



ECOS NEWS

The Environmental Clearinghouse of New York

Celebrating our 45th Year of Environmental Education

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*Wishing you a new year
full of peace and joy!*

*Enjoy these pictures from our
'ECOS Kids Go Green' programs
held this Fall at: Schenectady His-
torical Society's Festival of Trees,
Vale Urban Farm, and the
Lishakill Preserve. ECOS
continues to get kids outside one
muddy finger at a time!*





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ECOS ONLINE

ECOS NEWS is going green! Our print newsletter has been a significant way ECOS has achieved its mission over the past 45 years. Today, ECOS is sharing environmental information and news online via our website, blog, Facebook page, and our new email newsletter. We looked into the environmental impacts of our volume of printing,* and realized that it is time to reduce, reuse, and recycle at ECOS. Please subscribe to ECOS E-NEWS on our [website](#) at the bottom of the home page. If you are an ECOS member who would like to continue receiving a print newsletter, I am happy to mail you a print version; just give me a call or send a note! We are striving to reduce our volume of printing and its environmental impacts, while ensuring our dedicated members continue to receive timely environmental information and ECOS news.

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Wishing you a very Happy New Year from the top of Mount Marcy to the valleys of the mighty Mohawk and Hudson Rivers! --[The ECOS Board](#)

Get Out in the Snow With ECOS!

JANUARY OUTINGS

We are organizing regular outdoor adventures led by ECOS volunteers as part of our "Get Outside with ECOS" initiative. These trips will be led by the many talented naturalists and outdoor educators among our membership, who are passionate about sharing their knowledge of our region's natural areas with the larger community. We currently have trips scheduled for:

- Saturdays: January 13 and 27; Coordinator- Leah Akins, leah@ecosny.org
- Tuesdays: January 9, 16, 23, and 30; Coordinators- Roy and Sue Keats, roysueski@yahoo.com



Please subscribe to the ECOS E-NEWS "Beavers" or "Hawks" email group at www.ecosny.org for updates on our outdoor programs. We will also post updates in our [online calendar](#). For winter outings, please call the ECOS office at 518.370.4125 after 3 p.m. the day before the trip to hear a voice message with any last-minute changes due to weather and trail conditions. If you would like to lead a trip or series of outdoor programs, please email me at leah@ecosny.org two weeks before the start of each month to have your programs posted in our ECOS E-NEWS newsletter.

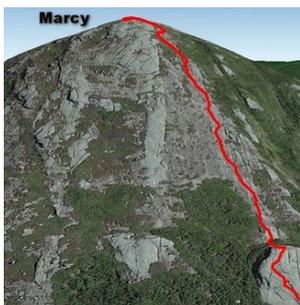
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JANUARY PROGRAMS

Join our tour of Union College's [Kelly Adirondack Center and Research Institute](#), 897 St. David's Lane, Niskayuna, on Wednesday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m.



Margie Amodeo, the center's coordinator, will provide us with a special tour of the facility, which is located in the former home of legendary environmentalist Paul Schaefer, pictured above. The tour will include the library, the great room with Schaefer's stone fireplace and huge relief map of the Adirondacks, and a new exhibit due to open in mid-January. We will also learn about a \$250,000 grant the center has just received from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Most of the grant will go to developing a new mini-course for students that will combine classroom work with experiential learning through guided trips to local communities, historic sites and places in the Adirondacks. The grant will also be used for faculty development aimed at inspiring discussion, intellectual exploration and research about the Adirondack Park.



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**Musings about Mount Marcy-* Since its first printing in 1972, ECOS NEWS has used enough paper to line the trail up to the top of Mt. Marcy and back-- with the manufacturing of that paper using enough water for 27,000 hikers to have one gallon each for the trip, and producing enough air pollution for 7 hikers to fill their packs with 30 pounds of pollutants each. Don't forget to sign up for ECOS E-NEWS at www.ecosny.org



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