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X-country ski outing at Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center. See back for details.



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by Ansel Adams in *This is the American Earth*

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Lecture Programs Continue

General Meeting and Program Tuesday February 12, 2002–7:00 p.m.

The Return of the Moose in New York State:

Alan Hicks—Department of Environmental Conservation



Yes, the “Moose is Loose” in New York State. After nearly a century of extinction from our state borders, the Moose is making a steady comeback into our native forests. Learn the history of this majestic and misunderstood symbol of the northern wilderness. Alan Hicks has been studying the Moose’ return for nearly two decades and will present the very latest on the status and whereabouts. Learn how a state plan to enhance moose populations was stopped before it ever got started. Bring your questions and bring a friend.

For more information call John Nemjo, Sierra Club Program Chair, at 279-4777. See you February 12, 2002 at

7:00 p.m. Location: Colonie Public Library, 626 Albany-Shaker Road, just east of Northway Exit 4 at the intersection of Albany Shaker Road and Wolf Road. ■

General Meeting and Program Tuesday March 12, 2002–7:00 p.m.

Oil and The Arctic—A Personal Perspective

Tim Leach started his Arctic Odyssey with a bicycle tour from Fairbanks to Prudhoe Bay. From there he went into the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for a two-week photographic expedition that eventually changed his focus in life.

After extensive research and interviewing dozens of native and nonnative Alaskans, oil company executives, pipeline workers, wildlife biologists and many others he has prepared an enlightening presentation on the possible fate of our most extensive unblemished wilderness area. Mr. Leach is currently traveling throughout the country educating people and hopefully influencing politicians that sacrificing the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil development does not make sense nor will it have a significant impact on our national energy future. Join us for an evening of spectacular photography from the Alaskan outback and heated debate over how and why we should keep drilling for oil out of our last great frontier.

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Volunteer Corner



The following positions are available for those interested in getting involved with the Sierra Club Hudson/Mohawk Group:

- Assistant Fund-raising Chair: Help the local Sierra Club raise funds to carry on our important work. Contact John Nemjo at 279-4777
- Publicity Chair: Do you have a knack to getting the word out? The Sierra Club needs your help to assist in advertising Sierra Club events and programs. Contact John Nemjo at 279-4777.
- Programs Chair: Person needed to arrange and conduct our monthly membership meeting and program series. If you can help organize these events contact John Nemjo at 279-4777.
- Newsletter Labeling Party: Join us each month to help us get the word out to our membership. Great conversation and refreshments provided. Call Melissa Clarke, Sierra Club Volunteer Coordinator, at 489-2667.

A Note About Volunteering: We encourage our members to get involved. For more information about volunteering, contact Melissa Clarke, Volunteer Coordinator, at 489-2667. Thank you.

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The Hudson-Mohawk Group Executive Committee meets monthly (except July). Members are encouraged to attend! Please call Pete Sheehan to confirm. The Sierra Club Hudson-Mohawk Group newsletter is published 5-6 times per. year by the Hudson-Mohawk Group of the Atlantic Chapter of the Sierra Club. Submit all letters to the editor to: Hudson-Mohawk Group, Capitol Station, Box 7194, Albany, NY 12224. Include the author's name and telephone number. We reserve the right to edit and keep all articles. Views expressed by the contributors may or may not be those of the Sierra Club or the Hudson-Mohawk Group. The subscription rate is \$5/5 issues; subscriptions for members are free.

Sierra Club Social

Monday February 18, 2002 7:30 P.M. Albany Pump Station

Are you interested in getting involved with our local Sierra Club Group? Are you interested in making a difference in our local community? Are you interested in making new friends? If so, you can do all three by joining us for some light hearted discussions about how we work while sampling some of our own locally brewed beverages and bill of fare.

So mark your calendar for Monday February 18, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. for the next monthly Sierra Club Social. For more information contact John Nemjo, Sierra Club Social Chair, at 279-4777. Location: Albany Pump Station (just off of I-787 at the Clinton Street Exit in downtown Albany). Anyone interested in helping organize the Sierra Club Social and possibly become Social Chair please call John Nemjo at 279-4777. ■

Sierra Club Outing

Saturday February 23, 2002, 12 p.m.

Cross-Country Skiing at Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center

Join us for an early afternoon cross-country ski outing at the beautiful Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center. The center is located in the town of Grafton just South of Rt. 2 and boasts some of the best primitive cross-country ski trails on the Rensselaer Plateau. Wildlife abounds in this second-growth forest, and in recent years, moose have been seen along the access road to the center. After we're done skiing, everyone is invited to a social at the home of John Nemjo in Cropseyville for some hot German Gluhwein (a spiced wine concoction) and refreshments.

Anyone interested in attending should meet at 12 noon sharp at the Styx Restaurant parking lot in Cropseyville on Rt.2 (just ½ mile east of the intersection of Rt.2 and Rt. 278). Or meet at the Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center at 12:30 p.m. by taking Dunham Reservoir Road to the intersection of Rt.85 and then going right for about 2 miles to the entrance road for the center.

For more information call John Nemjo at 279-4777 or John Vanderloo at 370-4932. Car pooling is encouraged. For information on providing or receiving rides please call John Vanderloo at 370-4932. So see you there for some great winter fun on Saturday February 23, 2002 at noon, and don't forget to bring your skis. ■



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