
The Ponkapoag Eagle

April 1, 2009

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

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Summer Season begins June 28

Early reservation deadline is
April 25!

Eagle Goes Paperless

After a successful two-year trial of sending the Eagle electronically, people whose email addresses we have won't have a paper copy mailed to them any longer. If you're getting a paper copy and you want to save paper and help reduce mailing costs, send us your email address, at ponk@comcast.net.

New Summer Manager

Ponkapoag is happy to announce that Robin Krivit has been selected as the 2009 Summer Manager. Robin has been a nature and outdoors lover for as long as she can remember. Originally hailing from the great American city of Chelsea, Massachusetts, Robin grew to love nature while spending summers with her family in New Hampshire and Nova Scotia. She and her husband John, a professor at the New England Institute of Art, are trying to instill this outdoor spirit to their 11 year old

daughter Annie and their nine year old son Jack.

The Krivits are a musical family who entertained at the 2008 Ponkapoag Skit Night. John and Annie play guitar, and Robin is a professional singer who has performed all over the Boston area. Seeing that 90 year old Pete Seeger won't be around forever, they would really love to get campers of all ages singing. John has a collection of old kid-sized guitars and is willing to give lessons to anyone interested in participating.

Robin is very excited to organize some afternoon nature walks for Ponkers of all ages. Last year was the first for the Krivit family at Ponkapoag and they fell in love with this wonderful place. Their hope is to contribute hard work, energy, and enthusiasm to the maintenance and management of Ponky so that others can fully enjoy its beauty and community.



Committee Meetings Spring, 2009

The Volunteer Management Committee, about 25 members strong, will meet at the Lodge on:

- **May 3rd** (Sunday), 3 pm
- **June 27th** (Sat.), 10 am

Committee members are asked to stay after the June 27 meeting to help with Opening Day.

Others who care about Camp are welcome to committee meetings, and to consider joining the committee. Questions? Call committee chair Henry Barbaro, 617-524-7510, hbarbaro1@yahoo.com.

Letter from the Chair

*Henry Barbaro
Committee Chair*

My term as chair ends this November, so alas, this article will be my swan song. (I know what you're thinking: "Yeah right, more like a mallard song.") But it has been a good 3-year reign. I have faced a variety of challenges, such as helping AMC introduce the Youth Opportunity Program to Ponkapoag, and making sure our water supply is working well (no pun intended).



I have met some great folks who love the cabin camping experience and all its perks: swimming, boating, cook-outs, Saturday night pot luck & activities, great hiking right outside the door, the Lodge, fireside chats, and enjoying each other's company. I have been involved in some activism including the bogus land swap at Lantana's in Randolph, and the Harrison Road encroachment (which still burns my keister).

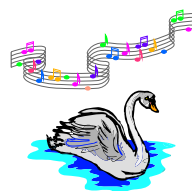
The Ponkapoag Camp is a public facility that is open to everyone. The Camp serves a wide variety of nature-loving people consisting of different ages, race, ethnicity, and orientation. (Even city dwellers

and suburbanites often times consort with one another.) What remains constant year after year is that a community of folks comes together, forming a sort of woody congregation, and cooperatively shares this cluster of historic cabins nestled amongst the trees.

Once again, I would like to thank all the members of the Ponkapoag Committee, as well as to all the other volunteers who have come to camp and pitched in at work parties. Their efforts have been a critical part of keeping the camp up and running. I also am especially grateful to my fellow officers who have dedicated much time and effort to serve Camp.

The list of Ponk Officers (with provisional 3-year terms ending November 2009) is found on the mailing page of this Eagle. Officer elections will be taking place this November. Camp is always looking for people willing to step up and serve. I very much hope that this fall we will have a pool of enthusiastic candidates.

Note: As always I am deeply grateful to Wendy Rapson for her all of her patience and effort in putting this newsletter together.



Ponkapoag's Upkeep Update

*Don Baker
Vice Chair of Facilities*

Lots of progress has been made around the Camp this year. Work crews spent weekends washing outer walls and removing mold to prepare cabin exteriors for painting. Turner and Pine both have new windows, and Pine's floor got a new coat of paint. Pine, Marion, Dienes, Turner, and Jones cabins have new roofs! Dienes cabin's soffit over the front door has been completed, along with new footings at Pine.

Progress has been great this year and is ongoing with a running list of projects and camp needs. Anyone with maintenance skills interested in helping with a project can e-mail me, bakerboys4@comcast.net This work can be coordinated at scheduled work parties or on your own time. We appreciate any and all help...every little bit counts! Family and friends are always welcome! See the list of scheduled work parties on p. 3.





Work Party Update

Ask not what Camp can do for you, Ask what you can do for Camp!

A most hearty "Thank You!" to all who came to our October and November 2008 work parties and gave Camp such a productive fall season of work. With three work parties, each bringing out 25+ volunteers, we were able to get done even more than we had expected. From trash pick-up by the kids to furniture moving by the teens to all that staining by our faithful contingent of women to the skilled work on the lodge by Don Hassett, there was a job for everyone. And when the work was done, we hung out for chili and hot dogs or a sandwich and chips and enjoyed some time to chat and catch up with each other.

We invite you to join us for our spring 2009 work season at camp. You'll be greeted with a smile, a snack, and a tool of some sort! We'll work together for three or four hours and then end the day with a cookout and

some time to chill--perhaps literally in the pond?

Good, old-fashioned manual labor, the woods and pond, your Ponkapoag buddies at your side, and a couple of grilled hot dogs when the work is done--what more could one want? Please plan to join us on one or more of these dates. Work parties begin at 12 noon except April 25:

- **April 25** (Sat.) – road work & clean-up – **begins at 10:30 am, bring work gloves and shovels if you have them**
- **May 17** (Sun.) – staining cabin exteriors and cabin repairs
- **May 31** (Sun.) – painting cabin interiors and cabin repairs
- **June 21** (Sun.) – summer setup (open Lodge, cabins, waterfront, etc.)
- **June 27** (Sat.) – finish summer setup

Questions? Send an e-mail to Ponk@comcast.net. Updates, including last-minute rain cancellations, will be sent by email, so be sure to send us your address if we don't have it.



Furniture Needed

You may have noticed that many of our cabins here at Ponkapoag are in need of additional furniture. While we love the rustic simplicity of our cabins, we also realize that some cabins have furniture in need of replacement. If you have an item(s) that you think would help complete the comfort and or functionality of a particular cabin, please bring it to the attention of our winter manager (Trish) for review. What we do want is antique, rustic furniture to match what already exists in the cabins, rather than items which are too polished and new (and please, no plastic). Here is a wish list of the sorts of things needed:

- new **cushions** for chairs and seating areas (*yes, these can be new*)
- **dressers** for cabins without (*not too big*)
- sturdy **chairs** (*we could use some Adirondack chairs for decks etc.*)
- sturdy side **tables** (*always great when reading on the porch!*)
- **peg boards** and small **shelf units** (*many cabins have no place to put your stuff*)

Kate Toohey

1948-2009

“The world will be much less spicy without her”

Kate Toohey, a warm, intelligent, and fun-loving camper who brightened the life of the Ponkapoag community for over 25 years, passed away this March after a two year battle with ALS.



Kate discovered Camp in 1983 when then-boyfriend Phil Whitehead visited to smoke cigars in North cabin with friend Jerry Katz. For Kate, it was love at first sight: the woods, the dock, Godfrey cabin, and Mary Bourbeau, a camper since the 1940’s. In those days cabins could be rented long-term, and soon Godfrey became their cabin. To her sons Liam (born 1972) and Nolan (born 1992), summer became synonymous with Ponkapoag.

As a member of the Camp community, Kate spread joy in every direction. Welcoming to newcomers and liked by all, strikingly intelligent but never put-offish, Kate was part of what drew you to spend summer afternoons relaxing on the dock. Kate was a long-time member of the Camp committee, including service as its treasurer, and was part of the team that successfully rescued Camp during the crisis years of the early

1990’s and transitioned it to the open rental policies we have today.

Kate never stopped learning; she was a mistress of reinvention. As a lawyer, she found the part she liked best was dealing with taxes, so she got an M.S. in taxation and became instead a successful accountant and tax consultant. But her heart told her what she really wanted to do was teach math – and so she returned to school, got an M.S. in Education, and began a new career as a high school math teacher at age 53. She loved teaching, and was loved by her students and fellow teachers, who rallied to support her during her last year of teaching as ALS slurred her speech and forced her to use a cane. They sent cards, posters, and food, marched to raise money for ALS, and were devastated to learn of her passing.

Kate’s love of life and learning made her a lifetime traveler. Even after being diagnosed with ALS, Kate traveled to Alaska, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Florida, Texas, and California, and went yachting even when confined to a wheelchair. When any of us would mention how lucky she was to be making these trips, Kate would give us an impish grin and type on her keypad-communication device, “Phil can’t say no to me now!”
Vintage Kate.



We Can Still Hear You Laughing

By day, her ready laughter,
lilted up from the shore:
An occasional cry,
“Nolan, where are you?
You’re OK, are you sure?”

At night, in cool water,
the laughter got higher;
“Nolan, you’re getting way
too close to the fire!”

Ponkapoag was her refuge,
after a long year teaching;
Laughter with old friends
– no more preaching.

Her voice may be silent
but the laughter lives on;
The wind in the treetops,
the bird’s sweet song.

- with love from the Shugrues

Memories of Kate

Bold, courageous, funny, hard-working and hard-playing.

Whether I just wanted to shoot the breeze or ask for real practical advice, Kate was there on the beach ready and willing to entertain or to give sound counsel.

Beloved Kate, a real go-getter, got-your-back, you will be sorely missed by all those whose lives you touched.

Kate was always there for you. She was a part of our core of volunteers, embedded in enjoyment, responsibility, and love for camp’s vision. A connecting fiber in the community, a voice of reason.

“Who told you about Camp?”

What Kate taught us: Travel as much as you can. A bottle of wine and a bag of chips can be supper when shared with a friend. Ritz crackers are full of fat. How to be very ill with good humor and grace.

Sharing that piece of tiramisu.

The Ponkapoag Pals, around a campfire late at night.

Wonderful Kate, brave, strong, funny Kate.

Chatting up a storm: in-laws, how to fatten up children who wouldn't eat, public schools, good books, and (of course) husbands.

A typical Ponkapoag friendship: dormant in winter, but immediately rolling once summer came.

She loved a challenge of any kind: camping, running, learning. She had resolve.

She was a friend to everyone, and everyone was a friend to her. Has anyone ever had a bad thing to say about Kate?

She gave everyone the benefit of the doubt.



Jamie Connors



Jamie Rose Connors, 17, niece of Jamie Cohen, died of cancer on October 11, 2008. She spent part of her summers at Ponkapoag with her family and friends swimming, boating, hiking, or just relaxing at a campfire. Summers at Ponkapoag won't be the same, however her spirit and strong sense of love will still be felt. We will miss her great smile that beamed from her soul.

Another Dam Update

Tom Fitzgerald

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About 10 years ago I was almost asleep at a Camp meeting when I heard a request for volunteers to serve on the Dam Committee. My arm raised as if by itself; I confess that my primary motivation was to be able to claim that I was on the Dam Committee!

A few times a year I toured the dam that keeps our Pond full all

summer. The dam seemed happy, and everyone concerned seemed happy until there was a dam failure in Taunton – and suddenly a team of experts declared that our old dam was in danger of being washed out. The DCR decided to construct a new dam as soon as possible. Construction, including a new outlet structure and rebuilt dike, began in Fall, 2008 and will resume this spring.



There have been questions pertaining to the removal of the vegetation that had grown on the dike over the years. There were trees nearly 40 feet high on the banks. Actually, it was the trees' roots that led to the devastation of the original dam, weakening its structure and offering water breakthrough channels. Many Ponkies questioned what it would do to the view that would be forever changed. I wondered about this myself, however, I like the new view and hope you do too.

The State is concerned with avoiding any impact on a delicate environmental area, minimizing the construction footprint and taking every precaution to protect the water.





Mid-Winter Dance Party

In our endless winter of despair, with our city streets STILL minefields of petrified, trash-filled icebergs, with our backs near broken from that "last" last snowstorm, it is too easy to imagine the warm summer sun never setting again over Ponkapoag Pond. The antidote? Ponkapoag's third annual dance party. While February 28th was still too early for crocuses or songbirds, it was just the right time for old Ponkapoag friends to come together and celebrate the light at the end of the mid-winter tunnel. And did they celebrate.



The Trinity Episcopal Church in Canton was the site, yet again, for Ponkapoag's winter hoedown. The food was terrific (not a single hot dog/macaroni casserole!) The stark hall was transformed (via decorating elves) into a divine milieu of snowflakes with ambient candle and Christmas lights. After an elegant meal, Ponkers ventured

out to the dance floor nearly bringing that cold linoleum floor to a full rolling broil. Let's just say "toasty" wouldn't come close to describing the scene.

The sizzling highlights might include Jillian's gravity-defying aerial handspring, Brian's impossible no-handed cartwheel, or Patrick's freestanding back-flip. Not to mention, of course, Nolan's break-dancing full body flops clear across the floor. This year, the kids really stole the show. Aging parents with trick knees, and arthritic hips stepped aside in awe of our limber youth. It's hard to say what exactly inspired so many young boys to spin on their rear-ends for SO long, but it may have had something to do with Maurice bringing along a CD of the very dangerous Cha-cha Slide. To the amazement of all, there were only a few mild cases of the break-dancing syndrome known as "linoleum hiney-burn.



So thank you to all who attended and shared their best dishes and dance moves. And to all those shameless adults who danced like chickens thus

mortifying their children: we salute you. Kudos also to all those tireless volunteers who helped with set up and clean up.

Free Cabin for Running Programs, Doing Maintenance, or Assisting Camp Manager

Maybe you would like to run a pot-luck and help out with Sunday check-ins/outs. Or perhaps volunteer to run an educational or recreational program, or to do camp maintenance work (fixing screens or more skilled projects). If so, then you could stay a few 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 the summer manager Robin Krivit at (781) 961-7007. Summer season only.

Park-Land Grab

The ongoing Lantana's saga

A private developer has proposed converting three acres of the Blue Hills on High Street in Randolph to a 408-space parking lot. Chapter 240 of 2002 (the Lantana Transfer Act) states that the Commissioner (of the Division of Capital Asset Management (DCAM) shall file a report on the adequacy of the property appraisal with the House and Senate Ways and Means" Committee. The Friends of the Blue Hills currently are seeking to obtain a copy of the report from DCAM and are exploring all options to prevent this transfer from occurring.

If this proposal does go through, it will be an outrage to all of us who cherish our historical parkland. Already, it is a wake-up call for all Massachusetts citizens that it takes constant vigilance to prevent incremental development at the edges of any State park.

April 2 Forum on Indian Line Farm

Giving up part of the Ponkapoag section of the Blue Hills Reservation for commercial development???

Just west of Ponkapoag Pond is a portion of the Blue Hills Reservation called Indian Line Farm. This historic landscape, which abuts Route 138 at its western border, contains 44-acres of open fields and woodlands. Any part of the Blue Hills could be developed with a two-thirds vote of the legislature, but this land is particularly attractive to developers since it's a relatively flat, open space of undeveloped land with direct access to Route 128. Last spring, a local company considered the land as a possible site for an office complex. Just this past February, the Town of Canton considered re-zoning the property to allow development. While it's rather hard to access now – with few active trails and the closest parking several miles away at Ponkapoag Golf Course – the land could host a range of recreational opportunities and continue to provide habitat for meadowland species.

Indian Line Farm is still protected as part of the Blue Hills. You are invited to a Community Forum on April 2 to make sure it stays that way. By attending the forum, you will demonstrate that you want to make sure the Blue Hills stays intact. You will also have the opportunity to contribute your ideas for how to enjoy and

protect this property. After meetings like this in the community, we will work with the Department of Conservation and Recreation to develop and implement a master plan that reflects the community's concerns and recommendations.

The Community Forum will take place on April 2, 7:00 pm at 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm at the Bradley Estate, 2468-B Washington Street, Canton. For more information, contact: 781-828-1805 or judy@FriendsoftheBlueHills.org. Or visit: www.FriendsoftheBlueHills.org

The Community Forum is sponsored by the Trustees of Reservations and the Friends of the Blue Hills.

Ponkapoag Camp Facilities Description



20 Rustic Cabins and two tent sites are situated on the wooded eastern 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 one vehicle. Guests with more than one vehicle should ask where to park a second vehicle. 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. Cutting standing trees or branches is strictly forbidden in the Blue Hills.
- Bring your own drinking water. For some summer weeks,

potable spring water is available from the tap at the Lodge.

- The Lodge, open during summer season only, provides indoor space for games, reading, ping-pong, and programs. Electricity is provided a few hours each evening for light and for charging cell phones.
- The only bathroom facilities are outhouses. Camp has no trash disposal; we follow a Carry-in / Carry-out Policy.
- Swimming, canoeing, and sailing activity centers around a small sandy beach and wooden dock. A lifeguard is on duty during the summer season. A row boat and life jackets may be rented during the summer season. Swimming is only allowed when there is a lifeguard present.
- Fishing from the shore or boat is also popular. No fishing from the dock or in the beach area, please.
- Hiking opportunities abound on over more than 7,000 acres of the Blue Hills Reservation. Local jaunts include the three-mile trail around Ponkapoag Pond, and numerous other trails to destinations such as Duck Pond, Great Blue Hill, the Ponkapoag Bog Boardwalk, the blueberry fields along the gas line, 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, horseback riding, and mountain biking are nearby. (The DCR prohibits mountain biking in our section of the Blue Hills, however.)
- Saturday night pot-luck dinners have long been a tradition at camp. Bring a favorite dish to share and bring enough plates and utensils for yourselves.
- Winter sports include alpine and Nordic skiing, snow shoeing, skating, sledding, and ice fishing.
- Access is via a one-mile rutted dirt road starting from a gate on Randolph Street in Canton. The combination to the gate lock is provided when you make a reservation. You can also hike in from MBTA Bus Route 240 in Randolph.

Ponkapoag Eagle Editorial Policy

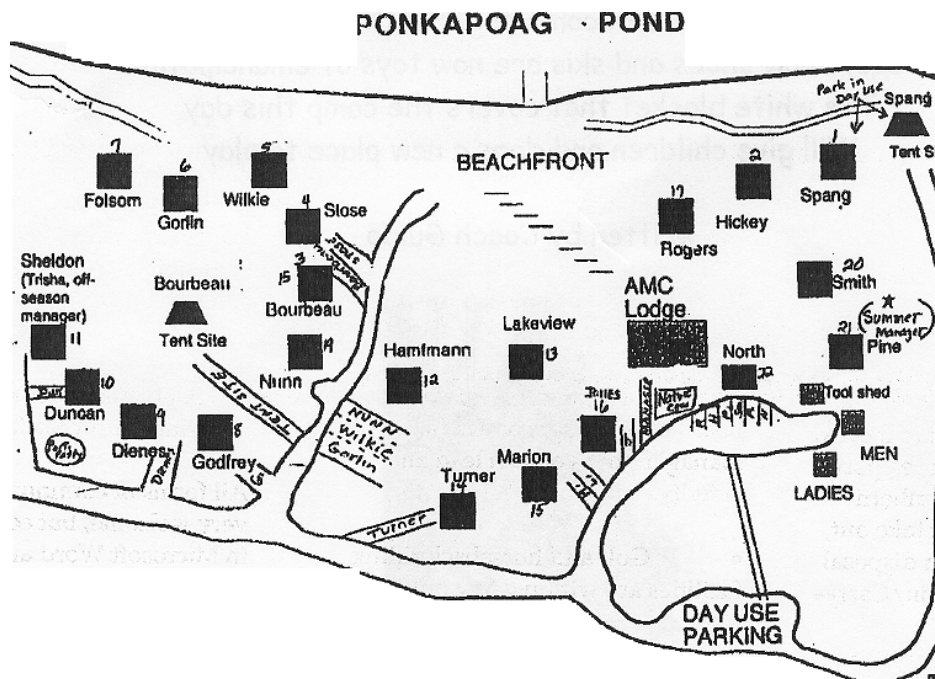
Contributions: Given limitations of space and time, every effort will be made to print all contributions and opinions. Send in things like listings of bird and animal sightings, news about trails, discussion of conservation issues, drawings, boating safety suggestions, recipes, and contributions from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

deadline for contributions is March 1

All forms of communication are welcome, but computer files in Microsoft Word are the easiest. Email to Wendy Rapson at Riverwench@verizon.net

cabin	size	summer beds	inside beds	porch beds
North*	small	2	2	0
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
Hamfman	Large	5	3	2
Marian	Large	6	6	0
Rogers	Large	5	5	0
Turner	Large	6	5	1
Pine	Large	6	4	2
Spang tent site				
Bourbeau tent site				

* available for summer rental only.



Summer season reservations: Requests postmarked by April 25th will be processed first. Reservations after that will be processed as received.

Off season reservations: Mail reservation at least 2 weeks in advance. If desired, call 781-961-7007 for availability.

All reservations: Send in the reservation form, a check or money order written to "AMC Ponkapoag" for the deposit indicated, and include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for confirmation.

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 received after that date is processed as they arrive.

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

Rental Rates

	Summer*	Off-season**			
	week*	weekend (Fri-Sun)	extra day	week	month**
CABINS					
Large	\$200	\$60	\$24	\$120	\$320
Medium	170	50	20	100	270
Small	140	40	16	80	215

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: _____

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

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: _____

Bed/Night Count - _____

** Completed at end of stay*

To be filled out on arrival:

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

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! Ponkapoag 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

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