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February 2022 Bulletin

Note from the President

February is here and I hope you are all well and finding opportunities to get some dirt(snow) under your boots. As everyone knows, there's no better time for some trail time than all the time!

That said, the election for OHTA Board Members is scheduled for the 16th through the 22nd of May this year. Each OHTA membership will have an opportunity to cast a vote for their favorite candidates during election week. Details pertaining to the means of voting will be sent in a later Bulletin.

At this point, it is important to note that three Board Members' positions will expire at the end of June. Any member desiring to contribute to the management of OHTA is welcome to run for one of these three positions. To make your candidacy a reality, simply send a photo along with a brief bio of yourself to ohata@ozarkhighlandstrail.com. This year's candidates will be announced at the end of April, so now's the time to throw your hat into the ring. Your nomination is due no later than April 23rd.

Till next time, HIKE ONWARD!
Phil Brown

LNT Campsite Remediation Project

The joint project with Pack Rat Outdoor Center to conduct campsite remediation is underway. We will be dismantling campsites located too close to creeks or the trail, and encouraging hikers to utilize better sited nearby areas. For each date, two separate work crews will head out to work on different sites. Here are the dates for the upcoming work trips.

Feb 19, 2022 – Dockery's Gap Trailhead 9:00 a.m.

March 5, 2022 – Indian Creek Trailhead 9:00 a.m.

March 12, 2022 – Arbaugh Trailhead 9:00 a.m.

You MUST register to attend. To sign up for a work trip, go to the Pack Rat Website www.packratoc.com and navigate to the signup page. Attendees get some swag.

Upcoming Hikes

Feb 9, 2022 – Twin Falls & Sandstone Castle – 5-6 miles (difficult). Meet at Sam's Throne parking area at 9:00 a.m. To sign up, email Kris McMillen no later than Feb 8 at kriscmillen7@gmail.com. A shuttle is required, so if you plan to attend, bring a friend and two vehicles to run your own shuttle. If you can't do so, you can email Kris and see if a ride is available.

Winter Hiking in New Hampshire

Our Maintenance Coordinator, Steven Parker, recently completed hiking the Wapack Trail in New Hampshire and Massachusetts in winter. He will be presenting a short slide show of his hikes titled Walking in a Winter Wonderland on Wednesday February 9th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The link to join is

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76202441095?pwd=luybnikpFNfd9ZdS5DHpak5aOayBb-.1>