

Dear Friends,

With temperatures taking a turn for chilly this week, October has made her entrance. Bright reds and golds highlight Acadia mountainsides, and flocks of Canada Geese are announcing their presence with boisterous honks as they head south. Indigenous People's Day Weekend was one of the busiest on record in the park, with so many out enjoying Acadia's trails and carriage roads. No matter where



you are, we hope you are out enjoying all of fall's splendor. Thank you for helping Friends of Acadia preserve and protect this amazing place.

Public Comment on American Aquafarms Proposal More than 50 people attended Friends

Advocacy Alert: Opportunity for

of Acadia's virtual information session on the American Aquafarms salmon farm proposal, hosted in early October by Conservation Director Stephanie Clement. The most frequently asked question at the session was: "How can



The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will host a meeting for

the public to comment on the wastewater discharge anticipated from the two 60acre salmon farms proposed by American Aquafarms in Frenchman Bay. The meeting will be held via Zoom on Thursday, October 28, 2021 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. While this meeting is not part of the regulatory review, it is an important opportunity for Friends of Acadia's members to express their concerns about the more than 4 billion gallons of wastewater flowing from the proposed salmon farms each day.

the public meeting notice containing the Zoom link for the October 28 meeting, click here. If you are unable to attend the public meeting, written comments and questions

To view the waste discharge applications from American Aquafarms and access

may be submitted to the DEP through cindy.l.dionne@maine.gov. Keep an eye on the Friends of Acadia website, E-News, and social media to learn about future opportunities to get involved.

Take Pride in Acadia Day Registration Now

More Information and Zoom Link

Closed Event registration for this year's modified Take Pride in

Acadia Day is now at full capacity and registration has closed. Thanks to all of those who pre-registered for the Nov. 6 event. Like last year, this year's event has been modified to

increase safety due to the lingering pandemic. The event will run at about 50% capacity, with groups



meeting at work locations rather than park headquarters. We wish everyone could be included in our annual cleanup of the carriage roads, and we hope to resume the event at full capacity next year.

donated to the Fall E-Challenge campaign held earlier this month. In

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Record!

Website!

don't think we've ever met a challenge campaign goal so quickly! In less than 12 hours, more than 90 generous donors helped us reach our \$20,000 goal. Thanks to your wonderful special place. We are truly overwhelmed with gratitude because of your enthusiastic support—thank you!



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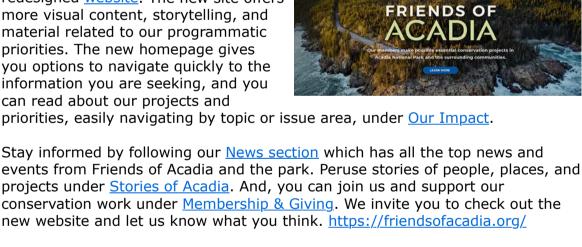
information you are seeking, and you can read about our projects and priorities, easily navigating by topic or issue area, under Our Impact. Stay informed by following our News section which has all the top news and projects under Stories of Acadia. And, you can join us and support our new website and let us know what you think. https://friendsofacadia.org/

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This past week, we launched our newly redesigned <u>website</u>. The new site offers

more visual content, storytelling, and

you options to navigate quickly to the

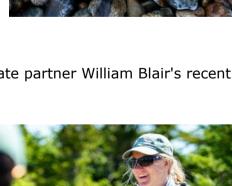


Strategic Charitable Giving at Year-End

to learn how to make a strategic year-end gift using appreciated stock, a qualified distribution from your retirement fund, a donor advised fund, or a cash gift. For a deeper dive into the topic, visit our corporate partner William Blair's recent **Summit Steward End-of-Season**

More than 38% of charitable gifts are given in the fourth quarter of the calendar year and sometimes it is hard to decide when and how to

<u>www.friendsofacadia.org/membership-giving/</u>



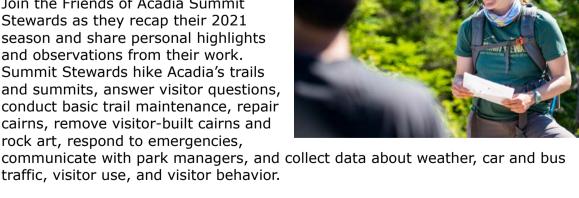
and observations from their work.

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traffic, visitor use, and visitor behavior.

Presentation Join the Friends of Acadia Summit Stewards as they recap their 2021 season and share personal highlights Summit Stewards hike Acadia's trails and summits, answer visitor questions, conduct basic trail maintenance, repair cairns, remove visitor-built cairns and



Save this link to participate in the Summit Stewards' final presentation Wednesday, October 27 at 12 pm: https://friendsofacadia.zoom.us/j/81262857320

The 2021 Acadia Digital Media Team hosted their final presentaion in August. To watch a recording, click here.

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