

Hi All,

Thanks again for your patience while we worked on getting everything in place to host the 46ers Trailhead Stewardship Program training virtually. This was no small feat and it could not have been done without the technological help and skills of ADK's Communication Director Ben Brosseau in addition to other assistance from Kayla White (ADK's Summit Steward Coordinator), Seth Jones (ADK's Education Director), and Bobby Clark (ADK's HPIC Manager). Despite the hard work put in by these folks, this program would be nothing without all of you. Your dedication to supporting the 46er's mission and giving back to fellow outdoor recreationists provides us with the foundation necessary to reach our common goals. Thanks so much for your continued participation during these difficult and uncertain times. We hope you are all staying healthy out there!

The expected time frame for engaging with and completing all materials is estimated at about 3 hours. **Please read through this entire email before starting to open links and engage with any materials. Please write down any questions you think of while going through these materials so we can address them further on Saturday. If you come across any issues while trying to complete these pre-training materials, Kayla will be available for help & support at kaylaw@adk.org.** If you cannot simply click on the links below you are able to do so by holding down the "ctrl" key before selecting.

To get everyone started we'd like you to open the following video playlist on YouTube:

[46er Trailhead Stewardship Program Training Videos](#)

Please watch these videos starting from the top with the first video and continue in order. These videos will contain the following:

1. A variety of educational PSA videos produced by ADK and the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics covering many topics pertinent to your role as a Trailhead Steward.
2. A few videos covering the communication technique called Authority of the Resource that stewards use while at the trailhead and an educational technique called interpretation.

Most of the following information has already been provided or was discussed in the videos above but I still wanted to include these documents for you to reference. You are encouraged to review these to reinforce your understanding of the program.

Supporting Documents:

2020 TSP Handbook
Liability Waiver for Trailhead Stewarding 2020
TSP-Specific Agenda

As many of you have probably heard the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation had intended to roll out new wilderness management zones and some

regulation changes for the High Peaks Wilderness area in 2020. It was informed in December 2019 that these new regulations would not be taking place in 2020 and will go under further review. To prepare you for some of those potential changes we've included an info graphic detailing these changes. Please keep in mind these zones and regulations are not final but will give you a good idea of what the DEC might be changing for the future.

[Proposed New High Peaks Wilderness DEC Zones and Regulations](#)

The primary goal of this program is to provide quality backcountry education through the frontcountry outreach you will be providing to our visitors as 46er Trailhead Stewards. The following links cover topics such as Interpretation and more on the Authority of the Resource Technique. These documents should provide you with the tools necessary to instill a wilderness ethic in our visitors. Please read through the documents below and really give thought to how you can apply these best practices to your role as a Trailhead Steward this season. We will spend some time reviewing these topics on Saturday.

46er Interpretation Training Materials

[Authority of the Resource Article by George Wallace](#)

[The Power of a Resource Article by Julia Goren](#)

Next we ask that you complete the following assessments:

For the Leave No Trace Online Awareness Workshop we ask that you go through the Tutorial and click to engage with all of the topics by clicking (and then reading or watching) any words outlined by a green rectangle before taking the assessment. **This should take about an hour and you must complete the assessment with an 80% or better and then email kaylaw@adk.org a copy of your certificate which you can download as a PDF. Before finishing please click "Review Quiz" to go back and see what answers you got wrong. In the body of the email, let us know of any questions you got wrong and if you would like a clarification on any topics.** This will allow us to see if there are any common areas folks are having trouble with and address those further at the virtual training. Please click on the link below to begin.

[Leave Not Trace Awareness Workshop](#)

The second assessment we'd like you all to complete is a brief 15 question (mainly multiple choice) quiz, testing you on the materials provided and your understanding of your role as a 46er Trailhead Steward. Please click on the link below to begin. By clicking submit at the end of the assessment an email will be sent to my account automatically with your responses. I will review these prior to Saturday to determine if there are any incorrect answers in common that need to be addressed further at the training.

[46er TSP Assessment](#)

Lastly, with all of this pre-training work you might be wondering what there will be left to cover at the **online training on Saturday, April 25th**. Below is a rough schedule. We are going to try to keep our Zoom meeting as brief as possible given the logistics and are expecting it to last no more than 3 hours.

9-9:15 am Introductions

9:15-10:30 am High Peaks Unit Management Plan (Forester Tate Connor)

10:30-11 am Radio Protocol & Safety (Forest Ranger Jim Giglinto)

11 am-12 pm Wrap-up & Additional Question (Fran Shumway)

Please try to have materials reviewed and assessments **completed by Friday, April 24th** at the latest so I have a short amount of review time prior to Saturday's training.