

# NY Chapter ADK *Nawakwa* Information Sheet

## HOW TO EARN NAWAKWA STATUS

1. Complete and return Nawakwa Application Form with a one-time Application Fee of \$25 payable to NY Chapter ADK.

- You will start to receive the bi-monthly NY Chapter ADK Trail Marker newsletter, which will tell you about upcoming week-ends and hikes.

2. Participate in five qualifying Nawakwa activities during the next 12 months (listed in the Trail Marker). These must be documented on the Membership Qualification Form. The qualifications consist of:

- Attending two hosted week-end overnights at Camp Nawakwa
- Participating in two qualifying hikes (regularly scheduled during the year) \*
- Co-hosting a Nawakwa week-end with an experienced host or participating in a qualifying work activity.

3. During this qualification period, you should get to know two Nawakwa members who will sponsor you.

4. Return the completed Nawakwa Qualification Form which must also be signed by your two sponsors.

5. Your Nawakwa application will be processed at the next meeting of the NY Chapter ADK Board, and you will be notified immediately thereafter. If your application is approved, you will receive instructions for:

- Obtaining keys for the outer and inner gates, main cabin, sleeping cabins, dock and waterfront.
- Requesting a locker (there may be a waiting list).

6. Those accepted for Nawakwa status must immediately join the ADK (Adirondack Mountain Club) if not already a member, and designate New York as your local chapter by visiting [www.adk.org](http://www.adk.org) and submitting your application. Annual membership is currently \$35-\$55 depending on type (student, senior, individual, family).

\* If you have a defined disability, which prohibits you from participating in the hiking requirement, you may, with the presentation of a doctor's note and the approval of the Board, complete other requirements.