

TIN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION CENTER

ANNUAL REPORT

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Annual Report

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Tin Mountain family,

For our beloved organization and all of us involved with its wondrous workings, it has definitely been one of those character-building “jump on or get run over” years. Keeping all of the core school, camp, and community programs rolling along smoothly while embracing new educational opportunities has continued to be the first order of business. For this consistently remarkable feat, we have a talented and caring staff to thank once again. Meeting our annual budget with grants, special events, appeals, and vigilance has taken a large amount of hard work and dedication of staff and volunteers similar to other years. What has made this year’s a superlative effort is the stretching of fund-raising to unimaginable heights in the capital campaign; working out the design and permitting; and assembling teams and materials to build our new nature learning center; and securing and expanding upon the permanent protection of our Albany land. All these extraordinary tasks have alternately worn out and overjoyed us all, strengthened some cooperative bonds and strained others, but generally propelled us successfully to the threshold of Tin Mountain’s second 25 years.

As we convene this year on the flank of our namesake Tin Mountain, at our original center on the proudly cared-for lands of the Rockwell-Henry family, let us fondly remember all the staff and board people, supporters, and community members who have gotten us to this point. But we must also try to envision what the next 25 years will bring for us, for the next generations, and for this remarkable organization. Just as we descended with growth off Tin Mountain and down into the Valley, now we are maturing to a point of climbing back up, this time to Chase Hill as a more central hub for our wide-ranging array of programs. Yet getting comfortable in a new perch and waiting for sustenance to fly by is hardly an action plan we can embrace. As greater populations of inhabitants and visitors spread out into our beautiful surroundings, so do many new challenges for teaching about and appreciating nature present themselves. We need to stay proactive, creative, and sometimes even competitive in keeping our nest the place our community flocks to as their “natural connection.”

Encapsulating the satisfaction of involvement for me was a moment just last night when my grandnephew announced his hope to attend one of Tin Mountain’s Kindercamps this summer, or when I was actually able to identify from my “cove” field trips many of the fascinating spring flowers my daughter and I were admiring as I joined her last week in North Carolina on her thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail. Thank you for your support, and may you be rewarded with frequent similar satisfactions.





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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

What a year it was, and what an exciting time is in store for us this year! During the past year, Tin Mountain Conservation Center launched a capital campaign to raise funds to build a permanent home. Ten months later, we had raised \$1.5 million toward that goal. Tremendous efforts from the Capital Campaign Committee and the Board of Trustees, as well as unprecedented support from individuals, businesses, and organizations, have put the organization in a position to begin construction in late spring 2005. This support and confidence has placed great responsibility on the organization to be good fiscal stewards of what a good friend of mine refers to as “other people’s money.”

I have been asked many times, “What will be different when the nature center is in place?” The answer is everything and nothing. We plan to continue to take our programs to the communities in the greater Mt Washington Valley. We will not draw our existing programs back to the new nature center; however, we will develop many new program offerings and opportunities for the public to enjoy the center and grounds.

Although, the capital campaign and building plans have taken center stage, many other exciting advances have occurred at Tin Mountain in the past year. The preservation of the circa 1800 barn on the new site was completed, a very exciting new offering was added to our summer camp program, new school programs were developed, and our membership has grown substantially. The following summary describes some of the highlights from the last year.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Tin Mountain Conservation Center school programs are unique in their comprehensive approach to environmental education. The sustained contact local students have with Tin Mountain naturalists continues throughout their entire school careers in the greater Mt Washington Valley and emphasizes “hands-on” learning during all seasons of the year. Throughout the school year, Tin Mountain provides environmental learning programs that are tailored to the individual curricula of participating schools. Teacher/Naturalists devote classroom lessons and field trips to the many rivers, ponds, forests, mountains, and special natural areas that cover the region.

Tin Mountain school programs reach five school districts and are an integrated part of 16 schools serving over 3,000 students in the Mt Washington Valley and western Maine. The multiple classroom visits and field trips throughout the year greatly magnify the actual contact hours between naturalists and these students. Since the Board of Trustees is committed to providing quality environmental education programs at an affordable price, school programs are offered at half the actual cost to present. Tin Mountain fundraises to cover the remainder.

School programs also provide direct support for teachers. In addition to workshops, Tin Mountain lends teachers kits on 10 natural science subject areas that provide lesson plans, references, props, and other teaching aids for many hours of quality hands-on instruction. Teacher/Naturalists have worked to update and develop new teaching kit offerings.



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NATURE PROGRAM SERIES

During the past year, the Community Nature Program Series attracted enthusiastic participants of all ages to 52 programs. Both the Evenor Armington Fund and L.L. Bean provided critical support in sponsoring the popular series. L.L. Bean has been a major sponsor for 12 years. Popular offerings were canoeing on Lake Umbagog, winter birds of Plum Island, full moon owl prowl, vernal pool explorations, and snowshoeing at Pondicherry Refuge. The weekly birdwatching trips to Brownfield Bog in May continue to attract many enthusiastic individuals. The Community Nature Program Series reaches nearly 1,000 people each year exposing them to numerous opportunities for hands-on learning about the natural world.

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SUMMER CAMP

Tin Mountain summer camp attracts children ages 4 to 16 to camps in Fryeburg, ME, Jackson, South Conway, Albany, and South Tamworth, NH. Younger children attend day camp while a variety of weeklong ventures to wild areas in northern New England are offered to the older age groups. Nearly 280 local children and families benefit each year from summer camp programs. The Board of Trustees is committed to providing high-quality environmental education at an affordable price. Many local families have difficulty sending their children to Tin Mountain summer camps without financial aid. Nearly one-quarter of all campers received scholarships in 2004 amounting to \$6,588. New for this year was an Explorers Camp called *Boats & Baskets*, an all-girls camp in which the participants made Indian pack baskets from brown ash trees and used them on a three-day canoe trip.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

As part of the Capital Campaign, several very well attended events were held. The restoration of the circa 1800 barn on the Tin Mountain property in Albany was an occasion for celebration and drew a crowd of nearly 100 friends of Tin Mountain. A special reception for past supporters of Tin Mountain was hosted by Stoney Morrell at *Heritage New Hampshire* to announce the capital campaign. Over three quarters of the capital campaign goal had been raised by the end of the fiscal year.

Other special events were hosted in a number of local communities last year. For the third year, the Libby Museum and the Lovell Library were the sites of summer children's nature program series. This was also the fourth year for summer programs presented with the Wildcat Mountain Ski Area, which continue to draw strong attendance and interest from guests to the Mount Washington Valley.

Tin Mountain's sixth Annual Meeting Field Day was held at the new property in Albany, NH and featured fantastic field trips, a bird banding program by David Erler, great food, and much more. The organization's *Distinguished Service Award* was presented to Stoney Morrell, *Volunteer of the Year* to Emily Benson, and *Outstanding Environmental Educator* to Val Ford and John Marshall.



Special Events

Special events proved to be very successful fundraisers during the past year. The 32nd *Mt. Washington Auto Road Bicycle Hillclimb*, the toughest in the world, filled to capacity in record time and once again provided a large portion of the financial support for the organization. The *Mt. Washington Century Ride* was presented for the third consecutive year and proved to be of great interest and has the potential to raise even more funds for Tin Mountain programs in the future. A 100-mile ride around Mt. Washington and through three notches and some of the most beautiful land on earth, the *Century* attracted over 250 riders last year.

The 18th *Annual First Season Festival Benefit Dinner/Auction* involved approximately 300 local businesses and individuals who generously donated over 460 items to be auctioned. In addition, sponsoring businesses provided critical support for the event. Most sponsors have been supporting Tin Mountain programs for many years. Over 300 people attended the festival, enjoying great food and quality auction items.



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Thank you to all attendees and volunteers!

Suzy Engler Camp Scholarship Fund

The Tin Mountain Conservation Center provided children with scholarships to attend summer camp programs this past year through their Suzy Engler Scholarship Fund. The Fund honors the late Suzy Engler. Suzy was the Administrative Assistant at Tin Mountain for many years and was especially interested in providing children with “hands-on” nature camp experiences.

Inquiries about donations to the scholarship fund can be made to Tin Mountain Conservation Center, PO Box 1170, Conway, NH 03818, 603-447-6991 or e-mail tinmtn@tinmtn.org.

Tin Mountain Conservation Center’s Endowment Fund

Tin Mountain Conservation Center maintains its endowment as a designated fund with the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (NHCF) in Concord. The NHCF invests and manages the principal making quarterly distributions to Tin Mountain from the earned interest based upon pre-determined calculations that ensure a certain level of growth in the designated fund. In fiscal year 10/01/03-9/30/04, interest distributions to Tin Mountain’s general operations amounted to \$14,370. The NHCF’s Combined Investment Fund is recognized as one of the most secure places that a nonprofit can build an endowment.

Planned Giving Opportunities Through Tin Mountain

Bequests: Bequests must satisfy personal and family obligations first; however, donors may also include Tin Mountain in their estate planning. Making Tin Mountain a beneficiary helps ensure that Tin Mountain’s work will continue in future years while reducing estate taxes.

Charitable Remainder Trusts: Remainder trusts allow donors to transfer assets like stock to a trust and still retain its income for life. Ultimately, the assets become Tin Mountain’s. It allows the donor to keep an asset’s income, avoid capital gains tax on its sale, take an income tax deduction, and make a commitment to Tin Mountain’s future.

Charitable Lead Trust: Lead trusts allow donors to keep assets while giving Tin Mountain their income for a specified period of time. Donors receive an immediate gift tax deduction for the full present value of the asset. This is a good way to pass assets on to heirs at full value while supporting Tin Mountain.

For more information on endowment or planned giving options, contact Tin Mountain Conservation Center’s Executive Director, Michael Cline at (603) 447-6991 or write to him at P.O. Box 1170, Conway, NH 03818. Tin Mountain also happily accepts and liquidates gifts of stocks and bonds.



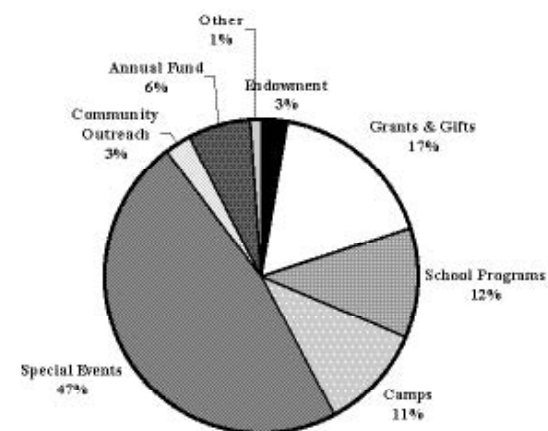
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Financial Statement
October 1, 2003 - September 30, 2004
(With comparative totals for Oct. 1, 2002 through Sept. 30, 2003)

Balance Sheet

	Total All Funds	
	<u>2004</u>	<u>/ 2003</u>
Assets:		
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 106,962	\$74,818
Accounts Receivable	24,999	4,986
Capital Campaign Pledges Receivable	698,139	
Pre-paid Expenses	1,331	
Inventories	6,094	5,043
Property and Equipment (net of depreciation)	359,189	247,821
Investment Fund with NHCF	<u>403,129</u>	<u>376,951</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$1,599,843</u>	<u>\$709,619</u>
Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$ 8,593	\$ 9,198
Line of Credit	<u>40,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$48,593</u>	<u>\$39,198</u>
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted:		
General Fund	\$ 22,120	\$ 9,325
Equipment & Property Fund	359,189	247,821
Temporarily Restricted	766,812	36,324
Permanently Restricted	<u>403,129</u>	<u>376,951</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$1,551,250</u>	<u>\$670,421</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$1,599,843</u>	<u>\$709,619</u>

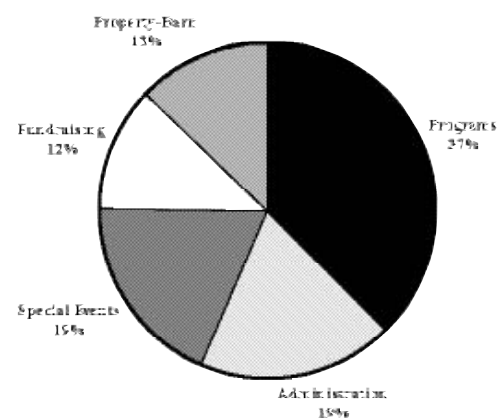
REVENUE



Statement of Activity **September 30, 2004 & 2003**

Revenue and Support:		
Endowment (Asset released from NHCF)	\$ 14,370	\$ 26,424
Grants & Gifts (LCHIP grant included)	85,728	40,686
School Program Support	58,180	61,095
Camp Revenue & Scholarship	54,065	42,332
Community Outreach Programs	14,326	14,976
Special Events	238,248	230,998
Annual Fund Drive	31,190	32,356
Other	<u>6,125</u>	<u>3,849</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$502,232</u>	<u>\$452,716</u>
Expenses:		
Administration:		
Personnel	\$42,564	\$ 81,101
Other	<u>54,062</u>	<u>48,539</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$96,626</u>	<u>\$129,640</u>
Fundraising:		
Personnel	\$ 57,551	\$ 15,795
Special Events	96,947	101,771
Other	<u>4,731</u>	<u>14,050</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$159,229</u>	<u>\$131,616</u>
Program Services:		
Personnel	\$128,359	\$123,034
School Programs	9,054	7,450
Summer Camp	29,789	23,812
Community Outreach Programs	11,672	10,682
Barn Restoration/Albany property	65,232	
Other	<u>14,477</u>	<u>13,122</u>
Subtotal	<u>\$258,583</u>	<u>\$178,100</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$514,438</u>	<u>\$439,356</u>
Excess (deficit) of revenue over expense	<u>\$(12,206)</u>	<u>\$ 13,360</u>

EXPENSES



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Capital Campaign

A capital campaign was initiated this past year to raise \$1.5 million dollars to build a permanent home for Tin Mountain on its 98-acre property on Bald Hill in Albany. The Capital Campaign Committee, comprised of current and past Board members and other friends, raised three-quarters of the funds by the end of the fiscal year.

New Nature Learning Center

Tin Mountain’s Building Committee worked with an architect to develop plans for the new nature center facility that will include a great room for assemblies, a library, classroom/laboratory, nature observatory, and offices/workspace. Plans are to break ground on the facility during the spring of 2005.



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TIN MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION CENTER NATURE PROGRAM SERIES

Tin Mountain offers a variety of hands-on environmental education programs for adults and families of the Mt. Washington Valley area and western Maine. The Community Nature Program series supported by L.L. Bean and the Evenor Armington Fund is our major vehicle for drawing families into the natural world.

Over 50 programs are offered throughout the year. This year's Community Nature Programs included Full Moon Snowshoe, Sketching Wildlife, Winter Birds of Plum Island, Alpine Ecology, Vernal Pools, and Canoeing Umbagog.

SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS

Tin Mountain Conservation Center has offered summer camp programs to children ages 4-16 for the past 18 years. *Kindercamp* and *Day Camp* are presented at facilities in three different locations for kids ages 4 to 9 years old. *Farm Camp* is another day camp offered in cooperation with Mount Washington Valley Community Supported Agriculture. *Nature Theme Camps* integrate nature with art, music, history and water for children 6-12 years. *Trekkers* allows younger campers (ages 9-11 years) to gain confidence and acquire outdoor skills through day hikes and a two-night campout in the White Mountains. *Peaks & Paddles* is geared to children 10-12 years of age and teaches canoeing techniques and more advanced hiking/camping skills with a two-day canoe trip to the North Country. Older children ages 13-16-years old spend a week hiking and camping the Presidential Range of the White Mountains in *Paths and Peaks*, a week canoeing the North Woods of Maine in *Canoe Voyageurs* and *Canoe, Camb and Climb*.

TEACHER WORKSHOPS

Natural history information, activities, handouts, and time in the field provide teachers with a better understanding of a wide range of topics from the mountains to the winter ecology of birds. Teachers fully immerse themselves in the experience with opportunities to dig and discover soils, measure tree heights, diameters, and age, observe, sketch, and write about great blue herons, interpret maps, and explore a beaver pond in winter. The far reaching effects of these workshops ripple out for miles as participants return to their students and share their new found discoveries.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

A Year of the Environment: Developed for elementary schools, a Tin Mountain teacher/naturalist visits the classroom for 34 weeks (51 hours) with a comprehensive set of activities and trips that teach basic principles of ecology and natural sciences. Concepts learned in class are applied to the field through numerous outdoor activities and trips. It is recognized as the backbone of our school programs because it allows our teacher/naturalists to work closely with the same students each week for the entire school year, providing in-depth instruction and curriculum support.

Project KITE (Kids in the Environment): A multi-disciplinary program for grades K-8, Project KITE was developed to support existing curricula by providing a special focus on the natural resources that sustain the economic and social underpinnings of the region. Working closely with teachers, Tin Mountain provides three presentations by a teacher/naturalist and a field trip on each unit, including forests, wildlife, wetlands and mountains.

Forests for the Future: Over an 18-week period, a Tin Mountain teacher/naturalist visits junior high or high school classrooms for one entire day each week to teach basic principles of forest ecology and forest resource management. Using a different forest study site each year, students learn field techniques and collect data on weather, soils, wildlife habitat, watersheds, and conduct a timber cruise and forest inventory, complete with recommendations. Students analyze the data and develop a complete forest management plan that they present to school officials and the public at a special school/town meeting. The program also includes an over-night field trip to study forest ecosystems, local wood products industries, and the rich forest history of the region.

Extra Hours Program: Teachers and Tin Mountain staff tailor programs to meet special needs of different schools. Examples include leading field trips, identifying special resources and materials, and conducting special projects such as recycling or river studies.



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