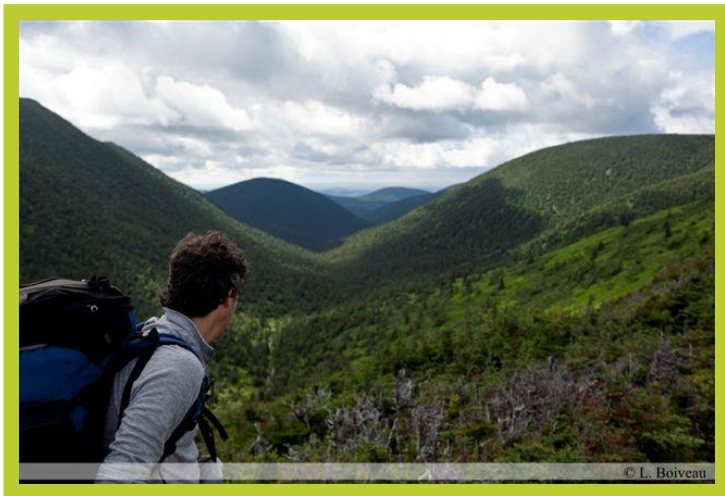


LET'S GET READY FOR THE NEW SEASON!

As the weather gets sunnier many of you are contacting us to prepare and plan their next expedition on the International Appalachian Trail - Québec.

The inaugurating hike of the first GR trail in North America will attract many hikers!

We use the opportunity of the first newsletter to share some important news with you.



PLAN TO HIKE ON THE IAT-QC GR A1?

Do not hesitate to contact us for any information related to the path, in order to get maps and guides of the different sections, or to plan a trip either in self-sufficiency or with the support of a guide.

We will be happy to answer your questions.



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RENEWAL OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP



Dear members and friends of the IAT – Québec!

The time has come to renew your membership for the year 2015. In the current context your support is more than needed. You have surely heard about the storms that caused major damages on the trail last year. The situation is such, that if nothing is done an important part of the trail will remain closed this year. The board of directors is working hard to obtain the required funding (\$ 100,000) from various partners. This funding is conditional to a contribution of \$ 5,000 from our side. However it is not impossible that we should have to add another \$ 5,000 for a total of \$ 10,000.

That is why we will soon launch a public fundraising campaign. You can already contribute to this campaign by adding a donation to your membership renewal. Your contribution will help us secure funding from our partners. We are convinced that you will understand the urgency of the situation and give us your support.

The members who will renew and donate a sum of \$ 25 or more before July 1st could win one of several prizes, including a trip to Auberge de Montagne des Chic-Chocs and annual access rights for families to the Gaspésie National Park.

Thank you for your understanding,

Your Board of Directors

Gaétan Roy, Jean-Pierre Harrison, Clémence Pépin, Sylvain Labbé, Geneviève Labonté, Jean-Pierre Gagnon, Hubert Blais
 Maïté Samuel Leduc, Jean-Marc Hardy

N .B: To make your renewal or make a donation, click on the above icon or go to our website.

NEWS FROM IAT-QC

A DATE TO PUT IN YOUR AGENDA!

ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Annual General Assembly will be held on May 30th in Gaspé. Members who wish to attend the next annual general assembly of the IAT – Québec may contact us to confirm their presence and receive more information.

Place: Gaspé Marina
Adress: 10 rue de la Marina, Gaspé
Hour : 13h30

Welcome to everyone!



VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR GREAT CHORE

On June 13th a large team of volunteers will be formed to transport the building materials of a bridge to Mount Nicol-Albert. As the materials will be carried over a distance of 3 kilometers you will have the opportunity to bring leisure and work together! On June 6th and 7th your help will also be needed in order to prepare the trail for the transportation.

As we need many hands during these two events do not hesitate to invite your hiker friends to come!

If you want to be part of the team for one or many of those days contact us at info@sia-iat.com.

A WORD FROM OUR INTERNS

OLIVIER LEVALLOIS FINISHES INTERNSHIP

I am a French student in multimedia at Cégep de Matane. Since January 2015 I worked as an intern for two months on the future website and the IAT – QC identity on the web. My love for nature and my media skills have led me to work for the International Appalachian Trail – Québec, where I was warmly greeted by Eric Chouinard and Isabelle Paquet. I had the opportunity to realize the beauty of the landscapes both through my work on the digital pictures of the trail and my winter hike on Mont Olivine in Gaspésie National Park. Being aware of the impact of communication on the Internet we made sure to be visible and useful for anyone wishing to discover the IAT – Québec.



Olivier Levallois
Multimedia
Cégep de Matane

A NEW STUDENT JOINS IAT – QC TEAM

I am currently a student in tourism management at the Institute of Tourism and Hospitality of Québec, in Montréal. For my final internship, I am very pleased to contribute to the projects of the International Appalachian Trail – Québec. Being myself an outdoor lover I find important to participate to the promotion of a company that has a great potential in alternative tourism in Québec. I wish a great season to all hikers who explore this summer the first GR A1 trail!



Marie-Pier Richard
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