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Victory!

About three years ago; Asian Outdoors made a \$ 250.00 donation to Save The Ridge dotcom. Our donation was made to support the environmental groups battling against a landowner and a developer intent on building a gated community on the slopes under Minnewaska State Park Preserve. The tract of land known as the Awosting Preserve has 2,660 acres with eight waterfalls, one lake, ten mountain streams, twenty miles of trails and ten miles of carriage roads. The Nature Conservancy thinks so much of the ridge and its rare species that it dubbed it one of the planet's "last great places". The battle is over, we have won! The Trust for Public Land and the Open Space Institute purchased the tract for seventeen million dollars and has in turn sold it to the state of New York to be added to Minnewaska State Park. Asian Outdoors is considering running some hikes in this newly acquired area.

Thank you for helping out

AO wishes to thank the following volunteers who staffed our booth at the Asian Heritage Festival. In as much as members bring friends into the club; the Festival is used for recruitment purposes to bring new blood into AO. Thank you to: Angie Chung, Diane Chiang, Debbie Leong, Helen Li, Janet Leung, Jean Lee, Lisa Moy, Sunhae Yae and Wah Leung.

Need more help!

CINCIP is coming up and we need your help. AO has had the reputation of running the best Asian picnic in the NY Metropolitan area for many years and we like to stay on top. But to do so; we need your help; specifically we need people who can flip burgers and dogs on the grill for an hour. No discount is offered however as those of us who are organizing this event are paying the \$13 as well. True to form; everyone pays their own way. We are also seeking a member who's a NJ resident that can purchase food for us and bring it to Duke Island Park early enough to be cooked. If you can help out please advise when you RSVP for CINCIP.

Up and Coming Events

Sat – May 20th – Biking [North Country Trailway]
Sat – May 27th – Canoeing 101
Sat – June 3rd – Beach Volleyball [Jacob Riis Park]
Sat – June 3rd – Hike [SI Greenbelt]
Sat – June 10th – CINCIP 2006
Sat – June 17th – Hike [Mount Taurus]
Sat – June 24th – WW Rafting
Sun – June 25th – Sailing [Greenwood Lake]
Sat – July 1st – Canoeing [Peconic River]
Sat/Tue – July 1st-4th – Camping Weekend @ Hecksher SP
Fri/Mon – July 7th-10th – Camping Weekend @ Finger Lakes
Sat – July 15th – Kayaking [tentative]
Fri/Sun – July 21st/23rd – Block Party Weekend
Sat – Aug 5th – Canoeing [Millstone River] [tentative]
Fri/Sun – Aug 11th/13th – Camping Weekend @ Taconic SP