

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP OFFER **FOR POTENTIAL NEW GUIDES**

NYSOGA is offering individuals in the process of becoming a New York State Licensed Guide an opportunity to become an ACTIVE MEMBER at a prorated one time reduced rate. *Applications will be accepted for a 6 month period running from July 1 through Dec. 31 at a rate of only \$37.50.* Although our ACTIVE MEMBER status is strictly limited to persons holding a current License to Guide, this should allow ample time for your application to be processed and for you to receive your license from the DEC. To begin the application process simply: (1) Read the "CODE OF ETHICS" section on the provided sheet. (2) Check the acceptance box below indicating your agreement to abide by this code. (3) Complete this application form. Please be certain to sign and date your application.

Note: If for any reason you do not become a Licensed Guide or wish to withdraw your application, your dues payment will be gladly refunded.

PRORATED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I accept this membership offer and agree to abide by the NYSOGA Code of Ethics.

Individual's Name:

_____ (Last) _____ (First) _____ (MI)

Guiding Business Name (if applicable):

DEC Region you reside in: _____

Mailing Address: (County) _____

_____ (State) _____ (ZIP Code)

Home Telephone: (_____) _____ - _____

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

Email: _____

Web Site: _____

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

Your Signature

Date: _____

Once you are listed on the NYSDEC "NYS licensed guides" webpage, you will be eligible for ACTIVE membership. ACTIVE members are entitled to a free listing on NYSOGA's website.

You will be asked to provide up to a 50 word description of your guiding activities, as you would like it to appear on the website, at that time. Please indicate below what will apply to you as an ACTIVE guide.

Check here () if you **DO NOT WANT** the free web listing.
Check here () if you **DO NOT WANT** to receive inquiries from potential new clients via email.

I will be: () Guiding Part-Time () Guiding Full-Time
() Not Guiding

IF YOU WANT TO BE LISTED ON THE NYSOGA WEBSITE, CONTINUE BELOW

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

HUNTING Big Game _____
Small Game _____
Wild Turkey _____
Waterfowl _____
Predator _____

FISHING Fly Fishing _____
Drift Boat _____
Streams & Ponds _____
Lakes & Rivers _____
Surf Fishing _____
Charter Boats _____

SUMMER SEASON Boating _____
Canoe & Kayak Trips _____
Whitewater Rafting _____
Camping _____
Backpacking _____
Hiking _____
Rock Climbing _____

WINTER SEASON Camping _____
X-Country Skiing _____
Snowshoeing _____
Ice Climbing _____
Ice Fishing _____
Snowmobiling _____

SPECIAL Nature Trips _____
Photography Trips _____
Pack Horse Trips _____
Youth Groups _____
Outdoor Education _____
Birding _____
Other _____

Please return COMPLETED APPLICATION with DUES PAYMENT to the Rendezvous Registration Desk OR MAIL with check made payable to NYSOGA to:

NYSOGA
c/o Lee Godin, 26 West Mountain
Lane, Berne, NY 12023.

For questions regarding membership, please contact someone at the Rendezvous Registration or Membership area. You may also contact **Lee Godin (518) 542-2709**; email **go_lee3@yahoo.com**, OR e-mail **info@nysoga.org**

NYSOGA CODE OF ETHICS

THE PROFESSION

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

MULTIPLE USE

I will support equal access to lands and waters of New York State for recreational, educational, and sporting purposes for all, in accordance with current land use classifications and restrictions established by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. I will promote conservation and a rational use of the environment on public and private lands.

THE ENVIRONMENT

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

RESPECT FOR THE LAW

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

EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

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

ACCURATE INFORMATION

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

SAFETY

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

TROPHIES AND LIMITS

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

TRUTHFUL ADVERTISING

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

DISCIPLINE

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

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

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

ACTIVE MEMBER Annual Dues \$75/year

To qualify for an Active Membership, an individual must:

- Hold a current license to guide from the State of New York,
- Agree to abide by the Code of Ethics of NYSOGA,
- Complete an application and pay the annual dues.

Here's some of what an ACTIVE MEMBER receives:

- Free Listing on NYSOGA Web Site with a direct link to the member's website.
- Inquiries from potential customers via email.
- NYSOGA rack cards with space for your business contact information.
- Use of NYSOGA logo for guiding promotions.
- Representation at trade shows and events.
- Opportunity to participate in all NYSOGA events, including training and networking.
- Right to vote at the Annual Active Membership Meeting.
- Membership certificate, card and pin.
- One-year subscription to Guidelines, the NYSOGA publication of outdoor news.
- Opportunity to purchase official NYSOGA products.

NYSOGA MISSION

The NYSOGA Mission:

To enhance the guiding profession in New York State with the highest standards of honesty, safety, and professionalism by providing New York State licensed guides with support services, representation, and a sense of community.

