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"The Summit has something for everyone; it's fun; it's educational; it's entertaining; it's all of the above. It's whatever you want to make it."

- 1995 Conservation Summit Participant

Welcome to the Adirondacks Conservation Summit! We are excited that you will be joining us for an action-packed week of adventure and learning in a spectacular natural environment.

The National Wildlife Federation has planned a program that is truly an exciting celebration of the complex web of remarkable people and organizations who contribute to the success of today's conservation movement. Just as life depends on the fragile diversity of our ecosystems, the conservation movement depends on the diversity and complex relationships of committed conservationists working toward common goals.

The Summit will provide you with the tools you need to help us enhance this valuable web of human and organizational resources. Enjoy yourself, and take full advantage of this perfect opportunity to meet the people who can help you conserve the wildlife, wild places and natural resources that matter most to you.

At the 1997 Adirondacks Summit, a variety of classes, field trips, and special events will be offered. Whether you enjoy birdwatching or canoeing, photography or field sketching, you will find an array of interesting activities led by experienced faculty and staff. People from all over the country will be attending their first, fifth, tenth, or even twentieth Summit this summer. You'll be surrounded by amazing landscapes and stimulated by interesting and challenging classes. At the end of the week, you'll take home a wealth of knowledge, new ideas for environmental projects in your community, lasting friendships, and lifelong memories.

This Program Handbook outlines the activities and classes that will highlight this year's Adirondacks Summit. As you prepare for your Summit week, please read through this handbook carefully, and complete and return the enclosed forms as soon as possible.

We appreciate your support of the National Wildlife Federation and are excited to meet each of you. We hope your experience at the Adirondacks Conservation Summit will be as memorable as it will be exciting.

Sincerely,

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The National Wildlife Federation's Northeast Natural Resource Center (NNRC) in Montpelier, Vermont, welcomes you to the largest public park in the contiguous United States, nearly three times the size of Yellowstone National Park. It contains over six million acres of abounding natural resources, 42% of which is publicly owned and protected as "forever wild" by the State of New York.

The NNRC works with individuals and organizations throughout the northeast to conduct research, education and advocacy programs on conservation issues of regional significance. We work to protect northern forest habitat and our water resources with a focus on the use of environmental economics and the promotion of **sustainable communities**.

The Northern Forest Project

The NNRC's Northern Forest Project has several components including out Forest Certification Project, a collaborative effort with the Rainforest Alliance's "SmartWood" program. Forest of "green" certification programs are recognized as a significant market-based tool for linking timber harvesting, manufacturing, and consumer purchases to sustainable forest management practices. We also provide strategic support and leadership to the Northern Forest Alliance and conduct research and advocacy regarding the economic and environmental impacts of raw log exports from the Northern Forest, the economic benefits from **land stewardship**, the effects of worker safety rules on **endangered wildlife habitat**, and ecologically sustainable rural development strategies.

Water Resource Protection

Our Vermont Water Resources Project focuses on the benefits of **water quality** protection to water-dependent businesses with consideration to rural development and "ecotourism" goals. We are involved in the implementation of the bi-state Lake Champlain Basin Management Plan which is coordinating an interdisciplinary, watershed-based approach to the northeast's "great lake," and the 300,000 acres of **wetlands** within the Basin. We participate in Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hydrolicensing cases and are evaluating effluent trading programs for minimizing nonpoint source pollution.

Educational Efforts

The NNRC will be available throughout the Summit to answer your questions and provide you with resources to help you explore this incredible area. We hope you enjoy your experience in the northeast and encourage you to contact us for more information.

For more information on the NNRC, or NWF Affiliate organizations in the Northeast, please contact the NNRC at 58 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602; 802.229.0650; fax: 802.229.4532

About the National Wildlife Federation....

People and Nature: Our Future Is in the Balance™

The mission of the National Wildlife Federation is to educate, inspire and assist individuals and organizations of diverse cultures to conserve wildlife and other natural resources and to protect the earth's environment in order to achieve a peaceful, equitable and sustainable future.

To achieve this mission, the National Wildlife Federation focuses its conservation and education efforts in five main areas:

- Endangered Habitats/Biodiversity
- Land Stewardship
- Sustainable Communities
- Water Quality
- Wetlands

Many courses at the Adirondacks Summit provide scientific information and background on current projects and activities in each of these areas. Listed below are courses which not only define these areas, but also illustrate the role of citizens, communities, and organizations such as NWF in solving specific environmental problems. Many courses at the Summit involve several of NWF's issue areas, while others may not seem to be directly linked to any of them. Through participation in the classes and field trips at the Summit, you will undoubtedly come away with a heightened awareness of a variety of environmental and natural resource issues, and a solid base of knowledge about the natural history of the Adirondacks. For more information on NWF's involvement in different environmental issues, please stop by the Summit Office during the week.

Endangered Habitats/Biodiversity:

- Backyard Biodiversity
- Bird Watching field trips
- Black Bears of the Adirondacks

Land Stewardship

- The Working Northern Forest
- Ndakinna Wilderness Project Field Trip

Sustainable Communities

- Environmental Justice: People Protecting Home
- Greener Landscapes
- Healthy and Sustainable Communities
- Population Issues

Water Quality

- Water Quality and Pollution
- Keepers of the Water
- Exploring your Watershed: An Integrated Look at the Lake Champlain Basin

Wetlands

- The Wonders of Wetlands