

August 11, 2017

Be a Summit Steward

Summit Stewards greet hikers on the top of the mountain to provide information, such as local and tower history, they point out geographical features and offer hiking tips. Please consider spending a day or more on the top of St. Regis to speak with people and share your passion for the tower.

You can use the [online calendar](#) to volunteer as a steward. Click on the date(s) you would like to serve. You will receive an email confirming your date. You can select more than one date by holding down the Command or Control key. In the details box you can specify the times you plan to be on duty or ask questions you might have. You can also contact [Janelle Hoh](#) to volunteer or to get more information.

Every Sunday there is a steward from the Adirondack Watershed Institute on the summit.

This is a volunteer effort, so if you sign up and cannot make it because of another obligation or the weather is bad, it is ok. Please let Janelle know if you need to cancel.

The Tower Stewards Handbook is accessible on your mobile device or downloadable at <http://www.friendsofstregis.org/tower-steward-handbook/>

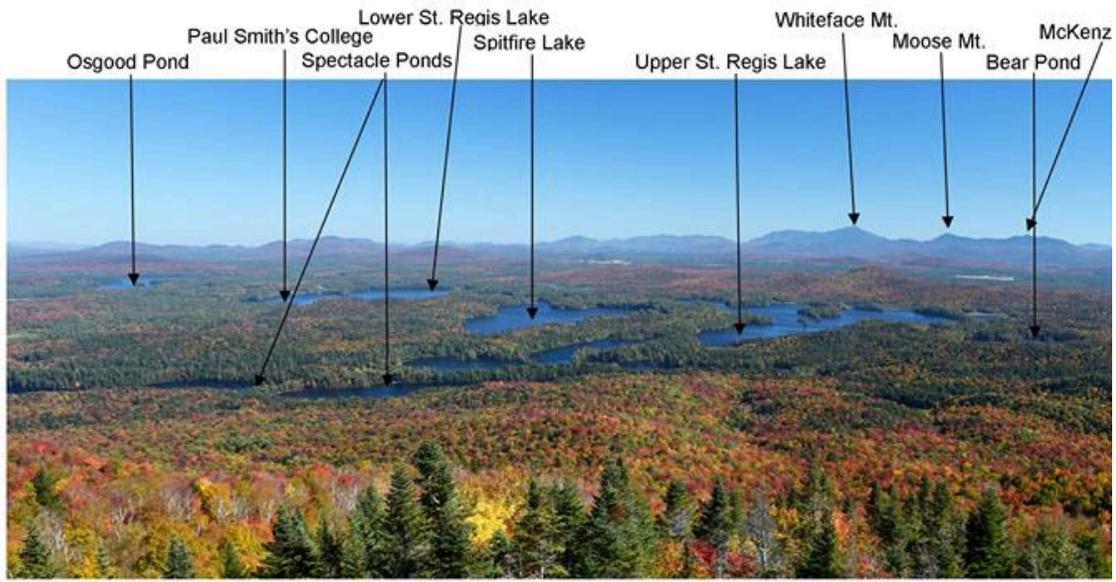
Summit card certificates, which verify the tower was climbed and signed by the steward, are available from [Janelle Hoh](#), [Scottie Adams](#) or [Doug Fitzgerald](#). We encourage you to hand them out. Kids especially like them.

If possible please keep track of the number of visitors and write a brief account for that day similar to what is seen on our Facebook page or

at <http://www.friendsofstregis.org/trail-report/>.

Thank you for your support to our educational mission.

Other news: Friends and interested folks gathered on July 10, 2107 at the Historic Saranac Lake, John Black room to view a Powerpoint presentation about past restoration efforts and to learn of plans for the future. Photographer, Mark Kurtz bought along some large prints of the panoramic vistas from the tower that will be printed on sturdy material and installed in the cab to allow identification of the surrounding topography.



Dr. Ed Hixson of Upper St. Regis Lake, Jack Burke of Paul Smiths and Bob Marrone of Vermontville have been elected to the Friends Board of Directors.

Marty Podskoch delivered a very entertaining and personable presentation at the Paul Smith's Visitor's Interpretive Center (VIC) on July 23, 2017.

Although the tower is open, there is still a great deal of restoration work to complete before the tower is completely preserved for future generations. The Friends are currently working on a grant to be submitted to the Cloudsplitter Foundation to raise money for the complete replacement of all the diagonal cross braces (24).

From the Friends of St. Regis Mountain Fire Tower Executive Committee