

# Dartmouth '84

## Class of 1984 Moosilauke Crew Cabin

November 1, 2009



**Fellow '84s,**

Excellence often comes from taking things a final leg, when people otherwise thought that everything was said and done.

**Please consider an additional contribution to our 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion Class Project: new “crew quarters” at Moosilauke Ravine Lodge— the “Class of '84 Crew Cabin.”**

The \$63,500 we raised through our 25x25 program over six years (supplemented by a \$15,000 contribution from the College) allowed for a basic design for the minimum requirements of this 20'x26' cabin, which will have 12 bunks for the Lodge crew, who currently sleep in a loft over the kitchen (which is a fire-hazard). The new cabin can represent the values of our Class in terms of sustainability and design, and your contribution now can make this happen.

**Cary Bernstein '84 has brought together a team of five '84 architects (Cola Parker, Tom Rivard, Chris Von Eckartsberg, Robert Young Jr. and herself) who have been working pro bono to significantly enhance the design of the Class of '84 Crew Cabin.** Cary has been working with Dartmouth Outdoor Programs and David Hooke '84, whose firm, TimberHomes, LLC, was hired by the College to provide the basic design and to frame the cabin through the successful timber frame workshop held in September. David is now helping Outdoor Programs coordinate the remainder of the construction pro bono.

Dartmouth Outdoor Programs has approved our '84 team's design proposal; our Class Executive Committee has approved additional fundraising to implement the improved design as an extension of our 25x25 project. These improvements require at least \$33,500. Cary and other '84s have already secured pledges for \$15,000 and Dartmouth Provost Barry Scherr has pledged \$8,500 from a College sustainability fund. **A minimum of \$10,000 remains to be raised; \$15,000 would cover all the desired improvements, including a covered porch.**

The current available budget for the building can only cover the most basic products on the market, but they are neither sustainable nor attractive. The project is already quite far along, as you can see from the center photo above (taken end-September), and we need to raise money now to realize these sustainability improvements:

- Increase the number of windows and add a roof-top monitor (something like a skylight, but vertical) to bring in additional light and air, thus saving electricity by allowing daylight to light the cabin and natural breezes to cool it.

- Install an "on-demand" (or "tankless") water heater instead of a traditional tank heater to reduce the energy needed for the tank and also ensures that everyone can get a hot shower without having to wait for a tank to refill.
- Use aluminum-clad, recyclable wood windows instead of vinyl ones: The wood comes from sustainably managed forests; other components of the windows have significant recycled content.
- Use Forestry Stewardship Council-certified lumber for the siding.
- Add a covered porch to create an outdoor element to the living space, which will surely be valued by future generations.

You can see the most significant improvements in the Class of '84 Crew Cabin that this additional funding will enable, between the initial 3-D rendering of the basic design and the rendering of the improved design prepared by our team of '84 architects:



Through our Class gift, we have a unique opportunity to lead the Dartmouth community towards strong design and sustainability standards, which will, hopefully, inspire other projects to follow. **We hope you will support the volunteer efforts of fellow classmates by making a tax-deductible donation to go forward with these design and sustainability improvements.** Classmates have already contributed from \$20 to \$5,000 to this initiative. Even a \$50 donation can go a long way. Please send your donation as follows:

- **Send a check payable to "Dartmouth College," with a note marking it "For Class of '84 Moosilauke Project," to:**

Dartmouth College  
 c/o Gift Recording Office  
 6066 Development Office  
 Hanover, NH 03755-3555

Reading over our 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion Book, it is clear how many classmates wished they had spent more time with the DOC and in the out-of-doors. While a donation to the cabin can't make up for lost time, you can now \*spend\* time in the out-of-doors through your donation!

For more information about the Class of '84 Cabin, including a listing of classmates who have already made generous donations to this effort, please visit the class website [www.dartmouth84.org](http://www.dartmouth84.org) All we can say is, "Wow!" The "Class of '84 Cabin" is one we will all be proud of.

Cola Parker '84

Anne Arquit Niederberger '84

Volunteer Class of 1984 25x25 Fundraisers