

2010 AMC Fall Gathering FAQ's

Registration

Can non-AMC members register?

Yes and we encourage non-AMC members to attend so...bring a friend!

What is the non-AMC member rate?

Same as member rate. Membership information will be available throughout the weekend.

How early may I arrive?

Registration begins on Friday afternoon at 1:00 p.m.

If I procrastinate and missed the registration deadline may I still register and attend?

No. Registration closes on September 30th. Forms postmarked after September 30 will be returned. No walk-ins. Please don't procrastinate!

I will be arriving after registration closes on Friday night. What should I do when I arrive?

A white message board at the registration desk located at the dining hall will contain a phone number for an on site contact person.

If I have further questions when I arrive who would I speak with?

The happy hospitality hosts!

Will I receive a registration confirmation?

You will receive confirmation of your registration electronically unless you request otherwise.

Will I be receiving a registration packet in the mail or when I arrive?

No. To reduce waste & save trees we have included all the necessary information (schedule of activities & programs, local resource list, what to bring list, site map to be posted shortly, etc.) on the website. Please print out what you feel will be necessary and bring it with you. Information will also be posted on site.

Lodging

Can I be lodged with my friends?

To the extent possible, families, couples and groups that register together will be roomed together unless a preference for same sex room is indicated on registration form.

Are the bunk rooms heated?

Yes.

Will restrooms be available to those tenting?

One dorm room with a private bath, including a hot shower, will be set aside for those tenting.

Are linens provided?

No. **BYO** (bring your own) bedding including towel, linens, pillow, blankets, or sleeping bag.

Site

Will there be signs directing me where to go once I arrive?

Directional signs will be posted at major turns in Charlton and there will be additional directional signs on site.

Where will I park?

Only in designated areas indicated by posted signs. Do not park along the paved entrance driveway as this must be kept open for emergency vehicle access.

If a family member needs to contact me during the weekend how would they do that?

Personal cell phone or if emergency contact Prindle Pond Conference Center Director at (203) 843-2933.

What is the alcohol policy?

The responsible consumption of alcohol is permitted only for those 21 years and older. Please 'carry-in, carry-out' all containers.

What is the waterfront policy?

There are no lifeguards on duty at the waterfront. Swimming and boating is at your own risk.

Will there be cell phone reception?

Reception may be spotty (www.cellreception.com/coverage/ma/charlton/page1.html).

Will there be medical facilities on site or near-by?

Yes. There is a first aid room on site, local hospitals and 911.

What is the smoking policy?

There is absolutely no smoking in any of the buildings. Do not throw butts on ground.

Will there be on site recycling?

Food wastes will be composted but there is limited recycling so we ask that you 'carry-in, carry-out' any items (ie. glass, cardboard, paper, plastic, etc.) that you may be able to recycle at home.

Schedule

Will there be any thing happening on Friday evening?

We have a fun social evening planned with great trivia, a bon-fire and camaraderie.

Will all activities begin at the conference site or will carpooling be necessary?

Most activities will require carpooling to the starting point.

What is a Gear Swap?

(check back for description!)

Are the business/committee meetings open to all attendees?

Yes. This is a great way to learn about what the club and chapters are doing.

What is planned for entertainment on Saturday night?

Contra dance with 'Riverbend' (www.myramac.com/riverbend.htm) and Bill Fischer as the caller (www.billthedancecaller.com). So bring your dancin' shoes!

How late may I stay on Sunday?

Our contract with Prindle Pond Conference Center ends at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Activities

When do I register for activities?

General registration & activity registration opens at 1:00 p.m. on Friday.

Will activities be offered that will include all levels of difficulty?

Yes. See activity schedule for descriptions.

Do I need to bring my own equipment for the activities?

Yes. See separate 'What to Bring to AMC's 2010 Fall Gathering' list.

Will there be activities offered specifically for children?

Yes. Our family chair has a fun filled weekend of events scheduled for families.

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Most activities will require carpooling to the starting point.

Transportation/Directions

Does the cost of the weekend include transportation?

No. Transportation to and from the Gathering is the responsibility of the attendee

Are you arranging carpooling?

No.

Who do I contact for carpooling?

AMC ride share at <http://appalachia.outdoors.org/bbs/categories.cfm?catid=8>. Please review the policy listed at the ride share site.

What is the nearest airport, train station, bus terminal?

Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks, CT (www.bradleyairport.com)

Logan International Airport, Boston, MA (www.massport.com/logan)

Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, Manchester, NH (www.flymanchester.com)

Union Station, Amtrak, Worcester, MA (www.mbtta.com)

Peter Pan Bus Lines (www.perpanbus.com)

Greyhound Bus Lines (www.greyhound.com)

Once at any of the above sites a rental car would be required.

Is there public transportation available?

No.

Meals

What is the weekend menu?

Hearty breakfasts may consist of eggs, pancakes, cold/hot cereals, breads, bacon/sausage, beverages and condiments. You will choose from a variety of items to make your own trail lunch. Dinners may include pasta with sauce, salad, sliced turkey, vegetables, rolls, assorted desserts, and beverages. Vegetarian options will be available.

I have special dietary requirements?

To the extent possible special dietary requirements will be accommodated. Please contact Deb at debora_herlihy@yahoo.com to discuss your specific situation **prior** to the Gathering weekend.

Will vegetarian meal options be available?

Yes.

Other:

If I forget to bring something are there stores close by?

Yes. Convenience stores as well as a shopping center are within a short driving distance. See the list of 'Charlton Area Resources'.

Will photographs be taken throughout the weekend?

Yes. Please be advised that photos taken may be used on Worcester Chapter's website or in Worcester Chapter's newsletter.

Will there be time to share photographs?

Yes. You can bring your photos, along with your interface cable or card reader, to the hospitality table for downloading from 3:00-4:30 p.m. on Saturday. We will all sit back and enjoy the events of the weekend during Saturday's social hour and dinner.

Will religious services be offered on site?

No. Please visit www.centralmasssouthchamber.org (town information) for the listing of numerous houses of worship.

Should I bring a musical instrument?

Sure! Feel free to bring your favorite musical instrument for informal jam sessions.