



## Adirondack 46ers President's Award

The Adirondack 46ers organization is unique in many aspects. Chief among those ways is that it is, and always has been, run entirely by volunteers. In fact, it could be said that without the commitment and effort by these hundreds, if not thousands, of people over a 75-year history, the organization would not likely exist.

Historically, the 46ers had gathered information and recognized the contributions of the Trail Crew in terms of hours. Those hours were recognized with patches according to how many hours they had accumulated; i.e., 46, 146, 346, 546, 746, and 1046. Other volunteer contributions such as those serving as Directors, Committee Chairs, and other elected and appointed positions had never been asked to track the hours they spent/accumulated in conducting that work. Those elected and appointed volunteers readily agreed to assist the organization with no expectation of earning any hours or other accolades. The Founders Award was established as a way in which historically these persons had been acknowledged.

As volunteer projects expanded, with the addition of the Outdoor Skills Workshop, Trailhead Stewards, Adopt-A-Highway, Herd Path Maintenance, LNT Education Team, and Correspondents, the eligibility for volunteer service hours (VSH) expanded. However, the Founders' Award was not given appropriate timely attention and updating.

This need led to the melding of the Recognition Committee (who had developed the current Volunteer Service Hours protocols) with the Founders Award Committee. This joint group undertook the task to reform the criteria for the Founders' Award, or develop something new.

The new committee has developed an entirely new award, The President's Award, with its own criteria. It will replace the Founders Award. The first recipients will be nominated in the period October to January 2024 and honored at the spring meeting in May 2024.

Sample of award (subject to slight modification; this is a mock-up only)

