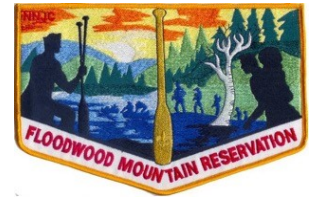




THE FLOODWOOD PHANTOM



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2019 FALL NEWLETTER

Camp Director Steve Leonardi –2019 Season Summary

A smaller than usual staff (6) was in place due to last minute medical issues preventing two Voyagers from working the 2019 season. After a week-long session of setting up camp, gaining needed certifications and refinement of skills by the staff, 5 weeks of safe trekking were experienced by 139 Scouts/Explorers/Leaders from NNJC, VA, & CT. Much work was done in the climbing area to clear out encroaching tree growth and allowing the wall(s) to dry out from rain and morning dew. The rock-wall was extensively used with a number of Scouts achieving Climbing MB.

A new, 350HP ski boat delivered thrills on Rollins Pond upon treks returning to the reservation. Inquires were numerous about being able to camp at Rollins Pond, a point well taken and under consideration for the 2020 season. There are also continued requests for allowing expanded use of the Kevlar Canoes

New programs were developed and explored by the 2019 staff. They include an Introduction to Trekking program (Trekking 101), a Trek focused on Rock Climbing in the Adirondacks, and partnerships with The Wild Center and The Adirondack Experience Museum in Blue Mountain Lake.

New Adventures Coming in 2020 Season

***FlexTrek**— Custom Design the duration and calendar days of your trek to best fit specific scheduling requirements of your group. Rock Climbing available on Fridays, Water Skiing/Tubing/Tomahawk Throwing/Hiking/Fishing/Canoeing on any day. FlexTrek must be coordinated with the Camp Director.

***Trekking 101**— Available as a Provisional Registration with leadership given by FMR's highly trained Voyagers. Designed for Troops or Crews new to High Adventure or with *younger scouts (11 and 12 years old)* interested in High Adventure and Wilderness Exploration. Canoeing MB, Wilderness Survival MB and a partial for Camping MB will be earned. Skills will be taught and utilized providing participants a strong foundation to become effective and safe trekkers and eventual leaders. Arrive Sunday PM, depart the following Sat AM. 2 Days (One full, two half days) and 2 nights out on trek

- Day 1- Hike up Floodwood Mtn, then on to Rollins Pond Camp Area. Learn proper tent/hammock set up & site selection. Hang a rain tarp & rig a bear bag. Use a backpacking stove & a gravity water filtration system and practice Leave no Trace Principles.
- Day 2— Break down camp. Morning will focus on learning canoe skills and working towards CANOEING MB. Lunch and launch canoes. Head east through Rollins Pond to Floodwood Pond & secure overnight campsite.
- Day 3- Break Camp, Navigate through Floodwood Pond, Fish Creek-Little Square Pond and into Fish Creek Ponds. Stop at Donaldson's Trading Post & Fish Creek Public Campgrounds for lunch. Continue to Follensby Clear & secure overnight campsite
- Day 4- Break Camp, canoe back to Rollins Pond for Water Skiing or Tubing. Return to West Pine Pond Base Camp via van.
- Day 5- Enjoy Base Camp Activities in the morning and a visit to the Adirondack Wild Center in Tupper Lake in the afternoon.

***Provisional Trekking**— Outside of Trekking 101, offered weeks 2 & 3, a Provisional Trek will be offered on week #5.

Please Contact **STEVE LEONARDI, FMR DIRECTOR**, FloodwoodMTNDirector@gmail.com
with any questions, suggestions or further discussion



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2020 Camp Schedule

Week 1 - July 12-Jul18
 Week 2* - July 19-Jul25
 Week 3* - July 26-Aug 01
 Week 4 - Aug 02-Aug08
 Week 5** - Aug 09-Aug15

*Week 2&3 will offer Trekking 101
 **Week 5 will offer Provisional Treks

Standard Rates per participate, \$440 before April 15th, \$485 afterwards
 Trekking 101 Rate per participate, \$485before April 15th, \$535 afterwards

2020 Special Events

55th Anniversary Beefsteak on April 22
 55th Anniversary Camp Visit Aug 01-02

2020 Staffing & Volunteer Needs

Staff Needed

- Voyageurs - 18-year-old and older staff needed as Voyageurs. Prior canoeing, backpacking, camping experience required.
- EMT and Waterfront Director needed.
- VIT (Voyageur in Training) - 13 to 17 years old. Prior canoeing, camping, and backpacking experience needed. Prior FMR attendance preferred

Volunteers Needed

BSA requirements specify two adults, 21 years of age or greater, go out on every trek. If a troop is short on adults for a trek, it falls to FMR staff to fill the requirements. Volunteers, 21 year and older, may be needed to go on trek as needed. If you have prior FMR experience and want to go out on trek for a week, please contact the Camp Director.

In Memoriam

Remembering Bernie Kaplan

Back in 1965, Floodwood 's first season, there were only eight troops invited to take part in North Bergen County Council 's daring experiment in High Adventure. These troops were invited based on their exceptional camping skills -- Bernie Kaplan 's Troop 308 Waldwick was one of them. Bernie loved Floodwood and Floodwood loved him -- he and his Troop were part of most summers at Floodwood. His enthusiasm for Floodwood was symbolic of his love for Scouting. He was the classic Scoutmaster, guiding generations of young Scouts through their years of adventure, advancement and fun. And the Scouters who worked with him remember a true Scouter always ready to share a skill or a story.

Remembering Cy Whitney

For over 40 years Cy Whitney and Wyckoff Scouting were synonymous and many of those years included Floodwood. Cy was the consummate outdoorsman and hiker. In addition to working with Scouts he was part of the Adirondack 46ers as well as the president of the Catskill 3500 Club and a director of the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference. Next time you ' re out hiking remember Cy and the joy he found on these same trails.

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