

For ACTIVE Members Only

As an ACTIVE member you are entitled to a free listing on NYSOGA's website.

Please indicate what applies to you below.

If you **DO NOT WANT** the free web listing, check here ()

If you **DO NOT WANT** to receive Trip Request forms via email, check here ()

I am currently: () Not Guiding at this time

() Guiding Part-Time () Guiding Full-Time

IF YOU WANT TO BE LISTED, CONTINUE BELOW

Next to each category that you provide guiding services enter the DEC Region number(s) where you ply your trade.

HUNTING	Big Game	_____
	Small Game	_____
	Wild Turkey	_____
	Waterfowl	_____
	Predator	_____
FISHING	Fly Fishing	_____
	Drift Boat	_____
	Streams & Ponds	_____
	Lakes & Rivers	_____
	Surf Fishing	_____
SUMMER SEASON	Charter Boats	_____
	Boating	_____
	Canoe & Kayak Trips	_____
	Whitewater Rafting	_____
	Camping	_____
WINTER SEASON	Backpacking	_____
	Hiking	_____
	Rock Climbing	_____
	Camping	_____
	X-Country Skiing	_____
SPECIAL	Snowshoeing	_____
	Ice Climbing	_____
	Ice Fishing	_____
	Snowmobiling	_____
	Nature Trips	_____
Photography Trips	_____	
Pack Horse Trips	_____	
Youth Groups	_____	
Outdoor Education	_____	
Birding	_____	
Other	_____	

On a separate piece of paper, with your NAME and GUIDE NUMBER printed at the top, please provide up to a 50 word description of your guiding activities as it should appear on the NYSOGA website. Once you are listed on the NYSDEC "NYS licensed guides" webpage, you will be eligible for active membership.

Please return the completed application with guiding activities, description, and the membership fee payable to NYSOGA. Mail to NYSOGA, c/o Lee Godin, 26 West Mountain Lane, Berne, NY 12023

Allow 6-8 weeks processing time. Only applications with the correct payment will be processed. For questions regarding membership, please email info@nysoga.org or contact Lee Godin (518) 542-2709
Email: go_lee3@yahoo.com

CODE OF ETHICS

THE PROFESSION

I will, to the best of my ability, assist, promote and otherwise support the profession of Outdoor Guiding and make every effort to provide competent and reliable guide services in New York State.

MULTIPLE USE

I will support equal access to lands and waters of New York State for recreational, educational, and sporting purposes for all, in accordance with current land use classifications and restrictions established by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. I will promote conservation and a rational use of the environment on public and private lands.

THE ENVIRONMENT

I will subscribe to a professional standard of wilderness travel and low-impact environmental usage. I will acquire a useful knowledge of local natural history and the ability and willingness to impart this knowledge to my clients. I will maintain orderly, sanitary and environmentally sound camps at all times.

RESPECT FOR THE LAW

I will fully cooperate with all wildlife officials, law enforcement officers, private landowners and public land management agencies. I will abide by, and advise my clients of all applicable conservation and game laws, statutes and regulations, and will not condone their violation.

EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

I will provide clean, well maintained, serviceable equipment and gear that is adequate for all conditions likely to be encountered. I will employ competent and courteous personnel in sufficient number to adequately care for the comfort of my clients. I will offer reasonably well-prepared and balanced camp fare for clients and employees in keeping with the nature of the trip.

ACCURATE INFORMATION

I will accurately advise my clients of the factors and conditions involved in achieving their goals. This includes weather conditions, terrain, fish and game populations, and the equipment, physical endurance and skills required for the activity to be undertaken.

SAFETY

I will at all times provide for the safety of clients and employees.

TROPHIES AND LIMITS

I will never fill a clients game tag or limit of fish or game. Barring unforeseen conditions, all fish and game hides and capes will be prepared and delivered to the processor, taxidermist or to the client at the conclusion of the trip in a satisfactory and usable condition.

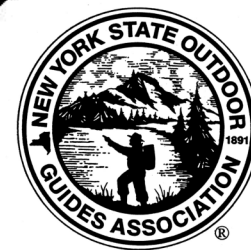
TRUTHFUL ADVERTISING

I will not misrepresent rates, services and/or accommodations nor otherwise mislead prospective clients through false advertising.

DISCIPLINE

A NYSOGA member, failing to abide by this Code of Ethics will be subject to investigation and may lead to reprimand, fine, suspension, and/or expulsion.

Carry On An Outdoor Tradition ...



BECOME A MEMBER

1936 Saranac Avenue, Suite 2 - 150
Lake Placid, NY 12946-1402

*(Refer to application for mailing
address for payment and application)*

Email: info@nysoga.org
Website: www.nysoga.org

GUIDING AND "NYSOGA" IN NEW YORK STATE

Guiding has enjoyed a long and colorful history in New York State. Early surveyors and sportsmen needed help in traversing the northern wilderness, so they engaged the services of old woodsmen.

Many of these first "guides" were trappers, hunters or loggers who "hired out" to occasional visitors for extra cash. As tourism flourished, guiding became a full-time profession and resulted in the Adirondack Guides Association being formed in 1891. Following World War II, the lure of the wilderness waned and the Association all but dissolved.

By the 1970's the public showed a renewed interest in the outdoors, but had difficulty locating reliable guides. Thus the old tradition of "guiding" was revived in 1981 when the informal New York State Outdoor Guides Association was formally incorporated.

NYSOGA MISSION

The NYSOGA Mission:

To enhance the guiding profession in New York State with the highest standards of honesty, safety, and professionalism by providing New York State licensed guides with support services, representation, and a sense of community.



Online membership applications and payments are available at www.nysoga.org/joinnysoga.html

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

As a member of NYSOGA you will be affiliated with the premier guides association in New York State.

ACTIVE MEMBER Dues \$75/year

To qualify for an Active Membership, an individual must:

- Hold a current license to guide from the State of New York,
- Agree to abide by the Code of Ethics of NYSOGA,
- Completed an application and pay the annual dues.

Here's some of what an **ACTIVE MEMBER** receives:

- Free Listing on NYSOGA Web Site with a direct link to the member's website.
- Inquiries from potential customers via email.
- NYSOGA rack cards with space for your business contact information.
- Use of NYSOGA logo for guiding promotions.
- Representation at trade shows and events.
- Opportunity to participate in all NYSOGA events, including training and networking.
- Right to vote at the Annual Active Membership Meeting.
- Membership certificate, card and pin.
- One-year subscription to *Guidelines*, the NYSOGA publication of outdoor news.
- Opportunity to purchase official NYSOGA products.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER Dues \$40/year

To qualify for an Associate Membership, an individual must:

- Have been a former NYS Licensed Guide.
Or
- Hold a current NYS Guide License but not currently conducting business as a licensed guide.
- Submit a completed application and pay the annual dues.

An **Associate Member** receives:

- An invitation to all NYSOGA events.
- One-year subscription to *Guidelines*, the NYSOGA publication of outdoor news.

New York State Outdoor Guides Association

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP* January 1-December 31

Individual's Name:

(Last)

(First)

(MI)

Guiding Business Name (if applicable):

Mailing Address: (County) _____

(State)

(Zip Code)

Home Telephone (_____) _____ — _____

Guiding Business Telephone: (if different from home number) (_____) _____ — _____

License Number: _____

DEC Region you Reside in: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Type of Membership

ACTIVE MEMBER Enclose \$75.00
(Please Complete the back of this application)

Associate Member Enclose \$40.00

Please make check payable to **NYSOGA**. Mail to **NYSOGA, c/o Lee Godin, 26 West Mountain Lane, Berne, NY 12023**

I agree to abide by the laws and regulations of New York State and the Code of Ethics of NYSOGA

Your Signature

Date

**may be subject to approval by the Board of Directors*