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Downeast Lakes LAND TRUST

March 15, 2016

Downeast Lakes Landings

Last Call For DLLT Photo Contest!

The Downeast Lakes Land Trust is still accepting submissions for the **DLLT Photo Contest**. With one month remaining, there is still plenty of time to submit your best photos from the Downeast Lakes region. Enter two photographs per category: Community, Forests, Sunrise/Sunset, Traditions, Waterways, and Wildlife. Other contest rules are as follows:

~All photos submitted must be shot in the Downeast Lakes region.
~All photo submissions must be completed electronically and in the digital format of JPEG, JPG, or GIF. All photos must also have a minimum resolution of 5 megapixels.
~By submitting photos, participants agree that DLLT shall have the unlimited right to reproduce submissions in any electronic and print media that it may produce in the future.

~Each submission must have an accompanying Name, Address, Phone Number, and Email Address.

Winners will be featured in our biannual newsletter, "Downeast Lakes Traditions," and presented at a DLLT Photography Show this summer. Send all DLLT Photo Contest submissions to: **photo@downeastlakes.org.**

Support DLLT On AmazonSmile

As technology continues to connect individuals and organizations from all over the globe, there are more ways than ever before to support your favorite non-profit organization. Meet **AmazonSmile…**

Amazon has introduced a new form of charitable giving that allows customers to choose which group they want to support. All you have to do is shop at smile.amazon.com and choose your favorite charitable organization. For every dollar that you spend on selected purchases, AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% to that qualifying organization at no cost to the consumer. Downeast Lakes Land Trust is thrilled to be taking part in this exciting new form of fundraising and encourages everyone to log in at AmazonSmile, which will directly support DLLT when you shop online at smile.amazon.com. Please remember Downeast Lakes Land Trust the next time you are shopping online, and take advantage of this great opportunity to support community-led conservation in the Downeast Lakes region.

For more information on how to further support Downeast Lakes Land Trust, please call (207) 796 – 2100 or email**info@downeastlakes.org.**

We're Hiring! DLLT Summer Internships

Downeast Lakes Land Trust Internships (2 positions) - 2016

Community Forest Conservation: Habitat, Recreation, & Education

Downeast Lakes Land Trust is based in Grand Lake Stream, Maine. We protect lakeshores, improve fish and wildlife habitats, provide public recreation opportunities, offer educational programs, and support jobs in the forest and on the water. We are dedicated to the Downeast economy and environment.

This internship will provide broad exposure and experience assisting the work of a community-based conservation group engaged in landscape-scale forest conservation and management. The intern will assist with planning and implementing habitat restoration projects, conducting wildlife and habitat monitoring, coordinating citizen science data gathering, and performing routine maintenance of hiking trails and campsites on the Farm Cove Community Forest. The intern will also assist with DLLT events and ongoing education programs.

Qualifications: Undergraduate or graduate student in a natural resources related field, with ability to work independently, excellent communication and computer skills, and experience working outdoors. Experience with GPS/map and compass, trail camera operation, data management, trail maintenance, and wilderness medical training desirable. Personal 4-wheel drive vehicle is preferred.

Details: DLLT is seeking 2 interns for eight weeks in the summer of 2016. Start and end dates are negotiable depending on the successful candidate's academic schedule. The intern will receive a weekly stipend of $300. Lodging is not provided, but we can assist the intern with arranging local accommodations if needed.

To Apply: Please submit a resume, cover letter, and contact information for three references, preferably in a single .pdf document, to **internsearch2016@downeastlakes.org.** Please write "Internship Application" in the subject of your email. Include in your cover letter an explanation of how the internship relates to your academic and career goals.

Deadline: April 3, 2016.

Upcoming DLLT Education Programs

Join DLLT for a fantastic line-up of education programs this spring. All events are free and will be held at the Grand Lake Stream School Building.

"Backyard Boildown" and Pancake Brunch

On Sunday, March 20th at 12 pm, join the Downeast Lakes Land Trust as we celebrate Sugar Maples with a traditional "backyard boildown," in Grand Lake Stream. Learn all about the transformation

from sap to syrup and the cultural significance of this local pastime. As the syrup finishes off outside, we will head inside the Grand Lake Stream School Building for a Pancake Brunch, putting our finished product to good use! For more information, contact the Downeast Lakes Land Trust at (207) 796 – 2100 or email **cbrown@downeastlakes.org**.

"Big Night" Amphibian Walk

Every year in April, countless species of amphibians welcome the arrival of spring with what's known in naturalist circles as the "big night." On the first warm, rainy night of spring, when temperatures hover well above the 40-degree mark, amphibians emerge from their winter hideouts in huge numbers. A mass exodus of frogs, toads, and salamanders makes the forest floor come alive, as these moisture-loving critters make their way to vernal pools to mate and lay eggs. If you have never experienced a "big night," you are missing out on one of nature's most unique events!

Downeast Lakes Land Trust's Education and Outreach Manager, Colin Brown, will be leading a "Big Night Amphibian Walk" to celebrate this annual migration. Due to the unpredictable timing of this natural phenomena, interested participants must pre-register for the program by contacting Colin at (207) 796 – 2100 or email**cbrown@downeastlakes.org**. We will be watching the forecast closely and Colin will contact participants when the right weather conditions occur.

Furbearers of Maine

On April 21st, the Downeast Lakes Land Trust is pleased to welcome Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W) State furbearer biologist Cory Mosby for an in-depth presentation about the numerous furbearer species of Maine. Mosby will be joined by regional wildlife biologists Sarah Spencer and Tom Schaeffer to discuss the overall health of various populations, different management strategies, and current research being conducted. The presentation will be held at the Grand Lake Stream School Building at 6 pm. For more information, please contact Downeast Lakes Land Trust at (207) 796 – 2100 or email**cbrown@downeastlakes.org.**

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