



White Mountains Interpretive Association

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The White Mountains Interpretive Association (WMIA) exists to encourage visitors to understand and appreciate our forest resources. The WMIA was the 2006 recipient of the National Association for Interpretation's "Excellence in Interpretive Support" Award.

Repairs on the Russell-Colbath House

On a beautiful summer day in August, the members of the WMIA gathered at the Russell-Colbath House to scrape and paint the clapboards of the 1832 home. With many from the Board of Directors along with members and Forest Service employees Ron and Tiffany and Lauren moving ladders and painting, quick work was made of the project and by 1:00 pm a first coat was on the house. Painters then relaxed at a cookout of hamburgers and hotdogs.

A second coat of paint was applied to the house in September by the Harley Hogs group. Many thanks to all those who donated their time and energy to this project.



In Sept. a new cedar shingle roof was put on the RC House completing the repairs for the year.



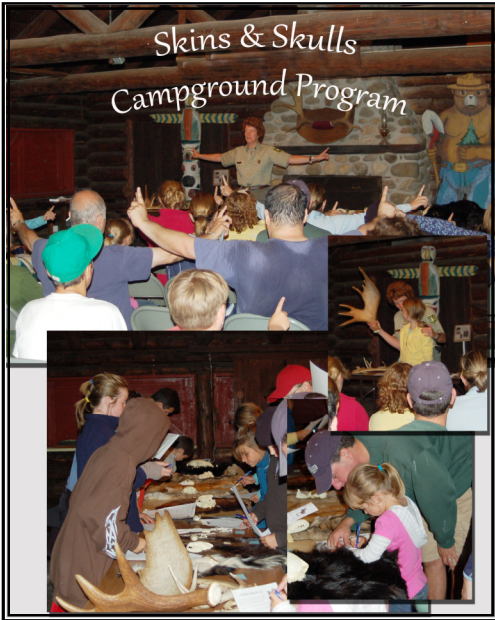
Successful Programs

This past summer the WMIA sponsored a number of successful programs, including:

- ◆ Campground programs— Programs were held every Saturday night at campgrounds throughout the White Mountain National Forest. These programs included topics such as: Edible Plants in the WMNF, Moose: Monarch of the North, Skins & Skulls of Mammals in the White Mountains, and many more.
- ◆ Cooper demonstrations at the Russell-Colbath Barn demonstrating the craft of making barrels and buckets by hand
- ◆ Interpreter at the RC House—A costumed interpreter staffed the Russell-Colbath House during the summer season, portraying daily life in the White Mountains during the 19th century.
- ◆ Mountaineer Rick Wilcox presented techniques and stories of search-and-rescue missions in the White Mountains.
- ◆ Assisted the Bartlett Recreation Dept. with group programs.



Many thanks to photographer Heidi Wight for the photos from the summer programs.



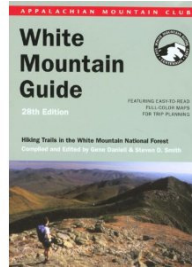
**Do you have ideas to share?
Vacancy on the WMIA Board of Directors**



There are openings on the Board of Directors and we are seeking members to share ideas for activities and help out at one meeting per month. Email or call if you are interested.

Books and Gift Items

Check out the new gifts, books and apparel available at the WMIA shops in the Ranger Stations.



AMC White Mountain Guide, 28th Centennial Edition. Most comprehensive guide available to the hiking trails of the White Mountains.



T-shirts, hats, fleece vests and children's toys are also available.

All members receive a 15% discount on items at the WMIA shops.

Be sure to visit the new state-of-the-art energy efficient Pemigewasset Ranger Station at 71 White Mountain Drive, Campton, NH at exit 27 off Rt. I-93. While you are there, check out the new WMIA shop in the main lobby for gift items.

Membership

The WMIA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that promotes and funds historic, educational and scientific programs on the White Mountain National Forest. The WMIA is supported by membership dues, donations, and sales at ranger stations. All contributions are tax deductible.

Already a member? Please pass this newsletter along to a friend or neighbor who may be interested in joining.

Membership level:
(check one)

Name: _____

Supporter (Individual)...\$15.00 []

Address: _____

Defender (Family).....\$25.00 []

Guardian.....\$50.00 []

Believer.....\$100.00 []

Enhancer.....\$150.00 []

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