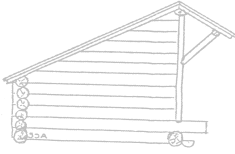


Adopt a Lean-to ON MARCH 19!

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NOW IN ITS TWENTY-FOURTH YEAR, the Adirondack Mountain Club's Adopt a Lean-to program is as successful as ever. With the approval of the

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, ADK began this program in 1985 with 8 lean-tos. The program has grown tremendously, and this year, 148 lean-tos will be in the program.

In 2007, a total of 113 individuals, groups, and ADK chapters committed to maintaining 147 lean-tos, and the grounds around the lean-tos. (Adopting a lean-to does not entail major reconstruction work, and adopters do not need to be ADK members.) The adopters hailed from New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and Canada.

Although adopters drop out of the program each year, it's remarkable how many don't: seventy-three individuals and groups have adopted lean-tos for at least five years; 44 for at least ten years; 20 for at least fifteen years; and 4 for at least twenty years.

I want to recognize the following groups and individuals who have adopted lean-tos for at least ten years: Jim Appleyard; Kraig and Mary-Louise Armstrong; Mike, Sue and Amy Becker; Elie Bijou; Andy and Linda Caruso; Nathan Church; Tom Cornell and Sandra Lomker; Leo and David Cote; Kevin Cox; John Dent; Mike Douglass; Robert Greenough; Russ Guard; Harold Guest; Jim Haker; Joe, Joey, Abby, Ellie, and Mac Halm; David Hooper; Wes Jennings and Julie Hunter; Emil Klymkow; Bruce Knudsen; Gary Koch; Norm Landis; Robert, Alice, Edward, Andrea, Matthew, and Paige Manning; Bill and Sue McKibben; Don and Nadine McLaughlin; "Jungle" Jim Mosher and Steve Mackey; David Mundie; Pattye Nicolls; Jay O'Hern; Kay Papin and Lyn Valenti; Kyle

Pemrick; Dave Pisaneschi and Rosemary Daley; Jean Quattrocchi; Raymond Rockwell and Mike Spiak; John Ryan, Jr.; Jim, Andy, and Brett Schneider; Bob, Debbie, and Dan Schwarting; Sue Virostek; Alane and Donald Vogel; Stu Weinberg and Mike Bockheim; Keith Whitman; John Wimbush; Holly Woodworth; and James Wulf.

Special recognition goes to Mike Douglass; Emil Klymkow; Gary Koch; and Steve Mackey and Jim "Jungle" Mosher who have been in this program at least twenty years. They have adopted lean-tos in some of the most remote areas of the Adirondacks: Cold River #1-4, Duck Hole #1-2, Ouluska, Seward, and Ward Brook. Thank you, Emil, Gary, Jungle, Mike, and Steve.

At this time, many of the lean-tos have already been readopted for 2008 by their last year's adopters. If current adopters do not renew by March 19, you may adopt one or more of the remaining lean-tos.

If you wish to adopt a lean-to for 2008, you may call me at 518-584-8527 beginning no earlier than 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 19. This will give everyone an equal chance to adopt a lean-to. Available lean-tos get adopted very quickly: last year almost all lean-tos were adopted by 10:30 a.m. If you have any questions on exactly what is involved in this program, call me or e-mail me at jschnei7@nycap.rr.com.

The ADK Web site (www.adk.org) contains the complete list of lean-tos already adopted for 2008, together with the names of their adopters. We thank present and past adopters for their hard work in making the Adirondacks a nicer place to visit. This truly is one of the most successful of ADK's many worthwhile programs.

Please join us and give something back to the Adirondacks by adopting an Adirondack lean-to on March 19.

Here is the list of lean-tos that have not been renewed for 2008

AS OF JANUARY 25, 2008:

Essex County: Bushnell Falls #1, Bushnell Falls #2-MacAlpine, Gulf Brook, Klondike, Pharaoh Lake #2, Pharaoh Lake #5, Tubmill Marsh

Franklin County: Number Four-#1, Number Four-#2

Hamilton County: Calkins Creek, Cedar Lakes #3

Herkimer County: Chub Pond #2, Sand Lake, Sand Lake Falls

St. Lawrence County: Huckleberry Lake, Moon Lake, Wolf Lake

Warren County: Lizard Pond

Washington County: Fishbrook Pond #1, Fishbrook Pond #2, Greenland Pond.