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There will be a training session on trail construction and layout Saturday, Sept. 15, 1973, at 10 a.m. Central Daylight Time. The class will be conducted by Tennessee Trails Association President David Rhyne on Hiwassee Land Co. property near Fall Creek Falls State Park.

To get to the training area, take Tennessee Highway 30 and watch for a sign on a dirt road one-fourth mile west of the park entrance. It will be on the right, going west. Bring your own lunch unless you plan to eat at the park inn. The session will probably end by noon, but if there is enough interest it will continue in the afternoon.

President Rhyne would like to know how many are coming so he will have enough copies of the instruction sheet handouts. Drop him a line at 1935 Sandra Drive, Cleveland, Tenn. 37311.

For those who would like to spend the day in the area, Fall Creek Falls has spectacular scenery, waterfalls, golf, nature trails and bike rentals, to name a few activities. If you want overnight accommodations, call 615-881-3294 or write to the park superintendent at Pikeville, Tn. 37367.

The TTA By-laws call for a meeting of the Board of Directors at least once each quarter. Perhaps the third quarter meeting could be held at Fall Creek Falls after the trail construction class.

No doubt, all of our members received Pres. Rhyne's note of Aug. 13 about the possibility of Tennessee hosting a regional trails conference in 1974. The Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce is interested in helping us with this proposal. The Chamber will also work with us to bring the Third National Trails Symposium to Tennessee in 1975.

If you have not responded to the President's note, please do so as soon as possible.

Donald Todd, Sr., was one of the interested citizens who accompanied the House Conservation Committee on a tour of East Tennessee Strip mines last month. He feels optimistic about the prospect for stricter enforcement of existing laws and improved reclamation legislation in the 1974 session of the General Assembly.

The annual fall color hike will be held in October. Tentative sites include Pickett State Park and Cumberland Gap. The colors at the Pinnacle in the Gap are very bright in late October.

The Smoky Mountains Hiking Club will hold its annual election and covered dish social Saturday, Sept. 8 at the Campfire Girls Camp off Emory Valley Road in Oak Ridge. The notice says, "Time: 4:00 p.m. for socializing; eat at 5:30, followed by the election." The Committee would like to have prior notice of attendance. The members of the Committee are Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Sergeant and Margaret Gottschall of Oak Ridge and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Bickley of Knoxville.

We're short of news this month. Let us know about activities along the trail.