

The Little Deer Dispatch



**AMC COLD RIVER CAMP
NORTH CHATHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

2023 Winter Edition

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CHAIR'S WELCOME

Greetings to the Cold River Camp Community

Looking ahead to the summer of '23, I remember with thanks and joy the first full summer season of '22. Our new CRC Manager, Kitchen Staff, and Croo, Hike Leaders and Naturalists came together to make the Cold River Camp magic happen again. We are fortunate to have Emmy Holt returning as a Summer Co-Manager along with her sister, Hillary Wood, and their daughters. Chris Clyne will return as Extension Manager. Thanks to our Opening Manager Bill Waste and to volunteer Miranda Grover for helping out before and during Prep Week. And what a beautiful summer it was!

It has been a busy time at Camp in the off-season. The Conant Lodge Project is on schedule. New foundations have been poured, walls and trusses erected, sub-roofing laid and the north porch foundations set. Other improvements you may notice when you return next summer include a newly built Baldface cabin, and trees trimmed away from buildings in the heart of Camp. The Greely bathhouse septic system is scheduled for replacement in the spring.

You will see the results of all of the behind the scenes work by

returning to Camp this summer. Mail in registration for the summer of 2023 will open on January 1, and I urge you to register promptly so that you can enjoy all of the wonderful outdoor experiences that CRC offers. Join your new and old friends for great meals in the rebuilt comfortable dining room with superb views of the surrounding mountains.

As you know, inflation has increased the cost of building materials, labor, food, and fuel prices. The Conant Lodge is fully funded by donors, while other Capital projects to support the infrastructure of Camp must be funded by our operating budget. As our operating costs have risen in the past two years, we still tried to keep rates reasonable. At this time, it is necessary to raise our rates significantly for 2023 and we hope that the increase will be sufficient to maintain a financially solid budget. To offer transparency about the revenue we glean, the per person rate shown is exclusive of the 5.1% NH Lodging tax.

CRC has succeeded for generations thanks to its volunteers. If you thought about helping the Camp by volunteering in the past but have not done so, now is

the time to step forward. If you talk with one of your CRC friends who has volunteered, you will find that they get great satisfaction because of making the Camp a better place and have a wonderful time doing so. Many opportunities are available, some of which may require more of your time, some less, but all are important. We are seeking more involvement in the Cold River Camp Committee (CRCC). Key positions, such as Facilities Manager and Chair, are or will be soon open. In addition, the summer trip leading program is looking for more Hike Leaders and Naturalists. There are also volunteer spots in Camp Opening and Closing, Registration for Summer and Evergreen Cabin, CTA, blueberry fields, gardens, painting, carpentry – these tasks and more are all done by loyal volunteers. We thank those of you who have given back to CRC over the years, and look forward to having you getting involved more in the future.

The CRCC this year developed a new governance structure that will allow more volunteers to work with CRCC members on highly specific and limited Committee-related issues without spending the larger amount of time required of a Camp Committee member. Examples of the focus of these teams include camp

finances; facilities and Camp infrastructure; the evaluation of guest experience and outreach to attract new guests; the review and evaluation of Camp property including forest, water, and land used for cabins and other buildings; and the recruitment of new volunteers. As you can see, there are many small and larger volunteer opportunities where you can make a big difference in the Cold River Camp experience. Please contact me via email if you are interested in learning more, or if you want to suggest another person who would make a great volunteer for Cold River Camp. I can be reached at amc_crcchair@gmail.com.

In other, no less important CRCC news, thanks to Sue Talhouk for her term. Although she is stepping down from the full committee, Sue will continue on the Lodge Committee and the Facilities Team, and you can thank Sue for the newest curtains in the cabins! Sue is a good example of how the new governance plan will work. Miranda Grover is joining the CRCC this year after first volunteering on the Hospitality and Leadership Teams. What opportunity calls you?

*I look forward to seeing you at
Cold River,
Sally Morris
CRC Chair*

Conant Lodge Renovation Update



Since our last *Little Deer Dispatch* update, the groundbreaking ceremony for the Conant Lodge project took place on August 10, 2022. Supportive remarks were made by Cold River Camp (CRC) Chair Sally Morris, AMC's Chief Development Officer, Jennifer Norris, and the NH Charitable Foundation's North Country Senior Philanthropy Advisor, William Abbott. Jamie Doucett, official groundbreaking ceremony photographer, captured the moments of celebration.

More than 100 donors, including quite a few anonymous households, have given to the Cold River Camp Conant Lodge Project, and in turn are helping to build for our future. That said, the Conant Lodge Capital Campaign continues, and there is still time for you to make a lasting commitment to the camp by donating and joining those who have already stepped up to help. Please visit the CRC website (www.coldrivercamp.org) for instructions on how to donate online and to find out more about the progress on the Lodge as construction continues.

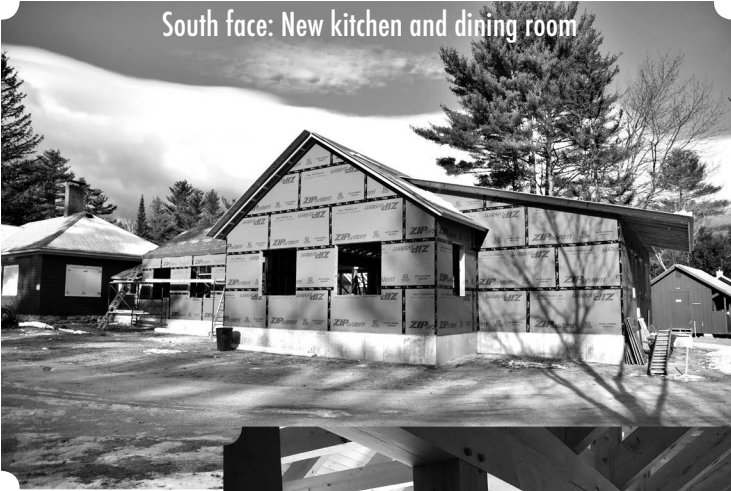
We cannot thank you enough for being a part of the generous CRC community and for helping to sustain the spirit of the Camp for future generations. We look forward to welcoming you back to Camp for the 2023 season and cannot wait to see you on the Porch this summer!

With deep gratitude for your generosity to the CRC Community,

Lee Heald, Sally Morris, Gary Munson,
Ann Prindle, Kathy Roth Huse
Conant Lodge Capital Campaign Committee

A sneak peek of the new Lodge...

South face: New kitchen and dining room



A work in progress: The dining room interior

Northern exterior:
The Old Lodge window
restoration project is in motion



2023 Reservations

Rates

	<u>Summer</u>	<u>Extension</u>
Adult (17-yr & over)	\$800/wk	\$115/day
Youth (12-yr to 16-yr)	\$600/wk	\$86/day
Child (2-yr to 11-yr)*	\$400/wk	\$58/day
Infant under 2	Free	Free

**During weeks one and two of the summer season, paying guardians and parents may bring up to two children under the age of 12 at no cost.*

Details

All inclusive summer and extension rates include lodging, three meals a day, activities (excluding river trips), cabin firewood, ice, and support of AMC programs. Rates shown above are for AMC members. Non-member fees are +20% of member rates. They are exclusive of the New Hampshire state lodging tax of 5.1%

Deposits of \$200 per person per week during the summer season and \$100 per person during Extension are required. The remaining balance is to be paid at camp.

Cancellations received prior to April 1 will receive a 50% refund on deposits. Deposits will not be refunded after April 1. Reservation deposits are not transferable. In fairness to those denied space, payment in full is required if cancellation requests are not received at least 14 days prior to scheduled arrival.

Standard reservations during the July-August summer season are full-week, Saturday to Saturday. However, partial week stays are also an option. After April 1st, partial week reservation requests are accepted. This is a 3-night minimum reservation with a Saturday arrival or departure. Additionally, in weeks one and two, paying guardians and parents are allowed to bring up to two children under the age of 12 at no cost.

Cold River Camp abides by state and local COVID restrictions. Visit www.coldrivercamp.org for the latest updates including COVID vaccine or testing requirements.

Reservations timeline

- January 1 Guest full week reservations lottery opens
- January 31 Full week lottery closes
- February 1 Full week reservations accepted (on a first-come, first-served basis)
- April 1 Partial week reservations accepted pending availability
- April 1 Online reservations requests open pending availability

Lottery & mailed reservation information

For those applying to the reservation lottery beginning in January, all applications clearly postmarked in January 2023 will receive equal consideration. The lottery closes on January 31. Reservations submitted after this point will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

How to submit your reservation request

To submit a reservation application, please mail Lois Winkler, Camp Registrar, the registration form found on page 8, a check for your deposit, the AMC release form and confidential health questionnaire enclosed in this edition of *The Little Deer Dispatch*. If you or others in your party have dietary restrictions that you would like to make the camp managers aware of, please also fill out and enclose the form on page 9. Make checks payable to **AMC - Cold River Camp**. Please provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope for confirmation and reply mail. Please note: without AMC form and health questionnaire, your application cannot be processed.

Where to mail reservation requests:

From Jan 1-June 18:
Lois Winkler, Registrar
17 Southview St.
Pleasantville, NY 10570

After June 18:
Cold River Camp Managers
32 AMC Rd.
Chatham, NH 03813

2023 Application

Choose top three dates:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Choose top three cabins:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Guests included in application

Name

AMC membership

Child's age & gender
(as of January 1, 2023)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home/mobile: _____ Email: _____

Car license plate: _____ Registration deposit enclosed: \$ _____

Emergency contact: _____

- Make checks payable to AMC - Cold River Camp
- Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with the application
- Each individual or family must submit a signed copy of the AMC release form

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Dining at Cold River Camp

CRC takes pride in serving appetizing, hearty and healthful family-style meals, and strives to provide a variety of options to appeal to a diversity of guests' tastes.

Typical Daily Menu

- Breakfast - hot and cold cereal; fruit; an egg dish, pancakes, or french toast, often accompanied by a breakfast meat.
- Lunch - Variety galore on the trail lunch table, including assorted breads, deli meats, cheeses, PB & J, veggies, fruit and snack items.
- Dinner - salad, home made bread, a main entrée accompanied by at least one vegetable side, and dessert.

Dietary Restrictions

With advanced guest notification we can often meet vegetarian, lactose-free, and gluten-free diets. We can also accommodate some food allergies. Due to the nature of our family style food service and finite kitchen resources, we provide a pre-planned menu for each meal. Please provide a brief description of your dietary restrictions below. Upon arrival at Camp, please check in with the manager about the same to be sure your needs can be accommodated.

Extension & Off-Season

The 9-week summer full-service season is not the only way to enjoy Camp. Camp will be open to guests in fall 2023. Autumn in Evans Notch brings its own rewards - crisper weather, stunning fall foliage, and the renowned Fryeburg Fair just a few miles away. Consider visiting Camp during the fall Extension season or hosting a gathering in later fall weekends.

Fall Extension

Extension Season at Cold River Camp features a relaxed pace and some of the best hiking, biking, and kayaking weather of the year. You choose the schedule that fits your needs, from two nights to two weeks. Guests bring their own linens (and perhaps a sleeping bag), but otherwise enjoy all the usual amenities, including three wholesome meals a day, served mornings and evenings, cafeteria-style. Led hikes are offered daily. 2023 rates can be found on page 6. To reserve, use the reservation form enclosed in *The Little Deer Dispatch* and specify the dates of arrival and departure.

More information can be found on the
Cold River Camp website:
www.coldrivercamp.org

Fall Off-Season

Once Extension ends, Camp is open for weekend group use, Fridays through Mondays. It's an ideal spot for AMC Chapter outings, hiking clubs, family reunions, weddings, and celebrations. Camp cooks provide all meals cafeteria-style, in consultation with group leaders. The Camp is staffed with an event manager and volunteer crew. All facilities are open for use. Guests bring their own linens or sleeping bags but otherwise enjoy all the standard amenities of Camp. Advance group reservation & deposit required. First-come, first-served. Camp in off-season is a popular venue, and 2023 is already almost fully booked. We invite you to start thinking ahead to 2024!

To reserve, contact clyne@outdoors.org

Visting Camp in Winter

Interested in enjoying Evans Notch in the winter months? Cross-country skiing, hiking and snowshoeing opportunities abound. CRC's charming Evergreen cabin offers a cozy retreat for these activities, featuring a six-bed bunkroom, with floor space for additional guests, and a multipurpose area equipped with a small kitchen area and wood stove. There is a small refrigerator, a microwave, a coffee maker, a toaster, and a hot water kettle in the kitchen. Plates, mugs, bowls and cookware are also provided.

The cabin is winterized and has electricity, but please note: there is no running water. Guests must bring their own water, food, bedding and linens. Blankets, pillows and

wood for the stove are provided. A heated outhouse is near the cabin.

Current rates are \$138/night. Payment in advance is requested and can be made online. If interested, please contact the Evergreen Cabin Registrar, Chris Clyne, for information and reservations. Please check the online reservation calendar for availability. This, and the online payment platform, can be found at: www.coldriv-ercamp.org/wintercabin. With confirmation of reservation guests receive information about using the cabin.

To reserve Evergreen, contact
Chris Clyne at:

offseasonsignup@gmail.com
(603) 722-0117



CRC Wishlist

The AMC Cold River Camp wish list is a way to encourage giving to tangible causes to help improve the camp experience for everyone. If you like to see where your money goes, donating directly to one or more of the items on the wish list could be for you!

All contributions are tax deductible and all donors are recognized on the Camp website and in *The Little Deer Dispatch*. Or, if you wish, you can choose to remain anonymous. You do not have to fund an entire item.

The AMC Cold River Camp Committee is deeply appreciative of those who do give that extra support to our beloved Camp with generous gifts of time, money or goods. This year's Wish List includes funding for:

- Replacing and restoring the Lodge garden after the Lodge renovation project is complete,
- A whiteboard and table to establish a naturalist corner in the Lodge to raise awareness about what's going on in the natural world at Cold River Camp,
- A weather resistant United States flag,
- Furniture repair and replacement,
- Mattresses for our ongoing mattress replacement program,
- New lawn games,
- New art supplies for the Rec Hall,
- Small pressure washer, to be used to clean moss off the porch steps and decks,
- 20 foot pole saw for trimming limbs around structures

The AMC Development Office will process your donation. Please make out checks to the Appalachian Mountain Club, and specify that your gift is intended for Cold River Camp. Checks can be mailed to:

AMC Development Office
10 City Square
Boston, MA 02129

Thanks to our generous donors in 2022

A heartfelt thank you from the AMC Cold River Camp Committee to our 2022 donors on behalf of the camp community and the Appalachian Mountain Club. We greatly appreciate your generosity in monetary or material donations and recognize your commitment to the present enjoyment and future good of Cold river Camp. Our sincere apologies if we missed someone!

Steve Fink and Maria Palmisano, Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation, Washington County Community Foundation, Susan H. Dovell, Roger Damon and Pamela Dearborn, Michael and Maggan Arbasetti, David and Constance Beattie, Jocelyn and Michael Charles, Lynn Christensen, Timothy and Ann Prindle, Kathryn and Norman Thibeault, Ross and Mary Lanius, Kate Leary, Lisa McClellan, Jim Gorman, Joanne Murin, Evan and Miriam Doucett, Chris and Colin McArdle, Miriam Lockhart, Jamie and Lisa Doucett, April and Peter Sanders, Amy Valentino, Frances Gillespie, Eleanor Van Arsdell, Nancy Weinreich, Lee Bluemel, Van McGlasson and Jana Odette, Amy and Tim Grover, Linda Damon, Katherine Izquierdo, Tom D'Avanzo and Susan Edinger, Tim Theobald, David and Julia Huse.



CRC Policy Information

Smoking, drones and communicating with the outside world

Smoking and Vaping

Smoking and vaping are not allowed in Camp or on group activities outside Camp.

Aerial Drones

Use of drones in/above Camp or on led trips is generally not permitted. Special exceptions may be considered with the consent of the Camp manager/assistant manager/event manager in Camp, or trip leader for the led trip out of Camp.

Use of Personal Electronic Devices

The Cold River Camp experience centers on enjoyment of nature and guest interactions, away from the routine of everyday life. Accordingly, our personal electronic devices policy is:

- Device use in the lodge, on the lodge porch, or in the lodge vicinity is limited to reading/viewing of information. Devices are to be put away during meals.
- Any form of device communication (voice/text/email/video, etc., incoming or outgoing) should be done discretely, away

from other guests, and away from the lodge and its vicinity.

- Device use for personal entertainment (e.g., watching videos or playing video games) is limited to the guest cabins.
- Cords and device charging are to be kept within the confines of the charging station area in the Rec Hall.

Recognizing the occasional need of some guests to communicate with the outside world or to do personal work, Wi-Fi access is available solely for those purposes, as a courtesy, in the area outside the camp office and, to the extent there is signal, in the Rec Hall and Library.

The Rec Hall is available, shared with other uses, between the hours of 7:30 AM and 9:30 PM and outside of scheduled activities there. The camp office and porch are off-limits. In any case, noise from PEDs must not intrude on other guests' or staff enjoyment of natural sounds or stillness or human conversation or ability to sleep, or the tranquility of the Library.



Committee, Personnel & Key Volunteers



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2023 Cold River Camp Calendar

January through May

January 1-31	Guest Full Week Registration Lottery (L. Winkler)
February 1	Guest Full Week Reservations Accepted, First Come First Served (Lottery Closes January 31)
	Guest Partial Week Reservations Open
April 1	Online Reservation Requests Accepted
April 1	Winter Cabin Reservations Close to Guests
May 14	Camp Opening and Work Weekend (Waste)
May 14	CTA Work Weekend #1
May 26-29	Memorial Day
May 29	Camp Opening - #1
June 3-4	CTA Work Weekend #2
June 9-10	Camp Opening - #2
June 17-24	Full Service Season Prep Week

Summer Season

June 24-July 1	CRC Guest Week 1 (Kids Free*)
July 1-8	CRC Guest Week 2 (Kids Free*)
July 8-15	CRC Guest Week 3
July 15-22	CRC Guest Week 4
July 22-29	CRC Guest Week 5
July 29-Aug 5	CRC Guest Week 6
August 5-12	CRC Guest Week 7
August 12-19	CRC Guest Week 8
August 19-26	CRC Guest Week 9
August 26	End of Regular Summer Season
	<i>* Up to 2 children, under age 12, per parent and/or guardian can stay at camp at no cost</i>

Extension and Beyond

Aug 26-Sept 10	CRC Extension Season
September 4	Labor Day
September 30	Winter Cabin Open For Winter Reservations
Oct 13-15	CTA Trail Work Weekend #3
October 20-22	CRC Camp Closing