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Calendar:

Sept. 13, Hike, Trail of the Lonesome Pine, Mike Dahl, leader.
Sept. 21, Nashville Chapter hike, Radnor Lake, Evelyn Tretter.
Sept. 27, Paint Party, blaze Cumberland Trail, Mike Dahl.
Oct. 11-12, Montgomery Bell, overnight, Russell Fryer.
Oct. 17-19, Annual Meeting, Camp Ocoee, Cherokee National Forest.
Nov. 8-9, Nashville Chapter, Big South Fork, Joe Gaines.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Plans were finalized at the Aug. 8 Board meeting for the greatest annual meeting ever! Bertha Chrietberg has prepared a program that will appeal to all members. Family events are planned, so bring the whole family. Hikes, raft trips, nature rambles, campfire music, slide programs and much more are planned. The State will report some very exciting news on the Cumberland Trail and the Trail of the Lonesome Pine. The 1980 Tennessee Trails Award will be presented. This meeting has been set up for you. See you there!

Alas, after careful financial research, an amendment to the Constitution has been recommended by the President and approved by the Board of Directors, to increase the dues from \$5.00 to \$8.00 for individual members and from \$10 to \$15 for supporting members. Supporting membership dues have been the same since the original dues structure was adopted in December 1969. Individual membership dues were increased from \$3 to \$5 in 1975 and student dues were increased to \$3 last year. The cost of everything has doubled since 1969.

The dues increase is necessary for us to remain a viable organization. It will also pay for an improved newsletter format. This and other amendments are enclosed for your review and will be voted on at the annual meeting.

I was pleased to represent TTA on TV with Governor Alexander and Assistant Conservation Commissioner Tim McCall in July. We appeared on the "View From the Hill" program which received statewide exposure. We talked about outdoor recreation in Tennessee, especially Tennessee trails. We talked about the State Trails System and TTA's role in legislation and implementation. Comm. McCall announced plans for completion of the Trails System, as much as possible, within the next five years.

Sincerely, Joe Gaines, President
Proposed Amendments

Section 5 of the By-laws shall be amended to read:

"Dues -- The dues of the Association shall be eight dollars (\$8.00) per year for individual members. Student members in high school and at the undergraduate level in college shall pay three dollars (\$3.00) per year with no voting privileges. Supporting members shall pay a minimum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) and/or special services as defined and approved by the Board of Directors. New memberships received after October 1 of each year shall entitle the member to full membership benefits for the following years."

The next amendment, proposed by the President, is more of a housekeeping nature, to reflect more clearly the educational functions of TTA. Article II of the Constitution shall be amended to read:

"Purpose -- The purpose of this Association shall be to promote and develop a system of hiking trails for the Great State of Tennessee, to provide opportunities for the enjoyment of these trails, and to educate the membership and the general public as to wise stewardship of trails and the outdoor areas through which they pass. The Association will work with Federal, State and local agencies, and other organizations and landowners for such development and education; and will work for conservation of natural resources."

Article III of the Constitution shall be amended to read:

1980 TTA ANNUAL MEETING

CAMP OCOEE - - - OCTOBER 17, 18, 19, 1980

GET YOUR BOOTS AND PADDLES READY FOR THIS YEAR'S TTA GALA . . .
TTA ANNUAL MEETING AT YMCA CAMP OCOEE ! ! !

This year's meeting has been organized to present a variety of exciting activities for all members and their families.

HIKING TRAILS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION! ! !

We have hikes from "easy nature walks" to "very challenging hikes." How about crossing a stream 40 times in seven miles, or a hike that takes two hours to go up and 16 minutes to come down?

AND SPEAKING OF TRAILS, HOW ABOUT RIVER TRAILS?

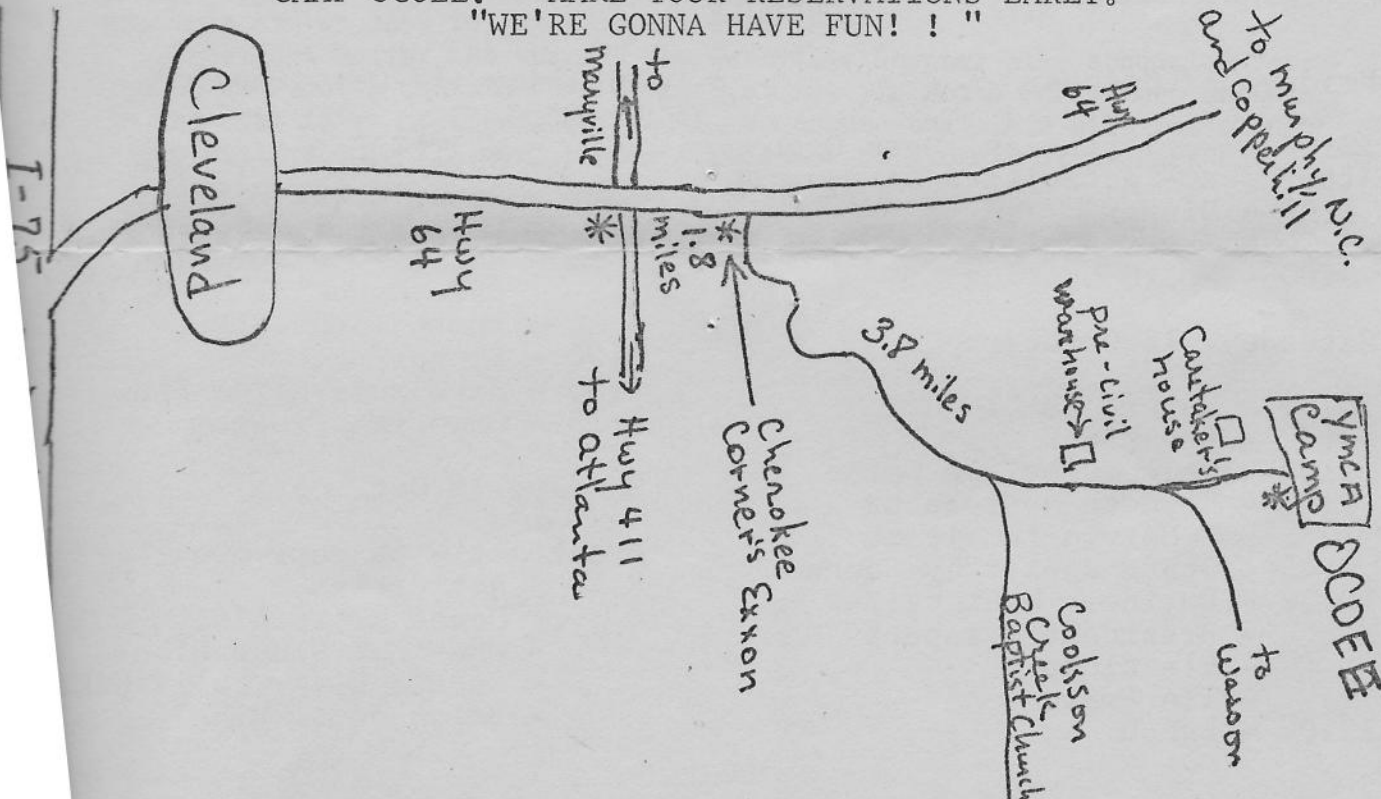
We have planned an Hawassee River Raft Float for Saturday afternoon, and for the more venturesome, an Ocoee River Raft Trip with a guide for Sunday morning or a quiet canoe paddle around Parkland Lake.

AND INDOOR PROGRAMS, READ ABOUT THIS! ! !

You'll finally be able to see our own TTA slide show, find out who is to receive our 1980 Tennessee Trails Award, see a beautiful presentation on John Muir, and attend a mountain music oriented campfire program.

ALL THIS NESTLED BETWEEN THE MOUNTAINS AND A BLUE LAKE AT YMCA CAMP OCOEE. MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY.

"WE'RE GONNA HAVE FUN! ! !"



Pre-registration form: Mail before October 1, 1980

"Individual members shall be persons who are interested in the work of the Association in planning and developing trails in the Great State of Tennessee and in educating the public as to their proper use and care, and in educating public and private organizations in trail development and management."

HIKES

Mike Dahl writes: "The TTA hike for September on the Trail of the Lone- some Pine will go from Highway 70 north to Looney's Gap. The distance is 7 miles and requires about 6 hours to hike. This is one of the most rugged and spectacular sections of the trail, with huge rock bluffs and outcroppings.

"We will meet at the Orange Bowl Restaurant on Highway 66 in Rogersville at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13. Everyone should bring plenty of water and a lunch. For additional information, contact Mike Dahl or Lynn Coward at 588-7695 in Knoxville."

Evelyn Tretter will lead the Nashville Chapter hike at Radnor Lake Sunday, Sept. 21. Meet her at the parking lot on Otter Creek Road at 1:30 p.m. CDT. For further information, call her at 859-0566.

Mike Dahl reports the biggest turnout ever for the Roan Mountain hike June 21, with 20 people participating. Due to the unfortunate scheduling of the Roan Mountain State Park dedication and the Rhododendron Festival, all on the same day, the area was a madhouse.

Mike says the turnout for the Cumberland Trail hike and paint party July 12 was tremendous disappointment. Of the six people who hiked, three were Conservation Dept. employees or family. James Woodring, his wife and daughter from Chenoa, Kentucky, Ken Miller, CT job foreman, and Mike and Fran Dahl participated. The trail was blazed from Caryville south to Walden Ridge, about a 4-mile stretch. There remains about 9 to 10 miles yet to be blazed. Another paint party has been scheduled for Sept. 27. Meet at the High School in Lake City at 8:30 a.m. to participate.

Oscar Krosnos had only two other people, Joe and Jody Voiles of Soddy, on the Piper Cave hike August 9. Joe and Jody were very enthusiastic about the trip and we hope to get a report from them.

President Gaines has changed the Nashville Chapter hike scheduled for Nov. 8 at Scott's Gulf to Nov. 8 and 9 at the Big South Fork. More on this in the next issue of TENNESSEE TRAILS. We assume that this will not change Harry Williamson's TTA membership overnighiter at Pickett State Park Nov. 22-23.

BENTON MACKAYE TRAIL

The Benton MacKaye Trail Association was organized last spring to construct, maintain and promote an alternate route to the Appalachian Trail in the Southern mountains. Energetic teams flagged the Georgia section of the trail in one day this summer. More than half of the three-state trail follows existing trails, but an ambitious job remains, linking sections, blazing and upgrading the trail to Forest Service standards. Since most of the trail is on public land, it is expected that the construction phase will be complete by the mid-eighties.

The Tennessee portion of the Benton MacKaye Trail will leave the Tellico River crossing on Forest Road 210 on the Tennessee-North Carolina border, following the state line over Beaverdam Bald and Unicoi Gap to the Appalachia Powerhouse, then pass through the Ocoee Ranger District of Cherokee National Forest via Sassafras Knob and Ocoee No. 3 Powerhouse to the Georgia line, passing to the east of Big Frog Mountain.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a member may write to Benton MacKaye Trail Association, P. O. Box 53271, Atlanta, GA 30305. The annual dues are \$10.00.

This issue of TENNESSEE TRAILS may be late in reaching the members, since Corresponding Secretary Dot Lingerfelt was scheduled to be away from home Aug. 25 through Labor Day.