

Trailhead Steward Training (for new volunteers!)

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Looking for a way to give back to the mountains? Become an ADK 46er Steward!

The 46er Trailhead Steward Program (TSP) is a collaborative effort involving the Adirondack 46ers, the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The program focuses on "education, conservation and information" to/for the general hiking public, in an effort to improve the sustainability of the High Peaks trails and improve the hiking experience for all.

Beginning in June 2017, 46er volunteer Trailhead Stewards were stationed at the Cascade

Trailhead on Route 73 (between Keene and Lake Placid) on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays (through Columbus Day), between the hours of 8AM and 4 PM. Our volunteers (2-4 scheduled each day) spoke with those heading out (and returning from) their hike regarding DEC rules and regulations, "Leave No Trace" hiking principles, and safety/preparedness concerns.

Over the course of the season, our volunteers encountered more than 13,000 human hikers and more than 600 canine hikers at the trailhead. They provided information on rules and regulations (such as dogs on leash), alternate hikes, hiking safety and preparedness, preservation of the resource...and yes...even how to properly dispose of poop!



To become a 46er Trailhead Steward, you must be a registered/completed 46er, complete a one-day training program, and be willing/able to volunteer at least two full days during the season. These days can be two consecutive days (a weekend, for example), or they can be single days on different weekends. And, of course, you can volunteer as many days as you like! An added bonus is that TSP volunteers receive 8 hours of Conservation Service Award credit for each day served.

Interested in joining us? Please email Joe Ryan, (#3787) TSP volunteer coordinator, at the email shown below.

The next training session (required prior to service) will be announced. (More information will be provided as it becomes available.)

Meet you at the trailhead!

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