

“He that plants trees loves others besides himself!”

Dr. Thomas Fuller



LACAWAC SANCTUARY FOUNDATION



Do something special this year! Plant and adopt a new tree at Lacawac in honor of a loved one!

The Trees

In the late 1800's Burton Morss cut down the forest surrounding Wallenpaupack Creek to feed his mill and tannery at nearby Ledge Dale. Over the next three decades local farmers repeatedly cut back trees to feed their stoves and fire places. At the same time a devastating blight annihilated our proud stand of American chestnut trees. Over the past century the forest was gradually repopulated with an assortment of maple, red oak, ash, beech and an expansive stand of eastern hemlock trees.

However, today these majestic trees are falling to age and disease. An imported pest - the woolly adelgid - has wreaked havoc with our hemlock forest. At the same time we have been invaded by armies of regrettably imported tent and gypsy moth caterpillars - all resulting in a "dying" forest. As trees fall, invasive, colonizing ground plants such as Japanese barberry and hay scented fern move in and choke off the forest floor. In a balanced eco-system, natural regeneration would still replace most of the dying trees. Instead, over browsing by our unchecked population of white tail deer has prevented seedlings from becoming established to replace their elders. Control of this threat is complex, so Lacawac has ventured forward on an alternative route toward regrowing the forest.

The Plan

An aggressive, professionally prepared forest management plan has been enacted. Along with controlling agents of mortality, over the next ten years we will salvage and remove dead, sick and dying trees to open space for regrowth. Invasive plants will be aggressively beaten back. New deer fencing will funnel deer trails away from sensitive regrowth areas. And, each year a carefully selected five acre patch of forest will be fenced off (for six year periods), prepared and replanted with seedlings. We hope to plant, protect and nurture thousands of new "baby trees" at Lacawac over the next ten years!



“He who plants a tree plants a hope!”

Lucy Larcom

The Challenge

Your help, volunteering with the work, as well as adopting baby trees, is urgently needed. “Adoption fees” go directly to our restricted “Forest Fund” for the express purpose of planting, protecting and tending a tree/s (see below for more details). Please adopt a tree, or a grove – or even a corner of the forest – so that it can live again! This year – give a meaningful gift to a loved one – a tree that will rise up and bring beauty to the land. A tree for Lacawac! Trees are lasting symbols of hope and love - and more important, you can be assured the gift of an adopted tree will not end up in the back of a closet or on a yard sale table! Unlike a pair of gloves, a kitchen appliance or a toy – a tree is a gift that will last, grow, multiply, provide safety and sanctuary to birds and wildlife, and will someday give freely of its restful shade to your children or grandchildren to enjoy. So, give a loved one - or yourself - a gift with real meaning. Adopt a tree at Lacawac Sanctuary!

Adoption Application

The adoption process. Adopt-a-Tree participants will ...

- 1- Right away your honoree will receive a card style folder with an attractive photo of your chosen tree species as acknowledgement of your gift and your kindness.
- 2- Later on, when your tree is planted (we actually plant just twice a year) they will receive an adoption certificate, an actual photograph and a set of GPS coordinates so you can find and visit your baby tree.
- 3- Recieve periodic updates to be able to track how the little one is doing!

I am applying to plant, nurture and adopt a tree at Lacawac. I would like to adopt a baby (check one):

- Eastern Hemlock (Tsuga Canadensis) \$40.00 _____
- American Beech (Fagus grandifolia) \$50.00 _____
- Scarlet Maple (Acer rubrum) \$75.00 _____
- Red Oak (Quercus rubra) \$100.00 _____
- Sugar Maple (Acer saccharum) \$200.00 _____
- White Oak (Quercus alba) \$500.00 _____

Name of adoptive parent (as it should appear on the adoption certificate): _____

Please send acknowledgement and adoption certificate to: **Name** _____

Address _____

Please send the tax deductible receipt to: **Name** _____

Address _____

Send this form along with your check to:

Lacawac Sanctuary, Attn: Adoption Committee, 94 Sanctuary Road, Lake Ariel, PA 18436

The official registration and financial information of Lacawac Sanctuary Foundation may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania 1 (800- 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement. No goods or services were received in whole or partial consideration of this gift.