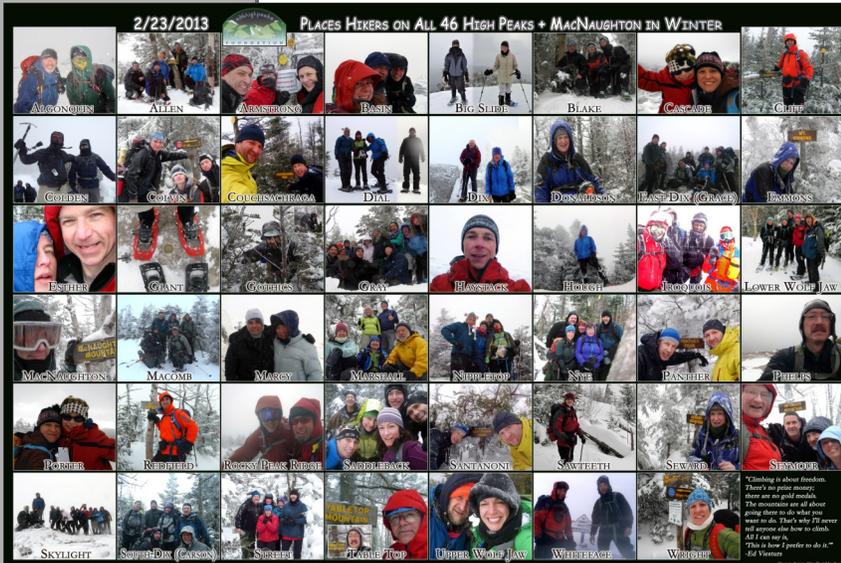




The purpose of the ADKhighpeaks Foundation is to provide financial assistance to individuals or organizations whose activities provide a benefit to the New York State Forest Preserve and the people that use it. The Foundation has a particular interest in funding wilderness zone and environmental protection, safe recreation, public education and biological research.

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Winter Gathering 9: Fun and Fundraising!



On February 23rd the ADKHPF's 9th Annual Winter Gathering or G-9, was held. It was a huge success in every way. After last year's success at having a hiker or group of hikers on all 46 High Peaks along with Mac Naughton and Mt. Jo, the Foundation Board of Directors decided to channel that energy into a fundraiser.

Hikers were asked to choose a peak to cover and individually or collectively commit \$100 to that summit for a fundraising goal of \$4600.

The G-9 was successful in both endeavors as all 46 High Peaks were covered safely, as well as Mac Naughton, and over \$4600 was raised by the generous hiking community. Hikers enjoyed an after party at the ADK Trail Inn with socializing and a spectacular potluck dinner as well as plenty of great conversation. The ADKHPF Board of Directors is already trying to figure out how to top the success at the Winter Gathering's 10th Edition!

Thanks to Kevin B. MacKenzie (mudrat) for the poster design.

ADKHP patches are HERE!

The ADKhighpeaks Foundation is pleased to once again offer beautiful, seven-color patches to our hiking community. You do not need to be a Foundation member to order. Patches will be available at the online store for \$5, including shipping or \$4 at Foundation events.



Quantities are limited. Order today!

All Smiles for Check Presentations

Members of the ADKhighpeaks Foundation Board had the great pleasure of presenting checks to two worthy groups on April 13th. The Foundation is proud to support the ADK Summit Steward Program for a third year in a row to maintain a Summit Steward on Cascade Mountain from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The popular peak is often the introduction for new High Peaks hikers and serves as a great opportunity to educate novice hikers on the fragile ecosystem that exists in the High Peaks. Julie Goren, director of the ADK Summit Stewards program was pleased to accept the check for \$5460.

Members of the Search and Rescue of the Northern Adirondacks (SARNAK) were pleased to be first time recipients of a Foundation grant of \$3200. SARNAK performs a valuable service to the Adirondack outdoor community and the grant will allow them to stay updated on necessary training as well as maintain and purchase equipment.



Pictured above are from left to right, members of SARNAK, Scott Tooker, Steve Sonnenberg, and Frank Schmidt; Jack Coleman (ADKJack) ADKHPF; Julie Goren (SummitADK)ADK Summit Steward Program; Cynda Lamb (WannabeAlJr), Geoff Day (Kyler) ADKHPF.

Foundation or Forum?

Not sure what the difference is? The ADKhighpeaks Foundation owns and operates two hiking and outdoor forums: www.adkforum.com & forums.adkhighpeaks.com Registration and participation in one or both forums is FREE. It is just \$9.99 to join the ADKhighpeaks Foundation and support its philanthropic and educational mission. Membership fees and donations are tax deductible. Check out: <http://www.adkhighpeaksfoundation.org/>

“Greetings from Albuquerque:”

A Message from the President...

Albuquerque? Yes that is correct. Some professional opportunities arose that took me from my home of 40 years in Western NY out west to New Mexico. However, the distance may limit my time in the forest preserve areas of NY, it will never diminish my passion for these areas nor my desire to create a lasting legacy of goodwill and good works there. The bright side is that this new opportunity affords me more time in the great outdoors to explore and enjoy, and in a brand new playground to boot!

My personal situation aside, it is a great time for the Foundation. We are into our 6th year and are really starting to find our stride. We recently had our Annual Meeting and added Cynda Lamb to the Board of Directors to assist in Membership & Development. Also, we are ecstatic to have been able to award almost \$8700 in Wilderness Grants so far for 2013. In addition, we are very pleased to announce that final restoration of the Mt. Adams Firetower is nearing completion—a project that has been almost 4 years in the making.

The Foundation plans to continue its history of stewardship in newly opening wilderness areas and expand educational opportunities to a wider community. We also look to effectively fundraise so that we will be able to fund even more future projects. The Foundation is strengthening its structure and management to better manage the demands of a growing and thriving organization. I could go on and on about the different things and programs we hope to pursue over the coming months/years, but this is fairly short space. I, along with the rest of the Board, invite you along on this exciting and important journey to better the places with cherish and love so much.....

The New York State Forest Preserve areas of the Adirondack and Catskill Mountains.

Tim Dubois
President
ADKhighpeaks Foundation

The Mt. Adams
Fire Tower



The ADK Forum has always been the place for those who have a love of a variety of outdoor activities in the Adirondacks. The various sub-forums reflect the diverse outdoor interests of the members— from hunting and fishing to paddling and rock/ice climbing, as well as hiking.

The ADK Forum has added two more sub-forums to keep up with the varied outdoor interests of this community: Biking & Skiing. The biking sub-forum has become a great place to post upcoming races, new routes, and plan group rides, as well as discuss gear. The skiing sub-forum has seen a lot of activity in the brief time it has been operating. Members have contributed trail conditions and trip reports and used it to seek and share information for both novice and veteran skiers.

These new sub-forums have been well received and give the ADK Forum members some new places to discuss all of their favorite outdoor adventures.

Keep an eye out for ADK Forum merchandise in the near future!

**REMEMBER TO
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EVENTS!**

The Gear Bonanza Extravaganza

Foundation members Terri & David (TMax & topofgothics) have graciously offered to put on a Gear Bonanza Sale. Forum members can drop off their donated gear and sporting goods (still in useable condition please!) at TMax-n-Topo's Hostel any time they are driving by or items can be sent to the hostel at the address below.

Terri and David will sort and tag the gear for sale. During Labor Day weekend they will operate the Gear Bonanza with items ready to sell at bargain prices and displayed on the hostel's front lawn with its fantastic visibility on route 73. So start gathering your unused gear and also make plans to stop and shop!

Best of all: All proceeds will go directly to the Foundation for funding projects that support its mission!



Attn: GEAR BONANZA,
5046 Cascade Road,
Lake Placid, NY 12946.