# The Ponkapoag Eagle

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### **Going Green**

This is the last issue of the Eagle that will be distributed by mail. Starting in 2011, the Eagle will be distributed only by the web. Download it from www.PonkapoagCamp.org. We will send an email announcement each time the Eagle is published. If you aren't getting emails from us and you want to get our announcements, send your e-address to ponk@comcast.net.



#### Message from the Chair

Ponkapoag Camp is a wonderful place. Where can you find anything like it, so close to the city, yet so remote? So wild, yet so civilized? Perfect for being alone, and perfect for being with friends? Winter campers got a special treat this year – skating on the pond for 5 weekends in a row! Not to mention sledding, ice fishing, cross-country skiing, cutting wood and building fires, the pleasures of solitude in a warm cabin .... And soon will come the summer with swimming and boating, hiking, picking blueberries, evening

games and campfires.... What keeps a great thing like this going?

#### Camp Committee – Always Looking for a Few Good Members

Camp is managed by a Volunteer Management Committee with about 25 members, of which I am the newly elected chair. The Camp Committee makes sure Camp remains financially stable, that its facilities remain safe and renewed periodically, and that Camp's policies and programs enable us to achieve our objectives related to conservation, enjoyment, and education. There is no cap on the number of members, and we're always looking for new members, people who love Ponkapoag and want to give something to sustain and improve it. If you're interested, the first thing to do is come to a few work parties and pitch in. Then contact me or another member of the committee.



**Spring Work Parties** This Spring's work parties will be:

- April 10, Saturday, 11 am
- May 15-16 (starts 1 pm on Saturday, May 15, and includes optional overnight at camp!),
- **June 13,** Sunday, 1 pm
- June 26, Saturday (opening day), 10 am

# (Please RSVP to Trisha if you plan on attending a work party)

The work parties will all include a mix of skilled and unskilled work. so there's sure to be a place for you, whether it's building a patio, repairing screens and doors, spreading gravel on the road, staining cabins, or replacing smoke alarm batteries. We supply the tools you need; just bring gloves and work clothes. (However, skilled workers, please bring your tools.) Except for Opening Day, the work parties will begin promptly at 1 pm, organized by our facilities team led by Don Baker and Trisha Minton, and will end with an early supper meal. If you want to volunteer to help with food, please contact Robin Krivit. RobinKrivit@mac.com The Opening Day work party ends with the summer's first pot-luck dinner.

This Spring we're going to try to revive an old AMC tradition – the overnight work party! The weekend of May 15-16, all

cabins are reserved for workers at no cost. Overnight workers are expected to be on duty Saturday afternoon from 1 to 5, and to do some work Sunday such as painting the floor of your cabin. To reserve your spot, contact Trisha, 781-961-7007 (8:30 am to noon) by April 30. The overnight will give us plenty of chance to put the PARTY in work party! If you can't stay overnight, please come for the Saturday afternoon work and stay if you can for supper.

Work party announcements are made by email; if you don't get them, send your email address to Beth Furth <u>furthfolk@yahoo.com</u>. (Also, check your Junk Mail folder.) Last minute cancellations due to weather will be announced on our website, www.ponkapoagcamp.org.



#### Leaders Sought for Trail Maintenance, Biodiversity Programs

A second way to get involved is by getting trained through two great programs developed by our sister organization, Friends of the Blue Hills:

• *Weed Busting* involves removing invasive species such as purple loosestrife that threaten the ecology of the Blue Hills. Scheduled Weed Busting events are May 15 and 22, June 19, July 10 and 17, August 14 and 21, September 4, October 9 and 30; to register (required) and find the location, write to <u>biodiversity@Friendsoft</u> heBlueHills.org.

Trail Maintenance involves clearing and repairing trails and building water bars. Scheduled events are April 24 (DCR Park Serve Day), May 8, June 5 (National Trails Day), July 10, August 7, September 4, and October 2,. All are 9-1, meeting at the Houghton's Pond parking lot. To register, trailwork@Friendsofthe BlueHills.org).

Of course, everybody is welcome to join any of those scheduled events as an individual. But wouldn't it also be great to have Weed Busting and Trail Maintenance be part of Ponkapoag Camp's summer program? That could mean simply caravanning over to join an already scheduled event, or it could mean developing events based at Camp, in cooperation with Friends of the Blue Hills and the DCR. Interested in organizing Camp's effort in these programs? If so contact me (pfurth@comcast.net).



#### New Facilities to Expand Youth Opportunities

Ponkapoag Camp is proud to be part of the AMC's Youth Opportunities Program (YOP), which forms a major part of its "No Child Left Indoors" campaign. The YOP enables groups of at-risk youths, usually organized at the community level (e.g., a church group, YMCA or community summer day camp) to enjoy a great day or overnight outdoors using AMC facilities at affordable prices, with AMC providing equipment such as tents and canoes. Among the many AMC destinations enjoyed by YOP, Ponkapoag is attractive for its proximity to the city and its canoeing opportunities.

This May, the AMC will construct four tent platforms and a pavilion (roof supported by four columns) in the Missionary Point area of camp (beyond Folsom cabin). Near the caretaker's cabin, at the head of the trail leading to Missionary Point, there will be a new shed for storing YOP canoe paddles, flotation devices, and the like.

For the most part, YOP groups keep their activities separate from camp, staying at Missionary Point and using that as a canoeing base. But if they're in camp on a hot summer day, they'll join us at the swimming beach. Be sure to welcome them!

- submitted by Peter Furth



# Why Do I Need to RSVP for Work Parties?

Have you ever wondered why an RSVP is requested from those attending work parties? While volunteers who are able to attend at the last minute are always welcome, it allows the work parties to run more smoothly if we know you are coming in advance. Not only does it give us an accurate head count for the after-party supper (yes, we DO feed you!), it also allows us to have enough equipment on site available for volunteers. We are better able to coordinate the jobs scheduled to be completed that day. RSVP's make the day more productive overall.

You will also be given the current gate combination in advance. You may not be able to reach a staff member by phone to get the combination if you call the day of the work party.

Thank you in advance to those of you who volunteer for our upcoming work parties. Your contribution to camp truly makes a difference!

#### **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 (Trisha) 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)



#### E-mail addresses.

If you would like to be on our email list (and we hope you do) please provide us with your email address by contacting Beth Furth at ponk@comcast.net.



#### **Reserve Your Summer Cabin or Tent-Site Soon**

Campers may mail in summer reservation requests after April 1,2010. The requests must be postmarked by April 25<sup>th</sup> 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. The rental form is located at the end of this newsletter.



#### Ponkapoag Camp Facilities Description

Twenty 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. Many of the cabins have wood stoves that keep the cabins toasty warm even in the coldest weather. Each cabin has parking for one vehicle. Guests using more than one vehicle are required to park the additional vehicle in the day use parking lot, or wherever the manager directs. 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 firepits. Most cabins (but not all) have a grill or firepit. 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.

• Drinking water is available at a public tap at the lodge only for the 59 days preceding Labor Day. It is drawn from a well, treated with a disinfectant and pumped to the lodge; it is also tested regularly, following state public health regulations. Outside that period, and any time the wellwater supply is interrupted, bring your own drinking 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 activities center around the Pond's shore 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 4 mile trail around Ponkapoag Pond and a variety of destinations like Duck Pond, Great Blue Hill, the boardwalk through the Ponkapoag bog, and the amazing"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 workshops 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. Call for the combination to the gate lock the day your rental period begins.

#### 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 <u>Riverwench@verizon.net</u>

#### Ehh, What's Up Dock?



Did you notice a difference down at pond side last summer? Sure, Nolan Whitehead was making his debut as one of Ponk's reputable lifeguards. And Robin Krivit, Ponk's new and amazing Summer Manager, would occasionally swim out to Seagull Rock. But there was another change – something more subtle than Ponk's proficient professional staff. The decades-old swimming dock had been restored to its original structural integrity, sitting straight and true.

Here's the story. As spring 2009 started to emerge, it was obvious that the dock had a problem. Years and years of the pond ice swelling and receding had finally left the dock "bouncy" and pitching toward the water at a funny angle. So the facilities planners at Ponk decided that the dock needed to be moved back into its original position and with its supports restored.

On a sunny day on the last day of May (5/31/09), although they lacked a construction crane, Dennis Maher, Don Baker, and John MacDougall devised a brilliant alternative strategy. They built two beefy A-frames to temporarily support the dock. They drilled a hole



into the dock to thread a chain through, which was rigged to a manual winch that would be used to straighten out the dock. A nearby tree was used as the pivot point.

Our facilities foremen were also successful in recruiting the manpower to both lift and push the dock into position. Most notable amongst the workers were the party dudes from Pennsylvania who were staying at Roger's cabin as a place to crash before seeing a Phish concert in Boston. As we worked, there was a palpable spirit of teamwork and camaraderie.

The entire project took several hours. The last critical step was to carefully place sizable rocks under the joists of the dock. And once the winch chain and temporary supports were removed, the dock was left beautifully restored.

Ponkapoag campers are grateful to all those involved in this community project. The dock now is squarely tied into the shore and is solidly supported. It will remain so for years to come, until the Ponk ice once again exerts its inexorable will. In the meantime, I hope you all appreciate and enjoy this centerpiece of Ponk's waterfront infrastructure.







- submitted by Henry Barbaro

#### Just Who Are the Krivits Really?

Was that a Von Trapp, a Partridge? No, the Krivits are Ponkapoag's very own family singers. Like 70's super mom Shirley Partridge, Robin Krivit can bring home the bacon, fry it up in a pan, AND play a killer tambourine. Oh, and she also manages the camp, organizes activities, orchestrates events... and sings.

So, who are the Krivits and how did they find us? Believe it or not, Robin found Ponkapoag via a Boston Globe article (you know, the ones we all fear will summon the lunatics). She told husband John "You've got to see this place!" and that was after she laid down all their cash for a two-week deposit. John soon developed an intimate relationship with Hamfman's screened-in porch and the rest is history.

John is from Bethesda, Maryland and Robin is a proud survivor of the mean streets of Chelsea. They met in a band. Robin began college at Berklee but finished at Emerson. The audition tape that won her a full scholarship was recorded in a bathroom. Robin still likes to sing in bathrooms, even the outhouse. In fact Robin has



been asked to leave karaoke competitions for being too good. But not OUR camp's karaoke competition—last summer, as a member of the Starlight Vocal Band, Robin brought the lodge down.

When he's not writing witty songs about Mrs. Stose, Frank Bourbeau or the Ponkapoag outhouses, John Krivit is teaching Audio and Media Technology at the New England Institute of Art. He also teaches at Bay State and Emerson Colleges. At camp, John is like our own resident Raffi. He will often be found, ukulele in hand, surrounded by a clump of giggling kids.



And those Krivit kids put Danny and Tracy Partridge to shame. Annie and Jack, in keeping with family tradition, also write, sing and record their own songs. At 10, Jack has already played his first gig in a Marblehead bar. He also does needlepoint-in public. Annie, according to her dad, has the best voice in the family, which, when you're a Krivit, is really saying something. When she's not busy winning basketball games or hashing out punk rock anthems with Arielle Katz, Annie attends (along with her brother) the Marblehead **Community Public Charter** School.

Not often does an entire family find a job that fits them so perfectly - and vice versa. We here at Ponkapoag are looking forward to another summer of campfires, moonlight beach madness, and retro sing-a-longs. It's true; the Krivit's are the best thing to happen to Ponkapoag since trees.

- submitted by Marianne Taylor



## 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 firstserved 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.

#### Six-Month Rentals During Winter Season

During our low-demand period (Nov 1 to April 30), a limited number of cabins are available for 6 month rentals to people who have done a minimum of 40 volunteer hours for camp in the previous year. Requests should be received by October 1, and should include a letter describing 40 hours of volunteer work done for camp during the previous 12 months. Long-term renters are also expected to give some TLC to their assigned cabin.

## **Ponkers Having Fun!**







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 offseason rentals contact Trisha Minton @ (781) 961-7007



#### 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.





**Privatizing Ponkapoag:** A Tale of Two Bills

Once again our heritage of public lands is coming under assault. On 2/25/10, the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture held a hearing on two bills that may determine the fate of the Ponkapoag Golf Course, an integral part of the Blue Hills Reservation.

The first bill, S. 365 (sponsored by Senator Steven Baddour of the North Shore's First Essex District) is titled 'An Act Relative to Disposition of State Property.' Friends of the Blue Hills OPPOSES this bill, which amounts to a giveaway of a precious public resource. The text of the bill is as short as it is objectionable: "Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, The Department of Conservation and Recreation within the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs will issue a public bid for the privatization of the Ponkapoag golf course, located in Canton and the Leo J. Martin golf course, located in Weston. All funds will be directed to the Department of Conservation and Recreation." This illconceived bill fails to define "privatization" (although sale or lease are two obvious possibilities), fails to safeguard the public interest in and use of these important parklands, fails to expressly allow the Commonwealth any flexibility in drafting contingencies for a "public bid," fails to protect the Commonwealth's fiscal interest in maximizing its return on any "privatization" and fails as rational public policy. On its face, it is a flagrant giveaway of two of OUR most important resources. Please contact your Representative and Senator and urge them to OPPOSE this bill.

By contrast, H. 753 (sponsored by Representative Brad Jones of North Reading) authorizes--but does not require--the Commonwealth to lease the golf courses on terms acceptable to the Commonwealth and requires the lessee to maintain and improve the courses in consultation with DCR. The bill could be improved by more explicitly prohibiting expansion of uses beyond those that currently exist (golfing, skiing, hiking, for example). Friends of the Blue Hills takes no position on this bill.

Thanks very much for drawing upon your love of the woods, and sense of land stewardship, to become active in how the Blue Hills is managed for the benefit of all as well as for future generations. If you want your voice heard on either of these bills, besides contacting your representative and senator, you may e-mail your comments to Environmental Committee Cochairs Senator Anthony Petruccelli and Representative William Straus at, respectively, Anthony.Petruccelli@state.ma. us and Rep.WilliamStraus@Hou.State. MA.US. Submitted by John Sheehan, Vice President, FOBH, and Henry Barbaro

cabin	size	bed space	inside beds	porch beds
		occupancy		
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

\* Some cabins are not available for winter rental. Call the winter manager for availability during the off-season.



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#### 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.

<u>**Rental Requirements**</u> – 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.

<u>Arrival / Departure Time</u>: 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 are processed as they arrive.

<u>Cleaning Deposit</u> - During the summer season, campers must leave a \$25 cleaning deposit on arrival.

	Summer*	Off-season**				TENT SITES
		weekend				\$35 per weekend (minimum
CABINS	week*	(Fri-Sun)	extra day	week	month**	rental period)
Large	\$200	\$60	\$24	\$120	\$320	\$16 per additional day
Medium	170	50	20	100	270	\$65 per week
Small	140	40	16	80	215	

#### **Rental Rates**

\* Summer runs from the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in June to Labor Day. During the summer, rentals are by the week only, except for tent sites. 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.

<u>Visitors and Day Users</u>: 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.

<u>**Camp Rules:**</u> 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				
Address	Town	State	Zip				
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Cell phone (optional; to help us rea	ch you during your stay)						
Email:							
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List all additional persons staying c	overnight: (If you need more	e space, use the back of th	nis form)				
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For Summer Reservation							
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#### 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, and the camp's website at www.ponkapoagcamp.org.

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