

THE TRAIL BLAZER

NCTA - WAMPUM CHAPTER - PA

MAY 2007 ISSUE 2 VOLUME II

"The mission of the North Country Trail Association is to develop, maintain, preserve and promote the North Country National Scenic Trail through a national network of volunteers, chapters, partner organizations and government agencies."

VOLUNTEER HOURS EQUALS GRANT/CCS FUNDS

The more hours we report to our national NCTA office, the better chance we have of getting Field Grant and CCS money. And, more money means more equipment for building and maintaining our trail and help paying for our many activities and events. Volunteer hours are reported quarterly, but please don't wait until the end of the quarter to report your hours (a plea from Eleanor). We are reporting 1,103 hours for the 1st quarter of 2007.

If you spend any time on North Country Trail Association activities, please keep track of those hours and report them to Eleanor at: (724-847-0589) or fairbanks14@comcast.net.

Keep up the good work!

Eleanor Fairbanks



NEXT CHAPTER MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

3rd Wednesday of each month

6:00 p.m. Hito's Restaurant

194 Center Ave. (Rt. 168) and 5th St.

West Pittsburg, PA

'SPRING CLEANUP' ON THE NCT

March 31, '07 - Wampum Chapter teamed up with PA CleanWays of Lawrence and Butler Counties and Laurel Conservation Club to remove trash, over 100 tires, old appliances and abandoned cars from along a new section of trail on Cemex property and trash along Tony Dytko Road. Pres. Richard Lutz, Trail Crew Leader Bob Cody, Jerry Zona-PA CleanWays and Bob Miles-Advisor for the Laurel J/S HS Conservation Club led the event.

A total of 70 volunteers and 510 hours made the event a huge success. The event was coordinated by VP Gail Blakeley and included passing out NCTA and PA CleanWays brochures, door prizes and lunch.

Jaret Gibbons, our PA State Representative from the 10th district, was also in attendance. This was Jaret's second outing with the Chapter. He helped with our bridge assembly project on Cemex property back in January.

Advisor Robert Miles and his Laurel Conservation Club deserve most of the credit for the actual cleanup. The club is made up of JR/SR High School students from nearby Laurel High School. Thirty-eight students arrived on a school bus and got "down and dirty" for the NCT.

What a great group of polite, hard-working young people!

PA CleanWays paid for the two dumpsters and disposal expenses; MacDonald's provided 5 gallons of orange drink and Lawrence Co. provided 2 trucks. Wampum Chapter thanks and appreciates all involved.

See article/photos on-line at www.northcountrytrail.org
Under 'Current News' click on Apr 7, PA - Wampum Chapter Spring Cleanup.

Bob Cody

LOOK WHAT WE'VE DONE *We do more than build trail.*

January - Trail maintenance, repaired benching
01/11 - Trail Crew, assisted by State Rep. Jaret Gibbons, assembled 12' bridge on CEMEX property

February - Tread repair and trail maintenance

02/23 - NCT Table at Sportsmen's Night Out

02/27 - NCT presentation for American Legion

March - 2 downed trees removed and trail maintenance

03/01 - Met with Wampum Borough Council members

-discussed economic opportunities for a trail town

03/12 - NCT presentation for Darlington Twp. Officials

03/24 - Hosted NCTA PA Spring Trail Council

03/31 - Held Event 'Spring Cleanup on the NCT'

See article on this page.

April - Our Trail Crew completed a 16' bridge over Snake Run & finished 250' of switchback from Snake Run Rd. to bridge. We now have a cute little stairway built around the cave area. All of CEMEX section will soon be blazed. I deeply appreciate the support of all involved. Bob Cody

04/21 - Earth Day Celebration, Ellwood City, PA. Tr. Tool

Demos, NCT Info tables, Blue Blaze Game

05/3-5 - Trails Summit. Contact: gail2@zoominternet.net

WEEKDAYS TRAIL WORK

Each Tuesday Morning

See below for details

WEEKEND TRAIL WORK

Contact: Bob Cody, Trail Work Coordinator
bocody@zoominternet.net

FOR ALL TRAIL WORK

Breakfast: 8:15 Jata's Diner, Main St, Wampum

Leave: 9:00 from 'The Store' by Jata's Diner

Trail Tools supplied

Bring: Sturdy Boots, Work Gloves, Water