

# Join me for a Benefit Hike-a-Thon!

Dear Friends and Family:



**You are invited to join me for a Hike-A-Thon!**

A fundraiser for the Woodie Wheaton Land Trust dedicated to preserving the natural habitat of the pristine shorelines and woodlands of the East Grand Lake area of Maine.

As many of you already know, on June 12, 2010, I will be having my Bar Mitzvah. As part of this commitment, I am required to do a Mitzvah (good deed) project. I have chosen to plan this Hike-A-Thon because I really care about Maine's woods and waters.

I am the fourth generation in a family who has fallen in love with the outdoors. My father Gregg introduced me to hiking and fishing. Together with my Grandpa Arnie, we have enjoyed some awesome fishing trips on East Grand Lake. I follow the paths of my great-grandfather Sam, and grandfather Pete who also fished on the lake and loved the forest.

**The Hike-a-Thon is scheduled for Sunday, November 1 - Noon-2:30pm at Wolfe's Neck Woods State Park in Freeport.**

Each hiker is asked to collect a minimum of \$15 in pledges. Pizza and soft drinks will be served and gifts will be given out for fun games. Hike as a family or on your own. We will be hiking along two miles of trails that wind over streams, in and out of woods, and along the ocean shore. The trails are gentle with no steep grades. We'll learn some cool facts and get a guided hike from the Park Manager.

If you can't hike along with me, but would like to make a donation in support of my Mitzvah project, please return the enclosed donation envelope by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. All the money raised will help protect, conserve and enhance our natural treasures for future generations to enjoy as we fulfill the commandment of giving.

Hope you can join me!

**Ben Garson**

*The Woodie Wheaton Land Trust, located in Forest City, Maine near East Grand Lake on the international boundary between Maine and New Brunswick, has initiated and overseen the conservation and protection of more than a hundred miles of unspoiled shoreline in the Chiputneticook Lakes region. During the last fourteen years, we protected the natural character of many pristine islands and special places for the enjoyment of the public and developed a growing conservation ethic in our area.*

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