



**The Word From the Woods**  
An Occasional Update From Shatagee Woods ADK

Happy August!

Lots of news from your favorite ADK Chapter. Let's start with a reminder of our Annual Supper/Meeting on Saturday, September 3, 2022 at the WSCS Camp on the Chateaugay Lake Narrows. We'll start with a social hour at 5pm, followed by a Bring Your Own Picnic Dinner at 6pm. Our business meeting will begin at 6:30. As weather still might be lovely and bug free, bring a chair. If it is rainy, we'll move indoors. Be sure to pack your beverage of choice and picnic necessities. Questions? Call Sharon Votraw at (518)420-8274.

Sue Smith, our Conservation Chair, wanted to share some information with all:

The July/August issue of Adirondac Magazine included some crucial information in the Conservation and Advocacy column on page 12. The column, written by Cathy Peddler, ADK Director of Advocacy, addresses the absence of a Unit Management Plan (UMP) for the Chazy Highlands State Forest, a rich and integral part of our Chapter's area. Unit Management Plans are written by the DEC with input and approval by the APA. In short, UMPs identify and assess resources within a given tract of state-owned land. UMPs also consider options for recreational and public use and consider the compatibility of such potential options with the ecosystems within the unit. Without a Unit Management Plan, Chazy Highlands cannot realize its full potential with improved trails, parking, signage etc.

Why are we without a Unit Management Plan? Cathy's column in the aforementioned issue of Adirondac Magazine covers the scope of the problem and discusses roadblocks that currently preclude creation of a Unit Management Plan. We are urging all of our members to read Cathy's column to become more informed about this situation that truly needs to be rectified. Any feedback that members would like to provide can be emailed to Sue Smith at: [ssmith@gmavt.net](mailto:ssmith@gmavt.net)  
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## Some Things to Celebrate! 🎉

- \* Recently Shatagee Woods member Carson Sorrell fulfilled his post-retirement dream; Carson became a 46'er when he climbed Colton earlier this year. "Carson's Story," a brief autobiographical account of his adventure, will be posted on our website ([shatageeadk.org](http://shatageeadk.org)) along with some stunning photos of Colton. A tip of the hat and hearty "Congratulations" to Carson.
- \* Chapter Chair Marjorie Kelting created a Shatagee Woods ADK trifold presentation board that was on display in the Grange Building at the 2022 Franklin County Fair. And, after the display judging was held, Marjorie's production won a BLUE RIBBON! Thanks for the hard work and dedication to getting our message out there.



- \*On the outing front, Alan Liptak recently led a tour of unique geological formations in the Chateaugay-Dannemora area. Despite the oppressive heat, Alan had a great turnout for his expedition.



See you on the trail.....

