

Appalachian Mountain Club
AMC New York-North Jersey Picnic 2025
Activity Schedule: Friday-Sunday, June 6-8, 2025



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2025 NY-NoJ Picnic Schedule (Final)

Friday June 6, 2025

Meeting Time	Event and Location	Volunteer Leader(s)
3:00 pm - close	Check In - Outdoor Center Office (Purchase Saturday lunch, if you want) 3pm - 5pm: Judy 4pm - 6pm: Brian	Judy Kossover Brian Lownds
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Film: Passaic River Conservation Level: All levels <i>Meet in the Recreation Hall anytime; Film will loop</i>	Mary Ann Hoag
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Dinner - Dining Hall	
7:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Talk: New Delhi Architecture & Himalayan Trek Talk Level: All levels <i>Meet in the Recreation Hall at 7:15pm</i>	Carrie Ho
8:00 pm - 8:45 pm	Kayaking: Sunset Paddle Level: swimming & paddling experience required; PFD required <i>Meet at the Boat Launch at 7:45pm; bring a headlamp (with red light, if available)!</i>	Mary Ann Hoag
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Campfire and S'mores - Level: All levels Meet at the Shelter Circle Fire Pit	Jake Lewis
Quiet Hours (begin @ 10 PM)		

Saturday June 7, 2025

Meeting Time	Event and Location	Volunteer Leader(s)
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Morning Coffee - Dining Hall	
7:05 am - 8:00 am	Yoga: Morning Salutation Level: All Levels <i>Meet at the Swim Dock at 7:05am; bring your own yoga mats or borrow the camp's equipment stored in the Recreation Hall</i>	Martina Puchta

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7:00 am - 8:00 am	Trail Running: Morning Run with Footwear & Smartwatch Tips Level: Moderate <i>Meet at the Camp Office at 6:45am; previous jogging or running experience required</i>	Os Orsini
8:00 am - 1:00 pm	Check-in (Full Weekend Guests and Saturday Only Guests) @ the Outdoor Center Office Purchase Sunday lunch, if you want 9 am - 11 am: Aurora / Stephen 11 am - 1 pm: Rick / Martina / Dawn	Stephen Ferder, Aurora Olivieri, Martina Puchta Rick D'Alessandro Dawn Riley
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast - Dining Hall	
All Day	Order Sunday Lunch - Camp Office	
Morning - 12:00 pm	Prepared lunch pick up - Dining Hall (Purchased on Friday; lunch pickup timing may be variable)	
All Day	Board Games & Books - Eagles Nest Cabin Available All Day	
Daytime activities		
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Family Friendly: Junior Herpetologist Hike - Hunting for Reptiles & Amphibians Level: All levels; Family Friendly <i>Meet at the Camp Office at 9:00am</i>	Andrew Ricci
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Walking: Birdwatching Stroll (2 miles, low elevation gain) Level: All levels <i>Meet at the Camp Office at 9:00am; Bring your binoculars</i>	Miriam Rakowski
9:00 am - 11:15 am	Hiking: Pond Loop (2 mi, 250 ft elevation gain) Level: Relaxed, but expect rocky, uneven trail <i>Meet at the Dining Hall Patio at 9:00am</i>	Ed Sobin
9:30 am - 1:30 pm	Talk: Wilderness First Aid Demonstration Level: All Levels <i>Meet at the Storm King Pavillion at 9:15am</i>	Richard Dabal
9:30 am - 2:30 pm	Hiking: BNM, TMI, SBM Circular (~8 miles, ~1,400 ft elevation) Level: Moderate (faster) <i>Meet at the Camp Office at 9:15am</i>	Rolande Hodel
9:30 am - 2:30 pm	Hiking: Lake Sebago Tour (6.5 miles, 1,400 ft elevation gain) Level: Moderate (easier) <i>Meet at the lower parking area at 9:15am</i>	Judy Kossover Carrie Ho - carpool coordinator

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10:15 am - 11:15 am	Family Friendly: Scavenger Hunt - Finding Treasure in the Outdoors Level: All levels; Family Friendly <i>Meet at the Dining Hall Patio at 10:15am</i>	Cheryl Bobe
10:30 am - 1:30 pm	Hiking: Plant & Bird Identification (5.0 miles ; 1,000 ft elevation) Level: All Levels; Family Friendly <i>Meet at the Camp Office 10:15am; Bring your binoculars and smartphones (if available)</i>	David Hartree
11:30 am - 12:30pm	Family Friendly: Leaf Printing - Nature's T-shirt Art Level: All levels; Family Friendly <i>Meet at the Swim Beach Gazebo 11:15am; bring a cotton t-shirt (if available); all other supplies provided</i>	Aurora Olivieri
11:30 am - 2:00 pm (Canceled)	Walking: Smartphone Photography in Nature Level: All Levels <i>Canceled</i>	Rebecca Galbinski
11:30 am - 2:00 pm	Hiking: National Trails Day Stewardship Project Level: Easy <i>Meet at the Equipment Depot near Employee Parking at 11:15am; No trail maintenance experience required; tools will be provided</i>	Ed Spirko Kathy Hecht Len Diamond
11:30 am - 1:30 pm	Swimming: Maximum Stroke Efficiency Level: Moderate; swimming experience required; No PFDs <i>Meet at the Swim Dock at 11:15am; Bring a towel and swim goggles (if available)</i>	Os Orsini
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Walking: Forest Bathing - Silent 1 mile Immersion Level: All Levels <i>Meet at the Dining Hall Patio 11:45am</i>	Ed Sobin
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Workshop: Hiking and the iNaturalist Project* Level: All Levels Use your smartphone apps to identify plants and bird calls. Learn about the AMC's iNaturalist projects. <i>Meet at the Storm King Gazebo at 12:55pm</i>	Frank Wortner
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Canceled	AMC Naturalists- Reptiles and Snakes, Oh My! Level: All Levels <i>Drop by the Outdoor Stewards Tent by the TBD (Camp Office?) for short, interactive programs</i>	Louis-AMC Outdoor Stewards
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Chocolate Fountain: Everything Covered in Chocolate! Level: All Levels; Family Friendly <i>Meet in the Dining Hall anytime</i>	Len Keff
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2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Kayaking: Birding on Breakneck Pond Level: All Levels <i>Meet at the Boat Launch at 2:15pm; previous kayaking experience required; PFD required; Bring your binoculars</i>	Miriam Rakowski Mary Ann Hoag
3:30 pm - 4:00pm	What's New at the AMC! - Recreation Hall All Out Action Plan NY Growth Strategy AMC 150 Q&A	Esther DeVito
4:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Picnic Social - Dining Hall <i>Sit anywhere with new and old friends</i> <i>Chapter Chair Speech; Appreciation to All Volunteers;</i> <i>Invitation to Get Involved, Join the AMC,</i> RAFFLE!	Ed Spirko
Evening activities		
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Games: Kahoot - Chocolate Jeopardy Level: All Levels <i>Meet in the Recreation Hall 6:30pm</i>	Cheryl Bobe
7:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Talk - New Delhi Architecture & Himalayan Trek Level: All levels <i>Meet in the Recreation Hall at 7:30pm</i>	Carrie Ho
8:00 pm - 8:45 pm	Paddling: Sunset Paddle Level: swimming and paddling experience required; PFD required <i>Meet at the Boat Launch at 7:45pm; bring a headlamp (with red light, if available)!</i>	Jake Lewis
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Film - Family Friendly Movie Level: All levels; Family Friendly <i>Meet in the Recreation Hall at 8pm</i>	Aurora Olivieri Mary Ann Hoag Jake Lewis
8:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Gourmet S'mores & Bonfire - Group Campsite Level: Easy; Family Friendly Meet at the group campfire spot past Mountain Laurel 2 Cabin	Len Keff Trish Bansi
9:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Hiking: Astronomy Headlamp Hike Level: Easy; Family Friendly <i>Meet at Eagles Nest at 8:45 pm; bring a headlamp (with red light if available)</i>	Andrew Ricci
10:00 pm -	After Hours Ping-Pong - Rec Hall Available all day	On your own
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Sunday June 8, 2025		
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Early morning activities		
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Morning Coffee - Dining Hall	
7:05 am - 8:00 am	Yoga: Morning Salutation Level: All Levels <i>Meet at the Swim Dock at 7:05am; bring your own yoga mats or borrow the camp's equipment stored in the Recreation Hall</i>	Martina Puchta
11:00 am	Check-out - please clear your cabin or tent site by 11 am and check out at the camp office. Please enjoy the camp until 3pm <i>Luggage may be stored in the Recreation Hall.</i>	
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Breakfast - Dining Hall	
Morning - 12:00 pm	Prepared lunch pick up - Dining Hall (Purchase on Saturday; lunch pickup timing may be variable)	
Day time activities		
9:30 am - 10:55am	NY-NoJ Chapter Executive Committee Meeting - Recreation Hall <i>All are Welcome!</i>	Executive Committee
9:15 am - 12:00 pm	Walking: Birdwatching Stroll (2 miles, low elevation gain) Level: All levels <i>Meet at the Camp Office at 9:00am; Bring your binoculars</i>	Miriam Rakowski
10:00 am - 12:00 pm Canceled	Walking: Smartphone Photography in Nature Level: All levels / Family Friendly <i>Meet at the Camp Office 9:45am; Bring your smartphone</i>	Rebecca Galbinski
9:30 am - 11:00 am	Hiking: Don Kress Memorial Hike to St John in the Wilderness Church (4.0 miles, low elevation gain) Level: Easy / Family Friendly <i>Meet at the Camp Office 9:15am</i>	Carrie Ho
11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Hiking: 2-hr Reservoir Loop (~2.0 miles, low elevation gain) Level: Moderate <i>Meet at the Camp Office 9:45am</i>	Rolande Hodel

Activity & Volunteer Coordinators: Eileen Yin, Mary Ann Hoag, Stephen Ferder
Event Photographer: Jamel Toppin

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Van Shuttle Times to/from Sloatsburg Train Station

Reserve in advance by contacting cormanharrimanshuttle@outdoors.org

Shuttles leave the camp on time, so please assemble at the Camp Office 15 minutes before departure

Friday Pick Up SLTSB	Saturday Pickup SLTSB	Saturday Depart CHOC	Sunday Depart CHOC
3:32 pm	10:24 am	6:25 pm	11:45 am
5:37 pm	12:24 pm		3:30 pm
7:49 pm*			

*may miss dinner

Taxis Service is available at other times

Jamal's Taxi 845 290 7677

Lyft & Uber

*Along the hike, the leader will demonstrate how to use smartphone apps for identifying plants and bird calls. This will include a brief description of the AMC's iNaturalist projects.