A Word from Our Chapter Chair

The outdoors is so beautiful right now. Fall can be enjoyed in solitude, marveling at the multi-colored trees and the profusion of wildflowers transitioning fields from summer into the new season. Fall can also be explored more actively by hiking in the company of your fellow chapter members. Check out the outings in this issue for hikes at all levels of abilities and inclinations.

Previously, I reported on our need for volunteers to work with the board and on the plans for volunteer outdoor leadership training. The latter plans have now been formalized. To summarize, there’s a weekend of basic training (offered twice yearly by our sister Worcester and Berkshire chapters), followed by a couple of outings supervised by a certified leader. The details are in this issue (last page) and on our website. One element is missing – You. If it is too late to change your plans for the October basic training, then please decide to come to the spring session. Also, several executive board committees need expansion and/or a new chair. Let us hear from you so we can move the Chapter forward.

Additionally, there are special events such as the Family Fun Day of Hollow-een and the Annual chapter dinner. This year’s featured guest speaker will be Robert Titus on “A Geologist on the Hudson River Art Trail.”

We’ll end the season with our annual New Year’s snowshoe and potluck on January 1.

My best wishes to all of you for a safe and pleasant Fall,

— Arthur Fontijn

Nov 13: Annual Chapter Dinner & Election

Join us at Moscatiello’s for dinner, a brief meeting, election of chapter officers for 2014, and guest speaker, Robert Titus. An invitation with full details appears on page 5.

The slate of officers presented for 2014 is Arthur Fontijn for Chairperson; Mary Folsom for Vice-chair; Sharon Bonk for Treasurer; and Dave Esmond for Secretary. Note that Article VI Section 5 of our bylaws states that: “Any five Chapter members desiring to place an additional candidate in nomination may do so by sending to the Chapter Secretary, in writing or by email, a notice stating the office to be filled, the proposed candidate, as well as verification of consent from the nominee to serve if elected. This must take place no later than 10 days prior to the Annual Meeting.”

Our speaker, Robert Titus, teaches at the Geology Department at Hartwick College. He and his wife, Johanna, both popular science writers, write about the geology of the Catskills and Hudson Valley for Kaatskill Life magazine, The Woodstock Times and the Register Star newspaper chain. They recently published a book entitled “The Hudson Valley in the Ice Age.”

Hollyhock Hollow-een

The second annual “Hollow-een” celebration at Hollyhock Hollow will be held on Saturday, October 26 from 1 to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Sponsored by Hollyhock Hollow and AMC Mohawk Hudson Chapter, the event will feature hiking, geocaching, live wild bird interaction, and family-friendly face painting, haunted house, costume contest, and live music provided by Hillfolk, of which chapter hike leader Nancy Crowther is a member. Northeastern Cave Conservancy, Oneida-haquaw Watershed Council, and Hudson Mohawk Land Conservancy will also be on hand with information.

Volunteers are needed to help set up or clean up, staff craft, food, and other tables, direct parking, guide short walks, and help everyone have a great time. Please contact Mary Folsom 518-465-5425 mfofsom@aol.com or John Tifft 518-439-5686 j.tifft2@nycap.rr.com to join us for a full fall afternoon at this unique property.

An Appreciation of “Moment in the Sun” by Dr. Robert Rienow & Leona Train Rienow

By John Tifft

Dr. Robert Rienow and his wife, Leona Train Rienow, bought the present day Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary in 1941 and began restoring and reclaiming the farm to an “ecological showplace”. This is the second article on the Rienows; the first appeared in the Spring 2012 chapter newsletter.

Over a period of four years, the Rienows compiled thirty feet of files and traveled 25,000 miles with no personal remuneration, interviewing a wide range of people involved with the environment in some way before writing Moment in the Sun, copyright 1967. To continue, please see The Rienows on page 3.
### Dates to note:

- **Sept 26** WAMC Fund Drive
- **Sept 27-29** Chapter Fall Outing, Highland Center, Crawford Notch, N.H.
- **Sept 30**
- **Oct 5 & 6** Leadership Training Class, Charlton, MA (sponsored by AMC Worcester & Berkshire Chapters)
- **Oct 18-20** AMC Fall Gathering, Delaware Water Gap Natl Recreation Area
- **Oct 26** Hollyhock Hollow-een, SaIkirk, NY
- **Nov 13** Chapter Annual Dinner/Meeting, Moscaletio’s, Troy, N.Y.
- **Nov 18** Exec Committee Meeting, EGTL

### Save paper and ink!
- Print only the **Dates to note** and Chapter **Outings** on pages 2 and 3
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### Mohawk Hudson Chapter Outings Oct – Nov – Dec 2013

All activities require advance registration: Please contact the Leader for information about hike difficulty, meeting time and place, carpooling, and hike updates due to weather or trail conditions.

Check out our chapter web site at [www.amcmohawkhudson.org](http://www.amcmohawkhudson.org) for detailed descriptions and updates of outings. There, join our Yahoo group for e-mail updates on outings, and “like us” on Facebook.

### October 2013

**Sat 10/5 Haystack Mt AA-3-A (Hiking)** We’ll be using the trail from JBL. There should fall foliage in the lower elev. 19 Miles RT, Ascent 2790 feet. Leader: Kevin Cox 518-279-4839 (NCA 9 p.m.) mmcloug1@nycaprr.com

**Sat & Sun 10/5 & 10/6 Berkshire/Worcester Chapter Leader Training (Hiking/Instruction (Skills)/Leadership Training)** Mohawk Hudson Chapter members can train for hike leadership through participation in the Berkshire/Worcester hike leader training program. For details about the hike leader training, please see page 4.

**Sun 10/6 Hollyhock Hollow Exploration Adventure (Hiking/Family)** Spend part of a Sunday afternoon at Hollyhock Hollow, hiking this beautiful site. Learn a bit about its romantic history, unique geology, and environmental significance. Also learn why outdoors is nicer than indoors on a fall day, and wooded paths are nicer than sidewalks. This is an ideal outing for families with children, newcomers to hiking, and just about everyone else. Wear sturdy shoes and weather-related outerwear, and bring water. Heavy rain cancels. Leader: John Tifft 518-439-5686 (NCA 9 p.m.) jtfitt2@nycaprr.com Co-Leader: Mary Folsom 518-465-5425 (NCA 9 p.m.) mmfolsom@aol.com

### November 2013

**Sat 10/12 Berlin Mt. B-3-B (Hiking)** A ridgeline walk from Petersburg Pass to the highest point (2796’) along the Taconic Crest Trail. From the summit there are especially fine views of Mt Greylock to the east. Round trip ascent of 5.4 miles and 950 feet. Leader: Jean Lavender 518-593-2058 or 518-439-5686 (NCA 9 p.m.) jatz111@yahoo.com Co-Leader: John Tifft 518-439-5686 (NCA 9 p.m.) jtfitt2@nycaprr.com

**Wed 11/6 Cat and Thomas Mountains, Bolton Landing, NY B-3-B (Hiking)** New York State has acquired the Cat and Thomas Reserve but the Lake George Land Conservancy continues to manage it. There is a recently added Yellow Trail to the parking lot from the summit of Cat Mountain making it possible to do a circuit hike of Orange, Blue, and Yellow trails. Approximately 1600’ elevation gain over six miles. Leader: Sharon Bonk 518-674-0042 (NCA 9 p.m.) sbogq@ mindspring.com

**Wed 11/13 Annual Chapter Dinner and Meeting.** Join us for social hour starting at 5:30 p.m. at Moscaletio’s, 99 North Greenbush Rd, Troy, N.Y. Dinner followed by guest speaker, Robert Titus, on “A Geologist on the Hudson River Art Trail”. Brief meeting and election of officers thereafter. $32.00 per person. Details on page 5.

**Sat 11/16 Pine Cobble & East Mtn B-3-B (Hiking)** An out-and-back hike up sunny slopes to some of the region’s more stunning views. A round trip ascent of 5 miles and 1400 feet to the Appalachian Trail in Williams town, MA. Pine Cobble offers opportunities to vary, extend or shorten trip depending on group consensus. Leader: John Tifft 518-439-5686 (NCA 9 p.m.), 518-593-2058 jtfitt2@nycaprr.com
December 2013

Wed 12/4 Schoharie Crossing/Yankee Lock C-3-C (Hiking) We will walk on the historically interesting tow path which follows the remains of the old Erie Canal and passes by several old locks. We will see the Barge Canal (the Mohawk River), the original Erie Canal, the Enlarged Erie Canal, remains of the Schoharie Aqueduct, and we will visit the Visitor’s Center. Round trip is 4 or 5 miles, all flat. Leader: Nancy Crawford 518-698-0531, 518-698-0531 nancy@crowther.org

Sat 12/7 Tower Mountain B-3-3 (Hiking) A loop hike in Pittsfield State Forest to the Taconic Crest Trail to lovely cascades and two of the state’s highest natural water bodies: scenic Berry Pond and Tilden Swamp, a former bog turned beaver pond. A walk of 5+ miles with elevation gain of 1000 feet. Leader: John Tift 518-435-5686 (NCA 9 p.m.), 518-593-2058 jtift2@nycap.rr.com

Sat 12/14 Harvey Mountain, Austerlitz C-3-C View the Taconic plateau from the high point of Columbia County, 2065’. Moderate climb to the summit at Mass/NY border. Eight hundred foot elevation gain with a couple of steep spots. RT: 3.5 miles. Additional mile possible on flat trail to grave of Edna St. Vincent Millay which is just down the road from the trailhead. Wear blaze orange as it is hunting season. Leader: Sharon Bonk, sbob@mindspring.com, 518-674-0042.

Sat 12/21 Black Mountain Loop B-3-B (Snowshoeing) The hike will start from Pike Brook Rd and follow the red marked trail. Round trip is 7 miles and ascent is 1046 feet. Leader: Kevin Cox 518-279-4839 (NCA 9 p.m.) mmcloug1@nycap.rr.com

January 2014

Sun 1/1 Save the Date: Schoodack Island State Park C-3-C (Hike, Snowshoe or Ski) Followed by Potluck luncheon and chapter quarterly meeting.

Fri-Mon 1/17 through 1/20 Come to Vermont for a three-night winter weekend of X-country skiing and snowshoeing. We will be staying at the Colonial House Inn and Motel. Lodging and 9 meals are $265. to $319 per person. Contact Randy MacDonald at randy04415@yahoo.com or call 518-766-7675 (NCA 9 p.m.)

September 2014

Tues-Sun 9/2 through 9/7 Join us at Attean Lake Lodge for a 5 night/6 day hike, paddle, and relaxation on this beautiful island in Maine. Price is $120.00 per person per day and includes all meals, taxes and gratuities. Contact Randy MacDonald at randy04415@yahoo.com or call 518-766-7675 (NCA 9 p.m.)

Meetup with MH AMC

As part of our plan to attract younger members, the Mohawk Hudson Chapter is increasing its presence in Social Media by setting up a group in Meetup.com. Meetup is a web site that helps people find others who share their interest via local groups that regularly meet face-to-face. Meetup is the world’s largest network of local groups.

Five other AMC Chapters already have Meetup groups. Other outdoors-oriented local organizations, such as Rensselaer Land Trust and Friends of Grafton Lakes State Park, also have them. The AMC Chapters and local organizations have both reported increased attendance at their outings because of Meetup. Look for our group site in early to mid-October on Meetup.com.

Autumn is Hunting Season

Hikers should be aware of the hunting regulations in the areas they are visiting during the autumn to early winter season. We are lucky to be in a region that has great hiking trails in three states. However, each of these states has slightly different calendars for their seasons. New York, of course, is most complex as we live near the dividing line of DEC’s designated Northern and Southern regions where hunting schedules differ. Check the chapter web site for links to New York, Vermont, and Massachusetts regulations and dates before venturing out.

Wear blaze orange in the woods during the fall. Blaze orange clothing should visible from both front and back. Avoid wearing brown or white. Dogs should also have blaze colors. Make your presence known to hunters. Be particularly careful in valleys.

NYS Pocket Summary 2013-14 Hunting Seasons:

VT Dept of Fish and Wildlife 2013-14 Calendar:
http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/Calendar_of_events.cfm?eventcat=hunt&daterange=future

MA White-tailed Deer 2013 Hunting Season:

Family Life Membership Awarded

Chapter member Ray Henrikson has recently been awarded Family Life Membership in the AMC for his many years of dedication and membership.

Ray joined AMC 40 years ago when living in the NYC area.

Hike Leader Profile:

Randy MacDonald

I’ve been an AMC hike leader for 6 years. I lead hikes because I enjoy finding my favorite places and sharing them with others.

My advice for potential leaders: Take the leader training and lead the kind of hikes you like to do. You will meet a lot of people that like the same things as you do.

The chapter also offers weekend outings that do not appear in the schedule above.

- The Midweek Hikers invite you to hike with them on Wednesdays. For more information about this group and/or to join our e-mail list, contact Gerry Weber at 518-759-7189 or gaw@fairpoint.net
- The Hiking at a Relaxed Pace (HARP) group hikes on Thursdays or Fridays. For more information and/or to join our e-mail list, please contact Frank or Dee Wind at 518-456-1781 or we_tell@verizon.net

Leaders may post e-mail updates for any of their trips (published or not) via the chapter’s Yahoo group (it’s free!) to receive the updates and connect to others.

Hike Ratings

Distance
AA = paper = 13 miles
A = 9 to 13 miles
B = 5 to 8 miles
C = under 5 miles

Leader’s Pace
1 = very fast pace, 2.5 mph or faster
2 = fast pace, 2 to 2.5 mph
3 = moderate pace, 1.5 to 2 mph

Terrain
A = very strenuous
B = strenuous
C = average
Welcome New Members

Heather Altman  Robert Bertin  Ezekiel Barnett
Peter Barnett  Maureen Barkus  Steve Cornell
Marcello Del Puerto  James Donnelly  David Esmond
Ms. Haack  Ellen Kozlowski  Ms. Jackson
Walter Jacobsen  Ryan Mazierski  Shawn Neese
Linda Layer  Ms. Haack  Michael Tamul
Mr. & Mrs. O’Brien  Lee Stetzer  Jon Zeh
Justin Thalheimer  Joseph Walz III

Leadership Training

Mohawk Hudson Chapter members can train for hike leadership by participating in the Berkshire/Worcester hike leader training program. The training emphasizes group dynamics, leader’s responsibilities, trip planning and management, weather emergencies, incident/accident scene management, leader awareness, and decision-making.

MH Chapter members who wish to become trip leaders should contact the Chapter Outings Chair, Kevin Cox, or Chapter Chair, or Vice Chair to make their interest known. After discussing the Chapter guidelines (see page 7), it may be appropriate to register for the upcoming Berkshire/Worcester training session, scheduled for October 5 and 6 at Prindle Pond Conference Center in Charlton, Massachusetts.

For more information on the October training, please see: http://amcberkshire.org/node/151

Our Newest Trip Leader: Jean Laverdure

My hiking days began in the Granite State’s Waterville Valley in June 1990, followed on by Mt. Washington in July of the same year. Welch and Dickey mountains were a great introductory loop hike while “Agiochook”, first climbed by Darby Field in October 1642, was a serious test of desire, reformation, and stamina to being up “Among the Clouds.”

That summer led to many years of tramping the Northeast. In May 2007, my adventures included meeting moose nose-to-nose in spring snow below Worth Mountain, up along the Long Trail. Since October 2009, byways to GPS navigation and Geocaching (a modern internet-driven treasure hunt) have added to my route finding skills, plus:

- Sept 1997 – White Mountains 4000 Footer Club
- Dec 1999 – New England 4000 Footer Club
- June 2000 – Catskill 3500’ Club #1299 (hike leader 2000-2001)
- July 2005 – Adirondack Forty-Sixer #5588 (ADK Algonquin Chapter hike leader 2001)
- July 2005 – The 111ers of Northeastern USA #498
- April 2010 – Winter Catskill 3500 Club #732
- Nov 2012 – Vermont 3500’ Peaks

Plaisir de Piste! (Happy Trails!)
The Rienows started the work as “an analytical, dispassionate study of what is happening in America today.”1 Affected by their research and those they interviewed, they “surrendered the impossible job of impersonal analysis of a deeply personal matter.”2 “We gave up computer thinking on a subject which means your future and ours, the future of the land, and the whole American people. We are involved. We are biased for beauty. We are pluggers for a new, hard look at our misdeeds, for painful self-sacrifice, if need be, to “hold this land” and what is still on it.”3

The Rienows wrote many books together and separately. I chose to read Moment in the Sun because it was a synthesis of the main components of their environmental concerns. Now 46 years old, the book conveys a strong sense of urgency about the issues and presents incredible amount of facts and figures to reinforce their points. They also wrote passionately of their concern for the individual’s “soul” and how it may be negatively affected by the neglect of the environment, which they persuasively presented as occurring at an alarming rate.

The book is divided into a number of issues: population explosion, man’s upset of nature’s ecological systems, the consequences of man’s increasing dependence on the automobile, the rationing of space within our National Parks, our contamination of water sources, our ravishing of natural wonders such as the Everglades and the Redwood Forest, the lack of concern for the impending extinction of a wide range of animal and plant species, increasing air pollution, and the poisons which we are utilizing to increase food production.

For this writer, the issues still call for the use of the present and not the past tense. Certainly, some of these issues and many others have been addressed. For example, the Everglades and the Redwood Forest have been rehabilitated, and many species once thought to have been endangered such as the Condor and Whooping Crane have been brought back. These efforts and many more owe a measure of debt to the early voices calling for conservation of our earth, including the Rienows’.

The Rienows were ahead of their time concerning many environmental issues. For example, climate change that is now a scientific fact, came about in large part through what the Rienows described as the “the blind eye” of the public to the consequences of air pollution.

Today the Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary is overseen by Audubon International. Our club has been afforded an opportunity to honor the memory of these pioneers of conservation by working with Audubon International to achieve “an ecological showplace” right in our own area.

More detailed biographies of the Rienows may be found on our web site at http://amcmohawkhudson.org/rienow/.

1 Robert Rienow and Leona Train Rienow “Moment In the Sun” (New York: Ballantine Books, 1970), vi
2 Robert Rienow and Leona Train Rienow “Moment In the Sun” (New York: Ballantine Books, 1970), vii

My First Time at August Camp

By Myra Fedyniak

When I arrived at this year’s August Camp in the North Cascades of Washington State I was surprised to find an entire camp set up and ready to go for us – large sleeping tents with cots, porta-lats, hand washing stations, sun shower stalls (oh the luxury!), a kitchen and dining tent, and a fire pit. It certainly was not as rustic as I had imagined. Excellent breakfast and dinners were prepared each day by the awesome kitchen crew, who were no strangers to my dietary restrictions.

Hikes of varying ability levels were offered each day to several locations within the National Park and Forests in the area. Popular hikes were scheduled several times throughout the week. Several alternative treks were also planned, such as kayaking in Puget Sound, biking on the San Juan Islands, and canoeing and camping on Ross Lake.

A typical day started with traversing steep mountain cliffs with narrow switchbacks adjacent to sheer drops and beautiful views. Then you would get out of the car and start hiking! That’s when the real adventure began, leading to crystal clear lakes adjacent to snow capped mountains, jaw-dropping views around every turn, the challenge of crossing snowfields on hillsides, some swatting of flies and mosquitoes, and the abundance of gorgeous wildflowers everywhere you looked. The snow capped mountains looked like you could reach out and touch them!


Stories of the day’s adventures were shared around the evening campfire and plans for the next day’s adventures were made before a few hours of socializing put everyone to bed. I did not know what to expect at my first August Camp, but what I found was a truly wonderful experience. Everyone is friendly and helps each other out. The leaders are experienced and seasoned and will pull you off the mountain if a thunderstorm approaches (yes, that happened). I had a great time at August Camp and did not want to leave. One week is not enough time to enjoy the great outdoors of the Northwest, and I may just have to go back next summer when August Camp 2014 moves south to Mount Rainier.

2013 AMC Photo Contest – Deadline is 9/30!

AMC’s 19th annual photo contest began on August 1. This year’s Grand Prize winner will receive a spot in an upcoming photography workshop and an accompanying stay at an AMC destination. Winners of the “Kids, Families, and Adults Outdoors,” “Scenics and Nature,” “AMC in Action,” and “People’s Choice” categories will receive great outdoor gear prizes. For complete rules and entry instructions, visit www.outdoors.org/photocombat. Entries will be accepted until September 30, with the winners appearing in a 2014 issue of AMC Outdoors.

MH AMC at WAMC

Mohawk Hudson AMC is again scheduled to volunteer at the WAMC radio station’s fund drive on September 26. It’s quick paced, and a fun time for a good cause. Contact Mary Folsom at 518-465-5425 mfolsom@aol.com if you can lend a hand.

July 2013 – Amsterdam to Auriesville Cycle along Erie Canal Path

July 2013 – Long Path in Thacher Park

July 2013 – Quaboag River Paddle, W. Brookfield, Massachusetts

August 2013 – Peebles Island Paddle

August 2013 – Blue Mountain Lake

September 2013 – Feeder Canal Park Heritage, Glens Falls, NY
Chapter Formalizes Trip Leadership Guidelines & Procedures

At its September 9 meeting, the chapter Executive Committee accepted Trip Leader Qualifications Guidelines prepared by an ad hoc committee of current leaders: Kevin Cox, John Tifft, and Sharon Bonk. The guidelines apply to outdoor activities sponsored by the chapter with the exception of those that are strictly social. Prospective chapter trip leaders must satisfy the requirements. People who wish to become trip leaders should consult the guidelines and contact the chapter Outings Chair, Chapter Chair, or Chapter Vice-Chair to make their interest known. Check the chapter website for additional details on the Process: http://www.amcmohawkhudson.org/leader/index.asp.

AMC MOHAWK HUDSON CHAPTER

TRIP LEADER QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES (approved 9/9/13)

These guidelines apply to outdoor activities sponsored by the chapter. A qualified trip leader is required on all activities, outings or events sponsored by the chapter with the exception of those activities which are strictly social in nature.

New Mohawk Hudson Chapter trip leaders must satisfy the following requirements. Current trip leaders are encouraged to meet these guidelines.

1. All trip leaders must be current members of the AMC.
2. All trip leaders must be at least 18 years of age.
3. Trip leader candidates must have demonstrated experience and skill in the activity they would like to lead.
4. Trip leader candidates must participate as a member in at least three chapter outdoor activities before embarking on the leadership candidacy.
5. Trip leader candidates must complete the AMC Berkshire/Worcester Leader Training Course, or another chapter’s leadership requirements.
6. Candidates who intend to lead four-season activities in elevations of 3000’ plus (E.g., Adirondack High Peaks, Catskills, White Mountains, Green Mountains, Maine) must complete a Wilderness First Aid Course*. All other candidates are encouraged to complete the course.
7. Candidates who intend to lead four-season activities at 3000’ plus elevation are strongly urged to participate in an AMC or Adirondack Mountain Club-sponsored winter skills class, or equivalent.
8. Trip leader candidates must successfully co-lead two scheduled chapter trips with two different leaders. The leaders and candidates must plan the activities jointly, and the leaders must certify using the Leader in Training Checklist that the candidate has met the requirements for all aspects of the activity, from pre-trip planning through post-trip reporting.
9. Trip leader candidates must complete the training and co-leading process within one year.
10. Trip leader candidates desiring to lead multiple types of activities, e.g., hiking, paddling and cycling must complete the chapter leadership training once and then, for each type of activity, successfully co-lead two scheduled chapter trips with two different leaders.
   Note: Current hiking trip leaders who wish to lead cycle and paddle outings must first formally review “AMC’s activity committees’ best practices/guidelines” with MH chapter designated leaders. After the review, their names will be given to the Outings Chair to include in the MH chapter’s certified leaders list.
11. All leaders must recertify in Wilderness First Aid* (or higher) every three years for activities that require WFA.
12. A person who has been a leader for another AMC chapter, the Adirondack Mountain Club, or a similar organization may apply to become an approved Mohawk Hudson leader by contacting the Outings Chair.

*The Mohawk Hudson Chapter will pay the registration fee for the Berkshire/Worcester leadership training. The chapter will contribute 50% of the cost of the Wilderness First Aid course for certification or recertification of trip leaders after the leader has conducted two activities that require WFA certification.

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Prospective Trip Leaders:

People who wish to become trip leaders after participating in at least three chapter-sponsored activities in that skill area should contact the chapter Outings Chair, Chapter Chair, or Chapter Vice-Chair to make their interest known. The trip leader candidate will be directed to review the Chapter guidelines, the AMC Leadership Requirements and Guidelines (link), and the Berkshire/Worcester Leader Training Course information for purposes of planning and scheduling.