

# NACNews

Northern Adirondak Chapter

Spring 2024

## Calendar

### **NYFOA – NAC & SAC Adirondak Conference 2024**

Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>  
10am-2:30pm  
Tupper Lake High School  
Tupper Lake, NY  
*See Details Inside*

### **SAC – Audubon Event**

Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>  
Kunjamuk Demonstration Forest  
Speculator, NY  
*Check NYFOA Website for Upcoming Details*

### **NAC – “Rocky Top” Ride & Walk Event Host – Spencer Thew**

10:00am – 3:00pm  
Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>  
Colton, NY  
*Bring a Bag Lunch / See Details Inside*

### **NAC - Cibelli Woodswalk & Hud-Son Equipment Demo**

Saturday Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>  
10am-3:00pm  
Pitcairin, NY  
*See Details Inside*

### **Woods Walk Hosts Needed!**

Contact Scott Bonno  
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Hello NAC members!

Spring is coming for sure even if some days feel more like the winter we did not really have. The Cornell-Uihlein Maple Station in Lk. Placid is approaching the always hoped for "average annual production" and the last sap run is near. I wish you well with your pending management plans soon as it dries up a bit!

Scott Bonno, Bob Coupal, Bill Lynch and Steve Sherwood on the woods walk committee have been putting together great walks in the past and have more lined up for this year. Read on! Thank you Bob for another great NACNews.

NAC and SAC will jointly sponsor the 2nd annual regional NYFOA Conference May 11. Thank you, Craig Volmer and Claire Kenny, for all the work you have done to get these conferences organized and delivered! AND thank you NAC and SAC volunteers who helped last fall and will again next month. More volunteers are needed to help on May 11. The silent raffle was fun and successful last fall. Please let us know what you can donate from the back of your shed or barn. For instance, I'll be bringing one of my 4 refurbished single-bit axes used for driving wedges. Please contact me at [garygoff357@gmail.com](mailto:garygoff357@gmail.com) 518/837-5171.

Hope to see you there! Gary Goff, NAC Chair



## Successful Woodswalk held at ESF Ranger School

The Northern ADK Chapter (NAC) of the NY Forest Owners Association conducted an educational workshop on Saturday, September 23, hosted by the College of Environmental Science & Forestry's Ranger School in Wanakena, NY.

Thirteen NAC members (some new, some seasoned) attended. There was a little nip in the air, but it was a beautiful fall day to be out in the woods learning about the forest stands, programs and research being conducted at the school. This was also Parents' Weekend so there was a fair amount of activity on campus. The faculty were gracious to take time out of a hectic weekend to host our workshop. Thank you all! Scott Bonno arranged the program with Prof. Jamie Savage. It was a pleasure to plan out the details and deliver the workshop with Jamie.

We met at the upper Alumni Picnic Pavilion to introduce all the participants and Jamie gave an Overview of Ranger School and Career Opportunities for Graduates. Over my career I have met many Ranger School graduates and without an exception they treasure their experiences, regardless of the profession they eventually work in.

We then went on in a van tour of the James F. Dubuar Forest to visit the 1915 red pine stand and 1995 Microburst areas. Both sites were great examples of how forests are always changing, sometimes abruptly and sometimes over decades. As forest stewards we have many management options!

We gathered for lunch at scenic Cathedral Rock Picnic Pavilion and Fire Tower where we had time to chat and catch up on what members are doing with their woodlots. Jeremy Thompson, Instructor and Licensed Surveyor also led a discussion Marking and Maintaining Property Boundaries, which is always an interesting topic that elicits questions and experiences!

Profs Vanessa Rojas and Jeff Dubis wrapped up the presentations with a site visit to a large pole hardwood stand. Vanessa covered some of the research and teaching she is doing involving trail cameras monitoring bears, bats, and other wildlife. Her experiences with students working on these projects were especially interesting. Jeff explained some of the silviculture practices involved in stand conversion to an aspen stand.

We traveled back to the pavilion to draw the door prizes that Scott procured from local merchants and a few donated by NAC members.

It was a pleasure to spend some quality time with all attending! And a special thank you to Bill Lynch who helped with the many details of delivering these workshops and then again on the following weekend at the Regional Conference in Tupper Lake!

## I<sup>st</sup> Annual NYFOA Adirondack Regional Conference Recap

The 1<sup>st</sup> annual Adirondack Regional Conference was held on Saturday, Oct 30 at Tupper Lake High School. From all accounts and based on a post conference survey it was very interesting, informative and an enjoyable venue. Thirty forest owners attended.

This was the second of four regional conferences scheduled throughout the state in 2024. The Northern (NAC) and Southern Chapters (SAC) of NYFOA were co-hosts. The state-wide program committee decided to offer this series in place of the usual annual, state-wide conference typically held at the College of Environmental Science & Forestry at Syracuse. Regional venues have the primary advantage of reduced driving time for attendees. Plus, regional conferences can tailor the agenda to local interests.

Each of the regional conferences depended heavily on the support and work of numerous volunteers at the Chapter level. Craig Vollmer, Executive Director, put out a call for volunteers and numerous volunteers took on roles such as conducting promotion, finding catering, working with the venue staff, acquiring raffle items, and running the raffle, publication handouts, etc.

This conference was the second major event for Claire Kenney, NYFOA's new Office Administrator. She was instrumental in acquiring and setting up lunch and the registration. Claire's contact information is: PO Box 644, Naples, NY 14512 ph: 607-356-2214 email: [info@nyfoa.org](mailto:info@nyfoa.org)

The complete schedule with speakers and topics can be viewed on the NYFOA.org website under statewide EVENTS/ADK regional conference schedule. All presentations were interesting and well delivered. For those of you who did not attend, here are a few links to various topics or to contact the speakers directly:

Moose of NY <https://www.adirondack.net/wildlife/moose-sightings/>

Planting for Pollinators <https://www.pollinator.org/>

NY Forestry Issues & Opportunities <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/4972.html>

Estate & Legacy Planning Toolbox  
<https://extension.psu.edu/forests-and-wildlife/forest-management/legacy-planning>

Preserving your Forest Legacy, Planning Tool Options and Conservation Easements  
<https://adirondacklandtrust.org/>

Thank you all (organizers, volunteers, speakers, school staff, attendees) for making the conference such a success and pleasure to attend.

## 2024 NYFOA Adirondak Regional Conference

**May 11, 2024**

**8:30 AM - 4:30 PM**

**Tupper Lake High School - Tupper Lake, NY**

### **Presentations**

Forestry 101 – Frequently Asked Questions

Invasive Plant Species Control

Real Property Tax Law

Ruffed Grouse Habitat Management/NRCS Cost Share Programs

Forest Health Tool/Resiliency Score Card Field Demonstration & Woods Walk  
Lunch will be provided.

### **Registration**

Register by 5/8/24

Members \$43 - Non-Members \$53 - Non-Member Guest \$25 - Students \$25

Registration Information and program details are available at:

<https://www.nyfoa.org/events/statewide-events/nyfoa-adirondack-regional-conference-2024>

To request additional information or to have registration materials sent to you please email us at [info@nyfoa.org](mailto:info@nyfoa.org) or call 607-365-2214

Register a non-member friend with you and they get a discount to attend.

### **Can't make the Adirondack Conference? You have other options.**

Hudson Valley Regional Conference: June 15<sup>th</sup> – Hudson, NY

Central New York Regional Conference: September 7<sup>th</sup> – Lafayette, NY

Western New York Regional Conference: October 19<sup>th</sup> – Yorkshire, NY

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We will be holding a raffle and silent auction at the conference to raise funds for NYFOA, so make sure you bring a little cash or your check book to buy a ticket or two or be ready to place a bid for that special item you just cannot live without.

We would also greatly appreciate any items you would be willing to donate for the raffle.

Items could include: a bottle of wine or liquor, a local delicacy (non-perishable), forestry/nature books, woodworking or other hand-crafted items, applicably themed garments/hats, outdoorsman products, applicably themed coffee or travel mugs, gift cards from chain stores, applicably themed vintage/collectible item, or other items you think might be of interest to your fellow landowners. If you have an item you would like to donate a raffle item, please contact Scott Bono by email: [glenmeal@yahoo.com](mailto:glenmeal@yahoo.com)

Thank you in advance for your donation and continued support of your NYFOA.

## “Rocky Top” NAC Forest Event

Mark your calendar! The NY Forest Owners Association Northern Adirondack Chapter announces an upcoming Woodswalk in St. Lawrence County on **Saturday July 13, 2024**.

Members and non-members are welcome. The event will commence at 10:00 am with a break at noon for a bring-your-own brown bag lunch. The tour will conclude at about 3pm.

This 660-acre “Rocky Top” property is owned by Spencer Thew and is located at **3019 SH 56 S. Colton NY 13687 (Call of the Wild Sled Dog Tours)**. Spencer purchased this property in 1991 after it was very heavily cut by the previous owner. This outing will allow participants to view regeneration on a 40-year-old harvest site that is now stocked with very nice poles and young saw timber. Spencer will also show us a naturally seeded Christmas Tree plantation and share his future ideas for that aspect of his forest.

At one time the property housed a commercial sawmill. The buildings have been re-purposed to support a grade-stake business and other products which are marketed in the northeast. Finally, Spencer can offer insight into managing a vacation destination for sled-dog mushers and enthusiasts. He has utilized the many miles of his own and neighboring forest lands to train his sled dogs for distance racing, including the Iditarod sled-dog race.

Please pack lunch, bring a friend, and enjoy a day afield, rain or shine. Snacks and water will be provided. We will traverse miles of woods roads or improved gravel roads by utilizing ATV's and UTV's.

Please let us know if you will be bringing a machine and how many it seats. Thank you! A few machines are available for participants; however, space is limited. There is a lot to discover. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pre-register by July 8<sup>th</sup> and become eligible to win one of several door prizes. Register and or questions by text message with Scott Bonno at 315-854-7788 or email [glenmeal@yahoo.com](mailto:glenmeal@yahoo.com).



## Cibelli Woodwalk & Hud-Son Equipment Demo – Pitcairn, NY

Jerry Cibelli has generously offered to host an event at his property. The location is 1668 State Hwy 3, Town Pitcairn. Intersection of Hwy. 3 and Greenwood Creek Rd. about 15 minutes east of Harrisville, N.Y.

Jerry has arranged to have Hud-Son Forest Equipment from Barneveld, NY demonstrate some of their forest owner level equipment. Hud-Son plans to bring tractor setup with a Skidding winch and log grapple on the front as well as a standard sawmill.

The walk portion will include reviewing a healthy, naturally fully stocked stand of 100% Eastern White Pine. We will discuss regeneration of the white pine stand as well as reviewing a variety of planted tree species that are caged to prevent deer damage. We will also view evidence of natural white oak regeneration despite whitetail browsing.

Jerry is working with Scott on other ideas to make this a successful event. Hope you can join us. You might just go home with some fresh milled lumber.



Photos from a fellow NAC Forest Owner with a 15-year-old Hud-son Oscar 30

With apologies to another “Forrest” you may have heard of....

**“Sawmilling is like a box of Chocolates. You never know what you’re gonna get”!**

### Game Of Logging Event in the Northern Adirondacks

May 10 - Washington County OR May 17 - Franklin County

Cost \$25 / 8 am - 4:30 pm / Participants bring their own lunch / Instructor - Bill Lindloff

Exact location will be confirmed at time of registration confirmation.

Items to bring. No equipment is provided. Each participant must have their own hardhat and should bring their own chaps and chainsaws as sharing can be limited.

Each class limited to 10 people. Classes removed from website as they fill.

The most important information is that pre-registration is required via email or phone call.

Contact Program Director Mitzi at [chainsawsafety@bassett.org](mailto:chainsawsafety@bassett.org) or 800-343-7527

## Wanakena ESF Ranger School



## Tupper Lake ADK Regional Conference



Look forward to seeing you at this year's events!

## Welcome New NAC Members

**Chris Marnell** – Middletown, NY    **Erik Whittaker** – Potsdam NY

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