



Mid-Atlantic Regional Partnership Committee Meeting
November 10-12, 2006
Taconic Outdoor Education Center
Clarence Fahnestock Memorial State Park, Putnam Valley, NY

MARPC members and guests,

I'm very happy that you'll be able to participate in the Fall 2006 meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Partnership Committee. The meeting is being organized by our members from the New York New Jersey Trail Conference, Ron Rosen and Walt Daniels. I want to thank Walt for handling all of the details with the Taconic Center. It looks like the perfect venue for our regional meeting.

Details about the Taconic Center are available on their website: [Taconic Outdoor Education Center](#). The center will provide three meals on Saturday (approx. \$30) and two meals on Sunday (somewhat less). Overnight expenses will be approx. \$18.00 per night. The ATC Boiling Springs Office has paid the fees. Committee members and guests can reimburse the ATC at the meeting.

Directions to the center are available on the website (or via Mapquest and other mapping services). If you don't have access to such a service, please let me know and I'll forward directions. There is Amtrak service relatively close to the center, and Walt has generously volunteered to pick up the folks who decide to ride the rails. Please contact Walt if you opt for the train ride: wdhike@optonline.net.

Plan on bringing your own bedding (we'll be sleeping in cabins with 12 bunks each) and any personal gear you'll require for the weekend. The cabins will be available for us on Friday evening (no meals on Friday), for those who plan to arrive early (the meeting starts at 8:30 on Saturday, so early arrival is encouraged).

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I can be reached via e-mail snow.kerry@gmail.com or by phone (after 5PM) 301-345-9408.

I'm looking forward to a very informative and productive weekend.

In closing, I want to thank everyone on the committee for giving me the honor of serving as the committee chair for the last year or two. It's inspiring to work with such a dedicated group of volunteers. Special thanks to Karen and the staff of the Boiling Springs office for all of their help and encouragement. The ATC staffers are an amazing group of professionals, and lovers of the Appalachian Trail should recognize our incredible good luck in attracting such a group of dedicated and enthusiastic partners.

See you in a few weeks,
Kerry



AGENDA	SATURDAY
7:00 – 8:30	breakfast
8:30 – 8:45	welcome from chair, introductions of members and guests
8:45 – 9:00	welcome from host club (NYNJ Trail Conference)
9:00 – 9:30	updates on Ramapo 2007 (Jane Daniels)
9:30 – 10:30	reports from NYNJ partners
10:30 – 10:45	<break>
10:45 – 11:00	comments from ATC membership (Royce Gibson)
11:00 – 12:00	ATPO updates (NPS, USDA FS) (Rita Hennessy & other partners)
12:00 – 1:00	lunch: Bear Mt Project presentation by NYNJTC trails staff
1:00 – 2:00	Trails to Every Classroom presentation (see attachment) (Rita Hennessy)
2:00 – 3:30	ATC Boiling Springs Office updates (5-year plan, threats to the trail, budget, trail assessments, etc.) (Karen & staff)
3:30 – 3:45	<break>
3:45 – 5:00	MARPC sub-committee reports
5:00 – 6:00	<free>
6:00 – 7:00	dinner



AGENDA	SUNDAY
7:00 – 8:30	breakfast
8:30 – 8:45	appointment of new officer(s)
8:45 – 9:00	ATC Stewardship Council updates (Kerry)
9:00 – 10:00	Discussion with ATC leadership (Brian)
10:00 – 10:15	<break>
10:15 – 10:30	election of Mid-Atlantic Volunteer of the Year and Mid-Atlantic Partner of the Year
10:30 – 12:00	MARPC plenary session committee structure revision (committee chair appts) communication improvements next meeting etc.
12:00 – 4:00	field trip to Bear Mt (bag lunch provided)
4:00	adjourn

Attachments: (some are available on website)

1. Volunteer of the Year and Partner of the Year nominations
2. Trail to Every Classroom briefing paper (Word format)
3. Trail to Every Classroom model (pdf format)
4. Trail Magic Issue paper (on website)
5. AT Structure Creep paper (on website)
6. AT Shelter and Campsite Guidance (on website)
7. ATPO Schedule of Environmental Reviews (previously distributed via e-mail by Don Owen)
8. 5-year plan spreadsheet and assessment info (previously distributed by ATC Boiling Springs Office)