

## Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

Aspiring members of the club should subscribe to *the Canister* and are welcome to join the club hikes listed therein. Selecting the method of receiving the Canister should be done when signing up, but can be changed at any time. The downloaded version will have more articles than the paper one. The default is for you to download it. It should be available on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the start of each quarter.

For membership in the club, the four winter peaks need to be climbed twice – at least once in winter – for a total of 39 peaks. For club purposes, winter is December 21<sup>st</sup> through March 21<sup>st</sup>, regardless of the solar calendar. Those four, and any other peaks climbed in winter, may be counted for the winter patch. The application fee of \$5 gets you a card, letter, and patch. If you are not a current “aspirant”, you must pay the \$10 annual dues with your application. The certificate is presented at the annual dinner (or mailed afterwards.)

There is no “Winter Only”; you can’t get a winter patch without qualifying for the regular patch. You must climb the four twice – they can both be in winter. The winter fee is also \$5 and gets you a patch, letter and certificate.

You can download a dues form and purchase additional club merchandise with your application. They are also available at the dinner without shipping. Dues and subscriptions are on a calendar year basis; renewals can be pro-rated to synchronize that.

Select how you would like your name to appear – formal or familiar – in each of the following places: card, letter, listing in Canister, certificate, and database (for mailing labels/roster.)

Legibility would be helpful. Remarks noting good or bad hiking experiences will help in personalizing the congratulatory letter, as will selection of “Favorite,” etc. Whether you hiked solo or with a specific partner, or certain groups (such as our club), is also helpful.

Tally sheets for four legged companions are accepted and, with the proper fees, a letter and certificate can be prepared. However, they are not listed in the Canister or called out at the dinner.

The dinner is a gala occasion; look for and submit the reservation form as soon as it is available. We have been reaching capacity in recent years.

The club maintains the Peekamoose and Table trails and several lean-tos, and has adopted a section of Route 214 for litter pickup. Participation in these activities is welcome and a service patch is available.

You can subscribe to our email discussion group (which is not to be used for commercial purposes): [Catskill3500Club+subscribe@groups.io](mailto:Catskill3500Club+subscribe@groups.io) . Hiking related questions and answers are welcome.