

The Watershed News

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Get ready...get set...GET WET!



This spring 150 students from Tamworth Learning Circles, K. A. Brett, Ossipee Central, and Madison Elementary Schools participated in well water testing as a part of GET WET!

BY THE 6TH GRADE STUDENTS OF
OSS�PEE CENTRAL SCHOOL

Ossipee Central School students in Mrs. Hemingway and Mr. Stephan's rooms recently had the opportunity to sample and test their own well water thanks to a partnership with GMCG and the University of Maine. GET WET! (Groundwater Education Through Water Evaluation and Testing) is a program developed by the University of Maine, whose goal is to teach students and their communities about drinking water.

Students learned first hand about the Ossipee Watershed, the geology and the hydrology of their local environment, and how to effectively sample their own well water. Once the samples were collected, volunteers and staff from the University of Maine and GMCG helped the students perform chemical tests on their water. Testing was for pH, sodium chloride (salt), nitrates, iron, hardness (calcium and magnesium), and conductivity. Students became scientists and were actively involved in testing their own well water for those parameters. They had to follow directions very carefully while performing the tests so that the results would be accurate. They did not test for arsenic,

radon, and *E. coli*, since those tests are more sophisticated and too dangerous to be performed in a classroom. However, the students learned that water should also be tested for those parameters.

After testing their water, the students plotted their well sample locations using GIS software, which was used to plot their wells on a local map. Once data was collected, students did all the math to figure out the mean, median, mode, and range for their test results. Students were able to see on maps and graphs where there were higher concentrations of contaminants. Using all the data and maps, students created a PowerPoint to present and discuss their results. A community presentation was held for parents and community members on June 1st at Ossipee Central School. Students were very proud of their hard work, and came away from this hands-on experience with a greater understanding and appreciation of water quality in the Ossipee Watershed. Here are some of their comments:

"Thank you GMCG for helping us learn and have fun in science! Now I know what contaminants can be in my water." *Emma*

"I am writing to thank you for having our 6th grade class do the GET WET! Program. I know that everyone enjoyed the water testing. So I hope that other kids throughout the years of being in 6th grade can enjoy it too." *Olivia*

"I had so much fun learning about water. I felt like a real scientist! I'm glad you came!" *Jaime*

"I really liked doing the water presentation." *Mackenzie*

"I was really into the GET WET! Program. It was very fascinating. Thank you!" *Brandon*

School Program Initiative launched in the Ossipee Watershed

BY MIA AKAOGI

The School Program Initiative has really taken off this spring! In addition to student participation in GET WET!, Mustang Academy (Madison Elementary School) students, with assistance from community volunteers, helped test Forrest Brook before school every other week. Lyn Slanetz, water testing volunteer, enjoyed her experience immensely, "It was great seeing the next generation being involved with helping to protect their future environment."

Looking towards fall, there are several trainings available for teachers and volunteers. On August 25th Volunteer Biological Assessment Program (VBAP) and Eastern Brook Trout Egg in the Classroom and on September 25th Project WET and Project WILD Aquatic trainings will be offered.



Maggie Finn and son Cody Bryan, a Mustang Academy student, collect water quality data at Forrest Brook.

Funding has been provided by the Pequawket Foundation, Quimby Foundation, Dorr Foundation, Lakes Region Fund of the NH Charitable Foundation, and Northeast Utilities Environmental Community Grant Program.

Mia Akaogi is GMCG's Water Quality Program Coordinator.

The Watershed News

The Watershed News is a quarterly publication of the Green Mountain Conservation Group, a non-profit, 501(c) 3, charitable organization established in 1997 and dedicated to the preservation of the natural resources in the Ossipee Watershed. The towns of Effingham, Freedom, Madison, Ossipee, Sandwich and Tamworth make up the boundaries of the Ossipee Watershed. This watershed includes one of the largest and deepest stratified drift aquifers in New Hampshire.

GMCG's purpose is twofold:

1. To provide an organizational structure for a coalition of citizens and local officials interested in identifying sensitive areas within the Watershed in need of protection;
2. To offer public educational events about conservation issues and possible solutions regarding the preservation of unique natural resources.

Through research, education, advocacy and land conservation we strive to promote an awareness and appreciation of our watershed's natural resources and encourage a commitment to protect them.

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Community project preserves Foss Mountain

In the fall of 2008, a "For Sale" sign appeared in the middle of the blueberry fields on the slope of Foss Mountain. The 99 acre property was listed for sale with "Build Your Dream Home Here". Anyone who has hiked to the summit of Foss Mountain and enjoyed the stunning 360 degree ridgeline views surely knows what a special place this is. Precisely because it is such as special place, the property was under significant threat from development. The Town of Eaton's Conservation Commission and Selectmen requested the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust's (USVLT) help to purchase and preserve this important, community defining resource.

USVLT applied all of its resources to answer the call, not only because of the value of conserving the land, but because of the opportunity to form a public-private partnership with the town. USVLT

recently purchased the 99 acre Foss Mountain Project property for the appraised value of \$320,000. USVLT and the Town of Eaton share common goals for the outcome of this project including: preserving the scenic value of the prominent ridgeline property; providing public recreation; protecting important wildlife habitat in an unfragmented block of forest and open, rocky ledges; protecting productive blueberry fields and protecting long term ability to produce forest products. Additionally, the Foss Mountain Project enhances the existing scenic, recreational and ecological resources of the adjacent 62 acre property owned by the Town of Eaton, which includes the rocky summit of Foss Mountain as well as GMCG's land the Thomas Carpenter Preserve.

The challenge now is to complete the fund-raising for the Foss Mountain Project. USVLT is extremely grateful to the following for support to date including: \$50,000 from the Town of Eaton; \$55,000 from an Anonymous Foundation; \$20,000 from the Virginia Wellington Cabot Foundation; \$5,000 from the Kendal C. & Anna

Ham Charitable Foundation; \$5,000 from the Fields Pond Foundation and over \$15,000 from individual contributions. USVLT has also initiated a Capital Campaign to raise the balance of funding from other grants and contributions. When paid for in full, USVLT plans to permanently protect the property's conservation values with a conservation easement and transfer ownership to the Town of Eaton.

The Upper Saco Valley Land Trust is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working

with local landowners to permanently protect the lands and waters that define the communities and enrich the quality of life. Founded as a grassroots initiative in September 2000, USVLT preserves land for community benefit in the watershed of the upper Saco River in New Hampshire & Maine.

Their goal is to promote a healthy,

sustainable balance between developed lands, natural lands and productive rural landscapes. To date, the Upper Saco Valley Land Trust has acquired 30 conservation easements and four properties in fee, permanently protecting over 4,000 acres from development. For more information please visit their website www.usvlt.org or call 603-356-9683 .

To contribute to this special community project to preserve Foss Mountain, please make checks payable to *Upper Saco Valley Land Trust* and mail to:

Upper Saco Valley Land Trust
 PO Box 424
 North Conway, NH 03860

GMCG partners with local organizations to help conserve shared resources. The Foss Mountain project is in the Ossipee Watershed and is also only one parcel away from GMCG's Thomas Carpenter Preserve. We applaud USVLT and the Town of Eaton for their efforts to protect this important land!



The stunning view from the open, rocky ridgeline of the Foss Mountain property north to Mt Washington and the Presidential Range. (photo by Linda Comeau)

Conservation Conversations

Editor's Note: *Conservation Conversations is intended to provide a forum for the conservation commissions in the six towns of the Ossipee Watershed to share news of their activities and an opportunity to find creative solutions regarding watershed issues.*

Think Locally; Act Watershed.

Effingham

The Commission recently tallied 145 wetlands and wildlife habitat questionnaire responses from town landowners. The results were distributed to the coordinators of the Master Plan Advisory Committee, members of the planning board, selectmen and several individuals. The results have also been posted on three public bulletin boards and on the commission website.

On April 24th the Commission sponsored a roadside litter pickup opening the KELF (Keep Effingham Litter Free) season. The Commission distributed guidelines that follow the NH DOT 'Adopt-A-Road' guidelines for such pickups to all KELF members.

The daffodil bulb planting throughout the town by the Commission in past few years has been amply rewarded by the town-wide bloom. This year, instead of more daffodil plantings, the Commission has opted for two disease resistant Elm trees from 'New Hampshire The Beautiful'.

After more than a year of deliberation, a revised and updated version of the February 2006 Commission Bylaws was signed on May 3, 2010. The update includes, among other items, a maintenance agreement for the boat ramp and various housekeeping issues with NH Fish & Game.

The Commission has left the Tri-Town Milfoil Committee and formed an Effingham Conservation Commission Milfoil Group (ECCMG) led by the chair and two town residents who abut Ossipee River and Province Lake.

Wendy Scribner and Matt Tarr of UNH Cooperative Extension recently made a field trip to the Larry Leavitt Preserve to catalogue wildlife in the region to help create exhibits in the kiosk.

Madison

The Madison Conservation Commission is eagerly awaiting three informative and fun events in August celebrating Madison Old Home Week. First, on Saturday, August 7th at 10 a.m. there will be a signing of the state's first formal relationship between NH Department of Resources & Economic Development, State Parks and a local community at the Madison Boulder. The Town of

Madison will assume responsibility to help protect and preserve the natural site at the ceremony. On Sunday, August 8th member Brian Fowler will give a presentation of the geologic history of the Madison Boulder at 7:30p.m. at Madison Elementary School followed by a walk around the Boulder on Tuesday, August 10th at 11 a.m. Finally, Doug Cygan will discuss invasive species in New Hampshire at the Madison Town Hall on Thursday, August 12th at 7p.m. Doug is the Invasive Species Coordinator and Assistant State Entomologist for the NH Department of Agriculture. All are welcome to learn more about the Madison Boulder and the threat of invasive species at these events.

Tamworth

As summer approaches, the Tamworth Conservation Commission turned its focus to outdoor recreational activities. The Commission once again sponsored bird walks on five Wednesday mornings in April and May. These walks were started by Peggy Damon and have been a popular tradition in Tamworth since 1976. For the past 18 years the walks have been led by Commission Chairman Ned Beecher, with far reaching results. In the early 80's N.H. Audubon started Birdathon/Bloomathon to raise money for endangered wildlife. Through the TCC walks, a core of bird watchers built up that became the nucleus of the Birdathon/Bloomathon effort in Tamworth, both for the identification of species and for financial support. This developed into a fine fundraiser for wildlife.

The Commission held a celebration of Earth Day on April 23rd. The festivities were held at dawn at the Great Hill Fire Tower, near the geographic center of the town, and featured a breakfast of cherry pie, donuts, coffee and tea. Approximately 35 residents joined in. The fire tower, which was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1934, is in the care of the TCC, and was named to the National Register of Historic Fire Towers last year.

The TCC maintains a number of trails, some on town-owned land, and some in conservation easements held by the town. Commission members are embarking on a project to re-blaze some of these trails as needed. In addition, some of the trail guides are being re-written to bring them up to date. New directional signs are being installed on some trails, and new map and information boxes have been placed at a number of the trailheads. Trail maps can also be found on the Commission's website, www.tamworthconservationcommission.org

Watershed towns draft Aquifer Protection Ordinances

The Ossipee Aquifer Steering Committee has been working with GMCG for the past three years on drinking water protection efforts. To date, much progress has been made drafting Aquifer Protection Ordinances (APOs) after the state's model. The Steering Committee recently met with Pierce Rigrod of NH DES, professional planners from Lakes Region Planning Commission and Steve Whitman of Jeffrey H. Taylor & Associates to discuss details of the ordinance and how it can work for local towns.

Over 90 communities in the state have adopted APOs to protect their drinking water resources from potential contamination. An

APO helps insure clean water for future generations by establishing more local authority and thoughtful planning of where potentially hazardous chemicals are stored and used. Town planners from Freedom, Tamworth and Sandwich are actively drafting their town's version of the ordinance and taking advantage of the free planning advice, educational support, and regional collaboration being offered through the NH DES Local Source Water Protection grant. FMI, visit: http://www.lakesrpc.org/services_resources.asp. **The next Steering Committee meeting is July 9th at the GMCG office from 10am-12pm.**

Film Festival comes to Freedom July 24th

On July 24th GMCG will host the Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival On Tour at the Calumet Conference Center from 7:00 - 9:30pm. The films include a collection of fun, artistic and inspiring stories from around the world. This year's festival features a variety of films about student activism, wildlife habitat protection, climate change, and local food production.

"Film is an artistic language that crosses political and social boundaries and offers a place for diverse perspectives to intertwine and mingle," says environmental activist Lesley Adams. The festival is a natural extension of GMCG's work to inspire people to act on behalf of the environment.



The film "Greenhorns" shows how the younger generation is contributing and leading the way into a new world of agriculture, sustainability and economics.

This year's festival will be outdoors with live music, refreshments, a raffle with great

prizes including: gift certificates to local restaurants, ski tickets, canoe trips, Patagonia jackets, Osprey backpacks, and free giveaways from Cliff Bar, Tom's of Maine, Sierra Nevada Brewing, and many other local businesses.

Tickets to the festival are \$10 per person suggested donation; \$5 per person suggested for children or students with ID. Participants can also become a member of GMCG or renew their membership at a special discounted price of \$10 the day of the event. To reserve tickets, contact gmcgnh@roadrunner.com or 539-1859, and be sure to check out the event on GMCG's Facebook page.

Vernal pool monitoring program launched in Tamworth

"KNOWING VERNAL POOLS"
BY CALEB LEAHY

This past spring I was an intern in the vernal pools monitoring program offered by The Great Hill Ecology Center, working in conjunction with GMCG on water analysis. As the name implies, part of this program involved locating potential vernal pools (pvps). Thankfully, this was made easy by the hearty enthusiasm of our local community members, whose participation and support made this first part happen. It was their voluntary help which left us with a topographical map riddled with "pvps", and it was the continued assistance of a handful that carried us forward in the identification and monitoring of the actual vernal pools within our area.

You may be wondering what a vernal pool is. At the time when my mentor and I visited our first pool, I had done a bit of research and had formulated a fuzzy definition. As we first approached this pool



Caleb Leahy, Kennett High School senior, holding up a salamander egg mass during a vernal pool training in Tamworth.

which bordered Lake Chocorua, I remember hearing the unmistakable duck-like call of a male wood frog, a fairly rare occurrence for these stoic amphibians. The pool came into view rather suddenly, separated from the lake by a thin barrier of land and a fallen tree. I was drawn to the still surface of the water, where several shrubs growing out of the surrounding terrain dipped into the water. Attached to the submerged plants were the eggs of the wood frog, hundreds of tiny black embryos encased in little islands of jelly, drawn together in clusters hardly the size of a baseball.

I remember my uncertainty as I was encouraged to take a closer look at one of the clusters, only a few feet from where I stood. I stepped in and knelt to the surface, carefully wetting my hands, I cautiously cupped my hand underneath the living mass of potential pollywogs and slowly lifted them and the branch which they were fastened to above the water ever so slightly. There they emerged into the open air only a few hours after having been laid.

I choose to introduce you to the vernal pool in the same way that I first experienced it because, all definitions aside, this habitat is defined by the critters that depend on it, just as these critters are defined by their habitat. Vernal pools are seasonal, meaning most years they dry up completely. Because they do so, they are uninhabitable by fish, and so are critical breeding places for invertebrates and



Wood frog egg mass discovered this spring near Lake Chocorua .

amphibians such as the wood frog, fairy shrimp, spotted, Jefferson, and blue spotted salamanders. These species require vernal pools for their life cycle, they are considered indicator species and their presence in a seasonal wetland virtually identifies it as a vernal pool.

I wasn't sure what to expect when I applied for this internship. As it turns out, I was not disappointed. It is a very rare thing when one is able to physically immerse oneself in the very thing which one is striving to know and understand. The experience of monitoring and learning about vernal pools is not only "hands on", rather it is an experience which immediately commands the participation of all of the senses. It doesn't hurt that I was able to work one-on-one with a knowledgeable teacher, one who was ready and willing to answer my questions and provide me with the guidance and assistance I needed. You really can't beat that. Here's a special thanks to my friend and mentor Jamie Riel for a much cherished experience.

Water Quality & Conservation

Water Quality Intern Meredith Houghton hired for summer 2010



GMCG is pleased to introduce this summer's Water Quality Monitoring Intern, Meredith Houghton. Meredith is a resident of Derry and is entering her senior year at College of the Holy Cross. This summer, Meredith will manage the summer water quality monitoring programs.

As an environmental studies major, Meredith recently returned from a semester abroad in Costa Rica where she conducted research on macroinvertebrate communities in tropical streams. She also led student tours through the municipal forest to teach children and their parents about

the importance of forest resources and ecology. This summer, Meredith hopes to gain more experience with water quality monitoring and best management practice techniques as an intern for GMCG. She has already met some of the wonderful volunteers involved with GMCG through the river monitoring program and

BMP project at Duncan Lake, and is looking forward to working with other volunteers, and summer camps around the Watershed.

Meredith will serve as GMCG's Point Person for the Lake Host program at the Pine River boat launch. As a Lake Host, she will perform courtesy boat inspections and provide information about milfoil and other aquatic invasives to boaters. She will also provide information and outreach about the Ossipee Lake Natural Area (OLNA) to visitors. Located along the Long Sands area, this section of shoreline on Ossipee Lake is an undeveloped area that is popular for recreation and also home to important natural and historical resources. In order to protect this public area, the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) has been collaborating with the OLNA Working Group, made up of state agencies, the Lakes Management Advisory Committee, the boating community, towns around the lake, and nongovernmental organizations. These groups are coming together to provide and enforce a management plan that balances recreation with protection of these resources valuable to the community.

Special thanks to the Jocelyn F. Gutchess (LRCF) Fund of the NH Charitable Foundation, Fred Van Cor Memorial Fund donors, NH Lakes and NH DRED for funding Meredith's position this year!

BMP demonstration project completed at Ossipee's Duncan Lake

The Town of Ossipee Recreation Department, Public Works Department, GMCG staff and local volunteers recently completed an erosion control project at the Town Beach at Duncan Lake. The beach area was experiencing erosion from storm water runoff for many years, with sediment, sand and other pollutants washing into the lake. Best Management Practices, or BMPs, were installed to prevent further erosion, protect water quality, improve safety and improve the overall aesthetics of the public beach.

BMPs such as vegetative buffers, open box culverts, and infiltration steps were used. Volunteers contributed over 75 hours, 70 plants and three truckloads of loam for vegetative buffers. The Ossipee Public Works Department's Chris Oullette and Scott Riley logged many more hours to complete culverts and infiltration steps.

The project had been in the works since early 2009 when the town applied for assistance through the NH State Conservation Grant, or "Moose Plate" grant, to address this issue. The town also applied for assistance through GMCG, which secured limited funding from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services through Environmental Protection Agency



The Duncan Lake public beach was experiencing erosion problems from stormwater runoff (above). Newly installed BMPs such as filter steps (below) will help mitigate runoff and protect water quality.



319 funds to assist local communities with water quality improvement projects in 2009 and 2010.

"It has been an excellent opportunity to work with the Green Mountain Conservation Group and their volunteers. They have done a great job coordinating their efforts and placing the vegetation in strategic areas on the property to best be able to trap and control the water runoff. This project really enhances the entire area making it a safer, more beautiful, and environmentally friendly area. Patrons to the Beach this summer will see a huge improvement," said Ossipee Recreation Director Peter Waugh.

The project was completed with the help of volunteers and donations of plants, loam and other materials. GMCG would like to thank Al Levesque, R.A. Oram, Bob and Alix Pratt, Jeff Marcoux, Elizabeth Gillette, Judith Reardon, Jean Hansen, Karen Payne and Kamal Nath for their help at the site and for generous plant donations. Thanks also to

White Mountain Survey Company for their support of BMP demonstration projects. FMI, see "A Shoreland Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater Management" at www.des.nh.gov.

Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust is working to conserve important land in the Ossipee Mountains

The Ossipee/Tuftonboro land trust, Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust, has launched “The Gulf Brook Project” to acquire and conserve 97 acres of forestland and critical wildlife habitat between Thurley and Knox Mountains in Center Ossipee. The property includes much of Gulf Brook, an important riparian corridor that feeds into the Dan Hole River. The area is classified as “highest ranked habitat in the state” in the New Hampshire Wildlife Action Plan.

The property abuts 300 acres of forestland on Thurley Mountain acquired by the Trust in 2004. The two parcels will be managed together as 400 acres of conservation land for the permanent benefit of wildlife and the public. The combined property will be open to the public for recreation such as hiking, and hunting. And the non-sensitive upland portion of the new Gulf Brook property will be managed for sustainable timber harvesting according to a forest management plan.

This forestland conservation project will help to achieve the Ossipee Master Plan objective of preserving the town’s

beautiful forested open space and mountain vistas. As the town grows it will become increasingly important to preserve the most critical forest, wildlife, water and recreation resources that make Ossipee such an appealing place to live. The project represents one more step in the process of preserving the water quality of the Ossipee Watershed.

The Trust has begun a campaign to raise \$125,000 by the end of the year. To date, over 110 donors have contributed \$50,000 toward the goal. Although grants requested from several foundations might help, contributions from many more individuals will be needed to close the gap.

Information about the project and the Trust can be obtained by contacting Bob Pratt at 539-2073, or email danholepondtrust@gmail.com. Tax deductible contributions can be sent to:

Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust
P.O. Box 8
Center Ossipee, NH 03814

GMCG creates new board structure; creating openings for more volunteers

In January GMCG adopted a new structure for its Board of Directors, adding six new board members who will serve as members-at-large. Traditionally, the GMCG Board has consisted of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Education Coordinator, as well as six town representatives—one from each of the watershed towns and a representative from the watershed across the border in Maine.

The new Board structure adds six members-at-large and eliminates the position of Education Coordinator. It is designed to increase representation across the Watershed and encourage at least two people serving on the Board from each of the six towns. Members-at-large concentrate their efforts on specific programs or interests by serving on new and existing GMCG committees. Town Representatives serve as liaisons between GMCG and the municipal officials in their towns, as well as serving on some of GMCG’s committees. Board committees include: Research, Education, Advocacy, Land Trust, Development and Events.

“This increase in Board membership is an exciting way to bring in new board members and more voices from around the Watershed,” said Executive Director Blair Folts. “GMCG decided to create new committees not only to provide a new opportunity for more volunteers to play an active role in regional conservation work, but also to create a stronger organization.”

GMCG is currently seeking a Representative from Tamworth as well as members-at-large from Ossipee, Sandwich and Tamworth to serve on the Board of Directors. GMCG is also seeking volunteers to serve on GMCG’s committees. If you would like to be considered for one of these positions please call GMCG at 539-1859 and we would be happy to share more information with you.

Please consider joining us and inviting friends and neighbors who might also be interested.

Summer Calendar

2010 Watershed Weekend & Membership Drive

Friday, July 23rd: "Songs at Sunset" Fundraising Concert on Ossipee Lake. Enjoy renowned Celtic singers Jane Wilcox Hively and Jonathan Hively, who will delight concert goers with voice, harp and bagpipes. Distinguished conservationist and artist, Jean Hansen has generously offered her lakeside terrace as the concert stage and visitors will have the unique opportunity to savor music and sunset by the lake at 14 Long Sands Road, Center Ossipee. Arrive by foot, bike, car or boat to this beautiful locale. Bring a lawn chair to relax. (Rain date - Friday, July 30. Check this website or call 539-1859 if in doubt about possible weather postponement.) Free to the public. Directions: From Rt. 16, take Rt 25 east 2.3 miles to Constitution Park; take a left on Long Sands Road. Park at Constitution Park, or proceed to the "T", take a right to number 14 and park along the roadway. Parking assistants will be available. Get in the Songs at Sunset mood at: www.mtnstreams.com. RSVP by July 20th to Lyn Slanetz at (603) 367-4689 or email slanetz5@hotmail.com. The event will take place from 7-9pm.

Saturday, July 24th: Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival. The Second Annual Film Festival will be held at Camp Calumet on July 24th, 2010 from 7-9:30 pm. The Festival is presented in over 90 communities nationwide where it is hosted by local groups like GMCG. It features terrific films to inspire and engage people in environmental protection. Suggested donations are \$10 per person; \$5 for children or students with ID. We hope you will bring a friend to join our watershed protection efforts! Participants can become members of GMCG for a special discount of \$10 the day of the event. There will be live music, food, goodie bags with Cliff Bars, Tom's of Maine toothpaste, and other giveaways, raffle prizes of ski tickets, canoe trips, gift certificates, Patagonia jackets, and much more! Call our office at 539-1859 to reserve your seats today! Rain date – Sunday July 25th. Check our website (www.gmcgnh.org) or call 539-1859 if in doubt about possible weather postponement.

Friday July 9th, August 13th, September 16th: Ossipee Aquifer Steering Committee Work Sessions. 10am.-12pm. GMCG Office 196 Huntress Bridge Road Effingham. The public, including town officials, business owners, public water suppliers, and residents, are invited to share their views and participate in working towards enhanced drinking water protection in the Ossipee Watershed. At these meetings, the group will be working on public outreach strategies to build awareness and support for aquifer protection and best management practices. Please call 539-1859 or email gmcgnh@roadrunner.com if you are interested in attending.

Wednesday, August 18th: Geology of the Ossipees. The Tamworth Historical Society is delving DEEP into the past this summer! Robert Newton, professor of geomorphology at Smith College and a summer resident of Silver Lake, will give a talk and Power-Point presentation about the volcanic origins of the Ossipee Mountain Range. Bob is an engaging speaker and his descriptions and visuals make complex geology understandable and fascinating. Stay tuned for the time of the event; it could be at 7:00 or 7:30pm at Runnells Hall in Chocorua.

Memorial Gifts are a meaningful way to acknowledge the passing of a loved one by offering a gift as a tribute to life lived. Memorial gifts become a part of the Green Mountain Conservation Group's Memorial Fund, which supports conservation work across the Ossipee Watershed. Families sometimes include a request for memorial gifts as part of the newspaper obituary. Often individuals choose to make gifts in memory of their loved ones on birthdays or to mark the anniversary of their passing. A listing of the donors' names and addresses (but not the gift amount) is provided to the deceased next of kin and is listed on our website. Families can recount stories of loved ones and their commitment to protecting resources in the watershed and we would love to share these stories on our Memorial Gifts page of our website. Memorial tributes can help bring comfort and solace during times of bereavement.

Your Membership Will Make a Difference.

(Please make checks payable to Green Mountain Conservation Group P.O. Box 95, Effingham, NH 03882)

Vernal Pool ___\$25 Stream ___\$50 River ___\$75 Pond ___\$100 Lake ___\$250
 Aquifer Society ___\$500 Other _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Are you interested in being a GMCG Volunteer in 2010? YES

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Save the Date:

July 23rd:

**Songs at Sunset
Fundraising Concert
on Ossipee Lake**

**Deadline for
Fall Newsletter
submissions is September 10th**

EVERY PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND EACH PERSON SHOULD

**July 24th, 2010
Calumet Conference
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