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Annual Holiday Party

December 20, 2017, 5:00 pm

Hors d'oeuvres • Cash Bar • Dinner

Century House 997 Loudon Road
Latham, New York 12110

Member and a guest are **free** with pre-registration.
\$10.00 per person at the door.
Non-member cost \$15.00.

Please RSVP by Monday, December 18th
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Hudson Mohawk Geologists,

This month's HMPGA gathering will be our Annual Holiday Party, to be held this Wednesday, December 20th at the Century House. Beginning at 5pm, following your Board of Director's Meeting, come and enjoy plenty of food, and a cash bar. This year, we're trying something a little different, with both Hor D'oeuvres, and a buffet dinner provided. I hope to see you there.

Thanks to our November speaker, John Nadeau, Legislative Chair for the NYSCPG, who gave an update on the State of Professional Geology in New York. The post-mark deadline for submitting applications for a grandfathered New York State license to practice professional geology passed on November 21st. The next looming deadline is March 1st, when corporations practicing geology are required to have re-incorporated from business or general corporations into professional corporations.

You will hear more in the coming weeks about HMPGA's May 16th meeting of 2018. This event, co-sponsored with NYSCPG, will be a short symposium on New York State's environmental regulations, featuring several senior NYSDEC managers discussing the constantly changing regulatory environment. Hopefully, when the call goes out for volunteers to support this activity, you will respond with your time and energy.

Happy New Year,

~ Kevin

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**Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for the 2018
Shenendehowa Science & Health Discovery Night!**

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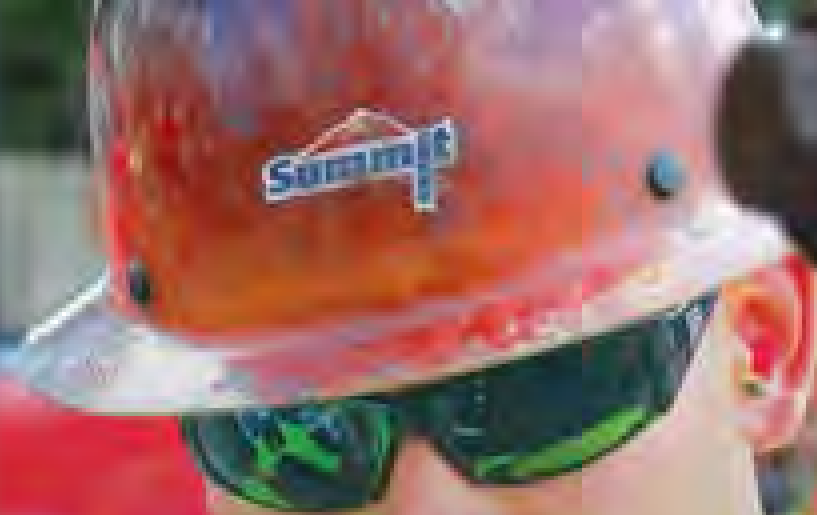


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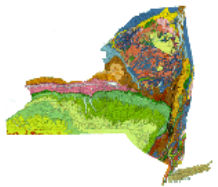
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