

The Ponkapoag Eagle

April 1, 2007

A Community Newsletter Published by the
Volunteer Management Committee of the Appalachian Mountain Club Camp at Ponkapoag Pond

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Opening Day Saturday, June 23rd

There will be a work party at Ponkapoag from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, June 23, 2007. We need many hands to prepare the cabins for summer rental. A Committee meeting is scheduled from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm (meet at the Lodge). All are welcome to attend. *See page two for a listing of other meeting dates.*

Summer Manager News

Ponkapoag Camp will once again be managed by a tag team this summer. From June 23 to July 28, Darlene Dowd will be the manager. Darlene will use her aesthetic sensibilities to keep the Camp beautiful and her gregarious nature to share many campfire stories. For the second half, to closing day on September 3rd, Marianne Taylor will be the manager. Marianne hopes to use her creative talents to elevate the Camp ever-so-closer to an artist colony.

Lifeguard Search



We are looking for both a full-time and a part-time lifeguard in order to provide seven days of coverage at the beach from June 23 to September 3. Work hours are 11 am to 5 pm. Workdays are flexible. Applicants must have current Red Cross certification. Pay is \$12 per hour. If you know anybody who might be interested, have them call Darlene Dowd (617-323-2654) or Marianne Taylor (617-524-7510).



Letter from the Chair

After three years of being groomed as Camp Treasurer, I was elected as Chair at the November '06 Committee meeting. The full list of officers that were elected includes:

Henry Barbaro – Chair

Kevin Dowd - Vice Chair of Facilities

Don Baker - Facilities Coordinator

Betsy Hewitt - Facilities Coordinator

Ed Dowling - Vice Chair of Administration

Ann Ryther - Treasurer

Beth Furth - Membership Secretary

Francesca Stark - Reservations Secretary

Trisha Minton – Roads & Trails Coordinator

The typical expectation is to serve three one-year terms. We hope to draw upon our cumulative experiences while we keep Ponkapoag as functional, and fun, as possible.

For this summer, the managers will be centrally-located in either Rogers or Pine cabin. We hope to continue to foster the spirit of volunteerism, and will be grateful for any work you do for the Camp (any effort, large or small, is appreciated).

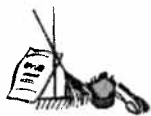
What follows is my only philosophical musing (for now): Our Ponk Camp is a wondrous collection of 20 cabins, and two tent sites, covering about 15 acres (a volunteer-run AMC

facility). I often think about how the Camp covers only a small fraction of the entire Blue Hills Reservation, which spans more than 7,000 acres (managed by the DCR). I would like to encourage all Campers to get out and explore other parts of the Reservation. There are over 100 trails (totaling 125 miles) that meander in and around 20+ ponds, Great Blue Hill, a rare bog (with two types of carnivorous plants (FEED ME!)) as well as a white cedar swamp, and a wide variety of upland and wetland trees, shrubs, and ferns. Not only is it a joy to hike about, but if you put your mind to it, there's a lot to learn and appreciate about this unique forested landscape. Thanks, and I look forward to seeing you all this year.

Note: I want to sincerely thank Wendy Rapson for putting this newsletter together.

Henry Barbaro
Chair
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(617) 524-7510

Work Party Dates for 2007



Saturday, March 24
Sunday, April 29
Sunday, May 20
Saturday, June 23
Sunday, June 3
Sunday, September 2
Saturday, September 15
Sunday, October 14
Saturday, November 3



Letter from the Vice Chair of Facilities.

Hello all you Ponkers.

It has been along time since I last wrote for the Eagle (like a year ago). There are some exciting things going on this spring. We have a new work party setup, so everyone who comes will have plenty to do and have someone to guide them if they need. This is how it will work. My position as Vice Chair will be shared with two facility coordinators: Don Baker and Betsy Hewitt. Don and myself will head up larger projects while Betsy will oversee and assist with the rest of the simple work party activities. We have four work parties scheduled for the Spring - two Saturdays and two Sundays, starting Saturday March 24th (which is 5 days before my birthday, so bring gifts), Sunday April 29th, Sunday May 20th, and opening day Saturday June 23rd. Darlene, Laura and myself will be opening managers taking the first half of the summer and Henry and Marianne will take the 2nd half. BRING YOUR HAVE FUN PARTY HATS, YOU'LL NEED THEM.

Best to all and see you soon
Kevin C. Dowd

Committee Meetings for 2007

4 pm @ Lodge
Sunday April 29
Sunday May 20
Saturday June 23
Sunday July 15
Sunday August 12
Sunday October 14

Do We Have Your Email Address?

Like the rest of the world, Ponkapoag Camp is transitioning to communication by email for work party announcements, meeting announcements, and soon Eagles. Unless you're already getting camp email, WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS. Please send it right away to Beth Furth, Membership Secretary, at Ponk@comcast.net.

We also have a web site, www.ponkapoagcamp.org, where you can download the Eagle or a reservation form, and where there's a members section for posting and viewing photos. The members section is password protected. For the password, send a request to ponk@comcast.net.





**Soul Train Mid-Winter
Dance Party
Where the Love Was**

This party was an epic success. We had a fantastic new space (Trinity Episcopal Church in Canton), and an impressive turnout of people. The pot luck was practically gourmet considering no one had to cook their dishes on camping stoves (not one mac and cheese!--not that we don't love mac and cheese.) Our new Chair, Henry Barbaro danced for three straight hours and Darlene Dowd's silver Christmas tree was only knocked over once. Little Maurice and Diego were break dancing fools and Kevin Dowd shook the tails of his tuxedo like, well, a Polaroid picture. Andrea Tamkin pulled out some moves we all haven't seen since 1979 and the only bummer was Marianne's hamstring which pulled during a certain Flock of Seagulls song. So, where is the love? On February 10th, at least, it was at the church near the Mobil station where the adults danced like big turkeys and the kids, even the mortified teenagers, danced like turkeys too (OK, OK, maybe something slightly cooler, weasels maybe?) Thanks for coming all!

Marianne Taylor



**Soupe De Poisson
News**

Another Soupe De Poisson was held on February 11th. Forty-two hungry hikers and Ponkapoag regulars enjoyed clam chowder, hot drinks and snacks prepared by Chef Maurice and the crew. Everything got rave reviews and there were many requests for the soup recipe. So here it is...

Sauté 3 onions in butter until clear. Add three 24 ounce cans of clam or fish broth and bring it to a boil. Add 5 chopped potatoes and cook until potatoes are just tender. Add 5 small cans of chopped clams and 1 quart package of dry milk and bring it to a simmer. Add any white fish chopped to 1 inch pieces. Bring back to boil and add 1 pint of cream or half and half and bring up to heat and serve. Serves 42 or so. Adjust proportions as needed.

This is a great recipe but it tastes best at Ponkapoag. So next year be sure to join us.



**Camp Needs Your
Furniture!**

Camp is in need of your gently worn furniture. In particular: wooden chairs, kitchen tables and end tables. No upholstered furniture please! Framed mirrors and shelves are also needed. Contact Trisha at (781) 961-7007 if you have anything to offer.

Cleaning Deposit

A check in the amount of \$25.00 is required for all cabin rentals during the summer season. This deposit will be returned if the cabin is left clean after check out. If you would like your cleaning deposit check returned; please leave a self addressed stamped envelope at the camp office, otherwise it will be destroyed.

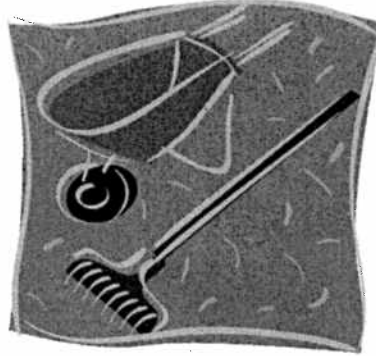
Reserve Your Summer Cabin or Tent-Site Today!

Campers may mail in summer reservation requests after April 1, 2007. The requests must be postmarked by April 25th in order to be entered into the summer lottery. After that, reservations will be processed on a "first come, first served" basis.

Include a check or money order written to "AMC Ponkapoag" for the deposit indicated in the rental policies. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for confirmation. Send to: P.O. Box 582, Randolph, MA, 02368.

For daily and weekend rentals, reservations are booked upon receipt of the full amount of the rental in advance. For rentals of a week or longer, reservations are booked upon receipt of a deposit (see reservation form). Balance is due upon arrival. (See rates in the table.) Cancellations / Refunds –Applicants who cancel at least 30 days from the time of their stay will receive half of their deposit back. Deposits for cancellations made less than 30 days from the time of stay are not refundable. Campers will be charged for the full rental period they reserved regardless of late arrival or early departure. In cases of severe weather or extreme emergencies, refunds may be made at the discretion of the Ponkapoag Volunteer Management Committee.

The rental form is located at the end of this newsletter.



Free cabin available for volunteers who run programs or do maintenance.

Volunteer to run an educational or recreational program, or to do camp maintenance work (fixing screens or more skilled projects) and you can stay a few week nights in North cabin free this summer. Volunteer work can be done during the week or on weekends. Programs can be aimed at children or adults. Interested? Contact Darlene Dowd (617) 323-2654 for more information.



What is the fill in list?



A total of 3 weeks may be reserved in advance during the summer season. The fill in list allows you to book additional weeks on an as available basis. Cabins not booked by advance reservation within two weeks of the start of the rental period, and cabins made available by last-minute cancellations, can be booked on a first-come first-served basis by anyone regardless of their previous bookings in that season. If you are interested in having your name placed on the Fill-In Reservations Waiting List submit a \$50.00 deposit check to the summer manager.



Off Season Rentals

If you are interested in renting a cabin during the off- season at Ponkapoag, please mail a completed reservation form with a deposit check or money order to:

Off Season Reservations
P.O. Box 582
Randolph MA 02368

For more information on off-season rentals contact Trisha Minton @ (781) 961-7007.



Facilities Description

20 Rustic Cabins and two tent sites are situated on the wooded southern shore of Ponkapoag Pond. Cabins vary in size, accommodating 2 to 8 people. They are furnished with beds, tables and chairs. Almost all cabins have wood stoves that keep the cabins toasty warm even in the coldest weather. Each cabin has parking for only one vehicle. Guests using more than one vehicle are required to park the additional vehicle in the day use parking lot. Please note that cabins have no electricity, running water or linens. No housekeeping is available.

- All cooking is done on personal camping stoves or in outdoor grills and or existing fire-pits. Firewood can sometimes be purchased from managers or fallen wood can be gathered in the woods using common sense. Cutting standing trees or branches is strictly forbidden in the Blue Hills.

- You must bring your own drinking water except for the 59 days before Labor Day, when you can usually have the option to fill containers from the tap at the lodge providing drinkable well water.

- The lodge, in the center of camp, provides indoor space for games, reading, get-togethers, educational exhibits, information sharing and some electric light most evenings. Two outhouses

are located near the lodge, and two more “porta-johns” are located at the southern end of the camp. You must take out your trash; there is no trash disposal at camp. We have a Carry-in/Carry-out Policy.

- Swimming, canoeing, and sailing activity centers around a small sandy beach and wooden dock. A life guard is on duty during the summer. A row boat and life jackets may be rented during the summer season. Swimming is only allowed when there is a life guard present. This is a DCR regulation.

- Fishing from the shore or boat is also popular, but must be kept well away from the beach/dock area.



- Hiking opportunities abound on over more than 7,000 acres of the Blue Hills Reservation. Local jaunts include the six miles trail around Ponkapoag Pond and a variety of destinations like the duck pond, Great Blue Hill, the bog board walk, and lemon squeeze rock.

- Organized educational activities are often led by volunteers. Guided hikes focus on geology, plants, birds, mammals as well as hiking and trail maintenance skills. Past work shops have included basketry, paper-making and photography. Check the bulletin board at the lodge, or ask the manager how you can lead an activity.

- Golf and horseback riding facilities are within a few miles.

- Winter sports include alpine and Nordic skiing, snow shoeing, skating, sledding, and ice fishing.



- Saturday night pot-luck dinners have long been a tradition at camp. Bring your favorite recipe to share and bring enough plates and utensils for yourselves.

- Access is limited to vehicles that can negotiate rutted unimproved roads. The entrance is off of Randolph Street in Canton. The combination to the gate lock is provided when you make a reservation.

Ponkapoag Eagle Editorial Policy

Contributions: Given limitations of space and time, every effort will be made to print all contributions and opinions. Send in things like listings of bird and animal sightings, news about trails, discussion of conservation issues, drawings, boating safety suggestions, recipes, and contributions from children. Deadlines for Eagle contributions are:

September 1 for Fall edition
March 1 for Spring edition.

All forms of communication are very welcome, but computer files in Microsoft Word are the easiest.

Email to Wendy Rapson at Riverwench@verizon.net

The Dam Problem

The dam problem started for me about 20 years ago, although in reality, I'm not sure. Perhaps it was only 10 years ago or maybe 30; time flowing like water through the dam as my years float down the river of life. All I clearly remember is a group of fellow committee members on a fall afternoon sitting outside the main lodge going over the things that needed going over. You all know the things. Do we need new screens for Smith? Do we purchase a new generator? How much should we pay the life guard? Where can we get a new piano? Normal questions for the committee members, the stuff we go over every month. The questions change each meeting but pretty much they remain the same. This day I was sort of day dreaming, listening but not really tuned in with the respect the meeting deserved. In fact, I was sort of nodding out, close to a head thumping on the picnic table. But somewhere in my head my ears were listening and translating the message to my brain and I heard "We need members for the dam committee." My head shot up, I leaped up from my seat fully attentive. My hand impulsively shot in the air and I yelled "Me, me, me!" repeatedly. "Write me as one", just like Abou Ben Adam. The startled committee members signed me up quickly and adjourned the meeting. Everyone shook my hand and left me sitting alone at the picnic table watching the sun set over Ponkapoag Pond. The sun was fiery red dipping

slowly into the horizon disappearing silently and fiery directly behind the Ponkapoag Dam.

Years passed and each winter, spring, summer and fall I would visit the dam and observe that it was doing it's duty, it seldom caused concern. Once it swallowed a large Snapper that was foolish enough to get caught in the outflow and it was captured in the screen gate. It was successfully removed by the MDC. Another time in a fast spring flow it caught Ponky the 3rd, the beloved Dalmatian of the winter managers, Ranger and Trisha Minton and it spit the poor dog clear right through the discharge conduit to the Ponkapoag Brook without a scratch, but it was an eye opener of a potential dangerous problem.

My red phone rang that morning, the first time in many years. I quickly put on my Dam Committee hat and picked up the phone and learned about the problem. I immediately called the dam people at the MDC (or whatever they call themselves today.) Within a couple of days they visited the dam and made excellent temporary physical changes in the dam that would help prevent accidents from occurring in the immediate future. Their dam people were professionals. They not only repaired the problem but they evaluated the condition of the dam that had been built in the 1930s and had not really been paid much attention to ever since. I visited the dam and looked over their work and was greatly impressed that their dam

people responded so quickly and made the dam repairs. I took my dam hat off and went home, a happy dam guy.

This July, the red phone went off again, it seemed even louder than normal, scared the dickens out of me. I hastily put on my hat and picked up the phone. It was the other dam committee member, Trisha Minton reporting to me that a BIG dam meeting was scheduled at Ponkapoag Golf Course. I knew it was serious when she told me donuts would be served. It's a well known fact that donuts are the only way to get dam people to dam meetings. The morning of the meeting I put my dam hat and bib on and went to the meeting. Trisha was already there and had already eaten several of the dam people's donuts.

The Office of Dam Safety, the dam people of the Department of Conservation and Recreation, dam people of the Neponset River Watershed Association, Friends of Blue Hills, the Blue Hills Adventures nature program concerned with the dam repairs and the potential damage created by the dam equipment needed to make necessary dam repairs, archeologist, geologist, volcanologist, ventriloquist, damologist, herbologist and other people representing groups ending in "ist". They filled the room and ate virtually tons of dam donuts. Gov. Romney certainly would have been at the dam meeting if his dam staff had informed him there would be free donuts. Being politically correct I

should also include O'Reilly, Gabrielli, Mihos and what's her name, who are all well known free donut chompers, but I'm not making any politicians and wannabe politicians mad at me. Next thing you know one of them gets elected and the first official act they do is grab the dam hat off my head.

After a long meeting with many charts, intelligent explanations, and questions from the guest, the summation of the meeting boils down to this: It has been determined that the dam is dangerous and if it failed it would destroy or damage many nearby homes and the skating rink and the Ponkapoag golf Course. This is a no no, a real dam problem.

Being a Ponky person, I can be literally described as a tree hugger. I like them for the most part. I'm not nuts about the sap that gets on you when you shinny them and I don't like the bugs that eat them and drop on me and I certainly do not like them when they are struck by lightning when I'm climbing them. Sometimes, when all of these things happen to me on the same day I get confused why I like them and I actually want to get a chain saw and chop them all into little bitty pieces. The dam people seem to feel the same way. They told us that over the years, trees have been growing on the surface of the dam and this has caused the dam to leak and will eventually create havoc to the dam and if that happens you could have hockey players bobbing on Route 138. The roots of the trees infiltrate the

structure of the dam, weakening it. In a storm, if the tree topples, the root will tear up the dam. The trees on the dam have to go and this should happen quickly. Trees and dams do not work together. No vegetation should grow on a dam.

After careful consideration, the state is going to pony up about \$1.4 million to replace the dam. The Department of Conservation and Recreation will build a higher dam using the same materials, earth and gravel. A different method of lowering and elevating the determining levels of the discharge will be employed.

The reasons for raising the height of the dam and the methods of creating this new dam are too lengthy to go into in detail. Email me at fitzgerald.photovid@comcast.net and give me time to get my dam hat on and I will attempt to answer your questions. Anyone who really knows me realizes that I make up answers to questions I don't know rather than admit I really am clueless, but let's give it a shot. I'll give you the best dam answer I can come up with.

Sincerely,

Dam Committee Member

Tom Fitzgerald



Weekend Host Manager

Every wonder what it be like to be summer manager at Ponkapoag? Here is your chance to try it for a weekend. Find out what goes on behind the scenes; all the ins, outs and dirty little secrets. Come to an informational meeting about becoming a host camper to be held on Opening Day, June 23rd from 3:30 to 4:00 pm. Hope to see you there. The Host Manager schedule will be developed at the general committee meeting at 4:00 pm on June 23rd.

The summer manager is off duty from Friday at 8:00 pm to Saturday at 12 noon. The Host Manager stays in North Cabin from Friday at 12:00 noon to Sunday at 3:00 pm.

Responsibilities include:

- Being available around camp for emergencies and camper inquiries from 8:00 pm Friday to 12 noon on Saturday.
- Working in the camp office from 8 am – 12 noon. This involves answering the phone and dispensing information about the camp to visitors.
- The host manager also monitors the use of the main lodge while the manager is away. They are responsible for turning off the generator at night and closing the lodge for the evening.
- Other duties include assisting with setup and clean up of Saturday potluck dinner and helping the manager with Sunday check out procedures from 12 noon – 3 pm.



Weekends in Summer Months

A limited number of tent sites may be available for weekend rental: mid-day Friday to Mid-day Sunday. Call for the camp office for availability.

Why do I have to check out of my cabin at 11:00 AM?

People often wonder why they have to check out of their cabin at 11:00 AM on Sunday when the next renter is not scheduled to move in for another three hours. Weekly rentals are from 2:00 pm check in on Sunday to 11:00 am check out on Sunday. Weekend rentals run from Friday 1pm to Sunday 11am.

While it may seem that the summer manager has a cushy job with nothing much to do other than relax in a hammock or hang out by the dock, reality is much different. Between the hours of 11:00 and 2:00 on Sunday there is much work to be done. Nineteen cabins must be physically inspected for cleanliness, the smoke detector tested, and a general safety check performed (is any furniture broken, locks working properly, that kind of stuff). This all has to be done between calls of "Can I talk to you for just a minute?" from fellow

ponkers. Even if all cabins are in tip-top shape (which rarely happens!) it takes quite a while to hoof it from one cabin to another across our wonderfully spacious campground. More often than not, a cabin needs to be cleaned, trash removed, something repaired, or items left behind brought to the office and logged into lost & found. While we are on the subject of cleaning your cabin...try to make an effort to leave the area in better condition than you found it.



This is not the Holiday Inn; no maid service is available at Ponk. Please do visual inspections before you leave and see if something was left under the table or on the shelf. That little 1/2 tube of tooth paste may be hiding somewhere! Wash the tables and counters. Remove all trash and take it home with you. Sweep and wash the floor. If you do not have a broom, mop or bucket see the manager – we have extras. If you notice something little in your cabin that needs repair, ask the manager for supplies and fix it yourself. If you do these things it will go a long way in helping camp to run smoothly. Ponkapoag relies on volunteers to maintain its natural beauty. Your help is greatly appreciated.

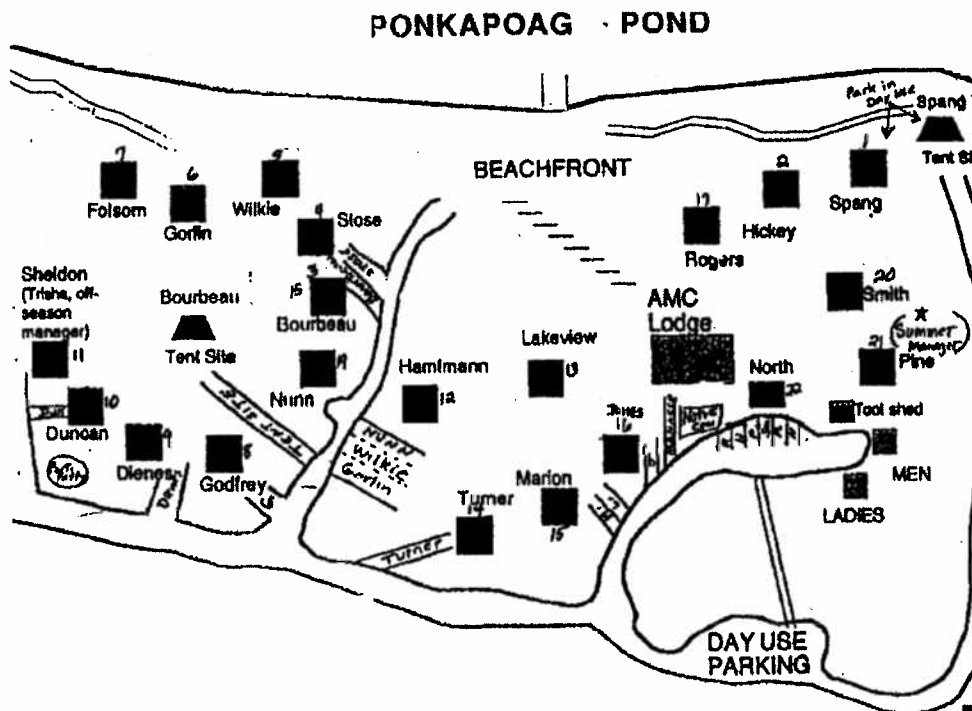
Wendy Rapson
Eagle Editor

Pie Eating Contest 2006



cabin	size	bed space occupancy	inside beds	porch beds
Wilkie	small	3	3	0
Stose	small	3	2	1
Spang	small	3	3	0
Smith	small	3	3	0
Lakeview	small	3	3	0
Jones	small	3	2	1
Hickey	small	3	3	0
Dienes	Medium	5	4	1
Duncan	Medium	5	4	1
Folsom	Medium	4	4	0
Godfrey	Medium	4	3	1
Gorlin	Medium	5	4	1
Nunn	Medium	5	5	0
Bourbeau	Large	5	3	2
Hamfmann	Large	5	3	2
Marian	Large	6	6	0
Rogers	Large	5	5	0
Turner	Large	6	5	1
Pine	Large	6	4	2

* some cabins are not available for winter rental, call the winter manager for availability during the off season.



AMC Ponkapoag Camp Rental Rates and Policies

Facilities: Large cabins sleep 5-6; medium, 4-5; small cabins sleep 2-3; there are also two single family tent sites. No electricity, running water, or trash receptacles. Pit toilets. Cabins come with furniture and (for cold weather rentals) wood burning stove. Bring bedding, cook stove, dishes, etc. Tent sites and many cabins have outdoor fireplaces; there are also two common fireplaces.

Rental Requirements: Renters must be at least 21 years old, and have a primary residence other than camp. All persons staying at the camp must be registered. Large groups cannot be accommodated.

Inquiries: For availability and other inquiries, call the manager at 781-961-7007 on weekdays between 8:30 and noon. For general information, visit www.ponkapoagcamp.org.

Volunteering: Families who have worked 25 volunteer hours in the last year get priority for summer reservations. Work parties are scheduled throughout the year; get on the email list for announcements. Or let the manager know you'd like to volunteer to fix something or otherwise help out during your stay.

Arrival/Departure Time: Weekly rentals are from 2:00 pm check in on Sunday to 11:00 am check out on Sunday. Weekend rentals run from Friday 1 pm to Sunday 11 am. Phone (781-961-7007) after 8:30 the morning of your arrival to get the gate lock combination and to inform the manager of your estimated arrival time.

Deposit: Reservations are only accepted with payment in full for weekend stays, and a deposit as described on the reservation form for longer stays. Cancellations with 30 days' notice get 50% refund. Campers will be charged for the full rental period regardless of late arrival or early departure. In cases of severe weather or extreme emergencies, dates can be rescheduled without penalty.

Early Reservations for Summer: For first consideration for summer rentals, have your reservation postmarked by April 25. Reservations with later postmarks are processed as they arrive.

Cleaning Deposit: During the summer season, campers must leave a \$25 cleaning deposit on arrival.

Rental Rates

CABINS	Summer*	Off-season**			
	week*	weekend (Fri-Sun)	extra day	week	month**
Large	\$200	\$50	\$20	\$100	\$270
Medium	170	40	16	80	215
Small	140	30	12	60	160

TENT SITES

\$35 per weekend (minimum rental period)
 \$16 per additional day
 \$65 per week

* Summer runs from the 4th Sunday in June to Labor Day. During the summer, rentals are by the week only. There is a 3 week maximum for summer reservations. (Last-minute fill-ins do not count against this limit. To be on the fill-in waiting list, leave a deposit with the summer manager.)

** Off-season: One month maximum for the period Sept-Oct and the period May-June. "September" begins Labor Day. "May" ends the Friday of Memorial Day weekend. "June" runs from the Monday of Memorial Day weekend to the fourth Sunday in June.

Visitors and Day Users: During the summer season, day users, including visitors, are charged \$3 per person / \$10 per family. Season passes are available.

Carry-in / Carry-out: Camp has no facilities for trash disposal. Campers must carry out all their trash.

Drinking Water: Bring your own drinking water. Drinking water from a public spigot is usually available from July 10 to Labor Day.

Camp Rules: Campers are expected to follow posted camp rules and rules governing the state's Blue Hills Reservation to protect the peace of fellow campers, the environment, and public safety.

Appalachian Mountain Club / Ponkapoag Camp

P.O. Box 582
Randolph, MA 02368
781-961-7007

When mailing request, please add either "Attention: Summer Reservations" or "Attention: Off-Season Reservations"

- Be sure to include deposit (\$50 per week for summer; see below for off-season)
- For summer reservations only: include stamped, self-addressed envelope for confirmation
- For priority reservations in summer, include statement of volunteer hours

Reservation Request

We're sorry, but we accept only advance reservations by mail. Phone reservations cannot be accepted.

RENTER Last name	First Name	Age
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Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Email: _____

Renter's Signature: _____ Date: _____

For summer reservations only: Priority Reservation for Volunteering? _____ If yes, attach a note describing your 25 volunteer hours.

List all additional persons staying overnight: (If you need more space, use the back of this form)

NAMES (PRINT) Age (if under 21)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Official Use Only

Assigned Cabin: _____

Dates Rented: _____

Rental Fee: _____

Deposit: _____

Amount Due: _____

To be filled out on arrival:

Car make/model & color: _____ State & License Plate # _____

Cell phone (optional; to help us reach you during your stay) _____

For Summer Reservations: Total # of Weeks Desired _____

Preferred Weeks (Sunday to Sunday)

(for tent sites, preferred week or weekend)

1st choice: _____ to _____

2nd choice: _____ to _____

3rd choice: _____ to _____

Preferred Cabin (or cabin size) or tent site

1st choice: _____

2nd choice: _____

3rd choice: _____

For summer reservations, confirmation is by mail; be sure to include a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Deposit of \$50 per week must accompany reservation.

For Off Season Reservations: Rental dates desired

From _____ to _____

For off-season reservations, confirmation is by phone. Deposit, which must accompany reservation, is full fee for weekends and extra day, half fee for week or month.

What is the AMC Ponkapoag Camp Anyway?

Maybe you've never seen a Ponkapoag Eagle before, and you are wondering what this is all about? Well, the answer is that it's a publication about a volunteer managed camp that enables you to feel hundreds of miles away from civilization and be less than 15 miles from its hub at the same time! Ponkapaog Camp is your ticket to the outdoors. Hiking, kayaking, biking, skiing, mountaineering...from nature walks to weeklong wilderness explorations of the beautiful Blue Hills, the AMC Ponkapoag Camp offers a world of fresh-air activities. We teach skills, maintain trails, protect the natural environment – and have a great time together enjoying the outdoors. The camp has its own resident manager. Advance reservations are required. Looking for more information about Ponkapoag Camp? Call for volunteer opportunities, activity information and reservations at: 781-961-7007. Or Visit the Appalachian Mountain Club website at www.outdoors.org

<p style="text-align: center;">Officers of AMC Ponkapoag Camp</p> <p>Henry Barbaro - Chair Kevin Dowd - Vice Chair of Facilities Don Baker - Facilities Coordinator Betsy Hewitt - Facilities Coordinator Ed Dowling - Vice Chair of Administration Ann Ryther - Treasurer Beth Furth - Membership Secretary Francesca Stark - Reservations Secretary Trisha Minton - Roads & Trails Coordinator</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Newsletter published Spring and Fall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Comments and questions about our newsletter are welcome: please call Wendy at (508) 586-1018 or email at Riverwench@verizon.net</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Beth for address corrections and deletions at ponk@comcast.net</p>
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