

FEDERATION MEETING IN JUNE

The members of the John Burroughs Natural History Society are working energetically at their responsibilities as host to the Federation of New York State Bird Clubs, to be held June 4-6, 1971, at the Mohonk Mountain House, New Paltz, New York, 12561. Committee chairmen have been appointed; field trips are being outlined; volunteers for the papers session are coming in, and will be screened to give you the most rewarding three hours we can possibly devise. We can promise, a bit mysteriously, that the banquet speaker will be one of the most exciting you have ever heard, and his talk will be illustrated with motion pictures and live birds of prey.

For our Display Room we would like very much to receive a copy of the bulletin published by each member club, with information concerning the frequency of publication, average number of pages, and whether the material used is exclusively concerned with birds, or if it also includes conservation and ecology. Photographers who have pictures they would like to display; craftsmen and writers — all who have material to show are encouraged to contact Virginia Smiley, co-chairman at the address above.

We would also like to hear from people who have been involved in research, and who have papers they would like to present during the Saturday afternoon session. Presentations will be limited (always hopefully!) to fifteen minutes.

Since Mohonk will be new to many participants, a good number of the field trips, especially the shorter delegate trips, will be on the 7,500 acres surrounding the Mountain House. In addition to birding trips, there will be one available on the flora of Ulster County, another on the ecology of the gypsy moth, and one on bird banding and ecology. Off-mountain field trips will also be available to the habitat of the Bicknell's Thrush on Slide Mountain; to Cruger Island in the Hudson, a fine spot for warblers; to Slabsides, the studio of John Burroughs, also a good area for natural and human history; to Ashokan Reservoir for water fowl; and to the local Little Wings Sanctuary. We would be happy to hear of any preferences or suggestions.

A variety of accommodations will be available to those who do not wish to stay at the Mountain House. Some may wish to camp at one of the several campsites on the property, and there are motels in New Paltz.

Details of accommodations available, rates, details on field trips, and convention programs will be mailed at a later date.