

THE ENGAGED SIERRAN

MT. SUNAPEE SKI AREA EXPANSION PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, August 26, 6pm Mount Sunapee State Park

Every five years, Okemo (operators of the ski area within Mount Sunapee State Park) are required to put forth their draft Five Year Master Development Plan. The last plan was presented in the summer of 2009. This is a planned five year cycle.

In 2005, Governor John Lynch blocked the expansion. Our current governor Maggie Hassan has indicated her opposition to the expansion as well.

Support Governor Hassan's position and show other state leaders that the concerns about the expansion (and resulting real estate development) are clear and persuasive. Attend the hearing on August 26!



For more information, visit the <u>Friends of Mount Sunapee website</u>, or call 603-863-0045, and leave a voicemail with a good time to call back.

GETTING TO THE PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH MADE SIMPLE!

<u>Climate March</u> – the biggest event of its kind EVER! Join your fellow activists for this historic event, and have a chance to discuss local and national environmental issues and activities on a fun and comfortable ride to New York. No worries about driving or parking!

There will be two chartered buses going down to NYC on September 21, **just for the day**, making it easy to participate! You can catch a bus in Concord, Nashua or Portsmouth. Please note that final details are still being worked out, but once you sign up you will be contacted directly with any changes to itineraries.

Depart from CONCORD on Sunday, Sept. 21, at 5:30 a.m.
 (approximate time, exact departure to be determined), or board
 the bus when it stops in NASHUA at about 6:00 a.m. After the
 March, the bus will return to New Hampshire making the same
 two stops. Anticipated time of return is between 11:00 p.m. midnight. Buy a ticket from Concord or Nashua. This bus is
 being sponsored by 350.org.



The Bus Captain, **Cathy Goldwater**, **603-860-3756**, will contact you after you sign up, to determine whether you want to join the bus at Concord or Nashua, and to give you all the up-to-the-minute details.

Regular ticket price is \$50; some reduced rate seats are available, so please ask. We want EVERYONE at this once-in-a-lifetime march!!! Questions? Contact the Bus Captain for Concord and Nashua.

The PORTSMOUTH departure is hosted by our friends at <u>Maine Sierra Club</u>. For Portsmouth bus
questions, the Bus Captain is Stephanie Marshall, <u>stephmarshall@myfairpoint.net</u>, or you may contact
Jeanine Bischoff at <u>maine.chapter@sierraclub.org</u>.

The bus is expected to leave at 5:30 a.m. from the C&J Bus Terminal at Pease Trade Port, and depart NYC at around 5 p.m. to get you home by midnight.

The Portsmouth bus costs \$30/round trip, and you can buy your Portsmouth ticket online. There is a place

on the form to designate your pickup point as New Hampshire.

CROTCHED MOUNTAIN OUTING

Labor Day, September 1

Enjoy a climb with the Sierra Club this Labor Day! You'll be rewarded with excellent views of Mount Monadnock, Pack Monadnock, and southwestern New Hampshire.

Total distance 3.8 miles, with 876 feet of elevation gain. We'll depart from the Crotched Mt. Rehabilitation Center in Greenfield, NH.

Directions: From the intersection of Route

31 and 136 in Greenfield, follow the signs to Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center. Make a right of Route 31 at the sign Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center and continue up the road past the pond and up the hill. At roughly a mile and a half it comes upon a gated gravel road on the left with signs warning not to park at the driveway. Parking is free.

This easy-to-moderate hike is led by leaders Jerry Yos and Peter Hope. Contact Peter for start time, (603) 863-6456.



JOIN THE FUNDRAISING TEAM

The NH Sierra Club is looking for volunteers to join the fundraising committee.

This is a volunteer position that requires about **4-6 hours a month**to help meet fundraising deadlines and goals. **Volunteers are the people powering the club!**

WHAT DOES THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE DO?

- Provide updates and make informative decisions relating to chapter fundraising
 - Coordinates fundraising events and solicitations
 - Provides input to our fundraising letters
 - Organizes fundraising events and socials

with local Sierra Club groups and conservation campaigns

WHO CAN HELP?

- Folks with great people skills willing to talk to members, public and staff
 - Good writers who want to help "sell" the Sierra Club
 - Event planners to create letters/invitations and plan mailing parties, fundraising events, and activities

Many volunteer opportunities available!

For more information contact Catherine Corkery, Chapter Director, at catherine.corkery@sierraclub.org or (603) 224-8222

JOIN US FOR PLUG IN DAY!

When: Saturday, September 20, 9 am - 12 pm Where: Capitol Plaza \sim The State House

New Hampshire Sierra Club, along with our friends at the NH Department of Environmental Services, ConVerdent Technologies and NH Automobile Dealers Association, are hosting our **Third Annual Plug In Day** on Saturday, September 20 at the Capitol Plaza in front of the State House in Concord. Come see the cutting edge of electric and hybrid electric cars on the market today. Electric cars that help lower dangerous air pollution and push new development of smart technology will be on display with their owners or from a dealership.

If you are curious about the technology or just wanted to know what they



look like - come to the State House and see for yourself. Free and open to the public. Let us know you're coming -- RSVP today!



NAME THIS SUMMIT

Newsletter co-editor Alice Pearman recently climbed a wellknown mountain in New Hampshire. Can you name this summit?

We'll reveal the answer next month!

Join the Zero Waste-Producer Team!

The national Zero Waste-Producer Responsibility Team was launched in 2013 within the Sierra Club's Grassroots Network. The team seeks dedicated Sierra Club members to join the team and work to promote waste reduction, reuse and recycling through producer-focused policies rather than continue to have local governments and taxpayers pay for handling products not designed for recycling.

Interested? Visit the <u>Team Website</u> to read the Sierra Club Zero Waste Policy and learn more about how you can be part of the team.

THANK YOU TO OUR MARKET DAYS VOLUNTEERS

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped staff the Sierra Club table during Concord's Market Days in June. Pictured are volunteers Anne Emerson and Russ Perkins of Canterbury, who helped out on Friday!



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