



As the Friends group to the Adirondack Interpretive Center, the Adirondack Park Institute provides support for the Center's free educational and experiential programs that teach generations to care for the Adirondack Park's unique natural and cultural resources. The Adirondack Park Institute (API) is a not-for-profit organization formed in 1989 funded through annual memberships, individual donations, and grants.

The Adirondack Park Institute (API) partnered with the dedicated team at the Adirondack Interpretive Center (AIC) in Newcomb to deliver engaging summer programs for locals and visitors to the Adirondack Park. While some trails remained partially closed due to 2023 flooding, the picturesque Rich Lake Trail reopened and was enjoyed by many.



While exploring the trails and enjoying the stunning landscape, visitors had the chance to meet API-sponsored Artist-in-Residence Helena Williams, who worked her craft and shared her insights. Interpretive Naturalist Intern Jillian Scocca also contributed by leading guided walks, engaging with visitors daily, and creating videos to share her observations with a broader audience.

Inside the Center, workshops, classes, lectures, and films complemented the AIC's thoughtfully curated exhibits and historical displays, showcasing the natural and cultural heritage of the Adirondack Park. Looking ahead to 2025, the AIC plans to complete the final 3.5 miles of trail repairs by late summer, with the trails reopening for public use. The staff is eager to celebrate this milestone with special events and tours in the coming seasons.

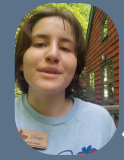
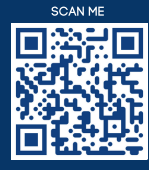


Artist in Residence Helena Williams

Helena, a wildlife illustrator and falconer from nearby North Creek, NY, shared her passion for the natural world through her artwork created while she spent the summer at the AIC. She taught visitors how to observe, record, and create, both on the trails and in structured learning sessions.

API SUPPORTED PROGRAMS

For more details and to view a calendar of our programs please visit www.adkinstitute.org



Interpretive Naturalist Intern Jillian Scocca

Jillian is an upcoming junior at SUNY ESF, who designed and led three unique Woodland Walks for visitors at the AIC, engaging with guests on a daily basis. In addition to her in-person interactions, Jillian created educational and promotional videos



Escape the Elements The Summer Movie Series

This activity helped visitors learn and appreciate the Adirondacks even when the weather wasn't cooperating! Visitors "camped" inside and were treated to select nature movies.

Huntington Lecture Series

This Thursday night lecture series highlighted ongoing research and science in the Adirondacks and other relevant areas, offering a variety of perspectives. These popular lectures cover topics ranging from ecology to history to philosophy.



Nature Journaling

A new program started this year where our Artist in Residence, Helena, guided visitors in recording their observations through a creative lens, encouraging them to create personalized artwork based on their experiences in nature.



Our Mission

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2024 Awards Gala

The annual API Awards Gala was held on September 21st at the historic Adirondack Hotel in Long Lake.

Frank & Jean Hutchins Environmental Education Leadership Award Recipient

David Gibson

David's remarkable achievements and dedication to environmental stewardship span nearly 40 years. In 1987, the board of the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks gave him the opportunity to help protect the Adirondack Park. Since then, he has exemplified collaboration, uniting people to support the region's unique resources. David has worked for the Quebec Labrador Foundation's Atlantic Center for the Environment, the NYS DEC, the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, and the Association for the Protection of the Adirondacks, where he served as executive director for 23 years. Since 2010, he has been a staff partner and later managing partner with Adirondack Wild: Friends of the Forest Preserve, an organization founded by his Adirondack mentor, Paul Schaefer, in 1945. Thank you David!



David Gibson at the Gala

Adirondack Park Institute Community Service Award

Recipient Kevin Bolan

The 2024 Community Service Award, recognizing outstanding contributions to individuals and communities in the Adirondacks, was presented to Kevin Bolan, the beloved, long-serving PA at the Newcomb Health Center. Kevin has supported the Adirondack community in numerous ways beyond his exceptional medical care. He has coached local teams, served on various boards, and dedicated countless hours to meeting his community's needs. Thank you Kevin!



Kevin Bolan at the Gala

We would like to extend a special thank you to all our Gala Hosts and guests. With your support, you not only helped us honor this year's outstanding champions of the Adirondacks but also advanced our mission to offer free educational programs that Teach Generations to Care.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Please consider a tax-deductible donation today to support our work in the Adirondacks. Payment is easy at our our website

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