Family Adventures - How to Make Them Happen
Valentine’s Day 2/14/18  7:30 PM  RMSC Eisenhart Auditorium

Presented by Chris Hughson, Todd Williams and Jennifer Green
Hosted by the Genesee Valley Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club

Three Outdoor Loving Adults Share How They are Growing the Next Generation of Nature Lovers and Outdoor Enthusiasts

Also...
Map & Compass Skills Family Friendly Workshop at 6:30 PM by Barb Brenner

Teaching Skills to Reach to the Mountaintop and Respect Nature on the Way

Love of Nature

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Bring the family to learn new ways to find adventures outdoors

Teaching Confidence in Exploring the Outdoor World and Getting to Eat My Cake Too “My basic philosophy is that, in my free time, I want to be outside, having fun; but now I have kids… How do I achieve my goals? The answer has consistently been to tell them they can do it and teach them how to do it!”

Starting early with their kids, Wyatt and Oliver, now 12 & 9; Todd Williams and adventurous wife Tara simply toted them along on adventures – the kids knowing they were going somewhere outside that their parents thought was cool and exciting. Adventures with his family have included: a three-week driving trip to Yellowstone, canyoneering in Utah, hiking 5 miles at age 5, Florida, Arizona, Hawaii, Pacific Northwest, canoeing the ADKs, and completing the Saranac 6. Todd’s kids have never let him down on what they can do.

Teaching Skills to Reach to the Mountaintop and Respect Nature on the Way “The adventures I went on with my family, the memories I have, the places I experienced, and the things I learned when I was growing up are all precious gifts; and now I want to give all of them to my daughter. Nowadays, teaching her environmental responsibility and respect for nature seem like good ideas, too. It must be working. She wants to be a field biologist when she grows up!”

Chris Hughson started taking his daughter, now 12 on day hikes at Letchworth and car camping. They’ve moved onto backpacking in the Catskills, canoe camping in the ADKs, mountain biking in Acadia NP and climbing Mt. Katahdin.

Supporting Curiosity Rochester Museum and Science Center Forest School educator Jennifer Green will walk you through a typical day in Forest School while highlighting the ways that children interact with nature through both self-chosen and teacher-guided activities. In Forest School, children learn in interdisciplinary ways while building prosocial skills and developing their love for nature. The Forest School program, held at Cumming Nature Center, enrolls children 4-12 years old on Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00-3:30pm.

The panel discussion will include information on gear to wear, destinations, developing skills, and tips for success. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN QUESTIONS TO ASK and experiences to share!

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