

Ice Age Trail Alliance Chippewa Moraine Chapter

Ice Age Trail Dispatch

APRIL 2024

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

The Alliance is holding its annual conference at the Ho-Chunk Hotel and Conference Center in Baraboo. The conference runs from Thursday, April 18th to Sunday, April 21st. Hope to see you there!



TRAIL MAINTENANCE DAY - SATURDAY APRIL 13

Saturday, April 13th, we will have a major trail maintenance day to clean up any winter damage to the Harwood Lakes and the Chippewa Moraine segments. Since we will be doing cleanup on two segments, we need a full crew to accomplish this. We'd like to break the crew into groups to cover different parts of the trail. Bring water and snacks. Wear long sleeves, pants, boots, work gloves, and socks you can tuck your pants legs into. Ticks are out there.

We will meet at the Obey Center at 8:00 to break into groups before heading to the trail. We hope to see you there. **If you are planning to attend the work day, please email me at chippewamorainechapter@iceagetrail.org no later than April 10th.** We need a head count to organize our groups and to determine the number and kinds of tools that we need to bring.

NOTE: If you are not already on our trail crew (with a Volunteer Agreement-see below), consider joining our trail crew this year. There is something special about building and maintaining the trail. You will

never look at the trail with the same eyes again after participating in a work project and learning what it takes to keep our trails in top condition.



OUTDOOR ED-VENTURE APRIL 28

Outdoor Ed-Venture is an event held for families in Cornell at the Mill Yard Park. This year it is being held on April 28th from 11:00 -2:00. Various groups will have booths promoting outdoor activities in the area. We have participated for the last two years to promote the Ice Age Trail. We have display boards promoting the trail. We also do an activity with the kids. The first year, we helped them decorate a walking stick. Last year, we played Ice Age Trail BINGO.

We are looking for volunteers to help at the booth. Volunteers will be speaking with parents while others will lead rounds of Ice Age Trail BINGO with the kids. It's a lot of fun. If you would be interested in helping at Outdoor Ed-Venture, contact Vicki Christianson at chippewamorainechapter@iceagetrail.org. Let's get kids out on the trail!



UPCOMING MAY FLOWER HIKE: MAY 5TH

Mark your calendar! Our first guided hike will be our First Sunday Hike in May, also known as our May Flower Hike. The first week in May is the perfect time to catch the spring ephemerals in all their glory on the Chippewa River Segment....hepatica, marsh marigolds, trout lily, trillium, anemone, spring beauties, and more. We will meet at the CC parking lot at 1:00pm to hike out and back on the segment, a total of 3.8 miles. Contact Vicki Christianson at chippewamorainechapter@iceagetrail.org if you have any questions or to RSVP.

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**
OUR NAWAKWA

**WHAT'S YOUR
NAWAKWA
STORY?**
CHIPPEWA AREA
HISTORY CENTER
APRIL 21 2:00-4:00
12 Bridgewater St.
Chippewa Falls

**OUR NAWAKWA
GRAND OPENING**
CAMP NAWAKWA
MAY 5 12:00-4:00
25336 Cty Hwy E
Cornell WI

OUR NAWAKWA
ONWARD WE GO!
PLEASE
JOIN US

MORE INFO WWW.OURNAWAKWA.ORG

OUR NAWAKWA EVENTS

Our Nawakwa is holding two events this spring. On April 21, 2024, they are holding an event called “What’s Your Nawakwa Story?” at the Chippewa Area History Center at 12 Bridgewater Street in Chippewa Falls. The event is from 2:00-4:00. This is an opportunity for people who experienced Camp Nawakwa as a scout or as staff to meet together and share their experiences with Camp Nawakwa and to learn about Our Nawakwa. Did you or your children get to experience Camp Nawakwa? Then this event is for you.

On May 5th, they will be holding an “Our Nawakwa Grand Opening” from 12:00-4:00 at Camp Nawakwa (25336 County Hwy. E). Come out to see the camp and learn about what the camp will have to offer to youth organizations in the Chippewa Valley.

“Come one, come all, and be part of the magic at Our Nawakwa’s Grand Opening Event. We are thrilled to celebrate the next step in Nawakwa’s future with you! Grab a friend, group, or troop and join us for a FREE and unforgettable celebration! Discover how Our Nawakwa can support your non-profit group, scout troop, or community gathering”.

For more info and a free parking pass, visit their facebook page at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/our-nawakwa-grand-opening-event-tickets-868482954897>



ICE AGE TRAIL CREW OPPORTUNITIES (FORMERLY MSC)

The calendar is out for IATA trail projects for 2024. Go to https://www.iceagetrail.org/wp-content/uploads/2024-Season-at-a-Glance-Trailbuilding-and-Habitat-Improvement_SAVE-THE-DATE_12-01-23.pdf for information on the upcoming trail events.

There will be a project May 15-19 on the Hemlock Creek Segment. This segment is shared by Barron and Rusk County. They will be replacing deteriorating bridges and boardwalk, refreshing signage, and repairing tread. This would be a great opportunity to participate in an Ice Age Trail Crew project. We

hope to help out our neighboring chapters on this project.

If you would like to work any of the days for the Hemlock Creek Segment, you need to register for the event on the link above.

NEW Volunteer Agreement Links

As we enter the new year, check out the new links for renewing your Volunteer Agreements. Please use the new links I have posted for the Volunteer Agreement and the email address for sending it in to Dan Watson.

All volunteers need to have a completed Volunteer Agreement for the National Park Service each year in order to participate in our trail improvement days or to volunteer at events. They have a new form on the Alliance Website.

To access the new **Volunteer Agreement**, here is the link: https://www.iceagetrail.org/wp-content/uploads/Packet-Individual-301a-IATR-Staff_508.pdf Please fill out the fillable form and email it to iatr_vip_ice_age_trail@nps.gov (Do not copy and paste the email address. You need to type it in. Otherwise it may bounce back to you.)

NOTE: Fill in all the required boxes. The fillable boxes are on everything except the signature line. You can type your name and date in the date box next to the signature line. Save the document to your computer and then send it to NPS as an attachment. Or print off your completed document, sign it, and mail it to the NPS. **The email address is on the directions page that comes with the form.**

When you send in the Volunteer Agreement to NPS, they will sign it and return it to you. Please print a copy for yourself or save it in your files. **Email me at chippewamorainechapter@iceagetrail.org to let me know that you have received your new signed Volunteer Agreement.**



Chapter Calendar 2024

These are our annual events. Watch for information on upcoming events and additions (in red) to this calendar in the monthly newsletters.

- April 13 Monthly Trail Maintenance- Chippewa Moraine/Harwood Lakes
- April 18-21 Annual Conference - Wisconsin Dells- Ho Chunk
- May 1 Natural Resources Foundation Hike - Chippewa River Segment (Closed hike)
- May 5 First Sunday Hike 1:00 Chippewa River Segment
- May 18 Trail Maintenance Day
- May 20 Chapter Meeting
- June 1 National Trails Day Hike 9:00 Firth Lake
- June 15 Trail Maintenance Day
- June 20 Solstice Hike with Girl Scouts - Nawakwa
- July 15 Chapter Meeting and Picnic - Mill Yard Park
- Aug. 4 First Sunday Hike 1:00 Obey Center
- Aug. 17 Trail Maintenance Day
- Sept. 4 First Sunday Hike 1:00 Harwood
- Sept. 16 Chapter Meeting
- Sept. 21 Trail Maintenance Day
- Oct. 5 Parade of Colors Hike - 9-11 Obey Center
- Oct. 19 Trail Maintenance Day
- Nov. 18 Chapter Annual Meeting

See you on the trail!

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Chippewa Moraine Chapter Coordinator

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The Ice Age Trail
A Walk Through Time

You've received this message either because you are a member of the Ice Age Trail Alliance, have requested Ice Age Trail information, or have otherwise provided your address to IATA. Also, you've indicated an interest in trail maintenance projects.

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