

WONALANCET OUTDOOR CLUB NEWSLETTER

May 3, 1988

Dear WODC Members and Friends

On March 26 the WODC Executive Committee met to plan summer activities. Note the change of date of the trail clearing in Dana Steele's letter.

This year the WODC is holding its annual Trails Day on Saturday, May 21 (rain day Sunday the 22nd) rather than August. The purpose for this is twofold. First, we'd like to walk all our trails and pinpoint trouble spots, as we have hired Nat Scrimshaw and his crew to do some heavy work on our trails this summer. Secondly, if we get enough volunteers, we'd like to do a bit of heavy work ourselves, before the summer hiking season. The format for the day will be as in the past; Gather at the kiosk in Wonalancet around 8 A.M., hit the trails, and then meet at my house for a sumptuous pot luck feast.

So, mark the 21st on your calendar, and bring a friend or friends along. And, if you can't make the trails part of the day, whip up your favorite dish and come to the feast! Call me at 323-7287 so I can get an idea as to numbers, the menu, what implements of destruction to take out on the trails, etc. See you on the 21st!

Dana Steele, Trails Chairman

On Saturday, July 2, the Town of Tamworth will hold its annual Fourth of July celebration with a parade, contests, barbecue, and various booths. If WODC is to enter a float in the parade, volunteers are needed. Anyone interested? Last year's float was great fun to make. Call John or Cathy Mersfelder at 323-7793 if you would like to help. There will also be a booth where WODC T-shirts for children and adults, our present WODC maps (soon to be collectibles), other interesting items, and gorp will be sold. The money raised will help finance the printing of the new maps of the Wonalancet Area. The map will include the total Sandwich Range Wilderness Area. If you are in town, you must visit the WODC booth.

On July 9, Wayne Martin of the U.S. Forest Service, and who has carried out research at Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest, will speak on the research which is taking place in THE BOWL Natural Area. The meeting will take place at the Wonalancet Chapel at 7:30 in the evening.

On July 23, 7:30 P.M. in the Chapel, Jeff Fair will speak to the Club on the topic of bears. A wildlife biologist, earlier Jeff worked for the National Park Service studying bears in Yellowstone Park. He is currently taking a sabbatical from his position as Executive Director of the Loon Preservation Committee (NH Audubon Society) and is writing a book on bears.

Our Annual Meeting will take place at the Chapel on Aug.20 at 7:30 PM.

A follow up Trail Clearing will be held on August 27, when any trails or shelters needing specific attention will be repaired.

Sincerely,

Sally Zink
WODC Newsletter editor