CAMP SANTANONI

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Dear Santanoni Friends,

It was great to see many of you (and lots of new faces) at this year's winter weekends; we couldn't control the weather or snow conditions, but we were certainly happy to greet you with a smile and hot chocolate after your efforts. The days are getting warmer, and soon enough Santanoni's summer season will be in full swing! As we start to make preparations, we're excited to send along some updates and let you know about our plans for 2016 and how you can help to ensure Santanoni's success and preservation for years to come.

OPRHP Award. In December 2015, the Camp Santanoni Partners (Town of Newcomb, the Department of Environmental Conservation and Adirondack Architectural Heritage) received a New York State Historic Preservation Award for their long-term collaborative efforts to restore and interpret Camp Santanoni. It was an honor to have the hard work and determination of the past 25 years recognized. There is still much to do and we look forward to the next chapter of partnership to care for this National Historic Landmark!

Santanoni Unit Management Plan. After several rounds of revision and advocacy by AARCH and the Friends, the new Santanoni Unit Management Plan has finally been accepted. The plan generally offers a more positive vision for the preservation and interpretation of the buildings and landscape and is a great step forward. We're most excited about the Department of Environmental Conservation's plan to do a cultural landscape study at Santanoni and their commitment to rebuilding the Barn, which was destroyed by fire in 2004. Plans to move forward with that project are still in their earliest stages, but we're encouraged by the ideas we've been hearing from our partners at DEC and the Town of Newcomb. If you have photographs or artifacts from the farm, have ideas about this project, or would like to get involved, let us know!

Volunteering. As in the past, the Friends plan to sponsor at least one volunteer day each month during the summer season. Mark your calendars! On **Friday, June 17**, we'll open up the camp and make it shine for the season. In addition to some cleaning, we'll unboard windows, clear pine needles from roofs, and complete a few other maintenance tasks. On **Tuesday, July 19, Wednesday, August 31, and Wednesday, September 14,** Howie Kirschenbaum will lead volunteer work days to clear brush and do landscape work at the Farm. We have big ideas for volunteer projects for next year, and we may hold a few volunteer work days in late summer and fall to prepare for those projects—we'll keep you updated as those are planned. If you can help out on any of the workdays please send an email to **Santanoni@aarch.org** and we'll sign you up.

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The Friends of Camp Santanoni are a partnership between Adirondack Architectural Heritage (AARCH), the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), the Town of Newcomb, and the thousands of people who love this special place. The Friends operate under the 501(c)(3) auspices of AARCH, the private nonprofit historic preservation organization for the Adirondack region.

Summer Conservation Projects. This summer, interns will be working on reglazing windows at the camp and staining in addition to smaller, special projects. Michael Frenette will be returning for his 19th summer at Santanoni and will be focused on repairing deteriorated log work at the Artist's Studio and the rear of the Main Lodge.

Interpretive Tours. In addition to helping with conservation work, Santanoni's interns will also be leading tours. As always, you can join a free tour every day between July 4 and September 5 at 11a.m., 1p.m., and 3p.m. Larry Newcombe of Newcombe Farm will be running wagon rides out to camp again this year—they're a great way to be part of this historic experience and to bring along friends or family members who might have trouble with the walk. Contact Larry for more information about day trips, rides for handicapped persons, or transporting gear on the Newcombe Farm Facebook page or at 518-639-5534.

AARCH's regular day-long tours are a great way to get a more in-depth tour of Santanoni. This year, they will be held on Monday, June 27, Monday, July 25, and Friday, September 2. AARCH will also host a special **Day at Santanoni on Friday, August 19**. The day includes guided tour, a cookout lunch prepared by Santanoni staff, and boating and swimming. To sign up or for more information, contact Virginia at **virginia@aarch.org**. The Town of Newcomb will be holding its Teddy Roosevelt Weekend this year from September 16–18. Come get a tour of the farm, explore Newcomb's history, and meet Teddy himself!

Be sure to read the article in AARCH's most recent newsletter about the Alden family of stone masons who worked at Santanoni. You can find it online at **http://www.aarch.org/learn/newsletters/**.

Friends of Santanoni. Over the past few years, the Friends have begun to hold more volunteer days and events, but we're excited to do more. We're working on a new Friends brochure and would love to hear from you about what you want from the organization. How would you like to be involved and meet other Friends? What would you like to learn more about? What kinds of volunteer projects and events would you like to participate in? What skills do you have that you would like to share? Email **Santanoni@aarch.org** and let us know.

Be sure to like the Camp Santanoni and Santanoni Preserve Facebook page for updates throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you at Santanoni this summer!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Betsworth
Friends of Camp Santanoni

PS: You can also make a donation online to the **Friends of Camp Santanoni**. Go to **www.aarch.org/product/friend/** to support the work at this special place!