June 21, 2017 Activities Update

The Friends of St. Regis mountain Fire Tower are getting ready for summer of 2017 projects.

We would like to recruit some more volunteers. We have scheduled a meeting for July 10, 2017 at 7 PM in the John Black meeting room at the Historic Saranac Lake building, 89 Church Street, Saranac Lake. Please join us. Check out our <u>event</u> on Facebook. Share the poster included below with others.

Ongoing projects:

The Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI) of Paul Smith's College is graciously providing a Tower steward for 1 day each week (usually Sunday) during the months of June, July, and August and hopefully September and October The Friends and Mark Kurtz, a noted local photographer, started an interpretive project last Fall to photograph the landscape seen from the tower. The interpretive panels will identify neighboring lakes and mountains. The project is nearing completion and the Southern and Eastern view panels should be installed this summer. Noted author Martin Podskoch will speak on <u>The Restoration & History of the</u> <u>Adirondack Fire Towers.</u> July 23, 2017 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm at Paul Smith's College VIC, 8023 NY-30, Paul Smiths, NY. A \$5 donation to the Friends is suggested.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Restoration, Construction, Maintenance

- Painting legs, rails, stair stringers
- Priming under PT wood
- Painting over graffiti
- Debris removal

Interpretation/Education

- Display development
 - o panoramic panels
 - o educational displays
- Working with AWI
- Working with PSC VIC
- Writing web blogs
- Writing historical and informational pieces for web and Facebook posting

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- · Keeping the interpreter's handbook updated
- Volunteer stewards
- Coordinating volunteer stewards
- Develop an education/Interpretation web page
- Placement of an historical structure plaque

Fundraising and Development

- Facebook administration
- Special events planning
 - Centennial celebration 2018
- General fundraising
- Special projects fundraising i.e. diagonal braces replacement

Board Development

Positions and duties

If you can't join us, please email us at <u>friendsofstregis@gmail.com</u> and let us know what project you'd like to participate in.

See our Web site (<u>http://www.friendsofstregis.org/</u>) for more details of the whole restoration process, pictures, videos of the chopper event, a drone's eye view of the tower, history, trail reports, and educational material.

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

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