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Calendar:

Montgomery Bell overnight hike, Russell Fryer, leader, Oct. 11-12.
Oct. 17-19, Annual meeting, Camp Ocoee, Cherokee National Forest.
Oct. 23, Nashville Chapter meeting, Cumberland Museum, 7:30 p.m.
Oct.-Nov, Work sessions, Long Hunter Trail, Betty Smith.
Nov. 7-9, Intergroup Conference, Cumberland Campground, Crossville.
Nov. 8-9, Nashville Chapter, Big South Fork, Joe Gaines.
Nov. 15, TACL Trash Pickup.
Nov. 23-24, Overnight Trip, Pickett State Park, Harry Williamson.

ANNUAL MEETING

All TTA members are urged to attend the annual meeting at Camp Ocoee in Cherokee National Forest October 17, 18 and 19. Important business to be acted on Saturday morning includes the proposed dues change. There will be very special progress reports on the Cumberland Trail and other projects. Marvin K. Lauritsen, Supervisor of Cherokee National Forest, will be the keynote speaker. Bertha Chrietzberg has arranged a very fine program of activities for the weekend, including seven hike options, canoeing on Parksville Lake, Hiwassee and Ocoee River float trips, slide shows, and a campfire program Saturday night.

In case you've lost the map we sent last month, go east on U. S. Highway 64 By-pass from I-75 just south of Cleveland and turn right at Cherokee Corner Exxon Station 1.8 miles east of U.S. 411. It is 3.8 miles from there to Camp Ocoee.

HIKES

Russell Fryer will be the leader for the Oct. 11-12 overnight trip in Montgomery Bell State Park. This Class II hike offers historical and natural features and, we hope, fall colors. The length of the trail is 12 miles. However, those wishing to hike only for the day Saturday may walk a loop of six miles. Meet at 9:30 a.m. CDT at the park office inside the main entrance on Highway U.S. 70 For information, call Russell at 865-1790.

The dedication of the Long Hunter Trail at Percy Priest Lake and the Nashville Chapter hike scheduled for Oct. 25 have been postponed, as the trail is not completed. Instead, Trail Work Chairman Betty Smith has made Oct. 25 a special work day and urges all who can to call her for directions and time of meeting. Her number is 327-2671. Those who can't go early in the day can make arrangements to go later.

Betty's work schedule includes Wednesday, Oct. 1, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 5, 8:00 a.m.; Thursday, Oct. 9, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 19, 8:00 a.m.; Saturday, Oct. 25, 8:00 a.m., and Wednesday, Oct. 29, 5:00 p.m. November work sessions are set for the 1st, 9th, 15th and 23rd. To get to the trail head, turn right on Mt. Juliet Road off I-40 and go 6.3 miles to Granny Wright Lane. Go right a tenth of a mile and left on Bakors Grove Road to a dead end. Park and walk a tenth of a mile to the trail head.

Mike Dahl reports on the Sept. 13 hike on the Trail of the Lonesome Pine: "Nine people in all joined in the hike from Little War Gap at Highway 70 north to Looney's Gap. The hike was 8 miles long and took 8½ hours and every drop of water carried along.

"It was too hazy to see the Smokies or the Cumberlands, but most other ridges of the Great Valley were visible. The rock bluffs and 40-foot high overhangs were indeed the high point of the hike.

"Those attending were Helen Kapral of Oak Ridge; Terry Bonham, Nashville; Lynn Coward and Mike and Jamie Dahl, all of Knoxville, and soon to be new

members Martin Gourley and his son, of Rogersville, and Susan Greenwood and Grace Mitchell, both of Bristol.

"The return trip was highlighted by getting all nine people in one car and then driving six miles over a bumpy gravel road."

Evelyn Tretter writes: "After the beautiful instructions Gene Curp sent for the August Newsletter about the Nashville Chapter meeting Aug. 28, with all details about how to get to Marrowbone Lake, Gene got lost getting there. He also had bad luck with his lights going out, and the last I saw he was driving from Nashville to Hendersonville with only his parking lights. I never heard if he made it home."

Incidentally, Evelyn reminds us that she is still the Nashville coordinator for rides to state hikes (and the annual meeting). Call her at 859-0566 to volunteer a car or arrange a ride with someone else.

INTERGROUP CONFERENCE

The Tennessee Environmental Council and the Tennessee Audubon Council will co-host this year's Intergroup Conference at Cumberland Campground of the Methodist Church at Crossville Nov. 7-9. Members from many environmental, conservation, health and public interest groups in Tennessee gather for this annual event, which is always full of lively workshops and speakers.

Saturday workshop topics include abandoned dumps/hazardous waste, endangered and non-game species, synthetic fuels, government reorganization, budget, effective lobbying, and others. Gov. Alexander has been invited to speak, and an interesting evening program on TVA is planned.

Friday night will feature music, story-telling, and a film. There are reasonable rates for the group lodge and home-cooked meals, or you can use kitchen facilities in the Lodge.

TEC and the Audubon Council will hold board meetings on Sunday morning. These meetings are open to the public. To make reservations or to get more information, write to Morri Rudd, TEC, P.O. Box 1422, Nashville, TN 37202, or call 251-1110.

The trash pickup originally scheduled for Oct. 11 by the Tennessee Alliance for Container Legislation, has been postponed until Nov. 15. The change was made to enable the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to participate. They couldn't get their schedule organized until November.

The Scouts will divide the trash they pick up into recyclable and non-recyclable sacks. They think that pictures of piles of non-returnable cans will drive home the point that deposit legislation will be the most effective way to reduce litter.

TENNESSEE TRAILS was one of the books reviewed in Tom Adkinson's article, "A Guide to Travel Guides", in the June issue of Nashville Magazine. The review was very flattering and should have spurred sales of the book.

Evan Means was one of 15 nominees for the Board of Directors of the National Trails Council in the election scheduled for August 30. When this was written we hadn't heard the results of the election. The 1981 National Trails Symposium will be held in Davis, California, probably on the campus of California State University.

The Editor served as guide for members of the Tennessee Outdoor Writers Association who visited Bowater's Pinoy River recreation complex during the writers' fall meeting at Newport Resort Sept. 11-13. Time was limited, so we made a brief trip to Indian Head Point in Stinging Fork Pocket Wilderness, then climbed the Twin Rocks Nature Trail to enjoy the view. The trails were in excellent condition, a tribute to David Rhyno's skill in design and construction.

We'll be looking for you at Camp Ocoee Oct. 17-19.