2013 KLT Programs and Field Trips

Children’s Program at Small-Burnham, Litchfield
Monday and Tuesday, June 24 & 25
9:00 a.m. - Noon (Ages 6+)
This two-day children’s program will be based around using the senses for exploring the natural world. Please see full description on page 3. PREREGISTER*

Loons and Eagles on Cobbossee Lake
Saturday, July 20, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Join Lisa Kane, MDIFW Wildlife Educator, and learn about the loons and eagles of Cobbossee Lake. Participants will meet at Lakeside Motel and Cottages in East Winthrop for a short loon/eagle natural history program, then head out on pontoon boats for the two-hour tour. Bring water and binoculars. This program is presented in partnership with Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed. $10.00 non-refundable fee, 18 maximum. PREREGISTER*

Are Bats Offshore?
Thursday, July 25, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Steve Pelletier, Principal Scientist, Stantec, Forester and Wildlife Biologist, will provide an overview of common and rare bat species in Maine, bat life cycles, White Nose Syndrome, and bat monitoring tools. KLT's 2013 Lyceum is Sponsored by Stantec Consulting.

Sturtevant Farm Family Fun Summer Celebration Hike and Picnic
Friday, July 26, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Pack a picnic dinner and join us at Sturtevant Scenic Area in Fayette for a family-friendly evening! Everyone is welcome to hike the Meadowbrook Farm Trail, visit the animals at Sturtevant Farm, and enjoy a picnic dinner at Sturtevant Scenic Area. Meet at Meadowbrook Farm Trailhead at 5:00 p.m. to hike, followed by a picnic at the Sturtevant Farm Scenic Area.

Annual Meeting at the Wayne Yacht Club. Paddle to Perkins Woods, Hike the New Mount Pisgah Trail to Nancy's Bog, or visit KLT’s new property, TBA.
Sunday, August 18, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
2:00-4:00 Field trips for all ages.
4:00-6:00 Potluck BBQ and brief annual meeting at the Wayne Yacht Club. Bring your kayak, canoe, and bathing suit and a dish to share!

* PREREGISTER for programs by calling 377-2848 or emailing glamarche@tklt.org.

Art Tromp at Vaughan Homestead, Hallowell
August, Date and Time TBA
Experience “Art Tromp,” an Andy Goldsworthy inspired walk through the woods, in which materials are gathered on location to create a collaborative installation. Led by Manon Whittlesey of Spinoff, director of Morphee Creative and working artist. Participants will meet at the Vaughan Homestead, 2 Litchfield Road, Hallowell. PREREGISTER*

Mushroom Foraging and Identification at Small-Burnham
Sunday, September 29, 2:00 p.m.
Great Maine Outdoors Weekend Event
Join Justin Schlawin, Dusty Small, and Teague Morris for a discussion and mushroom identification walk at Small-Burnham Conservation Area in Litchfield, followed by a local foods potluck in celebration of Maine’s fall harvest. PREREGISTER*

Peter Miller Woodland Dedication
Saturday, October 19, 10:00 a.m. to Noon
Property Dedication with the Miller Family, hikes, and refreshments. Rain date: Sunday, October 20.

Sustainable Balsam Fir Tipping and Wreath Making Workshop
Ladd Recreation Center, Wayne
Saturday, December 7, 10:00 a.m.
Join Dave Fuller, Agriculture and Non-Timber Forest Products Professional with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, for a balsam fir tipping field program on how to tip sustainably and an indoor wreath-making workshop. Dave will discuss identifying balsam fir, proper tipping methods, and making a balsam fir wreaths. Bring hand shears and light gloves and come dressed for an outdoor winter hike. $5.00 per person to cover the cost of materials, maximum 20. PREREGISTER*

Additional Conservation Programs
For information about Camp Bearnstow's Annual Loon Count and summer programming, visit www.bearnstow.org
Annual Tree Farm Day honoring the Abbott Ladd Family at the Brown Farm, Vassalboro, adjacent to KLT's Davidson Nature Preserve
September 14, all day beginning at 9:00 a.m.
Forestry activities for all ages, music, hikes, bird walks, horse logging, and an afternoon guided hike to KLT’s Davidson Nature Preserve.
“We have been members of KLT since 2001. In that time we have admired the expansion of numbers of your protected properties as well as the increasing environmental and recreational values of these lands. We are impressed too with the expansion of your educational and stewardship vision. We are enclosing a check for two thousand and sixty dollars. That is sixty dollars for our 2013 membership and two thousand for an endowment gift which we hope will produce enough in years to come to equal what we have been giving.

We will continue to watch your progress, and we have faith you will thrive.”

KLT Legacy Society Members, February, 2013

Theresa Kerchner, Executive Director

This past February I opened the mail to find a letter from longtime KLT supporters who had recently moved from their farm to an independent living apartment. The quote above is from their correspondence, and is an inspiring tribute to our collective conservation work.

KLT depends on the annual membership dues of more than 820 members to carry out our current conservation and stewardship work in the Kennebec River and lakes region. While these annual dues are critical to our immediate success, KLT’s future impact on land conservation in the region will depend on larger, long-term gifts. In order to ensure KLT’s future as a conservation leader in Kennebec County, we have established a KLT Legacy Fund.

Donors who name KLT a beneficiary of a portion of their estate or set up a life income gift for the benefit of the trust will be recognized as members of our Legacy Society. All proceeds from planned gifts will be invested for the long term in an endowment fund that preserves their principal. Four percent of each gift’s annual income will be used for general operating purposes.

Legacy gifts will ensure KLT’s long-term financial stability and allow donors to leave a powerful legacy that upholds our values of community conservation and stewardship.

The KLT Legacy Society is a group of forward-thinking KLT supporters who care about the future of land conservation in Kennebec County and have chosen to make planned gifts that ensure KLT’s long-term success as a regional conservation leader.

When most people think of charitable contributions, they think of cash. But there are many other ways to support KLT.

Making a major gift to the Kennebec Land Trust requires great care. It should make sense to you and contribute to your satisfaction and enjoyment. We would be happy to work with you and your financial advisor to create the ideal gift for you. Please contact Theresa Kerchner, KLT Executive Director, 207-377-2848, tkerchner@tklt.org, or Norm Rodrigue at normvrod@gmail.com.

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Celebrating 25 years of Conservation in Central Maine!

Save the date for our 25th Anniversary Celebration, Camp Winnebago, August 24, 2014.

See the back cover for information about this year’s annual meeting, August 18, 2013.