

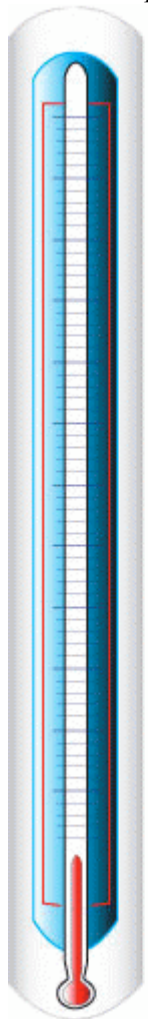
2009 NY CHAPTER ADK ANNUAL APPEAL

Dear Fellow Members:

This letter announces our belated 2009 appeal. The Board pledged to delay an appeal until we were able to present completed financial statements for both 2008 and 2009 and post them on the web site.* Thanks go to Gary Carmosin, CPA who compiled the numbers in accordance with our bylaws, as well as to Bruce Rosenbloom our Bookkeeper, Treasurer Tom Schiels and Noel Schulz who helped with the numbers.

This year the camp has been battered by a significant snow storm, dumping almost 24 inches of snow on our roof, as well as two very strong wind and rain storms that brought down many trees. One hit the roof of the women's privy, collapsing one side. Our main challenge will be to assure that any trees that have been damaged do not fall on a building. We are sure that many branches will need to be trimmed. To this end, our Camp Chair will engage a professional arborist to evaluate trees surrounding our buildings, and determine those which need to be serviced or felled by a professional cutting service. Not an inexpensive proposition, but clearly necessary.

As our camp ages into its 84th (?) year, we have a host of projects to contend with to maintain the safety and viability of the facility:



\$10,000

\$500
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- Securing an arborist and tree surgeon services.
- Start addressing the rotting Lodge foundation issues noted by the preservationist/architect:
 - Engage a structural engineer to spec-out the foundation work
 - Engage an architect to complete the designs
 - Engage a contractor to excavate behind the Lodge to replace three footings and build a drainage system that funnels water away from the Lodge
- Replace up to three sleeping cabin roofs that have reached the end of their useful lives. We have already had them tested for asbestos as required by the park.
- Replace the handrails leading up the hill, esp. on the women's side.
- Replace our hot water tank with an on-demand hot water heater, which would cost \$1,000 but would save us on propane gas.
- Install a hot water shower in the current shower stall, using the above on-demand heater. Repeatedly, potential new members have cited the lack of a hot shower and flush toilets as reasons for not joining.
- Replace the countertop next to the kitchen sink (damaged by water), kitchen table top and long counter surface by the cabinets with Corian.
- Replace Exit signs and Emergency Lighting that were shorted out by the last storm.
- Replace wood siding/skirting around the cabins, esp. by the back of the Lodge where moisture has rotted it.

I could go on, but I think you get the message. As always we are open to any suggestions or ideas you might have to improve things; just talk with a Board member or send me an e-mail. Keeping up the camp takes time, skill and \$\$\$\$. I did not make a pledge in 2008 or 2009, and thus plan to make a significant one now. Our goal is \$10,000. I hope that you also will make a generous donation**. Send checks payable to: NY Chapter ADK, c/o Tom Schiels, Treasurer, 5 West 86 Street, #9D, NY, NY, 10024

Best regards,

Ed O'Donnell

Ed O'Donnell, Chapter Chair

* The financials are posted on our web site www.adkny.org using the same membership password as for the Trail Marker: Nawakwa.

** We are a 501c7 not-for-profit social/recreational club, and thus not a 501c3 tax-exempt charitable organization. Your contributions are not tax deductible.