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THE MAINE CONSERVATION CORPS

- The Maine Conservation Corps is coordinating nine internships for college students interested in working with agencies such as the Maine Forest Service, the Land Use Regulation Commission, the Bureau of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Maine Geological Survey. Interns will classify insects, plot data on maps, compile camping use or timber cut reports, assist in a geology library, inform visitors about wildlife biology and management, develop park plans, or analyze land use data and issues. The two types of internships are: 1) work-study internships which pay \$134 to \$170 per week depending on hourly rates set by the intern's college, and 2) volunteer internships for students (or recent graduates) interested in acquiring valuable experience. Some volunteer internships have a small work expense stipend attached. Deadline for applications is May 11. For more information, call Bob Crotty at 289-2211 or write Internship Program, Maine Conservation Corps, Station #22, Augusta 04333.

BUDWORM INFORMATION

- Information about the 1984 Budworm Spray Project may be obtained after May 15 via a toll free number, 1-800-462-9911.

Meanwhile, entomologists predicted that the insects have emerged from winter quarters for their annual spruce/fir/hemlock feast during the last week of April.

BALLOONISTS CRASH!

- Priscilla Daiute, Ken Stratton and Tom Rumph stylishly survived a balloon crash on April 29, when their lighter-than-air craft was demolished when it struck a sturdy Maine Maple in Litchfield. According to eye witnesses, Priscilla made an unaided exit from the crippled craft by climbing down a tree.

PARKS MEETING

- The Annual Spring meeting of State Park staffers takes place this week at Squaw Mountain.

SOFTBALL PRACTICE

- The swallows are back and so is Softball! There will be a practice Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., May 1, at the upper field (one without the back stop.) Any State employee, spouse or child is welcome to attend. The first game is May 8th, so c'mon out to limber up!

NEW PARENTS

- Ken Spalding and his wife Sue are the proud parents of a son, Eric Baxter, born on April 26th. Debbie and Ralph Wilkinson (Ranger at Crescent Beach) are the proud parents of a daughter, Chelsea Ann, born on Easter Sunday, April 22.

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APPOINTMENTS/
PROMOTIONS - Marilyn Kenyon - Heath (AWW Ranger) to PM II Penobscot River; Ken Meyer (Park Ranger) to PM I Colonial Pemaquid; Pat Reardon (Asst. Ranger AWW) to AWW Ranger; Caroline McCain, Account Clerk I, Administrative Services, Augusta; Melissa Ahern, MCC worker, Augusta.

SPEAKER - Woody Thompson will speak on "Mineral Collecting in Maine" on Wednesday, May 9, at 7:30 p.m. at L.L. Bean as part of the L.L. Bean Spring Lecture Series.

SYMPOSIUM - Melanie Lanctot attended the 5th Annual Symposium on Environmental Epidemiology sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh held April 24 and 25 in Pittsburgh.

SWIMMER - Bob Johnston recently competed in the New England Masters Swimming Championships held at Harvard University.

SOUNDS - John Poisson will be the sound technician for the Theatre UMF student-directed one-act play series. He's also shooting slides for the new UMF public relations presentation.

SMOKEY'S BIRTHDAY - Smokey Bear's 40th Birthday National Barnstorming Tour began Monday, April 23, at Cadillac Mountain. The weather cooperated and dignitaries from the U.S. Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, the Town of Bar Harbor joined Annee Tara, Ken Stratton, and other members of the Maine Forest Service for the festivities. Smokey appeared to the delight of 50 school children from Bar Harbor. Later in the week, Smokey dropped by Governor Brennan's Office for cake and ice cream with a delegation of school children from Hallowell.

Everyone agreed that Maine gave Smokey a good start to his national tour which ends in August in New Mexico, home of the first living Smokey symbol. Dick Morse, Jim Elliott and Jack Cheney, among others, deserve special thanks for the good show.

BIRDS AND EARLY SPRING FLOWERS OF THE PINE TREE STATE ARBORETUM - For 5 weeks, beginning May 1 and lasting through May 29, Steve Oliveri will once again be leading guided tours of the Pine Tree State Arboretum and adjacent areas. Each Tuesday morning, weather permitting, meet Steve at the Hospital Street parking lot at 6:30 a.m. Walks will be approximately one hour long. Binoculars are recommended and you must be prepared for walking over wet fields and soggy trails. The Pine Tree State Arboretum is an excellent place to see migrant birds that pass through the Augusta area only briefly in the Spring as well as many resident species. Highlights from past years include American bittern, blue-winged teal, upland sandpiper, and northern harrier. This is a good opportunity for skilled as well as beginning birders to sharpen their identification skills. For more information contact Steve at 289-2791.

GOVERNMENT SERVICE FAIR - Geology, Public Lands, Forestry and the Commissioner's Office will participate in the Second Government Service Fair on May 2 at the Holiday Inn in Portland. Staffing the information booth will be Nancy Malesky, John Forssen, Mike Cyr, Peter Lammert, and Marshall Wiebe.