



Hello All,

Thank you all for making this year's conference a success. There were 66 people present at the conference and on behalf of the board, we thank all of you for your participation. We are looking forward to reviewing the evaluations and using the suggestions to provide relevant training and conference session opportunities in the future.

A big thank you goes out to all of those organizations and individuals who donated items to our raffle. Your generosity provides the support for us to deliver the quality of training as provided at the conference. If you were unable to make this year's conference, we had great items such as: handmade organic soap, homemade honey, binoculars, an EMS gift certificate, a free night camping, free tickets to tour Boston Lighthouse, a four hour boat trip, a free stay at a member's house in Costa Rica, and more!

Lastly, thank you to all current and previous board members. Your creativity, dedication, time, and effort are how the NEPRA is able to provide the most thoughtful sessions and quality instructors for its members. To past board members, your efforts are greatly appreciated and on behalf of the current board, we hope to continue to work toward fulfilling NEPRA's mission at the highest standards.

I believe that in these tough economic times parks offer a great escape from worries, a place for recreation, meditation, and a great place to gather with friends and family. For little to no cost, the public can enjoy properties all across New England; and it seems no matter where you live, there is a park nearby. I believe at these times Ranger presence becomes even more essential. Agencies rely on park rangers to provide a presence, make the public feel safe and welcome, act as ambassadors to our natural areas, and respond to emergency incidents. The New England Park Ranger Association exists to provide a forum for networking and training opportunities in order to respond professionally in these situations.

We will do our best to fulfill this mission, and if you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact us at: nepra@yankeeranger.org.

Thanks for your support,

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