

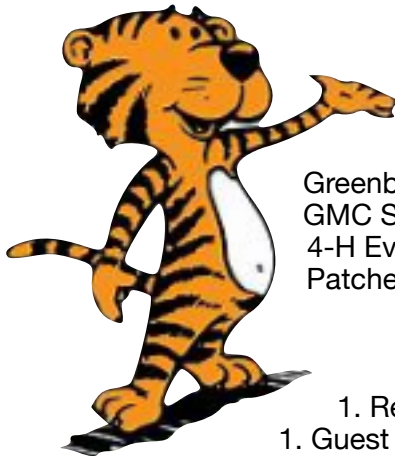


Outreach Meeting Notes - Jan 24, 2024

Present: Reed, Lorna, Kyle (BATS rep), Stuart, Diane, Billy, Barb, Robin, Hamilton

Notes of meeting: courtesy of Barb - Thanks

BTW: Check out the beautiful graphics and articles on the GMC Home page



Using Tiger Team Sign Up boards for the following activities:
Leadership Recognition
Event Safety Kit

Greenberg - Barb, Robin, Reed, Ann, Stuart, Diane

GMC Section website Reviews - Barb, Billy

4-H Event (Library March 9th) - Robin, Lorna, Ann, Diane

Patches, Decals, Trailfest - Lorna, Billy

1. Review Rules for creating Meetup Events
 1. Guest designation
 2. Questions from participants
 3. Changing and canceling events
2. Need GMC Liaison to BATS - Tim or Ken?
3. Trolley group report - had meeting on this day earlier
4. Encouragement to have more members to do "personal testimonies" on website
5. Greenberg Preserve Update
 1. Creation of three loops
 2. New signage planned
 3. Update existing kiosks
6. Turning Point Recovery Center
 1. Request for small number of individuals to be accompanied on hikes
7. 4H meeting - Library March 9 organized by Ashley Jowett (See details on next page)
8. Social Media Introduction - Stuart to continue with project
 1. Choose this link to join our newly created Facebook Group ([BenningtonGMC](#))
 2. Share your pics, hikes, gear, chat, ...
9. Club member recognition at yearly meetings
 1. members and volunteers noted at meetings and newsletter
 2. suggest GMC books or other awards
10. New podcasts have been created
 1. [Reed and Kathy's Western camping, canoeing, hiking trip across America's West](#)
 2. [Barb and Robin Wilderness First Aid Class](#)
11. Event Leader Kit
 1. Contains the 10 essentials that each person would carry on an event
 2. modify the kit per event
 3. Leaders should practice the 10 essentials to exhibit knowledge of use
12. Honorary memberships to community members
 1. create a way to express thanks and appreciation for contributions

2. example: bike sheds building by CDC carpentry students
13. [VINS](#) (Vermont Institute of Natural Science) contact - Hanna Gelroth - director
14. After school hiking club - suggested by Kyle
15. More student outreach
 1. model after Tennis Aces" program in summer
 2. Contact Angela Bevin for modeling the program
16. JISP program for Bennington Kids
 1. suggest 'half days' at school would be good time
 2. Tim doing work at Prospect ski
 3. BRSU vs. SVSU way of approaching the program
17. Add GMC HQ emails to subscribers of newsletters
18. Add pics of existing patches to stimulate ideas for our section

4-H event

We have 4



on Saturday, March 9, 2 pm to 3:30.

very enthusiastic people who will lead this event - Robin Tarnus, Diane Capewell, Lorna Cheriton and Ann Martin.

We have planned 4 activities for the kids to rotate through. Below is just a broad outline of the activities.

1. 10 Essentials - discussion, kids open and look through a backpack to find what is essential, discussion on why it is essential and how it would be used, as well as what is in the backpack that is not essential...

2. Camp setup - table top mock up of a campsite with moveable objects - kids discuss what is wrong, and work together to make it better, they may have time to draw a picture of their ideal campsite including where it might be (lake, mountains...) and the parts of it (tent, fire ring...)

3. Scavenger hunt - kids have to find natural and hiking/camping items scattered around the room and discuss what they are, where they might be found...

4. Animal tracks - discussion of the 4 types of animal movement (walkers, bounders, waddlers, hoppers), kids will have a copy of an animal track card that shows different animal tracks with sizes. There will be life-sized animal tracks on paper taped to the floor that kids will identify.

If there is time we will do a bit of map reading and/or use the photo boards that you saw at the Trailfest to identify components of the photos.

Comment from the GMC at the meeting: NICE WORK!

Now let's talk about patches (Think GMC as well as Trailfest)

Here are some patches that we have accumulated over many events of travel. We love patches. Let's design ones that we can sew onto our packs, give away as thanks for help given, reward the Trailfest hikers with something they can take home that they will be glad to show others and remember their stay in Bennington.

In the meantime you can learn a lot about hiking in North Carolina at HikeMoreWorryLess.com. I didn't realize that there was a URL of that name, but here it is!
Image is from their blog site



Need Patch Ideas - Here are some starters...

