

**PEEKs MAGAZINE is waiting to hear from YOU!** We hope that you enjoyed the Winter 2025 edition of PEEKs and the captivating Adirondack images and articles from its contributors!

**Share your experiences and lessons learned** from the mountains for a future edition. Did the mountains make you stronger—mentally or physically? Did your knowledge of hiking, leaving no trace, and desire to give back grow? Have you volunteered with the organization and can share that experience with others? The magazine, first published 60 years ago by editors Dick Babcock, Jim Goodwin, and Trudy Healy, was intended to share news of the organization and celebrate the joys of Adirondacks hiking, especially the beloved High Peaks. This is your magazine! Please share your insights, knowledge, and experiences in submissions to: [peeks@adk46er.org](mailto:peeks@adk46er.org)

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE MAY ELECTIONS:**

The following slate of officers is provided by the Nominating Committee for the elections to take place at the Annual Spring meeting. Each nominee has consented to have their name on the ballot.

For Director (2026-29):

- Mark Simpson #6038V
- Erin Roberts #11952 V

For Officers:

- Vice President: Felicia Neahr #9331
- President: Dave Pawlick #12803

**Adopt-a-Highway Program:** The Adopt-a-Highway Program will be doing roadside clean-up along routes 73 and Route 9 this year, increasing our adopted road miles to 18! 2026 Clean up Dates are: May 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>; June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>; September 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>; and October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Accommodations are available at Heart Lake for volunteers traveling to assist. To join, email Lee at [adopthighway@adk46er.org](mailto:adopthighway@adk46er.org) or visit <https://adk46er.org/adopt-a-highway/> for more information.



**PRESIDENT'S AWARDS:** Nominations for the 2026 President's Award are open!

If you know a Forty-Sixer volunteer that has made significant contributions in the past, and continues to contribute to the organization, consider nominating them for the next President's Award. Enhance your nomination with support from fellow Forty-Sixers and provide plenty of detail to make your case why this person should be lauded for their volunteer service to the club. Full details, including documentation for the steps needed, can be found at [https://adk46er.org/awards-and-recognition/#46er\\_presidentsaward](https://adk46er.org/awards-and-recognition/#46er_presidentsaward).

Firm deadline for submissions: 31 May, 2026; awards will be presented at the fall meeting, September 19, 2026.

**Scholarships to Department of Environmental Education Conservation Camp:** One of the goals of our Mission Statement is to “educate individuals to the proper usage of wilderness areas.” Each year the 46ers pay the tuition for four students from the high peaks region between the ages of 12 -17 to attend one of the DEC Conservation Camps. The main focus of the camps is environmental education. Interested in nominating a camper? Email Mary Lamb at [mblamb@verizon.net](mailto:mblamb@verizon.net)

**SOLICITATION FOR 2026 GRANT PROJECTS:** Each year the 46ers invite proposals to consider supporting in the coming year. **Our ALL-VOLUNTEER organization has provided more than \$1,000,000 for worthy projects** in the past! If you or your contacts have a project in mind to benefit the High Peaks, please use the form at [adk46er.org/financial](https://adk46er.org/financial) to apply. The site outlines requirements and provides guidance to ensure proposals are complete and well-aligned with our mission. Funding **proposals must be submitted no later than September 1st**, to provide time to evaluate and vote on.



## **SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER**



### **\* 2026 ANNUAL SPRING MEETING \***

**SUNDAY, MAY 24**  
**CAMBRIA HOTEL, SKYLIGHT BALLROOM**  
**2127 SARANAC AVENUE, LAKE PLACID**

**ALL REGISTERED & ASPIRING 46ERS and GUESTS WELCOME!**

Tickets include Dinner buffet.

**Join us for the 2026 Annual Meeting and new finishers recognition dinner, our biggest event of the year! The evening includes presenting new 46ers with certificates, club updates, 46er merch, local vendor booths, and a night of comradery with your fellow hikers. Tickets include a buffet dinner (including vegetarian options) and non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar will be available for other beverage choices. Special Dietary Accommodations? Email [specialevent@adk46er.org](mailto:specialevent@adk46er.org)**

#### **Schedule of Events**

- 12:00 pm: **Executive Sessions**
- 4:00 pm: **Social Hour & Vendors/Merchandise Sales**
- 6:00 pm: **Buffet Dinner**
- 7:00 pm: **Annual Business Meeting**
- 8:00 pm: **46er Finishers Recognition & Election of Officers**

**NEW FINISHERS: Please stay for the 2026 group photo!**

#### **GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

**\$46 adult / \$23 child 10 and under**  
Visit [www.adk46er.org/shop](http://www.adk46er.org/shop) or scan QR code



**Ticket sales end 11PM**  
**Sunday, May 10, 2026**  
**or when sold out**

**Staying for the weekend? The Cambria Hotel has a special rate for 46ers. Call them and mention this event to book under the discounted rate or visit <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/SK30X4> Note: The 46ers do not reserve or provide accommodations.**

**OFFICE OF THE HISTORIAN:** The Club welcomed **763 new finishers** in 2025, bringing the total number of 46ers to **17,035**. The past winter's heavy snow and constant need for breaking trail were reflected in a moderate number of 46ers earning the Winter Rocker: **20** in all (winters' average 40). **Congratulations to All!**

We invite anyone who's climbing or has climbed all 46 High Peaks to register for a climbing number and certificate. Whether joining as a new Finisher or an Aspiring/Contributing Member, visit [adk46er.org/how-to-join](https://adk46er.org/how-to-join), create an account, then complete and send the applicable forms. As Grace and those who carry on the tradition would say, **Good Climbing!**

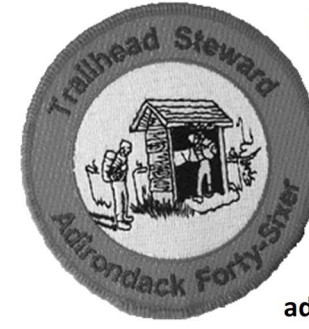
**SAVE THE DATE: Annual Fall Banquet & Meeting: Saturday, September 19, 2026.**  
**Location TBD**



**TRAIL CREW:** We encourage you, challenge you, to take the leap and choose one (maybe more!) outing and to join the ADK 46er trail crew. There is bound to be something to fit your schedule. Come for one day or stay the weekend and camp out with the crew, whatever works for you. If you do, the next time you trod a trail, you'll smile with pride knowing you made a positive change in the peaks. For more information, visit <https://adk46er.org/trail-crew/>

### Trail Crew Volunteer Opportunities for 2026

DATES	WORKSITE	MEETING TIME & LOCATION	PROJECT
May 2	Dix Round Pond Trail	7:30am at Frontier Town or 8:15am at Round Pond Trailhead	<b>Blow down sweep and drainage</b>
May 3	Elk Lake	8:00am at Elk Lake Lodge	<b>New Bridge Prep</b>
May 9	Elk Lake/Dix Range	7:30am at Frontier Town or 8:15am at Elk Lake Trailhead	<b>Blow down sweep and drainage</b>
May 10	Elk Lake	8:00am at Elk Lake Lodge	<b>New Bridge Prep</b>
May 23	Giant North Trail	7:30am Giant North Trailhead, Route 9N	<b>Blow down sweep and drainage</b>
May 28-31	Elk Lake	8:00am Elk Lake Lodge for numerous activities	<b>Blow down sweeps, drainage, and other activities</b>
June 13	Whiteface	7:30am at Reservoir Trailhead for Whiteface	<b>Blow down sweep</b>
June 14	Twin Valleys	7:30am at Twin Valleys Center	<b>New Bridge Construction</b>
June 27-28	Caulkins Brook	TBD	<b>New Bridge Construction</b>
July 11	Cascade	7:30am at Route 73 and Bobsled Run (Mt. Van Hoevenberg Center)	<b>New Trail Build</b>
July 12	Twin Valleys	7:30am at Twin Valleys Center	<b>New Bridge Construction</b>
July 24-26	Avalanche Pass	7:30am at HPIC Parking Lot	<b>Trail Restoration</b>
Aug. 1-2	Twin Valleys	7:30am at Twin Valleys Center	<b>New Bridge Construction</b>
Aug. 15-16	Caulkins Brook	TBD	<b>New Bridge Construction</b>
Aug. 29-30	Twin Valleys	7:30am at Twin Valleys Center	<b>New Bridge Construction</b>
Sept. 11-13	Calamity Brook	7:15am at Frontier Town or 8:00am at Upper Works Trailhead	<b>New Ladder, Drainage, Trail Alignment</b>
Oct. 3-4	Giant Mt. Lean-to	TBD	<b>Build Prep</b>
Oct. 17-18	Giant Mt Lean-to	TBD	<b>The Build</b>



**TRAILHEAD STEWARDS:** Each year our dedicated Trailhead Stewards at Cascade and Meadows Lane volunteer thousands of hours to help High Peaks visitors approach the trails appropriately, improving the hiking experience for all. This year's mandatory training sessions will be held April 18, April 26, May 16, and June 14. Volunteers only need to attend one training day each year. All training sessions are held at Adirondack Educational Center, 711 State Route 3, Saranac Lake. Advanced sign-up for a training session is required. Want to sign up? Email the coordination team at [trailheadstewards@adk46er.org](mailto:trailheadstewards@adk46er.org) **Returning Volunteers: Please note the new email address.**

### 46ER DUES, DONATIONS & MERCHANDISE

- 1- Dues and donations should be paid by establishing a 46er website account and paying online.
- 2- Merchandise is ONLY available for sale on the 46er website.
- 3- You can ONLY view or order merchandise if your dues are current.
- 4- Dues may be paid one year at a time OR automatically each year by setting up a Dues Auto Pay Subscription.
- 5- Be careful: There is also a Donation Auto Pay option. This authorizes a donation every year but will NOT pay your dues.
- 6- Questions on Dues or Donations? Contact Jim at: [membership@adk46er.org](mailto:membership@adk46er.org)

### QUESTIONS?:

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