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# TRAIL MIX

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Morsels from the Ice Age Trail

Winter 2008

## South Central Regional Workday – Success!

We hosted the first South Central Regional Workday Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. The weather cooperated and it was a beautiful day; that was a good start. Workers started arriving already Friday night, and we had twenty-nine volunteers, from south central Wisconsin and beyond, gather to help rehabilitate a section of the ice age trail. It was a great turnout and we were very happy to have all of this help; things were looking good. We split up the volunteers into three groups. Then tools, from the Lodi Valley tool trailer, were handed out to the workers and we set to work.

One group installed four signposts and a bench that Gary Klatt (Walworth/Jefferson Chapter) built and the volunteers signed. Gary said “building a Leopold bench is very easy for anyone with a circular saw and courage. Plans are available at <http://www.epa.gov/glnpo/greenacres/wildones/handbk/wo27bench.html>.”

It was installed at a high point on the trail with a beautiful view.

Another group cleared a field of sumac and brush that was encroaching on the trailhead at Solum Lane. It is amazing the difference this made. The third group rocked! Large stones were moved to create a beautiful water crossing; no more wet boots. Ankle twisting rocks were removed from a steep portion of trail and some others were strategically placed to create steps. All of this was done to create a more sustainable and safer trail for hikers.

Through the support of Salacker’s Baker’s Dozen Bakery and Baraboo Wal-Mart, our chapter was able to provide a filling lunch and snacks for the workers. Well-fed workers are happy workers. And Devil’s Lake State Park provided camping for those who chose to stay overnight after the day’s toils.

The Baraboo Hills Chapter is very grateful for the help we received. We saw a lot of smiles and the trail looks so much better. It is amazing what can get done when regional members pool their brain and ‘muscle power’. Thank you!



Gary Klatt, Whitewater, Pat Theis, Sauk City and Patti Herman, Lodi, installed the bench.

## Annual Meeting – February 2

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Join us at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, February 2, 2008, at the UW-Baraboo/Sauk County Library for our Annual Membership Meeting. This is an opportunity to learn about the many ways to get involved with the Baraboo Hills Chapter. There will be elections for officers, a progress report on the chapter’s past events, information on the Adopt-a-Trail program and the upcoming Mobile Skills Crew event. Refreshments will be provided.

Contact: Lorraine Lange at 608-356-2427 or [lorraine2427@charter.net](mailto:lorraine2427@charter.net) for more information.

## Help Wanted

Have you thought about becoming more involved with the Baraboo Hills Chapter of the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation, but never got around to it? 2008 is the year to start. We have a few big projects in the works that will need the help of many dedicated volunteers.

Do you like to hike the trail, but would like to give a little bit back as you go? Then adopting a trail segment is the project for you. The Ice Age Trail located in the Baraboo Hills Chapter will be divided up into 1-mile sections. You will volunteer to adopt a section, which will entail hiking it once or twice a month, lopping brambles and picking up trash; nothing major. For more information come to the annual meeting in February, or contact Jo Wenzler at (608) 553-0200 [jowenzler@hotmail.com](mailto:jowenzler@hotmail.com)

Perhaps you want to do some heavy lifting. Then the Mobile Skills Crew Event, October 16-19th is for you. A long weekend, of creating trail through the UW-Baraboo/Sauk County Campus, sounds just like what the doctor ordered. The event has opportunities for some not so heavy lifting as well. We'll need volunteers to greet new arrivals and the most important task of feeding the masses. There is something for everyone during this project.

Do you like to hike? Well that's a silly question of course you do. Check the attached calendar for the days to just get out with others to enjoy the trail.

Join us Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> for our Annual Meeting to find out more about these opportunities. Details are page 1.

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## Hike 50 miles for the Ice Age Trail's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

2008 is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ice Age Trail. We have the perfect way for you to celebrate; become a **Glacial Drifter**. The Baraboo Hills and Lodi Valley chapters of the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation have partnered to create the Glacial Drifters Hiking Award program. Participants in the program will earn an award for hiking all of the approximately **50 miles** of the Ice Age Trail within these two chapters' areas, with the hiking to be done on each individual's own timetable. Registered participants will be sent maps and information about each of the various segments along with a hiking log for tracking progress.

Enclosed is a brochure with the pertinent information. To receive more information about the Glacial Drifters Hiking Award program contact Bob Lange at 608-355-0279. You can also download the hiking award program brochure, including the registration form, at [www.Madison.com/communities/iceagelodi](http://www.Madison.com/communities/iceagelodi). Happy hiking!