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TAPPLY - THOMPSON COMMUNITY CENTER (TTCC) AND SLIM BAKER FOUNDATION FUNDRAISE FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS

The Tapply - Thompson Community Center (TTCC) and the Slim Baker Foundation for Outdoor Education, Inc. are working together to fundraise for future improvements with direct benefits to the youth and community. The fundraiser will 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 Newfound Area has greatly benefitted from the legacy of those who came before us and paved the way for our youth and community. Tim Tapply, grandson of Richard "Wink" Tapply, co-founder of the TTCC, has written a book titled Bus and Wink: Adventures of Youth, Stories Told Around the Campfire. Several years ago, Tim wrote and published this book, as a gift to the family, 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 family has been instrumental in many ways within the community and especially with both TTCC and the Slim Baker Area. Wink was the first Director of the Bristol Community Center, and there are many in the greater Bristol area whose lives have been influenced by Wink and Ruth. To help provide outdoor recreation opportunities for people in the greater Bristol community, a limited number of books will be available as a fundraiser, with 100% of the proceeds supporting the outdoor missions of both the TTCC and the Slim Baker Foundation for Outdoor Education, Inc. Wink's son, Dick Tapply, says, "The Tapply family is excited to share this book with the community as a way for Dad and Mom to continue to give to the greater Bristol area. Generous local people are covering the cost of publication in order for all proceeds can be dedicated to TTCC and the Slim Baker Area.

The book is now available for pre-order at \$35, with an expected release date at the end of August 2020. Books can be pre-ordered through the TTCC website at www.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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