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Planned Enhancements at the Slim Baker Area Benefit Local Youth and Community

With the recent release of the book Bus and Wink: Adventures of Youth, Stories Told Around the Campfire, generations to come will benefit from the funds generated by the sale of the book. Capturing the legacy of Richard "Wink" Tapply, co-founder of the TTCC and pioneer in the town recreation movement, author Tim Tapply wrote and published this book to keep his grandfather's stories alive for generations to come. The Tapply family continues to this day to tell these "Bus and Wink" stories at special events, gatherings, and around the campfire on Newfound Lake.

The Tapply - Thompson Community Center (TTCC) and the Slim Baker Foundation for Outdoor Education, Inc. are working together to fundraise for future improvements for both organizations with direct benefits to the youth and community. The fundraiser will directly support both organizations capital funds in an effort to build upon current and future improvements. The Slim Baker Foundation, in accordance with its current master plan, is looking to build an outdoor pavilion located on the grounds of the Slim Baker Area for use by all visitors. A covered pavilion would provide a great venue for outdoor programs along with an ideal location for local youth involved in the TTCC summer camp, scouting and school programs to expand outdoor learning experiences.

The Tapply family has been instrumental in many ways within the community and especially with both TTCC and the Slim Baker Area. There are still many in the greater Bristol area whose lives have been influenced by Wink and Ruth Tapply. To help provide outdoor recreation opportunities for people in the greater Bristol community, a limited number of books will be available as a fundraiser, in order to aid with the outdoor missions of both the TTCC and the Slim Baker Foundation for Outdoor Education, Inc.

The book is now available for \$35 and can be ordered through the TTCC website at ttccrec.org or by calling TTCC at 603.744.2713.

The Slim Baker Area is 135-acre tract of conserved land on Little Round Top Mountain in Bristol, New Hampshire, set up in 1953 as a memorial to Everett "Slim" Baker, a dedicated and much-loved local conservation officer with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. Slim dreamed of setting up a "school for outdoor living" in the Newfound Lake area, and the Slim Baker Area is the

fulfillment of that dream. The Slim Baker Area is maintained by the Slim Baker Foundation, and open year-round for hiking, snowshoeing, and camping. For more information, to make facilities reservations, or make a donation to the foundation, please go to www.slimbaker.org.

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