



The Maine Woods CONNECTION

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Dear AMC:

Even though we are backpackers at heart, we've fantasized for years about having "a place we could call our own" in Maine. A little cabin next to a stream or lake with lots of privacy; a secret, enchanted place we could go to by ourselves or with our grandchildren.

But we live in Pennsylvania and the rest of the family lives even further away so...some of the negatives blocking our path were:

- We never found the "perfect" place.
- If we had found it, the cabin would never have been occupied for more than a month or two a year at most and some of that time would have been spent commuting, making repairs, and doing other busy work (not to mention making loan payments).
- As a banker, I have spent over 40 years helping people with their estate plans and I've witnessed what happens when someone like me leaves a summer property to their children and grandchildren hoping that all their wonderful memories will continue forever. Such a "gift" frequently causes enormous friction within the family...some of the kids can't use it at all...some have done less well financially and want to sell it. Understandably, some of the kids (as might we) want to go elsewhere for vacations and still others inevitably don't want to pay for maintenance etc...a lifelong dream can quickly turn into a nightmare.

The Maine Woods Initiative seemed like the perfect alternative. Instead of having to fork over a large down payment and then make mortgage payments for who knows how many years (all to risk having the problems listed above), we'll just make capital contributions whenever we can to help purchase and preserve this beautiful land that AMC has found. It'll be there for us as well as our extended family and other families to love and enjoy forever.

Thanks for putting this wonderful land acquisition program together...It's an honor for us to be able to support it!

Sincerely yours,
Kent and Penny Willing
Paoli, Pennsylvania



Maine Woods Initiative

Goal	\$45 million
Raised to Date	\$30.0 million
To Reach 1,000 at a \$1,000	We Need 610
To Reach 100 at \$10,000	We Need 72
To Reach 25 at \$25,000	We Need 15

Help us reach The Kresge Foundation Challenge by making your gift today!

YES! I want to help AMC meet The Kresge Foundation Challenge!

- SUPER SIZE YOUR GIFT** \$25,000—helps to meet a private foundation challenge and can result in \$62,500 for AMC
- TRAIL BUILDER** One mile at \$10,000
- PROTECT AN ACRE** Five acres at \$5,000
- One hectare at \$2,500
- One acre at \$1,000

- Please send me a payment reminder
- Check Enclosed
- Bill my credit card: American Express Visa MasterCard

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AMC's Bob Leroy points out a bridge installed by the Trail Crew this summer.


After a full day hike on Nesundabunt and a paddle across Second Road Pond, the group relaxes at the lodge.

Carol and Paul Cunha, Gerd Noyes, Neil Wallace, Harry Westcott, and Wanda Wallace stop for lunch at the head of Gulf Hags.

Checking out one of the newly completed bridges on the ski trail connecting Little Lyford Pond Camps to Gorman Camps at Chairback Mountain.

SUPER SIZE YOUR SUPPORT!

 The Kresge Foundation will grant AMC \$1.5 million if we raise \$3.5 million by March 2008.

 A Private Foundation will grant AMC \$1 million if we raise \$2 million in gifts of \$25,000 or more.


As members concerned with the environment, health, and fitness, we don't normally recommend Super Sizing anything. But, this opportunity is just too good!

Think big and help us receive \$2.5 million in additional funding.


Challenge grants from The Kresge Foundation and A Private Foundation offer an incredible way to leverage your support.

To date, nine members have stepped up to the challenge and made gifts of \$25,000. Having been inspired by this tremendous

opportunity, many members have contacted AMC to find out how they can get involved and make these grants a reality. If you are able to make a gift of \$25,000 or more, we can Super Size it with these challenge grants, resulting in a gift of \$62,500. Our goal over the next couple of months is to reach 25 donors making gifts of \$25,000 or more.

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MAKE A GIFT USING YOUR IRA

A growing number of donors are recognizing the advantages of using their IRA to make a gift to the Campaign for the Maine Woods. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 allows people who are 70½ or older to make cash gifts of up to \$100,000 a year from their IRA to AMC or another qualified charity, without having to pay income tax. This is great news for people who take mandatory minimum withdrawals, but do not need the income. Act soon! This incentive is only effective through December 31, 2007. Contact a Campaign staff person today to learn more about making a gift and helping AMC meet the challenge! 

TO EXPLORE OPTIONS ON HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN, PLEASE CONTACT

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VOICES FROM THE MAINE WOODS

“ I can't wait for the winter to come so I can go back to do the camp-to-camp cross country ski trip! ”

— JOANNE SHORTELL

THE FIRST PRESIDENT'S SOCIETY CAMP IN THE MAINE WOODS!

Thirty President's Society members came together to explore and enjoy the Maine Woods at the end of August. They saw firsthand why AMC is working to protect this very special region. Join us this winter for the President's Society ski trips in the Maine Woods. Watch for the next issue of the Maine Woods Connection for full details!



Everyone agreed: it was a perfect day to climb Mount Katahdin!



Ruth Ward, Gerry Whiting, Ken Hargreaves, and Wayne Thornbrough take in the morning sun from the dock at Medawisla.



Joanne Shortell, Peter Kosseff, Jenni Blumenthal, Wayne Thornbrough, and Ralph Blumenthal don their backcountry finest for the reception on the last night of President's Society Camp.



The ruggedness of Mount Katahdin did not deter these AMC hikers.



Morning coffee on the deck.



Make your plans to come up and visit me by calling 603.466.2727 today!

Mac The Moose...

The leaves are falling and there's a bit of a chill in the air. It can only mean one thing: ski season will be here before we know it. I know many of you are looking forward to getting out and doing some cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Reservations for the 2008 season are open.

VOICES FROM THE MAINE WOODS

JENNI AND RALPH BLUMENTHAL

“ It was a special privilege to attend the President's Society camp week at Little Lyford and Mediwisla, enjoy wonderful company, food, and activities in a remote environment in Maine that few have seen. A century ago when Jenni's great aunt was an AMC member, the White Mountains must have been similarly remote, but those days are long gone. We expect that the AMC Maine Initiative will preserve this rustic and quiet way of life and are so pleased to be a part of it. ”