

PUBLIC SERVICES PRESS

Public Services – News & Local Events

By Skip Doyle, Public Services Chair

Public Services Committees

At the NY-NoJ AMC Chapter annual dinner on January 10, I was honored to have been elected to the Executive Committee representing the Public Services committees: Conservation, Trails, NY-NJ Trail Conference, Program, Youth Program. It is my responsibility to represent these committee at the monthly Executive Committee, and to communicate policies and programs that emanate from the Executive Committee to each of the Public Services committee chairs. Each of these committees is very active, and is central to the mission of our chapter and to AMC. I look forward to working with the chairs of these committees for this two year term.

Conservation Committee

The purpose of the Conservation Committee is to foster the preservation of land and waterways for their natural use and to promote a healthy environment. This is done through raising awareness of preservation, natural use, and the environment; through involvement in conservation issues; and by sponsoring events. In 2008 the Conservation Committee accomplished this by sponsoring or participating in 28 events – service projects, lectures and publications, conservation tours and nature programs, conservation planning, meetings, and membership. To accomplish this, we partnered with 25 other conservation organizations. For details see the 2008 Annual Report online at amc-ny.org. Skip Doyle is the chair of the Conservation Committee. If you have a conservation initiative that you would like to promote, please contact the Conservation Committee chairman at conservation@amc-ny.org.

Trails Committee

Our chapter maintains 140 miles of trails in New York and New Jersey, including 30 miles of the Appalachian Trail. We coordinate our efforts with the NY-NJ Trail Conference and the NYC Department of Parks. The Trail Committee is chaired by Tom McCarthy who is assisted by Ken West, supervisor of urban-suburban trails; Jill Arbuckle, supervisor of NJ trails; Bob Fuller, supervisor of west of Hudson Trails; and Tom McCarthy himself supervises east of Hudson Trails. If you are interested in helping to build or maintain trails, contact the supervisor of your geographical interest.

NY-NJ Trail Conference Committee

The NY-NJ Trail Conference builds and maintains most of the trails where we hike – over 1,600 miles of trails. And they produce trail maps of these areas. Therefore, our relationship with the NY-NJ TC is essential. Jack Driller is our liaison with the Trail Conference. For those interested in trail building and maintenance, the Trail Conference conducts Trail U classes – teaching a variety of trail building and maintenance skills. If in need of local hiking maps or interested in volunteering with the Trail Conference, contact them directly at nynjtc.org

Program Committee

This past year, the Program Committee – headed up by Frank Bamberger – has presented far-reaching slide shows ranging from "The Beauty of Colorado" to "Slovenia and Croatia." These are conveniently located in the club office at 5 Tudor Place. Once a year, the committee presents a major nature lecture. This September, look for "The Hudson River Valley" with Hudson River School style painter and author, Thomas Locker, and also Hudson River photographer, Greg Miller.

Chapter Youth Program

CYP (formerly known as AOK) was re-launched this year through the efforts of Richard Barcia. CYP trips are joint efforts of AMC leaders who have received specialized one-day training in leading youth activities, and the partnering youth organization who is responsible for the transportation and supervision of the children. If interested in leading a youth event, contact Richard Barcia at Facilities@amc-ny.org

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