

LAKE PLACID OUTING CLUB

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LPOC in a Nutshell: 2017 Summer Schedule

The Lake Placid Outing Club (LPOC) has been providing mountaineering experiences, outdoor education, and fellowship for youths and their families since 1993. The Outing Club is open to all youths of any age and any residency and operates without any dues or membership fees. Most simply put, the LPOC is a parent/child mobilization wherein fifty to sixty parent leaders volunteer their time to take over one-hundred youths, in trip groups of twelve or fewer, on day-long and extended backcountry adventures throughout the year. All trip leaders are family members. In a typical year, LPOC will run approximately seventy-plus day trips and six to seven extended trips of one to ten nights in length. The Club also conducts at least six fund-raising activities and does fifteen to twenty classroom presentations prior to the May Planning and Sign-up Meeting at the LPES Cafeteria, with pizza, to interest new students in the program. LPOC provides trip leader training annually, publishes safety guidelines, adopts the “Leave No Trace” philosophy, and imposes group size limits which match or further restrict Department of Environmental Conservation regulations.

Liability insurance for all scheduled trips and activities is provided through S. Curtis Hayes in Saranac Lake. Because it is a not-for-profit, donations are tax-deductible. The Club’s activities are managed by an eight-member Board of Directors comprised of parents, all of whom also serve as trip leaders.

While LPOC has no paid personnel in any capacity, it does have substantial annual expenses for equipment purchases and repairs, scholarships and subsidies for extended trips, medical supplies, postage, and insurance costs. These operational needs are met through the generosity of parents and friends of LPOC, grants, and fundraising projects in which our members and their parents participate. Other major sponsors include: the Adirondack Foundation; Adirondack Lakes & Trails Outfitters; Adirondack Medical Center Foundation; Adirondack Mountain Club’s Adirondack Loj Chapter, Lake Placid Chapter, and North Woods Chapter; Appalachian Mountain Club’s Youth Opportunity Program; the Clements Foundation; Eastern Mountain Sports; High Peaks Adventures Guide Service; Ironman; Lake Placid Education Foundation; the Mountaineer; Stewart’s Shops; and the Uihlein Foundation.

More detailed information about LPOC, schedules and upcoming events, may be found at www.lakeplacidoutingclub.org or by contacting Board Chairman, Dave Balestrini (518-524-0446), Advisor, Ben Frantz (518-524-4748), or by writing the Lake Placid Outing Club, Lake Placid Central School, 34 School Street, Lake Placid, NY 12946.

Mission Statement

LPOC is an outdoor organization providing a safe, positive, lifelong learning experience for our youth through wilderness activities. LPOC builds self-esteem through the satisfaction of achievement while having fun in the mountains. All Club activities foster teamwork, caring for others, and stewardship of the environment.