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The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Trails Association will be held at Cumberland Mountain State Park Saturday, Dec. 2, 1972 at 10 a.m. Central Standard Time.

Joe Gaines, Administrator of the State Trails System, will outline the steps the Tennessee Department of Conservation must take to implement the State Trails System Act, and he will report on plans for 1973. He will discuss the role of the private citizen in developing the State Trails System...what he should and should not do. He will report on the status of National Recreation Trails in Tennessee and on plans for State Recreation Trails.

Chairmen of scenic trail projects are requested to attend and submit maps of actual or proposed routes. If any chairman can not attend, his report should be sent with someone else.

The election of officers will follow committee reports. Ruth Slusher and Grimes Slaughter, both of Oak Ridge, have been appointed to the Nominating Committee, along with a third member of their choice. To be elected are President, Vice-president, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary-treasurer, and one director.

Lunch will be served at noon, Dutch treat. At that time, Ed Casey of the State Dept. of Health will present a 20-minute film on hypothermia, which discusses survival of cold temperatures. He will show clothing and equipment suitable for cold weather activities. There will be a short hike in the afternoon, probably from Brown's Gap to the head of Sequatchie Valley.

John McIntyre, chairman of the northern section of the Cumberland Trail, reports that the trail has been completed and marked from Lake City to Poplar Creek Gap, where it leaves Walden's Ridge toward Frozen Head State Park. Several miles have been roughed out between Lake City and Cove Lake.

John met with district Scout leaders at Buck Toms Boy Scout Camp Nov. 11 to discuss troop participation in development of the State Trails System. There will be another session at Buck Toms Dec. 2 and TTA will again be represented.

Seventeen people attended the meeting at Wayside Presbyterian Church in Signal Mountain Nov. 12 to enlist a committee to help map the southern end of the Cumberland Trail. The group set a meeting to select a chairman and organize a task force on Nov. 16. Several of them expect to attend the annual meeting.

Clarence Streetman, public relations manager for Bowaters, who is a member of the Board of the National Trails Council, reports that a National Symposium on Trails will be held at Colorado Springs June 14-18, 1973. Headquarters for the Symposium will be Holiday Inn North. There are other motels in walking distance and there are a number of campgrounds in the vicinity.

Clarence writes; "The NTC could use some financial help. Individual memberships are \$10 a year. The address is National Trails Council, 53 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill. 60604.