdoorsmen/women and professional guides need to begin the process of appreciation for our wilderness at an early age.

NYSOGA realizes this fact and has set up our Kids to Camp Program to help satisfy this need. By sending this next generation to one of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation [DEC] Summer Environmental Education Camps we help close this widening gap. DEC has Summer Educational Camps available at locations throughout New York State. Specific information on these camps can be found on the DEC website at: www.dec.ny.gov; Education; Environmental Education Camps. Camp descriptions, an application, and other

important information can be found here.

As Chair of the Walter Boname/Mary Tryon Kids to Camp Committee, I am pleased to announce that we can fund two campership applications for the DEC Summer Environmental Education Camp season. If you have a potential camper between the ages of 11 and 17, contact them now and review the website information on the DEC camps with them. If they are still interested and want to begin the nomination process, give them the NYSOGA Applicant Nomination Form. Have them fill it out and attach their essay "Why I want to attend a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Environmental Education Summer Camp." Make sure they know to return the Nomination form to you as their sponsor. List your contact information in item 7 on the form and forward to me. Potential campers need to submit applications to be screened and approved by the NYSOGA Kids to Camp commit-

tee. The Kids to Camp chair lets the applicant know if they have been approved for sponsorship and to proceed with their application for camp with DEC. The DEC camper application process begins in late January.

The NYSOGA nomination process is explained in the Policies section on our website. To access this information, go to: www.nysoga.org. Sign into the Members Only Section - Policies, Section VI, Policy 3 - Walter Boname/Mary Tryon Kids to Camp Program.

If you have questions, contact me as the Chairperson of the Walter Boname/Mary Tryon Kids to Camp Committee. Email is the best way to get a quick answer.

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Door Prizes Sought For Banquet Auction

If you regularly join us for our Annual Winter Rendezvous you know how special our Annual Guide's Banquet on Saturday night is. We gather for a great meal with friends, honor members who have given their time and talent to make NYSOGA the association that it is, present the Kids to Camp Quilt, and conduct drawings for the many door prizes donated to those present.

To make our banquet door prize drawings successful,

we need your help. Please consider donating a door prize to be included in this auction. In the past we have had funny prizes, useful prizes, delicious tasting prizes, big prizes, not so useful prizes, and small prizes. All are cherished by those who receive them.

Bring your door prize to Rendezvous with you to be included in our drawings. You can donate it anonymously or let the winner know who to thank for their prize.



REGION 4

By Bruce Fuller

Not a great deal to report at this time. Like other areas, the exceptionally warm weather this fall seems to have had some impact on most outdoor activities. I never saw 60 degrees at my house in the mountains, but I know it broke that mark in several areas of the Region and I did witness the mid 50s on a few occasions.

One issue of the warmer weather seems to be an increase in tick problems. Those little buggers can certainly have a negative impact on almost all outdoor activities. For several years, we have



Bruce Fuller

witnessed some serious tick problems even during cold temperature periods. However, this unusually extended warm weather appears to have brought about an explosion in their numbers. Some of our deer were covered with them. We picked 6 ticks off one of my hunters and I had several encounters with them myself. It has become necessary to jump into the shower as soon as you walk in the door and to give yourself a good inspection.

The warmer weather also prevented, or at least delayed, the enjoyment of the traditional cold weather sports that many of us would often be enjoying by December or earlier.

We still have winter ahead of us but I question if there will even be an ice fishing season this year.

On the plus side of the warm weather is the ability to continue enjoying many outdoor activities that are severely hampered by the cold. I personally took the day off to go fishing on Dec. 12. No frozen guides, gloves, or heavy clothing, and it was actually very enjoyable spending a few hours on the water. The reduction in home heating requirements is also a real benefit.

DEER REGS. My area of the Region has had the 3 points to a side antler re-

striction for a few years now. It does seem that we have seen a gradual increase in buck numbers but not sure what the numbers will look like in harvest reports. This year's lack of snow and dry noisy woods conditions certainly favors the deer. Another point that many hunters fail to consider is the fact that deer get smart very quickly in areas with any amount of hunting pressure. By 2 1/2 years of age a buck has already survived 2 hunting seasons and is a totally different animal than he was just the year before. I personally believe there has been an increase in the total number of legal bucks available, but a large portion of them have developed skills helpful in avoiding hunters. If you want to harvest a good deer, it all boils down to really being able to put your time, effort, and skills into the hunt to be able to take one of these smarter more mature bucks.

I feel certain it is way too early to make any valid prediction on what we can expect for the balance of the cold weather months. There is nothing we can do about it anyway, so I guess we should just make an effort to enjoy whatever Mother Nature brings to us.

WISHING EVERYONE A HEALTHY, HAPPY, AND SUCCESSFUL 2016.

REGION 5

By Sheila Young

Hello from Region 5 for the last report of 2015! Region 5 is the largest DEC Region and licenses the greatest number of guides, which is an amazing per capita ratio for only 530,000 year-round residents. We live in only six cities, 36 villages and 117 towns. We reside and guide across three-quarters of the entire Adirondack Park from the Canadian border to Lake Champlain, to Saratoga, Cossayuna Lake, Johnstown/Gloversville, Morehouse, Raquette Lake, Tupper Lake, Saint Regis Falls, Malone and everything in between. And, of course, the entire length of the Northville-Placid Trail and the entire High Peaks dome.



Sheila Young

We guide within 2 million protected acres of the Park, a half-million acres of Wildlife Management lands, 3,400 lakes and ponds, and 856 miles of wild / scenic / recreation rivers.

DEC, with the Nature Conservancy, has added 6,200 acres of protected lands in the Tahawas area on the southern border of the Park, as well as providing several new opportunities in paddling and fishing areas that were closed to the public for more than 100 years. As a resident, I can tell you that these public lands greatly impact our tax bases. As a guide, I can tell you I am grateful for all the wilderness opportunities that Region 5 offers. DEC and other agencies are working to reconnect interior cold streams to lower, warmer waterways by redesigning culvert area (for example, Roaring Brook and the west branch of the Ausable

rivers) that created barriers against natural upstream travel by fish. As climate change is expected to increase, the temperature of our rivers lakes and colder streams will be of utmost importance for the survival of our cold-water species.

Approximately 100 Region 5 lakes have documented invasive plant species. It is imperative that boaters and anglers protect the other 3000-plus waters. Degrading of our natural waters can cost the tourism industry \$900 million annually, according to a recent publication. This could impact your guiding income! This June, Adirondack Council's John Sheehan wrote of 12 new boat-decontamination locations in our region. These include DEC launches at Sacandaga Lake on Rte 30 in Northville, at Chateaugay Lake, at Schroon Lake, and at Tupper Lake;

DOT roadside locations on Rtes 30/8 in Lake Pleasant and on Rte 28 at Okara Lake; as well as sites on Rtes 3/60 east of Star Lake, Rtes 30/86 in Paul Smiths, Lake Flower in Saranac Lake, Rte 3 in Cadyville, Rte 56 south of Colton, and Rte 8 on Piseco Lake. Mandatory decontamination sites are located on Lake George and Loon Lake. Governor Cuomo announced a coalition of 60 groups have worked toward creating 41 new Boat Steward positions for New York bodies of water. Remember to

clean, drain and dry all of your boating and fishing gear to prevent the spread of invasive species.

DEC forecast that the 2015 big game take would see a modest decrease due to the extreme cold of last winter. Region 5 has seen unseasonable warm weather and no snow cover and with the Northern Zone season at its end, this has probably impacted our hunters' success as well. Looking at longer-term graphs, I see an uplift of deer harvest for the years 2007-09, with a relative

downward trend since then. www.ADKHunter.com reports new hunting areas have opened to the public in Township 20 (Minerva Club Road, Long Lake / Newcomb) and Lake Desolation Road (Greenfield).

I noted with pleasure that "big game, Region 5, NYS", NYSOGA's website comes up on the first page in a Google search. Yea!

As always, if you have a Region 5 comment or concern, find my contact info on the Guidelines sidebar.

REGION 6

By *John Wainwright*

Well, obviously the weather this fall was interesting, being much warmer than normal. Water levels in Region 6 continued to be low. Fall fishing on the West Canada Creek was poor to say the least. Even the Mohawk River, which is consistently



John Wainwright

good, was slow. I guess the very warm water temps, combined with low flows, stressed many cold water species. Salmon and steelhead runs were also down.

Last year at this time, smaller bodies of water were freezing over. No early ice this time. At least, as I look out my office window, snowflakes are in the air instead of the freezing rain we received earlier in the week.

Hunting seemed to follow the same pattern. Would not be surprised to see

the annual deer take lower than normal. Some of my goose hunting friends also commented on lower numbers in Central NY.

I just had one of my Carolina wrens land on my window frame. Interesting that they stay at my feeders year round now, as does a Red-bellied Woodpecker.

Well, not much else to say this time. Hopefully, you all had a great holiday season and I hope to see many of you at our Winter Rendezvous at White Eagle in March.

REGION 8

By *Capt. Jim Morgan*

I am very disappointed with the past deer season, as are my friends and neighbors. In my area and surrounding communities, we have a large population of Amish and Mennonites. The Amish are buying up everything recently in Seneca County. A large percentage of them are farmers and they have a dozen kids. Thanks to DEC



Jim Morgan

plans to exterminate deer, the Amish and Mennonites shoot deer all summer on "nuisance" permits then apply for DMP tags and kill more deer.

I know non religious farmers do the same, but there are far fewer of them. When you have 100 Amish families in a small area killing deer for 6 months, you understand what I'm talking about. Then there are the wineries that kill deer all summer on nuisance permits also.

It is actually very sad to think of deer in rural areas as a nuisance. It is really sad to think of all the fawns that are left to die of starvation and predatory ani-

mals. I am all for 3 pt. on one side statewide to protect young bucks and also some regulation on nuisance permits. If you use Nuisance permits, then NO DMP tags should be issued during the hunting season.

Out in the "country," deer hunting should be a "sport" - not a source of food. I know most of you don't have this problem where you live.

I'm not trying to bash the Amish community but this has turned into a real problem in our region. I am going to contact our DEC biologist with my concerns about over harvesting deer.

Try This Recipe... Trail Rice Pudding

This hearty dessert is very satisfying after a tough day on the trail.

Materials:

3 cups water
1 cup rice
1 tsp. salt
1/2 cup raisins
2 tbs, margarine or butter

1/2 cup powdered milk
1/4 cup warm water to mix milk
1/2 cup brown sugar or honey
1 tsp. cinnamon
Dash nutmeg
Boil water. Add rice and raisins and boil gently until

rice is done. Add margarine or butter. Mix powdered milk with enough water to make it liquid. Add milk, sugar and spice to taste. Powdered (or whole) egg may be added and cooked 10-15 minutes to make it more solid.



*December 2015 Trip Planning Request**Compiled by Roy Earley*

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ORIGIN</u> | | <u>REGION/CATEGORY</u> |
|-------------|---------------|------------|--------------------------|
| 12-03-15 | New York | 1-2 People | Region 5-9 B/G |
| 12-07-15 | New York | 1-2 People | Region 9 B/G |
| 12-08-15 | New York | ? ? People | Region 3 WFA/CPR |
| 12-08-15 | New York | 1-2 People | Region 7-9 B/G, S/G |
| 12-09-15 | Massachusetts | 1-2 People | Region 6, 7 B/G |
| 12-14-15 | Pennsylvania | 1-2 People | Region 4 S/G |
| 12-15-15 | New York | 3-5 People | Region 1-9 W/C, CCS, S/S |
| 12-23-15 | New York | ? ? People | Region ? ? ? ? ? |
| 12-23-15 | New Jersey | 3-5 People | Region 5 Fishing |
| 12-25-15 | New York | 1-2 People | Region 1-9 B/G |
| 12-27-15 | Kentucky | 3-5 People | Region 5-9 B/G |
| 12-31-15 | New York | 3 People | Region 1, 2 W/C |
| 12-31-15 | New York | 6-7 People | Region ? ? I/F |

November 2015 Trip Planning Requests

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ORIGIN</u> | | <u>REGION/CATEGORY</u> |
|-------------|---------------|------------|------------------------|
| 11-10-15 | New York | 1-2 People | Region 8, 9 W/F |
| 11-10-15 | New York | 1-2 People | Region 5, 6 F/F |
| 11-10-15 | New York | 1-2 People | Region 1-9 B/G |
| 11-13-15 | New York | 1-2 People | Region 5, 6 B/G |
| 11-15-15 | New York | 1-2 People | Region 5 F/F, S/P |
| 11-20-15 | New Jersey | 1-2 People | Region 5 Camping |
| 11-22-15 | New York | ? ? People | Region 1-9 B/G |
| 11-23-15 | New York | 11+ People | Region 3, 4 Camping |
| 11-24-15 | Virginia | 3-5 People | Region 6 B/G |
| 11-24-15 | New York | 1-2 People | Region 3, 4 W/C |
| 11-29-15 | Pennsylvania | 1-2 People | Region 4-7 S/G |

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|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| B/G - Big Game | CCS - Cross Country Skiing | F/F - Fly Fishing | I/C - Ice Climbing |
| I/F - Ice Fishing | S/G - Small Game | S/MBL - Snow Mobiling | S/P - Streams Ponds |
| S/S - Snow Shoeing | W/C - Winter Camping | W/F - Water Fowl | WFA - Wilderness First Aid |

A Message from our Secretary, Mary Hall

I have been the secretary for our organization for the past ten years. During that time, I have been to meetings wherever they have been, worked on several committees, run a boat raffle and helped staff Rendezvous gatherings. I have seen the inner workings of this association and can tell you first hand that without the work of some dedicated Board members, NYSOGA would not function. It is for this reason that I write at this time.

We have a board of 25 members including the officers, regional directors and directors at large. That is supposed to insure that all our member guides statewide have equal voice. The problem is, in all honesty, that isn't always the case because we always have directors missing at the board meetings. We are all busy and things come up which prevent us from

making the meetings. I've missed some myself but have always had someone covering for me. I look at the members that are almost always there and I see a lot of wisdom and genuine interest in our organization. I applaud them for their dedication. I also see that some are becoming less active due to health or age and I wonder - Who will be there for us when they are no longer willing or able to do the tasks they have always done?

It is my opinion, and I know I'm not alone in feeling this way, that we need to start training people to take over these jobs so that, when the time comes, we can transition easier and keep our organization viable into the future. This is where you, the general membership, come in. We need you! We need people to take an interest in helping preserve the in-

tegrity of NYSOGA by being willing to become board members. We need new people training to be instructors of the courses we teach. We need new people to share ideas with and people to come to the meetings and help with the decision making.

NYSOGA will be holding elections at its annual meeting during Winter Rendezvous and I encourage anyone with an interest in being an ACTIVE board member to run for a position on the Board of Directors. I encourage every member to join a committee that interests you and be willing to work on your committee. The future of our organization depends on you and your willingness to help shoulder the work. We can no longer do it without you! NYSOGA NEEDS YOU!

Annual Awards Coming

A highlight of our annual Guides' Banquet at the Rendezvous is the announcing and presenting of awards to members who have served us well.

If you know of someone you think is worthy of one of them, you are encouraged to turn in a recommendation to Awards Chair Peter Siskavich. Include the person's name, what award you are recommending he/she receive and a sentence or two explaining why you think the person is deserving. Pete can be contacted at lithlbj@yahoo.com or 32 Trudeau Rd., Cadyville, NY 12918.

The awards are described below and past recipients are listed at the end.

Camp Lantern. *"It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness."*

This is given to a guide who, through words, deeds or actions, best exemplifies the true spirit of professional guiding and service to others.

Camp Spoon. *"The worker bees."* This was inspired by the NYSOGA president's gavel, carved by members at an early encampment, and is given to a member who has worked diligently to further NYSOGA's goals.

Pack Basket. *"Those who carry the load."* A step beyond the Camp Spoon, this is given to someone who has consistently gone above and beyond in service to NYSOGA and guiding.

First Aid/Emergency Service. Given to NYSOGA members who, during the past year, have assisted in a life saving effort while guiding.

Honorary Membership. This honor is given to a person or persons who, through words, deeds or actions, have aided the environment, conservation or outdoor guiding in New York State. Recipients do not have to be current or former licensed guides.

Life Membership. *"The few, the best of the best."* NYSOGA's highest honor is given in recognition of a member's long and devoted service to NYSOGA and the guiding profession. (The deadline has passed to nominate someone for life membership this year.)

Friend of NYSOGA. Given to a person, business or organization who, through words, deeds or actions, has directly benefited NYSOGA.

Previous Recipients:
(* means the person is deceased)

Camp Lantern - Bob Bearor, Wayne Failing, *Paul Hogancamp, Bill Leege, Lynn Malerba, Ed Murphy, Paul Orzolek, John Palmer, Hank Rope, *Jack Smith, Craig Tryon, Jeff Whittemore, Don Williams, and Alan Woodruff

Camp Spoon - *Walter Bonome, Chuck Branigan, *Mike diPalma, Roy Earley, Stan Grose, Mary Hall, Tim Hal-

lock, *Don Hawkins, Doris Herwig, Michael Kilcher, Scott Locorini, Brian McDonnell, Lynn Malerba, Rick Mundy, Bill Naple, Mike Olivette, Chris Palumbo, Jerry Roberts, Delbert Ryan, Sonny Somelofski, Barbara Stone, Craig Tryon, Joe Vivencio. Anne Twilley, John Wainwright, Alan Woodruff, Sheila Young and Sonny Young.

Pack Basket - Herb Broome, Roy Earley, Bruce Fuller, Stan Grose, Mary Hall, Michael Kilcher, Bill Leslie, Lynn Malerba, Mike Olivette, Paul Orzolek, Paul Repak, Sonny Somelofski, Barbara Stone, Craig Tryon, Alan Woodruff and Sheila Young.

Honorary Members - David Ames, Hilary Appell, Bob Brown, Mark Brown, Tony Deepe, Peter Fish, *Bill Frayne, *Dan Frayne, *James Goodwin, *Ed Jacoby, Andy Jacob, Colleen Kayser, Michael Kilcher, *Walt McConnell, *Edith Tuttle Morrissey, William Moxon, Rich Nadeau, *Red Perkins, John Plumley, Thomas Rinaldi, Patricia Rudge, Harry Schrader, Frank Sousa and Mary Tryon.

Life Members - *Mike diPalma, Roy Earley, Wayne Failing, Bruce Fuller, Joe Hackett, Doris Herwig, *Paul Hogancamp, *Jim Kenealy, Bill Leege, Lynn Malerba, Rick Mundy, *Marty Rosenkranz, Mark Shoemaker, Craig Tryon, Bill Wharton, Jeff Whittemore, Don Williams, Alan Woodruff, Sheila Young and Sonny Young.

Kids to Camp Quilt Raffle

The annual NYSOGA Annual Quilt will again be done to fund the Walter Bonome/Mary Tryon Kids to Camp Sponsorship Program. All donations received allow us to sponsor 2 camperships to the NYSDEC Environmental Education Summer Camps.

Past recipients of NYSOGA sponsorships have enjoyed their week at camp making lifelong friendships, a week of fun filled outdoor activities, and an increased appreciation for the fragile environment we all live in. If you would like

to view the DEC website outlining this program go to: www.dec.ny.gov // Education // DEC Environmental Education Camps. All camp information is there for your review. The recipient of the Kids to Camp Quilt Raffle receives a one of a kind quilt to be displayed in their home or cabin.

Be on the lookout for an early February mailing to all NYSOGA members with information about the 2016 Kids to Camp Quilt.



“Guidie Says ...”

...When ice fishing, it is sometimes hard to tell when a fish touches your bait. Try using a medium sized bobber and enough sinkers so the bobber barely remains on the surface. Now, even if a fish just touches the bait, the bobber will move slightly. If the bobber floats high, a fish can take your bait, spit it out and you won't know...

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...If you are wearing rubber boots, try taking a candle, removing some of the soft wax and rub it on the heel area of the boots. This will prevent the boot from wearing out your socks at the heels and add to your comfort...

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...Geese, which are heavy birds, have more difficulty getting airborne when air pressure is low and the air is thinner. Therefore, they often will not take flight when a storm is coming...

...If the odor from a skunk is in an article of clothing, presoak the item(s) in a sink or basin with 1/2 cup baking soda to each gallon of water for a few hours. Then, throw them in a washing machine and add 1/2 cup white vinegar to the rinse cycle...

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...If storage space is limited, you can store blankets between the mattress and springs of your bed. They are out of the way and easily accessible...

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Members to Vote on Proposed Change to NYSOGA Bylaws

By Sheila Young, bylaw and policy chair

Members present at the annual meeting will vote for their new officers and directors, but will first vote on a proposed bylaws amendment.

Our members vote for their Board of Directors every year. NYSOGA's bylaws limit our president to two consecutive years in office. No other director has term limits. Our members have benefited because our secretaries and treasurers, for example, have been willing to serve many consecutive terms. A motivated, energetic president, who would like to see his or her long term goals completed, is currently prevented from serving in that role. Please read the proposed amendment letter that you will receive with your Rendezvous registration letter.



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“If your feet are cold, even in your sleeping bag, put on a hat.”

Winter survival tip from Buck Tilton