

# **Appalachian Mountain Club Honors Southborough Resident with Volunteer Leadership Award**

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Boston, MA – The Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) honored Mark Dyer of Southborough with its Emerging Conservation Leader Award at the 140th AMC Annual Summit held January 30 in Norwood, MA. This award recognizes and encourages an emerging leader who has demonstrated a commitment to conservation. It supports the AMC's belief that successful conservation depends on active engagement with the outdoors, and demonstrates AMC's commitment to engaging young leaders in its mission.

For more information on AMC's volunteer awards, visit [www.outdoors.org/volunteers/awards](http://www.outdoors.org/volunteers/awards).

Dyer was brought up in the AMC family community of the Worcester Chapter and has maintained a strong tie to the mission of the AMC through his passion for leadership, conservation, education, and recreation. Mark has demonstrated leadership by helping to organize and recruit young people to attend AMC family events and experience outdoor adventures like canoeing, hiking, snowshoeing, camping, biking, and more. He found his inspiration by attending AMC's "A Mountain Classroom" program and AMC Noble View Outdoor Center events, as well as many trips over the years to the AMC's Highland Center, Huts, and Cardigan Lodge.

Dyer is an Eagle Candidate for the Boy Scouts and just completed a new section of the Bay Circuit Trail for his Eagle project. This required managing the Troop of 30+ scouts who provided over 100 hours in building this trail from scratch, approximately one mile in length connecting the Southborough and Framingham section.

Dyer's passion for the outdoors also goes beyond the AMC. At the age of sixteen, he operated a non-profit business called Southborough Teen Services, where he managed a team of motivated students to do landscaping to promote the outdoors. He has won several awards for his leadership in the community and has been involved in many trail building projects in Southborough over the years, including a vernal pool nature exhibit, planting a wildflower garden, and trail blazing the town's extensive trails network. With many options to choose from for Eagle projects, he followed the path of outdoor recreation to help the community get outdoors.

Founded in 1876, the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) promotes the protection, enjoyment, and understanding of the mountains, forests, waters, and trails of America's Northeast. AMC helps people of all ages and abilities to explore and develop a deep appreciation of the natural world. With chapters from Maine to Washington, D.C., guidebooks and maps, and unique lodges and huts, AMC helps people get outdoors on their own, with family and friends, and through activities close to home and beyond. We invite the public to support our conservation advocacy and research, youth programming, and care of 1,800 miles of trails. Visit [www.outdoors.org](http://www.outdoors.org).