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Appalachian Mountain Club receives Granite State Award

PINKHAM NOTCH, N.H. -The Appalachian Mountain Club has received the prestigious Granite State Award from the University System of New Hampshire and the College for Lifelong Learning in recognition of outstanding public service.

The award is given in recognition of the AMC's programs, activities, shelters, huts, and trail work, all of which are an integral part of the outdoor experience in New Hampshire.

AMC staff and volunteers maintain approximately 300 miles of trails in New Hampshire, contributing approximately 35,000 hours per year of public service to this effort, and AMC volunteers participate in an average of 70 search and rescue missions each year. In addition, the AMC offers to members and non-members alike hundreds of outdoors skills workshops and natural history programs.

“Since its inception, the AMC has been dedicated to helping people explore, enjoy, and care for the outdoors. To be recognized for those efforts with The Granite State Award is a great honor,” said AMC Deputy Director Walter Graff.

With more than 93,000 members in the Northeast and beyond, the Appalachian Mountain Club promotes natural resource conservation through responsible recreation, based on the philosophy that successful, long-term conservation depends upon first-hand enjoyment of the natural environment.

Founded in 1876, the nonprofit Appalachian Mountain Club is the oldest and most experienced conservation and recreation organization in the United States. The AMC's programs and facilities are open to members and nonmembers alike. More information on the AMC is available on the web at www.outdoors.org.

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