

# ADIRONDACK HIGH PEAKS DOG TRAINING CLUB

## What Being An AHPDTC Member Is All About

Now that you've taken a class, you might want to consider becoming a member of our club! Being a member gives you access to lots of activities. Here are some examples:

**Discounts on class fees:** If you are an active member, you will get a half-price discount on class fees.

**Seminars:** Every year, we invite a guest instructor to give a weekend-long, in-depth training seminar. There are usually about 25 working spots (bringing your dog to participate), but many people also just audit and learn a lot that way, too. Either way, it's a fun and informative weekend. There's great food for our potluck lunches, too!

**Cabin fever programs:** In the winter, when we're not holding classes, we'll sometimes offer evening programs. These have included viewing and discussing training videos, as well as informative talks by local veterinarians on topics such as nutrition and first aid.

**Fun day picnic:** Did I mention great food? Our annual picnic allows both humans and dogs to enjoy lots of fun games, good company, and, of course, great food. It also includes an auction to benefit Tri-Lakes Humane Society.

**Maintenance/cleaning parties:** Sure, the clubhouse and yard need some work to keep them in good condition. We try to make it a social occasion, to make the work go faster!

**Informal training:** As a member, you'll have access to the clubhouse and field whenever you want to train. Some of us like meeting up and working our dogs together. It's a great way to keep your dog socialized between classes, and to get to know some of the other members.

Many of our members are involved in interesting activities with their dogs, and can help introduce you to some new ideas. Some compete in **obedience**, **agility**, and **rally**. **Scent work** is another popular activity. Some of our dogs are trained as **therapy dogs**, and visit patients in hospitals. Some **visit schools**, where students can read to them. We even have some folks who enjoy **doggie dancing**!

So, think about joining us! Please feel free to ask your instructor, or any member, if you'd like more information.

