

MESHOMASIC HIKING CLUB

Membership Renewal Form

We hope you will renew and continue to assist us in our mission: *To Seek Enjoyment of the State's Forest Environment through the Pursuit of Adventure and Educational Activities while Simultaneously Encouraging its Protection and Preservation through Active and Responsible Stewardship.*

We invite you to join one of our committees:

Activities: This committee functions to solicit and manage outings and other programs through the Club. Club-sponsored hikes and programs not only provide an enjoyable connection to the forest but also help raise the public awareness of issues which face the present-day forest.

Environmental Liaison: This committee's focus is interaction with other organizations, both public and private, which have missions similar to ours, such as various land trust organizations, local governments, and Connecticut government departments and legislative committees.

Stewardship: This committee organizes and manages work parties, sanctioned by the CT DEEP or the Connecticut Forests and Parks Association (CFPA), to restore trails damaged by misuse or overuse.

Newsletter: This committee functions to prepare the quarterly newsletter *Forest Passage* keeping members informed of upcoming hikes, other programs, and issues impacting Connecticut forests.

Membership / Publicity: The focus of this committee is to maintain membership records, to encourage membership renewals, and to solicit new members through increasing awareness of our activities in the general public.

Historian: This committee will collect materials and develop ways to display these materials to educate the public on the accomplishments of the Club.

Webmaster: Designing, maintaining, and updating of the Club website and its information is the responsibility of this committee.

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee (the Board) is comprised of the officers of the Club, the heads of the committees listed above, and two At-Large members. Meetings are held at least quarterly. All Club members are welcome to attend meetings.

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Please check any boxes as appropriate.

Full Name(s): _____ Annual membership is \$15 per person: \$ _____

Street Address: _____ Additional donation for land acquisition: \$ _____

Additional donations are tax deductible -- IRS 501(c)(3)

Town, State, ZIP: _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Telephone: _____ cell landline

E-mail Address: _____ Please send only the electronic version of the newsletter

The Club would benefit from more members who would be interested in leading hikes of any distance and difficulty.

I would be interested in learning about leading hikes with the Club.

From time to time announcements of additional Club hikes and events which are not on the quarterly schedule are sent via e-mail.

I would like to receive e-mail announcements of these so-called short-notice hikes.

The Club is maintaining a list of members who might be interested in participating in cross country ski outings when there is sufficient snow. These outings would be organized on short notice.

I would like to be contacted by e-mail when such a cross country ski outing is being organized.

Mail to:

**Meshomasic Hiking Club
PO BOX 197
COBALT CT 06414-0197**

I would like to serve with the following committee(s):

Activities Environ. Liaison Stewardship
 Newsletter Membership Historian
 Webmaster Executive (At Large)

I understand that the Meshomasic Hiking Club, its members, officers, and activity leaders assume no responsibility for persons hurt, lost, or suffering mishaps of any kind. Minors must be accompanied by a responsible adult or have the permission of the leader. Leaders have the right to cancel or change an event or refuse attendance to anyone for any valid and apparent reason.

Signed: _____

Date: _____