

# 69<sup>th</sup> Franklin Trek

July 29 – August 5, 2023

Union College – 450 Nott Street, Schenectady, New York

The H.H. Franklin Club had a terrific run at Cazenovia College. The first Franklin Trek to be held there was in 1970. I attended my first Trek in 1974, at only three months old. Many of my formative memories and experiences were made there. However, all good things must come to an end, and Cazenovia College has closed after 199 years as an educational institution. While we are greatly saddened by the loss of Cazenovia College, we are excited to begin a new saga of Trekking at Union College in Schenectady, NY.

We looked all over New York and parts of New England for a new Trek venue, and we think we found an ideal place. The atmosphere in Schenectady is different, but the accommodations are a considerable upgrade. Every guest at Union will enjoy an air-conditioned room with a

private bathroom. We will be occupying two residence halls, College Park Hall and Garnet Commons. Garnet is a fairly new building with apartment-style living for groups of two to four, and College Park Hall is a former hotel with large rooms for two guests. The campus is a beautiful blend of modern convenience and classical architecture. In fact, Union College is the second-oldest university in the state, having been founded in 1795.

One of the benefits of moving the Franklin Trek across the state is that we now have an entirely new area to tour and explore. Sara, Rachel, and I have put together a wonderful week of activities. We start the week off with a long tour that you're not going to want to miss. Other days contain some shorter tours and some rides around Schenectady to allow everyone to learn the area. We really hope you

will join us this year. If you've never been to a Trek, this is the year to come! You will have a ball, we promise!

*-Steve Braverman, Rachel McNaughton, and Sara Schopmeier*



***Come in a Franklin if you can, but come if you have to walk!***

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact 2023 Trek Chairman Steve Braverman at [sdbraverman@gmail.com](mailto:sdbraverman@gmail.com) or 631-988-5957.

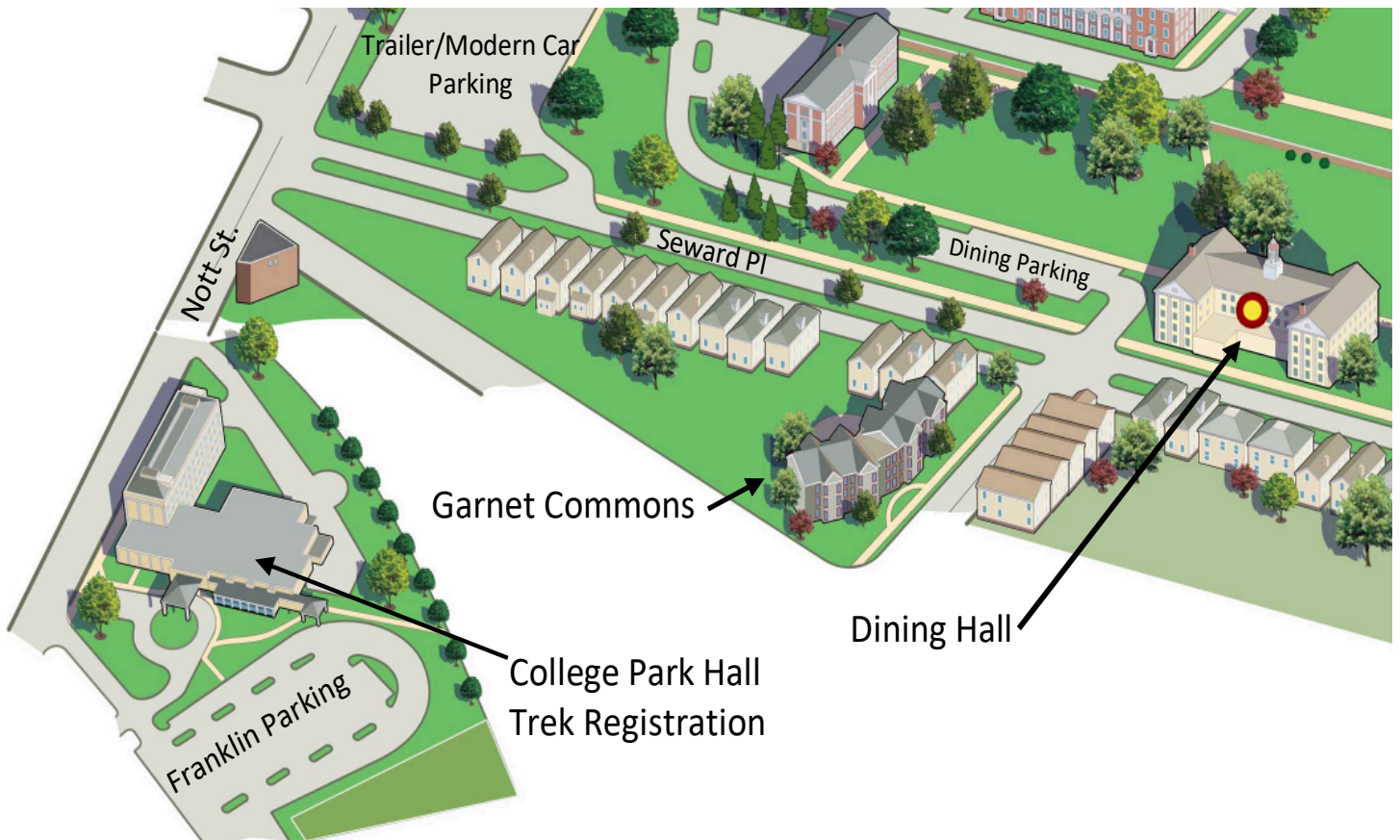
For registration questions contact the Franklin Trek Registrar Susan Roberts at [trekregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:trekregistrar@gmail.com) or 781-526-5591.

### Notice:

Schenectady is a small city. While there are several routes you can take to arrive at Union College, this one will be the easiest to follow, and be the most pleasant to drive.

#### **Directions to Union College from the NYS Thruway:**

- Take I-90 to exit 25
- Take I-890 west toward Schenectady for 4.7 miles
- Take Exit 4B toward GE Plant/Erie Blvd.
- Follow signs for Erie Blvd. through downtown Schenectady.
- At the traffic circle, take the first exit onto Nott Street.
- The first right turn is the entrance to College Park Hall, 450 Nott St.



**Notes:** Trailer and modern car parking is in the Nott-Seward parking lot, however the lot at College Park Hall is large enough for unloading. There are entrances to the Nott-Seward lot on both streets, but the entrance on Nott Street is very tight for a trailer. Use the Seward Place entrance. The entrance to College Park Hall is on Nott Street.

## Saturday, July 29

The Registration Desk will open at 1:00 PM. After getting settled in, please join us at 4:30 for a cocktail hour reception in College Park Hall. Beer, wine, soft drinks, and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Following the reception, dinner will be served in West College Hall. After dinner, catch up with old friends and new in the College Park Hall Ballroom, which will be open for evening hospitality with a cash bar.



## Sunday, July 30

After breakfast in West College Hall, we will depart for a tour to the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome. The ride is long (75 miles), but worth it! Come see aviation history come to life. This isn't an ordinary museum. Aircraft here actually flies, and we will have seats right next to the runway. You will be able to smell the exhaust of a Sopwith Camel! The Sunday Show is a WWI dog fight spectacular with a hero, a heroine (Cheer!), the villainous Black Baron of Rhinebeck (Boo!), scenery, pyrotechnics and a WWI tank. The supporting cast includes many antique

automobiles (including a 1929 Franklin).

The stars are the historic airplanes including a 1909 Bleriot, the oldest regularly flying airplane in the Western Hemisphere; the Fokker DR-I Triplane, the most famous fighter of WWI; and a precise replica of the Spirit of St. Louis, which was the first aircraft to fly NY to Paris in 1927. While aircraft rotate on and off the flightline, usually 15-20 are flyable for the shows. This is not to be missed.

After dinner, the evening entertainment will be Andy Wittenborn's slide show, and cash bar.

## Monday, July 31

Today's activities will keep us local. After breakfast you can relax and take in one of Kathy Wittenborn's famous psychology lectures. Or you can take a stroll around campus and enjoy Rachel's Union College Campus Scavenger Hunt. Or you can do both. After lunch we will enjoy a guided driving tour to explore Schenectady.

After dinner in West College Hall, the evening entertainment will be Vintage Movie Night! With cash bar.

## Tuesday, August 1

Tuesday is for spelunking. Nestled in the hallowed halls of hollow earth, Secret Caverns was founded by local civil engineer Roger Mallery. The caverns have hosted America's roadside travelers and seekers of subterranean knowledge and adventure since its discovery by intrepid bovine explorers in 1928 (a cow fell in a hole). Visitors to the cave can expect a walk through unsullied but accessible prehistoric passageway encrusted by the patient hand of time. Mother Nature's handiwork can be easily viewed in the form of stalactites, stalagmites, and flowstone. Visitors enter the cavern by use of the petrified escalator (the 103 stairs). The various layers of limestone deposited faithfully by the prehistoric ocean,



which covered North America during the Silurian-Devonian eras, one can easily view Americas "first" settlers in the form of brachiopods, corals, and crinoids.

The tour culminates when one reaches the world famous 100 ft underground waterfall. Truly a wonder of nature, this rare sight is unmatched.



Lunch will be at the Bull's Head Inn, an historic Inn and Tavern built in 1802. This Cobleskill landmark has a colorful history and is said to be haunted. The meal will be delicious.

After dinner in West College Hall, we will drive over the bridge to Scotia to see a water ski show at 7:00 on the Mohawk River. The evening entertainment will be Trivia Night and cash bar.



### Wednesday, August 2

After breakfast we depart for beautiful Saratoga Springs, NY and the Saratoga Automobile Museum. The museum's exhibits are always changing, but one exhibit that is ongoing is called "East of Detroit," and features cars built in New York State. On display is Charles Lindberg's 1928 Franklin. Currently being featured is an exhibit of James Bond vehicles.

Lunch will be a pizza party catered by West Ave. Pizza. When in New York, pizza is a must, even if not in Brooklyn.

After dinner, the evening entertainment will be "Sheryl Faye Presents Historical Women," in her one woman show, *Amelia Earhart - Pioneer of Aviation*. Sheryl has masterfully brought to life important historical women to venues around the country. See [sherylfaye.com](http://sherylfaye.com) for more information. There will be a cash bar.

### Thursday, August 3

After breakfast in West College Hall, we will have some time to relax. There will be the HHFC Annual Meeting and the Board of Directors' Meeting, and a tech session in the morning. Lunch will be on campus today. After lunch will be the Poker Run.

After dinner, the evening entertainment will be the Vintage Fashion Show, hosted by Marty Sugermeyer. There will be a cash bar and hospitality.



## Friday, August 4

After breakfast in West College Hall, we depart for the Road Rally hosted by Sara and Lee Schopmeier. Enjoy touring the local area. The Rally will take us to Scotia, NY and Jumpin' Jack's Drive-In, where we will enjoy an outdoor lunch.

In the afternoon, we return to campus for the annual parts auction, then get dressed and get ready. The cocktail reception begins at 4:30, followed by the formal banquet.



## Saturday, August 5

Saturday breakfast signifies that another Trek has come to a close. Please have a safe trip home, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in Schenectady in 2024. As per the college's regulations, please plan to be off the campus by 12:00 noon.

*Register and pay for the Trek online.  
Go to the members only section at [www.franklinarc.org](http://www.franklinarc.org)*

**NEW THIS YEAR: WE WILL NOT BE SUPPLYING A PILLOW OR A TOWEL. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN.**

**ON-CAMPUS** includes room accommodations with bedding, all meals, and tour activities. Bedding includes 1 set of sheets, 1 pillow case, and 1 blanket. Extra blankets will **not** be available, please plan to bring your own.

**OFF-CAMPUS** includes lunches, tours and activities, and dinners.

Please register by July 1. Room availability is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis, register early.

If you are a party of 3 or 4, please let us know! The Garnet Commons would be perfect for you! Each apartment has individual rooms for each person, a bathroom, sitting area, and full kitchen.

**Trek Registration Fees**

**Primary Trek Participant - \$65.00 (\$115 After July 1)**

**Each additional Trekker - \$30.00 (\$80 After July 1)**

**Trek Package Prices Per Person**

<u>On-Campus</u>	<u>Off-Campus</u>
7 Days \$990.00	\$630.00
6 Days \$860.00	\$540.00
5 Days \$720.00	\$450.00
4 Days \$580.00	\$360.00
3 Days \$435.00	\$270.00
2 Days \$300.00	\$180.00

**Trek Package Prices for Children Under 12**

<u>On-Campus</u>	<u>Off-Campus</u>
7 Days \$710.00	\$350.00
6 Days \$620.00	\$300.00
5 Days \$520.00	\$250.00
4 Days \$420.00	\$200.00
3 Days \$315.00	\$150.00
2 Days \$220.00	\$100.00

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

For registration questions contact Susan Roberts at [trekregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:trekregistrar@gmail.com) or 781-526-5591.

Cancellations made before July 1 may be refunded minus 20%. NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 1.

Return 2023 Franklin Trek Registration pages with full payment to:

**Susan Roberts, 52 Butler Avenue, Wakefield, MA 01880**

Credit/Debit payments are accepted. Please make checks payable to the order of: The Franklin Trek

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I plan to arrive at the Franklin Trek on (date) \_\_\_\_\_. I plan to leave the Franklin Trek on (date) \_\_\_\_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you bringing a car?

Year/Series/Model/Color: \_\_\_\_\_

License Plate# & State: \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME TAGS - Please fill in as you would like your name and town/city to appear to your fellow Trekkers**

First Name	Last Name	Town/City	State	Child ages under 16

Please let us know if you have any dietary or mobility concerns.

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Indicate desired involvements by listing FIRST names on the appropriate lines below.

I plan to bring Parts for Sale \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to bring items to Auction \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to be a model in the Fashion Show \_\_\_\_\_

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

In consideration of our participation in the 2023 Franklin Trek, I hereby release The H. H. Franklin Club, Inc., their officers and representatives, Union College, and the organizers of the 2023 Franklin Trek from any liability arising from the attendance and participation of myself and my family and invited guests at the Franklin Trek, or any liability for negligence on anyone's part at the Trek. I certify that I have public liability insurance on my vehicle(s), that they are/it is roadworthy, are appropriately registered, inspected, and licensed per my state regulations, and an operable fire extinguisher will be in an accessible location in each vehicle at all times. Furthermore, I will abide by all current State of New York COVID-19 Health Protocols/Directives and Mandates as well as the COVID-19 Mandates and Protocols of Union College and the Trek.

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

Questions about filling out your registration form?  
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REGISTRATION PACKET.**

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IMMEDIATELY!**