



Allegheny Foothills Chapter Newsletter

Chairman's Corner

Happy New Year Everyone! With business of the Christmas season behind us and snow covering up all the work that I didn't get done, it's a good time to reflect on accomplishments of 2010 and plans and goals for 2011. The firewood I cut for sale was sold out before the snow buried it. My stove seems to be ahead of schedule in using up the wood in the woodshed thanks to a colder than usual December. I am working my way through ash and beech tops from a 2009 timber sale. Before we know it the snow will subside and we will see our woodlands coming to life again.

One of the highlights of my Fall was a "Game of Logging" day at my neighbor Tony Pingitore's woods. It was a very informative day where bad habits were hard to hide. When you've done something wrong for 50 years it is difficult to change. I am confident that I can work more safely now and better predict where a tree will fall. In fact I was able to come home and get myself out of a predicament that I had gotten myself into just a week before. It was one of those situations where one mistake led to another and if hadn't stopped I would have had a winters worth of



firewood down just to get an 80 ft larch tree to the ground. See an article about the "Game of Logging" in this newsletter. I was especially pleased to see 4 young men participate in the training. They are well prepared to work safer and smarter.

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Christmas Party

By: Dan Anderson

On Saturday, December 4, almost 30 people met at the Randolph Community Building for our annual Christmas Party. We had a great time socializing and renewing acquaintances. The 'dish to pass' format yielded a wonderful lunch with a wide variety of foods. Our Chapter is blessed with some fantastic chefs/cooks!!

The Pingitores and Richardsons treated us to a Christmas carol sing along with their musical accompaniment. We even sang our NYFOA Christmas theme song; O Christmas Tree. JoAnn Kurtis then lead the ever popular Christmas gift exchange. What a wonderful way to start the holiday season.

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Chairman's corner continued... Our Steering Committee met on January 10th to deal with Chapter Business. The main thrust of our meeting was to work with Dan Anderson, Planning Coordinator, to set up a program schedule for 2011. One of the events that I hope will appeal to members in the "Far Eastern" part of our chapter is a workshop scheduled for Tues. Feb. 15, 7 to 9 pm, at the Belmont Cooperative Extension office. Please invite non-members and any interested parties to attend this evening event. We will be discussing current issues in woodlot management, the importance of woodlot management and other issues that will appeal to small and large woodlot owners and those who enjoy our woodlots.

We are currently in need of an individual to represent the AFC on the State Board of Directors for NYFOA. Dick Patton, who has served us well on that Board, has reached his term limit and will be stepping down. I will continue to serve as an at-large member. The Board meets 3 times per year, usually mid-state, on a Saturday. The balance of our communication is by conference call or email. I enjoy serving and if this is something you would consider contact someone on the steering committee to let them know. The next Board of Directors meeting will be at the NY Farm Show on February 26th.

Here is something I would like each of you to consider. All of us know someone who owns a small or large woodlot, makes use of our woodlots (such as hikers, hunters, campers) or has a business that profits from those who own or enjoy woodlot. Talk with them about NYFOA and what it has to offer. Share your "Forest Owner" magazine with them. Invite them to a chapter activity. If every member made the effort to recruit one individual and half of these efforts were successful the results would be phenomenal. More members will result in better woodlot management for more acreage in our State. It will allow NYFOA to improve and expand services to it's members and give us a stronger voice to influence government policy related to forestry. —Otis Barber

Cattaraugus County Fair Notes

By Jeff Rupp

The 2010 Cattaraugus County Fair ran from Monday, August 2—Sunday, August 8. NYFOA-AFC again this year used available space in the Norton Conservation Building, not far from the main gate. This building is used and maintained primarily by the Cattaraugus County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs.

Twenty NYFOA volunteers signed up to staff our display throughout the week, working shifts of 3 to 6 hours duration. In addition to our traditional table top display and wood sample ID quiz, information relating to many other forest related issues was available, including Cornell's MFO program, the Forest Connect Fact Sheet Series, invasive species info and much more forest stewardship information.

Thanks to the artistic skills of Tony Pingitore and Dan Anderson, our Chapter raffled a super-custom Eastern Hornbeam walking stick and a pair of mugs with a custom mug hanger. THANK YOU Tony and Dan! Although raffle ticket sales were down slightly from last year, we were still able to raise \$57 for our Chapter.

1st Prize in the raffle drawing went to Colleen Day, daughter of AFC member and MFO volunteer Paul Marohn. Paul manned our display the evening Colleen chanced a winning ticket while accompanied by her husband and children. 2nd Prize went to Dick Brennan, who recently built a home east of Ellicottville on forested property that has been in his family for several generations. Dick is a retired teacher and BOCES Administrator. He attended the September training for new MFO volunteers at Arnot Forest. While Dick spent his career working in the Niagara Frontier area well north of us, ironically, the BOCES school on Rt 242 near Ellicottville is adjacent to Brennan Road, named after Dick's great grandfather who immigrated here from Ireland many years ago.

Many of the NYFOA members contacted to staff our Fair display were most willing to help out—a testament to their passion for spreading the good news of positive impact Forest Stewardship. As an added plus, they signed up 6 forest owners for Woods Visits by MFO volunteers.

Many THANKS to the following who volunteered at the Fair: Bob Gorecki, Terry Kennedy, Ken Kuczka, Mark Marcus, Bob Wood, John and Gayle Rembold, John Jones, Mark Kurtis, Jim Prince, Bob and Ruth Sommers, Nick Parker, Gary Sargent, Larry Eddy, Bernie Lawn, Paul Marohn, Don Girod and Jim Taft.

Game of Logging / Level One Training

By Tony Pingitore

On Saturday, November 6, 2010, we hosted a Game of Logging, Level One training session. The instructor was Bill Lindloff of Bill Lindloff's Procuts. There were nine of us in the class. Experience ranged from raw novices to some who have been cutting wood for decades and those somewhere in the middle. We had four young men in the class, one a senior in high school and three recent grads.

The day started out in my shop with emphasis on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), safety features on chainsaws and proper sharpening of the saw chain. We old timers found out that some of our safety equipment was inadequate or its useful life had expired. Did you know that a chainsaw helmet has an expiration date? The helmets are considered unsafe after five years! After taking some licks about our equipment and our sharpening skills we headed out to the woods.

I had flagged a number of ash trees to use as our victims and after a demonstration from Bill and some practice cuts on short logs we were each paired with a tree and had to plan how to cut it safely and drop it where we wanted it to fall. HELP is the acronym for Hazards, Escape, Lean and Plan. Before we could start our saw we had to 1. Evaluate the hazards and mitigate them, 2. Establish our Escape route, 3. Determine the lean of the tree, front to back and side to side, 4. Plan our cuts to put the tree safely where we wanted it to go.

We were graded on all four of the criteria as well as safety violations, i.e. proper starting of the

saw, use of chain brake, improper placement of the thumb, failure to use the face shield, hearing protection and chaps. The method taught us is the plunge or bore cut method. This is considered the safest way to drop a tree in most cases. Bill set a target fifty or so feet from the tree and we lost points for every foot we were off target. All of us got pretty close, or hit the target.

It was a fun and highly informative day. Everyone was extremely glad to have spent the day on such a worthwhile event. About all of us are waiting to take the next level on February 12.

The Game of Logging (GOL) is widely acknowledged as the premier timber harvesting training program in the country, offering hands on training in a competitive environment.

For information contact Bill Lindloff at blprocuts@aol.com.



New York State DEC 2011 Summer Camp Registration

NYFOA-AFC is offering two scholarships for the 2011 DEC Camp. Applicants must write an essay on why they want to go to camp and submit it with a completed application. This application can also be downloaded online at www.dec.ny.gov/education/61769.html. You can fill this out on your computer and print off the completed application or fill out the application provided on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter.

Please send the completed application along with essay to Otis Barber, 6399 Route 380, Sinclairville, NY 14782-9653. **Applications must be received by February 15, 2011.**

There are several changes this year including the following: *Camp fee for one week is \$350. *All four camps will run for 7 weeks, beginning July 3. *Children who have attended camp in the past may register for any of the 7 weeks. Campers may attend for more than one week during the summer; total fee must be included with application. *Campers will not be able to stay at camp on Saturday night. *For additional information visit DEC's web site www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html or call 518-402-8014.



New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
 2011 Environmental Education Camp Application
 Camps: Colby—DeBruce—Pack Forest—Rushford



New York State DEC offers week-long environmental educational camps for seven weeks each summer for youth ages 12 to 17. The main focus of these camps is environmental education; campers spend their week immersed in the natural environment. Camps are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please complete both sides of this application form. Confirmation packets will be mailed to campers in May. No refunds will be given after June 1, 2011.

- Applications from sponsoring organizations must not be postmarked earlier than January 15, 2011.
- Applications directly from parents/guardians must not be postmarked earlier than January 29, 2011.
- Camp fee is \$350 per camper for a one-week stay. Payment by check or money order made out to *DEC Camps* must accompany this application. The fee will be returned if your choice of camp and week are unavailable. A postcard will confirm registration, including camp and week.

Please type or print clearly.

CAMPER INFORMATION

Camper Name _____
First (no nicknames, please) Last

Mailing Address _____
No. & Street Apt. #

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Gender: Female
 Male Date of Birth _____ Age at Camp _____

Primary Parent/
 Guardian Name _____

Phone (____) _____ (____) _____ (____) _____ Email: _____
Home Work Cell

Secondary Parent/
 Guardian Name _____

Address (if different from camper's) _____

Phone (____) _____ (____) _____ (____) _____ Email: _____
Home Work Cell

Alternate Contact Name: _____ Phone (____) _____
 Relationship to camper: _____

Camper's Ethnic Group (This information is optional.)

- Asian or Pacific Islander Native American or Alaskan Native African American (not of Hispanic origin)
 Caucasian (not of Hispanic origin) Hispanic Other

SPONSOR INFORMATION

If your organization is sponsoring a child, please complete this section.

Organization Name New York Forest Owners Association, Allegheny Foothills Chapter

Mailing Address Route 380, Sinclairville, NY 14782
No. & Street City State Zip County

Representative Otis Barber Address _____

Phone (716) 962-8175 (____) _____ Email: _____
Home Cell/Work

Alternate Representative Name: Tony Pingitore (716) 962-4041 (____)

Sponsors are responsible for the camper's attendance at and transportation to and from camp. Sponsors may send an alternate if the camper is unable to attend after acceptance. Alternates of a different gender will be accepted only if space is available. If a change must be made, call immediately to discuss options. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Which camp session(s) do you wish to attend?

- Indicate your preferences by entering 1, 2, or 3, etc. on the line beside your session(s) of choice. Please mark only one #1, one #2, one #3, etc. If you are not interested in a session, leave the line blank.
- If you wish to attend camp for more than one week this summer, indicate your choices in the space provided. You must include an additional \$350 payment for each week you wish to register for. There are no overnight accommodations on Saturdays. If you attend two consecutive weeks, you must leave camp on Saturday and return on Sunday.
- Total number of weeks camper wishes to attend in 2011 _____

YOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CAMP – for ages 12 to 14 (open to campers who are currently 11 years old if they will be 12 years old by December 1, 2011)			
<i>Camp DeBruce (Catskills)</i> ___ Wk 1...July 3-9 ___ Wk 2...July 10-16 ___ Wk 3...July 17-23 ___ Wk 4...July 24-30 ___ Wk 5...July 31-Aug. 6 ___ Wk 6...August 7-13 ___ Wk 7...August 14-20	<i>Camp Rushford (Western NY)</i> ___ Wk 1...July 3-9 ___ Wk 2...July 10-16 ___ Wk 3...July 17-23 ___ Wk 4...July 24-30 ___ Wk 5...July 31-Aug. 6 ___ Wk 6...August 7-13 ___ Wk 7...August 14-20	<i>Camp Colby (Adirondacks)</i> ___ Wk 1...July 3-9 ___ Wk 2...July 10-16 ___ Wk 3...July 17-23 ___ Wk 4...July 24-30 ___ Wk 5...July 31-Aug. 6 ___ Wk 6...August 7-13 ___ Wk 7...August 14-20	<i>Pack Forest (Adirondacks)</i> ___ Wk 4...July 24-30 ___ Wk 5...July 31-Aug. 6 ___ Wk 6...August 7-13 ___ Wk 7...August 14-20
TEEN ECOLOGY WEEK – for ages 15 to 17 at Pack Forest only (Adirondacks) (open to campers who are currently 14 years old if they will be 15 years old by December 1, 2011)			
___ Wk 1...July 3-9	___ Wk 2...July 10-16	___ Wk 3...July 17-23	
ADDITIONAL WEEKS AT CAMP (if desired) enter camp name and week number Payment for all weeks must be included with this application. There are no overnight accommodations on Saturdays.			
Second Week at Camp First choice: _____ Second choice: _____ Third choice: _____		Third Week at Camp First choice: _____ Second choice: _____ Third choice: _____	

Have you attended DEC camp before? Yes No Which camp? _____ When? _____

Cabin-mate Request (one name only): _____ This camper must also request you as a cabin-mate. We will make every effort to honor one mutual request for campers of the same age. Cabin-mate requests are NOT guaranteed.

How did you hear about DEC Summer Camps? Friends/Family School Internet Organization Other _____

Youth Campers may participate in the New York State Hunter Education Program. Teen Campers may participate in the New York State Bowhunter Education Program. These are optional. Check here to indicate an interest. This does not commit you to the course.

Youth Camper interested in taking Hunter Education Yes No
 Teen Camper interested in taking Bowhunter Education Yes No

Terms and Conditions: I understand that I am enrolling my child in the DEC camp program. I certify that all information given here is correct and accurate. I understand that no refunds will be given after June 1, 2011 and I agree to these terms. I have enclosed a check or money order in the amount of \$350 for each week for which I am registering, made payable to DEC Camps.

Mail to: NYSDEC-DEC Camps, Attention: Patti Bolton, 625 Broadway, 2nd Floor, Albany NY, 12233-4500

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

OR

Sponsoring Organization Signature _____ Date _____

If you have any questions, please call 518-402-8014. Email: edcamps@gw.dec.state.ny.us

Privacy Notification: This application asks for personal information, therefore, the Personal Privacy Protection Law requires that you be given this notice. Environmental Conservation Law -Section 3-0301 provides legal authority to collect and maintain personal information requested on this Environmental Education Camp Application. The principal purpose for this information is to enroll campers into the education program and to ensure that the applicant meets the age requirement and to ensure appropriate assignment of campers to facilities and programs. Failure to provide this information makes this impossible and would require that we deny the camper the opportunity to participate in the camp program. This information will be maintained by the Camps Administrator, 625 Broadway 2nd Floor, Albany, New York 12233-4500, ph: 518-402-8014.

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2011 EVENT CALENDAR

FEB 12 GAME OF LOGGING SESSION 2

FEB 15 BELMONT WORKSHOP

**FEB 24, 25, 26 NY FARM SHOW,
STATE FAIRGROUNDS, SYRACUSE**

**MAY 7 11 AM BEAVER WALK
ECOLOGY EVENT, 2798 ARMENIAN
RD, SHERMAN OFF RT 430 NEAR
CEMETERY, NEXT TO WETLANDS**

**RSVP JLARABIANS@AOL.COM OR 716-
685-2540 FOR LUNCH RESERVATIONS**

**JULY 16 AFC SUMMER PICNIC/ MFO
REFRESHER—LOCATION TBA**

SEPT 24 WOODSWALK RUSHFORD

DEC 3 CHRISTMAS PARTY RANDOLPH



NYFOA-AFC members enjoying last year's Annual Summer Picnic/MFO Refresher/ Informational Meeting at the Pfeiffer Nature Center in Portville, NY on July 17, 2010.

Words may show a man's wit, but actions his meaning.

-Benjamin Franklin

Welcome New Members: Andy Anderson, Gerry; Dick Brennan, Ellicottville; David Heath, Stockton; Nate Novelli, Dunkirk; Joe Radack, Jamestown; and Tom Washington, Cassadaga. 293 total membership.

Mark Your Calendars!



The Steering Committee has scheduled many exciting events for 2011. **COMING SOON**—Game of Logging Session #2 on February 12; for info contact Tony Pingitore or email Bill Lindloff at blprocuts@aol.com. The Belmont Workshop will be held on February 15. On May 7 Linda Wieland will take us on a walking tour of her property that includes 2 ponds; one is a salamander pond. Beavers have come on to the property. The property has been logged twice and those results can be seen. Lunch will follow; please RSVP to 716-685-2540 or email JLARABIANS@aol.com so lunch can be planned for those attending. Take Sherman exit off I-86, in Sherman turn right on 430, just outside Sherman turn right on Armenian Road, about 1.5 miles on right, 1st driveway past wetlands, #2798. Look for sign by driveway.

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Membership is open to anyone interested in understanding how to manage a woodlot. For information on becoming a NYFOA member, contact Liana Gooding at (800) 836-3566. Annual membership is \$30 for individuals and \$35 for families and includes: subscription to this wonderful newsletter; the bi-monthly NYFOA statewide publication, *The New York Forest Owner*; attendance at Chapter meetings; and at statewide meetings. For more information visit www.nyfoa.org

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