

## RACHEL CARSON IN THE ADIRONDACKS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

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*Rachel Carson in the Adirondacks*  
**Women & Girls in Science Day**  
Saturday, April 21, 2007

Adirondack Park Visitor Interpretive Center, Newcomb NY

May 27<sup>th</sup> 2007 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Rachel Carson, the naturalist, marine biologist and writer whose 1962 book, Silent Spring, awakened the nation to the danger of pesticides. *Rachel Carson in the Adirondacks Centennial Celebration* is being planned to embrace Carson's important legacy and cultivate broad social engagement in stewardship of the Earth, particularly among children and youth. A second priority of the project is to increase students' comprehension of conservation issues and the environmental challenges they will encounter in their lifetimes. A third goal is to shine a light on Carson as a role model for girls interested in conservation and the sciences.

As part of the *Rachel Carson in the Adirondacks Centennial Celebration*, the Adirondack Park Agency's Visitor Interpretive Center (VIC) in Newcomb will be the site of the *Women & Girls in Science Day* on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Complementing their Earth Day weekend activities, this day-long event will feature an exciting mix of outdoor explorations, in-door activities and a **Women in Science** panel discussion.

The panel will showcase 7 female Adirondack scientists sharing their perspectives on Rachel Carson, their careers, the importance of role models and the importance of early exposure to the natural world. The 90-minute panel will include a generous Q and A session allowing members of the audience to interact with the panel.

Panelists are Nina Schoch (WCS' Adirondack Cooperative Loon Program), Charlotte Demers (SUNY-ESF Adirondack Ecological Center), Michale Glennon (Wildlife Conservation Society), Karen Roy (NYS Department of Environmental Conservation), Hilary Oles (Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program) Michelle Brown (The Nature Conservancy) and Jorie Favreau (Paul Smiths College).

Girl Scout Katie Trudeau of Saranac Lake will portray Rachel Carson as she introduces the panelists and visits with guests at the Center. Drawing from her own research and writing as well as her love of the outdoors, Trudeau developed her Carson repertoire to earn her Girl Scout Silver Badge.

Programs begin at 9:00 a.m., with a break for lunch (not included) at 12:00, followed by the panel at 1 PM. Concurrent morning sessions include guided exploration of the VIC's 3.6 miles of trails, a *Trash Monsters* recycling program and workshops exploring skills necessary for Girl Scouts to earn try-its, badges and IPAs in a variety of environmental and conservation-related subjects. The panel will run from 1:00 to 2:30 with additional workshops afterwards.

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