

ADK Trailhead Stewardship Program

Hi...I'm Jim Schneider from the ADK Glens Falls-Saratoga Chapter. I'm the volunteer coordinator of the ADK TSP. I work with Bobby Clark, manager of the ADK High Peak Information Center. (HPIC) I got involved with this program as a steward three years ago and I love it. It's hard work, but it's good work (and there are great perks and benefits - really!).

News from the North Country has been dominated by stories of trailhead parking congestion, crowded trails, overuse, unprepared hikers, and resource impact. The Adirondack Mountain Club is taking a leadership position through hiker education. Now in its third year, Trailhead Stewards at the New York's busiest trailhead greet hikers at ADK's High Peaks Information Center (HPIC) at Heart Lake helping hikers make good hiking decisions for an enjoyable and safe experience while helping them to protect the forest preserve's unique environmental resources. We use strategies learned through our Leave No Trace and resource protection training to complement our welcoming smile as we share ADK's mission with visitors to our property. This summer we expect to exceed 30,000 visitors just in July and August alone. We need stewards for weekends during May, June, September, October and full weeks during July and August. We provide a place for you and companion to stay and we feed you!

You must be an ADK member 21 years old or older, comfortable engaging with the public in sharing knowledge and assisting visitors in a fast-paced environment in all weather conditions. We provide extensive training and mentoring, but you should have a thorough knowledge of ADK, its facilities, High Peaks hiking trails, NYS DEC regulations and Leave No Trace principles.

Interested? Need more information? Have questions? How to apply?

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Application deadline: February 21, 2020