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The Tennessee Environmental Council will sponsor a two-day conference on legislation at Cumberland Mountain State Park Oct. 20 and 21. The conference will summarize and evaluate legislation passed during the 1973 session of the General Assembly; review pending bills; identify needs for new bills in '74, and plan strategy.

Conference sessions will be held in the downstairs meeting rooms at the park restaurant. Breakfast is not served during the off season, but lunch and dinner are. There will be a banquet Saturday evening. The registration fee will be \$2.00; the banquet about \$3.50.

The conference will be preceded by the appearance of Assistant Secretary of the Interior Nathaniel Reed at the Oak Ridge Civic Center Friday, Oct. 19 at 8:00 p.m. EDT. This meeting has been arranged by TCWP.

TTA's Fall Color Weekend will be spent jointly with the Sierra Club at Pickett State Park Oct. 26-28. Bob Brown will lead an exploratory hike on the proposed route of the John Muir Trail downstream from Leatherwood Ford Bridge on Saturday. David Gray of the Sierra Club will lead a second exploratory hike upstream from the mouth of Station Camp Creek on Sunday. Both groups will leave Pickett at 9:00 a.m. Central time. (The time changes to Standard on the 28th.)

For the less hardy, Robbie and David Hassler will lead hikes on Sunday to famous Pickett landmarks: Chimney Rock, Pinnacle Mountain and the Tandem Arches. Donald Todd, Sr. may be drafted to help with these.

Housing will be in the new group camp and meals will be prepared and served in the Main Lodge. The main lodge will be open at 5 p.m. CDT Friday, Oct. 26 for bunk assignments and sign-up for sharing in mealtime and snack responsibilities. The cost will be \$2.00 for a bunk for two nights and \$3.00 a person for food for three meals.

Participants should eat on the way or bring a picnic supper to eat in the dining room at the Main Lodge. Breakfast Saturday and Sunday and dinner Saturday will be prepared at the group camp. Bring lunches for the trail Saturday and Sunday.

There will be folk singing and dancing both nights. A night hike is planned for Friday. The moon will be new on the 25th, so it will be pretty dark. After dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday, the Tennessee Chapter of the Sierra Club will present illustrated identification of national and state goals and priorities.

There will be a campfire at 8:00 Saturday evening. Bob Brown has suggested that this will be a good time for a TTA Board meeting.

Cabins and campsites are also available at Pickett. Those who plan to stay in the group camp will need to bring bedding for their bunks, cups for between meal beverages, seats for the campfire and 24 cookies for sharing Saturday night. Send \$5.00 deposit to Frieda C. Coleman, 1105 Riverwood Drive, Nashville, Tenn. 37216. This is needed to help plan the food.