CAIRN STONE **NEWSLETTER**

TO: Cairn Stone Alumni FROM: Coach Ron Gunn DATE: December 8, 2021

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GREAT DAY TO ZIG ZAG YOUR WAY TO THE CROW'S NEST!

ZIG ZAG: The weather was great for this early December hike! We had 36 fired up hikers enjoy one of Michigan's finest courses. Special thanks to *Cairn Stone Vets* Jay & Kathy Crouch, Larry Lies and Jim & June Brandner for their help setting up and taking down the course. Several people enjoyed rehydrating at *Isabel's Eatery and Bakery* or at the *Saugatuck Brewery*.



TENTATIVE BONUS HIKE: If the projected weather forecast holds I plan to do another bonus hike at our new 7 mile all trail course in Russ Forest - in Volinia (10 miles north of Cassopolis) - Saturday, December 18 starting at 10:00 to 10:30AM. This is a flat, scenic trail with a beautiful trout stream running through the forest. Shorter and longer courses can be developed and there will be vault toilets available. The start and finish will be at the parking area off Marcellus Hwy. where the stream runs through (2nd entrance going east). Please watch your email by Friday, December 17 for a final go/no go decision and details for this hike. **REHYDRATION STATION:** For those who feel comfortable we will rehydrate at the really cool new tavern in Cassopolis called *Holden Green*. It is a real treasure with plenty of room to spread out and it is located right downtown in Cassopolis on the east side of Broadway south of the light. After a hot toddy you can go across the street to a Cairn Stone favorite. The Broadway Cafe or down the street one block to the Twirl with indoor and outdoor seating (if the weather is mild). **DIRECTIONS:** Russ Forest County Park, 0.6 miles east of Decatur Road & Marcellus Hwv.



2022 SCHEDULE: Please find attached a tentative schedule for our 2022 hiking season. Obviously everything is very uncertain right now but I am hoping for the best. [NOTE: If you picked up a copy of the schedule last Saturday there were a few errors that are corrected in the attachment.]

Fire Up for 2022!

"I would rather have a passport full of stamps, than a house full of stuff."

Unknown

