## CENTENNIAL REUNION REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION PACKET



AMC Trail Crew (1919-2019) Centennial Planning Committee

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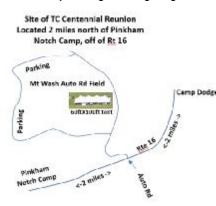
It is with great pleasure that the Trail Crew Association (TCA) invites you to the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the AMC Trail Crew. The Trail Crew spirit, can-do attitude and camaraderie that was present since the inception of the first crew in 1919 has endured to this day. We hope you will join us to mark this moment in our history, to gather with current crew and alumni, and chat with AMC staff, Forest Service folks, and our friends from the Huts. Here we can refresh our ties and talk about the next century of trail stewardship. We are all partners in this worthy endeavor of providing access to and enjoyment of the White Mountain National Forest.

AMC Trail Crew 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration When: Saturday, August 24, 2019: 9 AM 'til End of Day Where: Mt Washington Auto Rd Field (MWAR)

This packet contains your registration materials: a registration sheet and important information *about the Centennial Reunion. Please read pages 1-3 carefully and retain for reference. Complete & send in page 4 (Registration) asap. Photocopy registration sheet for your records.* 

The Registration: Trail Crew and Shelter Caretaker alumni are encouraged to invite immediate family, including children and grandchildren. Boy and girl friends of alumni are invited. Adult registration is full cost, 9-16 yrs. of age is half price and ages 8 and younger are free. Current crew and caretakers attend for free, but we ask them to provide some logistical help during the reunion, and alumni of any age who have difficulty paying the full registration can receive a discount. Please fill out the registration, legibly and thoroughly; include the names and food preferences of all invitees who will be attending with you. *Questions regarding the Centennial Reunion or registration should be directed to Peter Jensen (petersorenjensen@qmail.com) or Bruce Jacobson (bruce.jacobson.42@qmail.com)* 

The Site, parking and signing in: The celebration will take place at the Mt Washington Auto Road field



(see map to left). Ample parking will be available. Turn off Rte. 16 toward the Auto Road. Volunteers will direct you to parking area. After parking please come to the registration table to pick up: name tags for you and your invitees; T-shirts and hats if you've ordered them; and the agenda of events. All registrants will receive a poster with the Centennial logo and the names of all crew and caretakers since 1919. We have a large tent, with tables and chairs for our meals, so rainy weather should not deter participation.

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Merchandise: We are offering T-shirts with a logo celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the AMC Trail Crew. As shown the logo will be on a black t-shirt. The 1919-2019 in red on the back provides a teaser for what's on the front. TCA hats are available to order—check the amctca.com website to see the logo. Don't be caught without your swag!

Lodging—where to stay: We encourage you to book accommodations *as soon as possible*. Rooms and campsites will fill up quickly. We refer you to the internet to find your lodging. A block of 30 rooms at Town & Country in Gorham, NH (603-466-3315) has been reserved for both Friday August 23 and Saturday August 24. Joe Dodge Lodge at AMC Pinkham Notch Camp (603-466-2727) may have bunks or rooms available.

The Agenda—what's happening Saturday, August 24, 2019 at the MWAR field: Socialize, socialize and socialize. Reconnect with crewmates and meet new ones. Talk trail stewardship into the next century. Throughout the day please visit the "small tent" for presentations by alumni, or in the "large tent' sit with other alumni to discuss topics of common interest. Learn about the Camp Dodge Enhancements that your alumni are designing, developing, funding, and building to create a legacy for our 100<sup>th</sup> year. Take a trip to Camp Dodge to see the new Hutton Lodge and get a tour. There will be a Blue Grass band performing in the afternoon; presentation of the Golden axe award; a performance by the consummate storyteller and musician Odds Bodkin, who has created an epic tale of the history of trails and the people who built them. This performance is made possible by the generosity of Robert White (1975-78). And we will honor the legacy of the late Bob Proudman with a "Retrospective on his Life in Trails", from his days on the AMC TC, to AMC Trails Supervisor, to his 30-year career with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. The agenda is evolving, so a final agenda of activities will be provided on site at the reunion.

What's happening Friday, August 23 and Sunday, August 25 in and around the area: Mark Dannenhauer, president of the TCA is coordinating several Field Trips for alumni, families, and friends. Activities include a Marshall Pontrelli and Laura McManamy guided tour of recent work on the A-Z trail; trail blazing or patrolling with Craig Whiton; visit a John Nininger-built backcountry shelter with John; get a guided tour of the TC Shelburne Cabin by Bruce Davis; etc. A list of these and other activities will be posted and continually updated on the TCA website (amctca.com). You can also contact Mark Dannenhauer (*ninots@crocker.com*) for more information or if you want to volunteer to lead an activity. It's a great opportunity to meet other alumni and re-experience your younger days on the trail.

Costs and Generosity : We have priced the registration fee to hopefully cover the costs of the Saturday event without knowing how many will register. The registration cost reflects the site rental, 60ft x 100ft large tent and a smaller tent, tables and chairs, porta potties and wash station, dumpster, liability insurance, and most importantly catered food for two meals. We will have 10-12 current crew who will go for free as well as an offer of discounted registrations for younger alumni who might not be able to attend otherwise. We ask that if you are able, to make a contribution to help cover these costs. Your generosity will be gratefully accepted.

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Alcoholic beverages: We are working with the MWAR and our Vermont caterer, Woodbelly to acquire a one-day liquor license to be able to provide a cash bar for beer and wine, and carbonated waters. If we are unable to use Woodbelly, but instead need a NH-based vendor with in state liquor license to set up the cash bar, then we will pursue this route. BYOB is not an option. Our reputation and the safety of our attendees depend upon observing this rule. Your cooperation and that of your invitees is expected. Please save your byob for when you are back at your campsite or lodging. We want everyone to have a safe and great time!

The Food: Woodbelly of Montpelier VT, an employee-owned caterer that uses fresh, locally sourced, seasonal ingredients from organic producers and small farms, will be providing our meals. Their staff are used to setting up kitchens in all types of terrain, providing great food and putting on an epic show. They will be stoking up their wood-fired ovens to provide lunch (11:30-2:30) and dinner (4:30-7:00). Please use the information below to fill out your food preferences and those in your group on the next, page. An accurate accounting of your preferences is necessary to help the caterer have ample quantities of the right ingredients to accommodate our group.

<u>Lunch and Dinner Options</u>: Please choose one option for lunch and one option for dinner, and indicate if Gluten Free or Vegan is needed, for each person on your registration. These are your preferences and will help the caterer provide the quantities needed for each option. Salad is available for all preferences at lunch and dinner: a mix of organic seasonal greens, shaved carrots, radishes, and pepitas with maple-cider dressing

Lunch Option #1 Wood-fired Pizza: Sourdough crust with an assortment of toppings; chevre, mozzarella, cheddar, blue cheese, seasonal veggies, pork sausage or bacon; (if gluten free please indicate on registration sheet)

Lunch Option #2a Veggie Sandwich: Organic eggplant, peppers, zucchini roasted and pressed; layered with mozzarella (or not for vegans) in focaccia; (if vegan please indication on registration sheet)

Lunch Option #2b Italian Sandwich: *Cured salami and charcuterie and greens on an Elmore Mountain Bakery baguette* 

Dinner option #1 Pizza Station: Pulled pork BBQ, fresh tomato, peaches and bleu cheese, pesto, cheese, or pepperoni wood-fired pizza; (if gluten free please indicate on registration sheet)

Dinner option #2a Risotto Station Veggie: Summer risotto with roasted vegetables and shitake mushrooms and greens

Dinner option #2b Risotto Station Meat: Sausage and onions

Dinner option #3 Pig Roast: Whole pig and shoulder

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