



Northeastern Alpine Stewardship Gathering

Friday June 18 and Saturday June 19, 2004

***Co-Hosted by the Appalachian Mountain Club and
the White Mountain National Forest***

-- Time to register --

***The Gathering includes one day of exciting presentations and a second day of
informative field trips to choose from.***

The bi-annual Northeastern Alpine Stewardship Gathering this year will be co-hosted by the Appalachian Mountain Club and the White Mountain National Forest. Every two years the gathering is organized and hosted by different organizations with the purpose of improving our knowledge and management of the Northeast's alpine areas. Guest speakers, alpine researchers and managers from around the region will share their information and expertise about Northeastern alpine ecosystems.

Where: Appalachian Mountain Club's Highland Center located in Crawford Notch (Twin Mountain), New Hampshire.

Who's invited? Are you an alpine researcher, manager, volunteer steward or a person with an active desire to learn more about the alpine areas of the Northeast? Do you want up to date information on the management and science in the northeastern alpine areas? If so please register early to get your spot, registration and agenda information is attached.

Conference Co-sponsors

The Appalachian Mountain Club

White Mountain National Forest

Appalachian Trail Conference

The Guy Waterman Alpine Stewardship Fund

Registration Information

Registration will be limited to no more than 150 people, on a first sign-up basis.

Location and Time:

- The Northeastern Alpine Conference will be held Friday June 18-19 at the Appalachian Mountain Club's (AMC) Highland Center, RT 302 Twin Mountain (Crawford Notch), NH. The Highland Center is located approximately 7 miles south of Twin Mountain on Rt. 302.
- June 18 symposium will begin at 9am in the Bradford Washburn room in Thayer Hall at the Highland Center
- June 19 will be field trips (see agenda). Participants will be able to sign up (space limited) for trips during Saturday's symposium. Please bring necessary clothing and gear to spend a full day in inclement mountain weather. Be prepared for the worse!! Vans leave from the Highland Center.

Conference fee:

- The \$35 Conference Fee includes Friday lunch, Friday social and field/bag lunch on Saturday.
- If you wish to stay for Friday dinner (included in your lodging package if you are staying at the Highland Center) the cost is \$16/per person.

Lodging Options: *People are responsible for their own lodging.*

- Lodging is available at the AMC's Highland Center. To reserve please call 603-466-2727 during the hours of 9am-5pm Monday –Saturday. Private and shared rooms are available. Lodging includes dinner and breakfast. *There are a limited amount of spaces reserved until June 1, than spaces will be open to the public.* Use registration code **#25813** when reserving lodging.
- There is camping at the US Forest Service Zealand Campground located about 4 miles north of the AMC's Highland Center. Reservations are not accepted and space is available on a first come basis.
- There is also camping available in the NH State Parks Dry River Campground located approximately 4 miles south of the AMC's Highland Center. Reservations can be made through the NH Department of Parks and Recreation at 603-271-3628.
- Other lodging options are available as well in nearby Twin Mountain. Visit the Twin Mountain Chamber of Commerce website at www.twinmountain.org for a listing

Posters:

Space for poster and table displays will be available and are encouraged. Please contact Andrew Norkin (603)-466-2721 x 202 or anorkin@outdoors.org if you wish to exhibit.

Submit the attached registration form to:

AMC Reservations –Alpine Summit PO Box 298, Gorham, NH 03581, or register by phone by calling AMC's reservations at 603-466-2727. Please mention the conference name and conference code number # 25813.

AMC/USFS Northeastern Alpine Gathering Registration Form – Code 25813

Name: _____

Address: _____

email _____ phone _____

Organization: _____

- Registration Fee (includes lunch, coffee breaks and vans) \$35/per person _____
- Highland Center Lodging (optional) -- includes breakfast and dinner

(circle nights for reservation – Thursday June 17; Friday June 18; Saturday June 19)

Option 1: Shared Room \$59/per person per night x ___ Nights = \$ _____
or

Option 2: Private Room, 2+occupancy, \$99/per person per night x ___Nights =
\$ _____

(List roommate(s) _____)

or
Option 3: Private room, single occupancy \$130/per person per night x ___Nights =
\$ _____

- Friday Night Dinner at the Highland Center (Note: dinner is included in your room fee if lodging at the Highland Center) \$16/per person _____

Total amount = \$ _____

Method of payment: Check _____

MC/VISA (circle) and Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

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2004 Northeastern Alpine Gathering Agenda

Friday -- June 18, 2004

8:00 – 9:00 AM – Registration and coffee; set up posters

9:00- 9:20 AM – Welcome and Introductions

- *Appalachian Mountain Club – Walter Graff, Deputy Director*
- *White Mountain National Forest – Tom Wagner, Forest Supervisor (pending)*

9:20 – 9:30 AM – Announcement for Field Trip sign-ups and logistics

9:30 – 11:00 AM – Symposium 1: Challenges and lessons in managing NE alpine areas: small isolated peaks compared to large alpine areas

Moderator: Ben Rose (Green Mountain Club)

Macro Alpine Areas

- *Speaker 1: François Boulanger --Director of the Parc de la Gaspésie, part of Sépaq (Société des établissements de plein air du Québec).*
- *Speaker 2: Baxter State Park – Jean Hoekwater, Baxter State Park*
- *Speaker 3 WMNF Forest Plan – Alpine Areas. Rebecca Oreskes (White Mountain National Forest)*

Micro Alpine Areas

- *Speaker 4: Adirondacks – Wes Lampman, Adirondack Mountain Club*

11:00 – 11:15 Break

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM - Guest Speaker – Dr. William C. Malm, National Park Service, Air Resources Division, Fort Collins, CO. – *The View from the Top: Factors and Trends in Visual Air Quality*

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM – Lunch

1:30- 3:30PM – Symposium 2: What's the Status of the NE Alpine Flora and Fauna?

Moderator: Charlie Jacobi, Acadia National Park

- *Speaker 1: The Alpine Flora - Doug Weihrauch, Appalachian Mountain Club*
- *Speaker 2: The Alpine Fauna – Rare Butterflies --Kent McFarland, Vermont Institute of Natural Sciences*
- *Speaker 3: The Alpine Fauna – Pipits -- Chris Martin, Audubon Society of New Hampshire*
- *Speaker 4 : Citizen Monitoring Programs on The AT --- JT Horn, Appalachian Trail Conference*
- *Speaker 5 : Mountain Watch - Citizen Monitoring --- Georgia Murray, Appalachian Mountain. Club*

3:30-3:45 Coffee Break

3:45-5:15 PM – Symposium 3: External Challenges

Moderator: Rick Paradis, University of Vermont

- *Speaker 1: Impact of air pollutants on the most common alpine mammal– humans --Phil Johnson, North East States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM)*
- *Speaker 2: Climate Change and Potential Impacts to Alpine Ecosystems –Dave Hollinger, US Forest Service Northeast Experimental Station*
- *Speaker 3 : Windpower ---David Publicover (Appalachian Mountain Club)*
- *Speaker 4: Ski Area Development---Beth LeClair (White Mtn. National Forest/Green Mtn. Nat. For.)*

5:15 PM Saturday Field Trip Announcements

5:20 – 6:00 PM Social Hour /Poster Session Review/ Tour of Highland Center

5:20 – 6:00 Join the Board of Directors of the Guy Waterman Alpine Stewardship Fund for an informal brainstorm session to define the Fund's mission for the future and share ideas on how the fund can best help club's and agencies in their stewardship of our alpine areas.

6:00 PM – 7:25 PM Dinner

7:25 PM - Time to Take a Short Hike During the Summer Solstice or Informal Exchange of Ideas and Lessons Learned over a Beer

Saturday June 19, 2004 -- Field Trips

Field Trips - Maximum group size of 10, so sub-groups may be formed -Be ready to Go

6:00- 7:30 AM Breakfast & Pick-up Boxed Lunches

6:30- 8:00 AM Checkout

7:00 AM Last Announcements

7:00 AM Van departs for Trip 3: Auto Road Field Trip to Alpine Gardens

8:00 AM Field Trips 1,2 and 4 Depart

Trip 1: Management Techniques: Franconia Ridge (9+ mile RTP hike, strenuous)

Trip leaders and resources: Jack Waldron & Scott Monroe – WMNF/AMC Volunteer Alpine Stewards; Roger Collins – White Mountain National Forest, Ken Kimball – Appalachian Mountain Club Research Department

- *Alpine Stewards*
- *Scree Walls 3 decades later*
- *Potentilla* –

Trip 2: Science and Monitoring: Lakes of the Clouds via Ammonosuc Ravine (7 mile RTP hike, strenuous)

Trip leaders and resources: Doug Weihrauch and Georgia Murray, Appalachian Mountain Club Research Department; Susi VonOettingen, US Fish and Wildlife Service Endangered Species Program

- *Monitoring at Backcountry Facilities*
- *Potentilla - An endangered alpine species success story*
- *Mountain Watch – Citizen Monitoring Program*
- *Alpine Flowers and Ecology*

Trip 3 Alpine Garden Ecology and Plants -- Mt. Washington Auto Road (Private Toll Road) (2-4 mile moderate hike)

Trip leaders and resources: Alice Schori, Appalachian Trail Conference and Clare Long, White Mountain National Forest

- *Alpine Flowers*
- *Alpine Ecology*

Trip 4 Applying Knowledge to a New Alpine Trail: Sunday River Whitecap, ME (8 RTP mile hike, strenuous)

Trip leaders and resources: Andrew Norkin, Appalachian Mountain Club; Mike Cooper, Trails Consultant; Steve Spencer, ME Department of Conservation

- *Small alpine peaks and new trails*