



GUIDELINES



President's Report

By *Scott Locorini*

Holy cow! What a summer!! From



President Scott Locorini and daughter Mia

flooding to drought, we had a little of bit of everything across our state over the past few months. It is definitely one to remember or forget, depending on how the weather affected you.

I can tell you in the rafting industry it was either feast or famine. There was extremely low water and then, depending on your region, there was extremely high water. It has been a hectic one for sure. Of course, the river and stream fisherman were just as affected. Hot weather and low water are a bad combination, especially for

any areas that hope to hold over fish. I'm not much of a hiker but I can only assume that trails were dry for most of the season and camping was enjoyable.

Looking forward to my favorite time of year with cooler days, fall foliage, hunting seasons and fall fishing. It really doesn't get much better than fall in New York State! Hopefully we can keep "Old Man Winter" at bay for a few more months.

I hope that your summer was great and your fall is what you want it to be. As always, if there is anything I or anyone else on the Board of Directors can help with, please don't hesitate to reach out to one of us.

Scott

Summer Rendezvous a Success At Maurice Hinchey Catskill Center

By *Norm Landis*

with help from *Will Soter*

The Catskill Center has been a great partner to NYSOGA in the Catskills. We have used their facilities for trainings, we held a board meet at their Arkville office, and we have paired with them to host a series of seasonal events, showcasing what guides can offer visitors in each season. This summer, we held our Summer Rendezvous at the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center. Maurice Hinchey was a Congressman for the 19th district. In his role, he fought hard to protect the lands, and waters of New York State. Resources we as guides rely on to continue our work of connecting people to discoveries and adventures in nature. So the facility provided a perfect backdrop for us to host our Summer Rendezvous, along with a Summer Open House event. *Ed. Note* – *Maurice Hinchey was the keynote speaker at NYSOGA's 1985 Rendezvous in Cobleskill.*

We were the first group ever allowed, to stay overnight at the facility. In speaking with staff at the DEC (who

manages this land in partnership with the Catskill Center), our event helped them consider how they could accommodate other groups such as youth organizations and schools in the future. Who would have thought ... a bunch of guides leading the way into uncharted territory? We literally helped carve out a path that will help the Catskill Center and their partners at the DEC use this space in a way that increases access to youth and families.

The Pavilion served as the focal point of our Summer Open House event. We had guides demonstrating navigation, fire building, water purification, hunting, fishing, knot tying, nature photography, and much more.

We also made great use of the field behind the new pavilion to establish our encampment. The brand new pavilion provided the perfect place to gather for meals and a chance to connect with our friends. We were joined this year by several new faces and we also had a few friends from the area drop in to join us

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NYSOGA Director Timothy Keefe was presented with a Camp Spoon award.

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Membership Report

By *Capt. Lee Godin*

Hello Fellow Outdoors Persons:

The following is our member numbers as of 9/11/2018:

15 Life
138 Active
14 Associate
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1 Sponsor

Please welcome the following new members:

Woods Junkie, LLC is run by Christopher Stroud from Clifton Park, NY. His website is woodsjunkie.com Christopher can be reached at (518) 390-4004 or via email woodsjunkielle@gmail.com,

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New Member Patrica Livingston is from Rockland County. Patrica's phone is (845) 274-2088 and her email is bearmountainhikes@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 at (518)-542-2709 or go_lee3@yahoo.com. Everyone, have a safe and successful fall season.

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

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Winter Rendezvous 2019 To Return to White Eagle

By Craig Tryon

At our July Summer Rendezvous Board of Directors Meeting it was decided that the NYSOGA 2019 Winter Rendezvous would be held at the White Eagle Conference Center in Hamilton, NY.

Traditionally Winter Rendezvous is held the third weekend in March.

For 2019, those dates are March 14, 15, 16, and 17. The weekend has been confirmed with White Eagle. Mark your calendars now and make your plans to attend.

Your 2019 Winter Rendezvous Committee is in the process of being put together in the very near future. If you would like to serve on this committee

send an email to Craig Tryon, NYSOGA 2019 Winter Rendezvous Committee Planning Coordinator, no later than October 10th. [adkwldexp@yahoo.com]

More details will follow in the Winter 2019 edition of Guidelines and on the NYSOGA website when finalized.

Summer Rendezvous

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as well. We even had some late night excitement when a large black bear came to sort through the trash outside. One of the volunteers forgot to empty it, and that day saw a rush of tourists in the morning

so it was too much to resist! I was honored to be able to share my “neighborhood” with my NYSOGA family. Being able to have a NYSOGA function in the Catskills helps raise overall awareness of the organization and the industry of guiding. With a

huge increase in adventure tourism, we need to make every impression we can and take advantage of every opportunity to guide people towards safe, and responsible fun outdoors. Thank you to

everyone that joined us to make this Summer Rendezvous a great one! I look forward to seeing you all at the Winter Rendezvous!

Happy trails!



How to use a compass.



NYSOGA Director Melissa Goodwin gave nature photo tips on a hike led by Indi Soter (age 7) at the Summer Rendezvous.



AROUND THE REGIONS



Ed Moran

REGION 1

By Ed Moran

The summer in Region 1 (Long Island) has been quiet. Weather-wise, the first part of summer was seasonable but the second half has been hotter and wetter than normal. We had 8 days hitting 90 or better

and lots of days getting close to that. Most notably has been almost the constant high humidity. This unpleasant weather has somewhat suppressed activity on our most heavily used trails.

On the water has been the place to be. Local fishing guide Ed Gross reports that there have been efforts underway on the south shore to clean the streams leading into the Great South Bay. Several local civic groups, along with help from Trout Unlimited and other organizations, are working together in

Babylon and Sayville. The efforts are ongoing. There is also an effort underway by the DEC to improve the offshore reefs which Ed believes will lead to improved fishing opportunities in the future.

Sharks have been coming in closer to shore and two young bathers were bitten by Sand Tiger Sharks in July. Both have fully recovered. Seeing a silver lining, Ed Gross points out that the sharks may be coming inshore in response to there being more forage fish, which could be an indication that the water quality is improving.

Away from the beaches, the usual ongoing combat against invasive species in forests and fresh water continues. Southern Pine Beetle, Asian Long Horned Beetle, draining ponds to remove invasive aquatic plants ... the beat goes on. Ongoing management efforts are just a fact of life. Hopefully, the will to keep up the fight continues.

One major addition to outdoor recreation infrastructure was signed off over the summer; a new 10-mile-long "rails to trails" hike and

bike path will be constructed along the north shore from Port Jefferson to Wading River.

It looks like the rail trail will pass very close to and possibly be able to connect with either the Paumankok Path or the Brookhaven Trail, which leads to the Paumanok Path. The Paumanok Path is our 100-mile long-distance hiking trail that extends to the end of the island and passes through the 100,000-acre Pine Barrens Preservation Area. This is a mix of public and private land (similar to within the "Blue Lines") with a 53,000-acre preserved "core" area of public lands. At this time, there is no legal primitive camping allowed along the Paumanok Path but there are potential opportunities for guides as this resource continues to take shape.

Whether your gig is hiking, fishing, or hunting, have a great fall. It's chilly here today (September 10) and I am looking forward to autumn weather. If you are a Region 1 Guide and have information to pass along or any questions I can help you with, email me at edmoran@gmail.com.



Greg Wilson

REGION 2

By Gregory Wilson

The Center for Urban Future has released "A New Leaf," a report which is the culmination of a year of reporting and analysis on the current

state of NYC's park system. There are over 1,400 public parks in NYC (that's

true, not a "guide tale"). The average city park is 73 years old and has not seen a major renovation in 21 years. The report presents the various concerns associated with these parks in each borough, along with fiscal estimations. Hopefully, this report will illuminate the needs of revitalizing infrastructure in and around these outdoor spaces.

This fall, Outdoorfest will be bringing metro New Yorkers Upstate, hosting its first ever camp out event in the Catskills. The

founder, Sarah Knapp, has been working to make this a reality for over a year and it's exciting to see it come to fruition. The weekend will introduce people to the region, provide dozens of outdoor skills clinics and promote outdoor stewardship and LNT principles. Dave DiCerbo, Jessica Tackett, Will Soter and myself will all be there teaching classes and garnering awareness for the NYSOGA community.

Here's wishing everyone a crisp and brightly colored autumn.



Bill Swiac

REGION 3

By "Catskill Bill" Swiac

My favorite time of the year! As I write this report, it happens to be from the road. It is almost surreal to see the country as I make my way to the Big Sky State. While we experienced one of the wettest late

summers on record, there is so much to look forward to and be thankful for.

The Catskill creeks and streams: High waters hampered almost all but the smallest mountain streams this summer and thermal

shock left the Neversink with high numbers of fish mortality from the reservoir to Rte. 17 as the water spilled over the dam and drove the normally frigid waters up by 20 degrees. Other tailwaters fared better though and the Esopus is back to fishable levels. Cool evenings are bringing water temperatures back to normal and there are plenty of fish willing to take terrestrials as they look to bulk up before winter comes.

In the woods and field: September brings the opening of hunting seasons and the first to open are goose and squirrel. Those who put in their time managed to bag good numbers of geese on opening day and are helping to reduce the resident population to a more manageable number.

Woodcock and grouse had good nesting conditions but with the high heat and chronic rain, we'll have to see how chick survival went.

Big game started in the Catskills with our September bear season kicking off on September 8. This season was put in place to reduce the skyrocketing population we've experienced over the last few years. Some bears have been from Pennsylvania and New Jersey and have been showing up in places never seen before, including swimming the Hudson near West Point.

Cheers!

To all of you out there, I wish you all a happy and healthy season! As always, safe hiking, tight lines and hopes for heavy packs!



REGION 4

By Bruce Fuller

Rain, rain, rain! What else can you say? Our area, like many others, has had record breaking amounts of

rain which has all but killed most outdoor activities. I have been seeing good numbers of deer, but not seeing many does with more than a single fawn. If the herd is really healthy, I would expect to be seeing more multiple births. I guess time will tell. Our turkeys do not seem to be showing much improvement in numbers but doubt

that will change unless DEC truly starts to address the problem. Hoping this fall shows some improvement in the weather patterns.



Bruce Fuller



REGION 5

By Sheila Young

Summer Rendezvous has passed! If you were there, you know we had a great time.

It only rained once. Thanks to Bill Soter, wife Jessie and kids Cameron and Indi. for all the planning that

that it is a family-friendly gathering.

The Wakely Mountain fire tower near Indian Lake has reopened and the trail has been rehabilitated. Several of the existing fire towers celebrated their centennial anniversaries this summer. The adjoining was taken by a hiker from the tower window on Mt. Arab.

5 may have seen too much rain, the northern areas have been in a prolonged drought and lots of wildlife is moving down into more populated areas. Be cautious on the roads and careful with your trash.

Stay safe, enjoy your life, love your friends ...

Sheila Young

went into this event. My new tie-dyed kerchief is tied to my backpack and I have a special pair of tie-dyed Rendezvous socks ... shades of the 60s! If you missed Rendezvous, you missed a great time...and the very BIG black bear that visited us. The great thing about Summer Rendezvous is

Paul Smith's College Watershed Institute has been awarded \$9.3 million toward its Adirondack Park Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program. Some of it will be used to staff 58 region-wide stewards, who will conduct watercraft inspections and decontamination programs. Of special interest are Eurasian water milfoil, zebra mussels and spiny waterfleas.

Bear complaints are up all over the region. While southern and western Region



REGION 6

By John Wainwright

Well, certainly another challenging summer with the weather. First late spring, if you could call it spring. Then high water until mid-June.

late April or very early May. This year, it was during the end of the third week. We had to cancel several trips due to warm, low water conditions as not to stress out the trout any further. Our white fly hatch on the West Canada started in the lower section of the creek two weeks ago. This tremendous hatch will slowly move upstream during the next several weeks. Amazing thing to witness with thousands of these may flies coming off at dark.

young poults. Guess time will tell. On the Mohawk River, the low end, has fished well with good catches of smallmouth in all age classes. A good sign of a healthy ecosystem. Our eagles' nest on the river successfully raised two eaglets this year, which is always nice for our clients to experience since the nest is right on the river's edge and great for nest activity.

John Wainwright

Then drought and low water. Thus, stream fishing has been a challenge. Our Hendrickson hatch on the East Canada Creek usually comes off in

I heard mixed results for turkey harvest but worry that the cool wet weather might have had a negative impact on

For me, now heading out to Montana for two weeks of fly fishing and then back home to prepare for hunting season. Hope all our Region 6 guides have a safe and prosperous fall.



REGION 8

By Capt. Jim Morgan

You all probably heard about the devastating flood in Lodi.

tanks - anything in its way. Lodi PT and Hector, NY were particularly hit hard. Unbelievable! The destruction and all the debris carried to Seneca Lake.

Jim Morgan

In August, 9 inches overnight washed out bridges, roads and creeks turned into flooding Rivers, washing away homes, campers, cars, trucks, propane

Its been a busy season fishing. Still doing all trips on Cayuga Lake. Trout fishing has been excellent. Deer season is not far away. It will be nice to be in the woods again. I won't miss the boat for a couple months!



'Bag Ladies' Project Can Help Member Guides Get Bookings

NYSOGA secretary Mary Hall is once again heading up a "Bag Ladies" project in which members' business cards, rack cards or other paper promotions are stuffed into bags to be distributed at sports shows in front of our show booth. Any member wishing to submit items to be included in this year's bags is asked to send 500 of them to: Mary Hall at 90 Country Club Road, Tupper Lake, NY 12986.

2018 Trip Planning Request

Compiled by Roy Earley

June • July • August

DATE	ORIGIN	GROUP SIZE	REGION	CATEGORY
06-21-18	New York	1-2	5-6	Multiple
07-03-18	New York	3-5	1-9	Multiple
07-16-18	New York	6-10	6	Fishing
07-20-18	New York	1-2	7	Multiple
07-20-18	Georgia	3-5	4	Fishing
07-08-18	Virginia	4-10	5	Fishing
08-02-18	New York	1-2	5	Multiple
08-03-18	Texas	1-2	5	Fishing
08-09-18	New York	1-2	4-7	Fishing
08-05-18	Mass.	1-2	4	Hiking
08-24-18	Illinois	1-2	?	Big Game
09-04-18	New York	1-2	5	Fishing

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

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 W/T — Wild Turkey
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... One of the best baits for a turtle trap of the box type is a can of sardines in which a few holes have been punched with a nail. The escaping oil will attract the turtles and the bait cannot be eaten by them when they are caught.

This will make possible a steady procession of turtles into your trap ...

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... Buy the right size socks. Otherwise, seams will be out of place and the material may bunch inside your boots, causing blisters ...

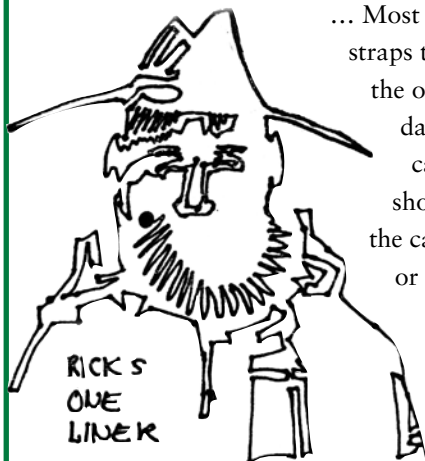
... One iron clad rule in serving venison is to put it on warm heated plates. Venison cools rapidly and becomes tallow and unpalatable if it does not stay warm ...

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... Night fishing for black bass is always best on moonlight nights. By the same token, day bass fishing on the day of a full moon is usually poor. Surface lures work very well for bass at night...

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... Cheese, even when wrapped in aluminum foil, can dry out quickly. To keep it for a longer period, wrap it in 3 or 4 layers of cabbage leaves and then in foil. When it is eaten, you can use the cabbage leaves in a stew so nothing is wasted ...



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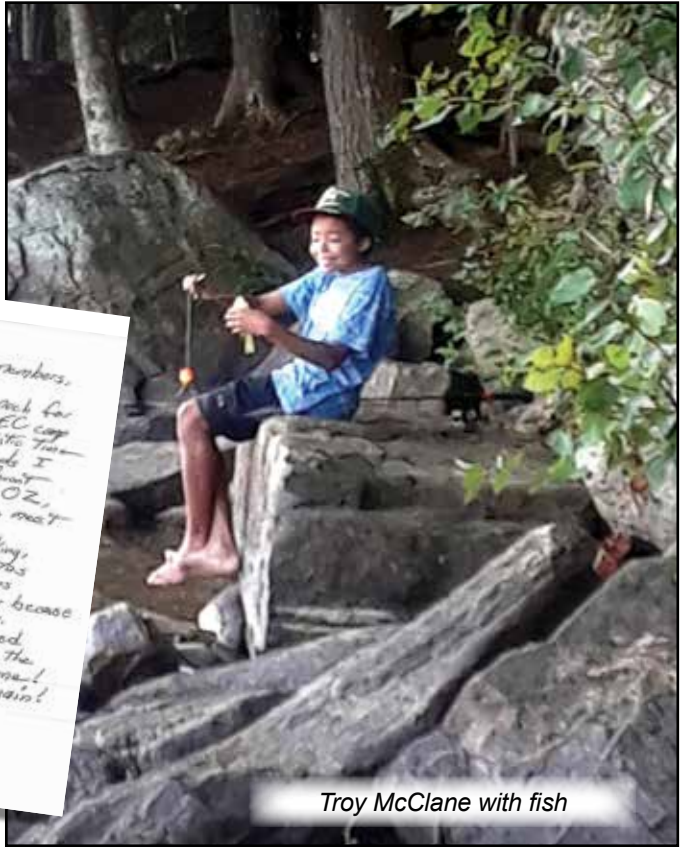
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2018 Hamilton White Eagle Rendezvous tee. Performance fabric.
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M-L-XL-XXL-XXXL available.
Many other tees from past Rendezvous are still available.

Kids to Camp Response

Cailin Halladay was one of the young people sponsored to a DEC camp by NYSOGA. Following is a condensed section of the letter we received after her experience.



Troy McClane with fish

"I learned a lot, made new friends and, most importantly, I had an amazing time. I learned so much about nature, our effect on it and how we can be better citizens. I know that there is so much more

I can learn and I am already planning on going back for as many years as I am able to. I feel so lucky to have been sponsored for this amazing experience and cannot express my thanks enough.

Cailin Halladay

Dear Mr. Troy and
All of the NYSOGA members,

I want to thank you very much for sponsoring me to attend a DEC camp at Camp Colby! I had a fantastic time made with kids from many different places in NY. My best buddy, Oz, was from the City. We hope to meet again next summer!

Swimming in the lake and hiking, and learning new camp songs was so much fun. My little sisters really want to go next year because I told them all about Colby. The nature lessons we learned were great and I got to share the lessons with my friends back home!

Thank You So Much again!

Sincerely,
Troy McClane

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*Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass..
It's about learning to dance in the rain.*