

# TENNESSEE TRAILS

Monthly newsletter of the Tennessee Trails Association



*MISSION: To promote, construct and maintain a statewide system of hiking trails, and to work for the conservation of natural resources inherent to this objective. Sponsor for the Cumberland Trail.*

## Don't forget the Annual Meeting

**It's a good chance to hike new trails,  
renew old acquaintances,  
and make new ones**

Also, there are some changes:

The potluck supper is Friday

General membership meeting is Saturday at 6 p.m., followed by a presentation by naturalist Alisha Weber of Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park and the auction.

A form and additional information are on page 8 in the newsletter.

## 1999 TTA Financial Plan

For many years, TTA has operated without any formal financial plan. Our major expense has been the publication and distribution of the newsletter to the membership, and the annual dues have more or less covered this expense. A portion of any surplus between the annual dues and newsletter costs have been allocated to the chapters to help them with any expenses for programs, meeting places, and local trail projects that they might undertake. Any unusual expenses have been authorized by the board based on the amount of money in the bank at any point in time.

In addition to the annual dues, TTA has a few other sources of income. The royalties from the sale of "Hiking Tennessee Trails" have been assigned to TTA by the author, Evan Means, who is one of the founders of TTA. We make some profit on the sale of various merchandise items, such as tee shirts, the hiking book, patches, decals, etc.

We also have a few "supporting" members who regularly contribute more than the prescribed annual dues, and this excess goes into our operating fund.

The annual auction has brought in a small amount of additional money over the years, with the amount raised increasing significantly for the last couple or three years, mainly as the result of the superb efforts of Bob and Arleen Barnett in locating higher quality items. However, also, for the past couple or three years, the TTA board has earmarked this money as a contribution to the CTC, so the money raised does not cover any general TTA operating expenses.

TTA has offered Life Memberships for many years for \$150, with a by-law requirement that this money be invested, with only the interest earned going towards operating expenses. This money has not been kept completely separate from

The sweet calm sunshine of October, now  
Warms the low spot; upon its grassy mould  
The purple oak-leaf falls; the birchen bough  
Drops its bright spoil like arrow-heads of gold.

—William Cullen Bryant

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operating funds, but is more or less intact. It was recognized a couple of years ago that the \$150 Life membership fee didn't make financial sense — at 6% interest, the \$150 will only return \$9 annually, which doesn't cover the newsletter expenses and chapter allocations. As a result, the board raised the Life Membership fee to \$500 in 1996. No Life memberships have been sold at this fee level.

Basically, then, our annual dues are just barely covering the cost of the newsletter production and distribution. Any increase in printing or postage costs will have an adverse effect on this balance. A number of additional member services, such as a regular Membership Directory and a Members Manual, are under consideration by the board. However, these can only be offered if we are sure the funding is there.

We are now at sort of a financial crossroads. TTA, through the CTC, has entered into an agreement with the state, to partner in the development, maintenance, and management of the Cumberland Trail State Park. Once TTA and the state have determined the routing of the trail, TTA/CTC will be responsible for the negotiations with land owners. Once these negotiations are complete, and the state has signed an easement agreement of some sort, TTA/CTC, through its volunteer staffed programs, will build the actual trail. Once the trail is built, it will be TTA/CTC that will handle the ongoing maintenance chores from year to year, again, through the efforts of its members and other volunteers.

Even though the success of TTA/CTC in meeting its responsibilities to the Cumberland Trail State Park depends on its volunteers, it can't be done through volunteer efforts alone. There is a need for paid staff to do the leg work involved with land owner contacts and negotiations, to stage and coordinate volunteer programs throughout the year, and to provide logistical support for the volunteer development and maintenance projects. It is estimated that in excess of \$500,000 will be needed over the next four years. CTC has been successful in securing grants from various sources to cover the expenses associated with the volunteer programs fielded through Break Away over the past couple of years. CTC volunteers are working now to secure major funding to cover as much of the expenses foreseen for the next four years as possible. It is not expected that these major grants will cover all the expenses — there will be some shortfall. The exact amount of this shortfall is not known at this time, but it could be \$10-, \$20-, or \$30,000 or more annually.

This is where TTA needs to decide how it wants to move forward. A lot of TTA members have volunteered many hours of their time to work on the CT. That has been appreciated, and it is hoped that many more members will be similarly involved in the coming years. The question is,

can we do more — financially? Do we, as an organization, want to do more — in helping make up the CTC funding shortfall? If we do want to do more for the CT, how do we do it?

The membership survey taken last Fall indicated that a substantial majority of you agree that TTA should be more active in raising money to support its trail projects.

There are three major ways we can raise money for additional membership services and CTSP funding: (1) Increase our level of membership; (2) Raise our dues; (3) Increase the average level of giving by each member. None of these approaches will work by themselves, but they can all work together. Increasing our membership doesn't generate any monies for additional services, as long as the dues are barely covering existing services. Raising our dues without increasing our membership would either put an inordinate strain on the existing member base or simply not raise any significant amount. Likewise, raising the average level of giving would be amplified if the member base were increased at the same time.

Look at the arithmetic. Our member base is currently around 600. Raising dues by \$5 would generate an additional \$3000. If we could also achieve an average giving level of \$10 per member, this would raise an additional \$6000, giving a total of \$9000.

Increasing dues by \$10 would give \$6000 and an average giving level of \$20 would yield another \$12000 for a total of \$18000.

Doubling our membership, raising our dues by \$5, and giving an average of \$10 each would also raise \$18000.

If we double our membership, raise our dues by \$10, and increase the average giving level to \$20, we could raise an additional total of \$36000.

In the membership survey, most people said they would be willing to both support a dues increase and to contribute above and beyond any prescribed dues. The dilemma is to set realistic goals and then determine the best overall strategy for meeting those goals.

At the Annual meeting, the TTA board, which includes your chapter chairperson, or their designee, will be deciding on a financial plan for 1999, both in terms of making any changes in the dues structure, and on allocating expenses for various programs, including funding all or part of the shortfall in the CTC's fund raising efforts. However the strength of TTA has always been in its chapters. Whatever the board decides, it will be up to the chapters to make it happen. It will ultimately be the chapters that achieve our membership and financial goals.

It's time to get involved! Let your chapter chair person know your thoughts on these issues, or share them with me. My E-mail and phone number are on the back of the newsletter. My mailing address is 324 Raintree Drive, Hendersonville, 37075. Better yet, come to the board meeting on Sunday, November 1, and participate in the board's discussions of these vital issues.

*by Jim Poteet, TTA President*



## Candidates for 1999 TTA Officers

At its quarterly meeting on August 15th, the TTA board, acting as a nominating committee, proposed the following slate of candidates for elected officers for 1999, to be voted on by the general membership at the annual meeting on October 31:

Jim Poteet, President;

Arleen Barnett, Vice President;

Patti Latta, Secretary;

James Leininger, Treasurer;

Ninez Giles, Membership Director; and

Libby Francis, Middle Tennessee Regional Representative.

All officers, except the Regional Representatives, serve for one year terms. The Regional Representatives serve for three years. Additional nominations will be solicited from the floor at the annual membership meeting. Don Coffman and Ray Burkett will continue to serve their terms as East and West Tennessee Regional Representatives, respectively. Other board members are Harold Draper, and Rob Weber, as the two immediate past presidents, and the chair person, or their designee, from each of the chapters and associate organizations.

## What's in a Logo?

The "official" logo of TTA is shown on the back of this newsletter and below. I don't personally know the history of the logo, but I do know that it was here when I became active in TTA again some 5 or 6 years ago, and apparently had been around for some years before that.

There seem to be two camps when it comes to the logo: those that feel strongly that it should be prominently used in every way possible to identify TTA — the organization, it's chapters, it's members, and it's accomplishments. There is another camp that feels the logo is old-fashioned and out-of-date and should be replaced with something more modern. There are some in this camp with a lot of artistic ability and considerable technical skills with modern graphics art technology that can and do produce very attractive artwork, artwork that has been used in promoting TTA activities.

The issue came up at the August board meeting, and the board overwhelmingly passed a resolution requesting that the chapters incorporate the TTA logo into the design of any merchandise developed for chapter fund-raising projects.

I personally fall in the first camp and feel that the logo has been, and remains, a positive asset in readily identifying the TTA organization to the outside world.

I also feel strongly that any change in the logo should come about through an orderly process of deliberation by the membership and the board that represents them, rather than through any personal desires for individual artistic expression. There are ways that TTA can utilize any talents that are being offered, without sacrificing the organization's traditions.

TTA celebrates its 30th anniversary in December of this year. Maybe this is a good time to reflect on our past and contemplate our future. If there is a strong feeling by the membership that a logo change is desirable, this could be an appropriate time to consider such a change.

What do you think?

*by Jim Poteet, TTA President*





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## CLARKSVILLE

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**Oct. 3** Best of Monteagle-Tracy City Hikes. Jim Hampton, 647-5899; total 4.5 miles, moderate

**OCT. 10** Lake Barkley State Park (Ky.). Celia Flynn, 648-9946

**OCT. 17** Putnam Farm Hike, Clarksville. Charles Putnam, 362-3669

**OCT. 24** Frozen Head (East Tennessee). Wanda Cumberland, 906-3338

**OCT. 31**- TTA Annual Meeting, Camden

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## EAST TENNESSEE

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No Chapter Meeting in October. Annual Meeting instead.

**October 10th** (Saturday) - Henwallow Falls near Cosby in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is a 95 foot cascade that was a fashionable destination for a Sunday drive to early park goers. We will be hiking along a trail built in 1934 by a CCC crew. The hike is a moderate 4.2 mile round trip. Cautions include some creek crossings. (Leaders will alternate hike in mind if the creeks are too high.) Bring lunch and a drink. Meet at Shoney's parking lot at the Rutledge Pike exit off I-40 at 8:30 a.m. to carpool. Call Tom or Margo at 423/671-0294 for more information.

**October 24th** (Saturday) - Cherohala Skyway - We discovered this beautiful drive in August 1997 when we hiked at Joyce Kilmer Memorial Forest. The new Cherohala Skyway connects Tellico Plains with Robbinsville, NC. We will sample several short hikes off the Cherohala Skyway. The drive should be beautiful with fall colors and views. Meet at Hardee's in Tellico Plains on State Hwy 68 at 10:00 a.m. For more information, call Keith at 423/376-4827.

**August Chapter meeting** - When I got home from this meeting I was exhausted. Although I had only traveled to Oak Ridge and sat in a folding chair at First Pres. Church, I journeyed vicariously to snow capped mountains and chalets in Switzerland with Sally Jaunsen, canoed and fished for my campfire supper in Canada with Ken Cole, walked ancient green-drenched paths to castles in Ireland with Andrew and Diana Stevens, and hiked to Mt. LeConte with Janie and Keith Mertz. I had a wonderful time and it didn't cost a dime! Thanks to everyone for sharing wonderful vacation travels with us.

**Member news...** Celia Nobles has moved to Albuquerque, NM. We miss hiking with her. We hope she will visit and tell us about hiking in NM ~ Janie Mertz who is an accomplished photographer has 12 photos published in a guide to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Keith Mertz also has a photo in the booklet. We are lucky to have talented people in our chapter who generously share their interests with us.

**Trip Report** - Piney River Hike (or The Good and the Bad) - This hike on August 15 was about 9 miles along the Piney River near Spring City. It was a mixture of good and bad, but fortunately no extremes on the bad side. Good: turnout at 10 hikers; no bugs !; took some side trails; saw summer fruits on plants where we see pretty flowers in the spring; great post-hike visit to Mike Lain's cabin where we celebrated his birthday. Bad: Missed connections with some hikers who caught up at the end; light sprinkles made slippery rocks; a missed main trail caused about 3/4 mile longer hike; creek level was low. In all, it was a very pleasant hike.

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## MEMPHIS

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**Monthly meeting:** 7 p.m. Thu., Oct. 15 at the Main Library, meeting room B. We'll be finalizing our plans for hosting the annual meeting. All Memphis chapter members are urged to volunteer a little of their time to help make the event a success. If you can't attend, we still welcome your ideas.

\* **1999 Schedule Planning meeting:** 7 p.m. Friday, October 23 at Betty Porter's house (755-4740). All of our outings for 1999 will be set at this meeting. If you have suggestions for new places to hike, bring maps, brochures, guidebooks, etc.

\* **Oct. 3 (Sat.):** SHILOH NATIONAL MILITARY PARK, near Counce, Tenn. Carpool at Davis-Kidd 7 a.m.; hike starts at Shiloh visitor center 9:30 a.m. About 10 miles on flat and easy terrain. Contact Freddi Felt, 901-6859915.

\* **Oct. 11th** social hike at Shelby Forest is CANCELLED because hike leaders will be out of town.

\* **Oct. 17 (Sat.):** MOUSETAIL LANDING STATE PARK, Parsons, Tenn. Carpool 7 a.m. at Davis-Kidd. Hike starts at about 9:30 a.m. at park visitor center. About 9 miles, with some steep, rugged hills. Contact Debbie Gilbert, 901-454-0613 or 901-521-9000 or new email address is gilbert@memphisflyer.com.

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## MURFREESBORO

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"Moonbow" camp and hike at Cumberland Falls State Park near Corbin, KY. **October 3rd and 4th.** Will hike regular trails on Saturday morning and the "Moonbow" Trail Saturday night. Contact Fount Bertram at (615) 765-5357 or e-mail fwbertram@hotmail.com for more information.

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## NASHVILLE

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**October Program Meeting:** Our guest speaker will be author Michael Sims. A Nashville native, Mr. Sims' first book, published last year, is Darwin's Orchestra, an Almanac of Nature in History and the Arts. One of his current projects is a book tentatively entitled A Natural History of Everyday Life. Mr. Sims has also conducted a panel discussion on the topic "King Kong's Love Life and Newton's Corpuscles: Tales We Tell About Nature." So, get ready to delight in some quirky angles on this world in which we live...and hike. Bring a friend and enjoy a lively evening. Tuesday the 27th, 7:30 at Radnor Lake Visitor Center.

### October 3 — Bledsoe Creek State Park

We have some long and strenuous hikes scheduled for this month, so if you are looking for an easier hike, join Judy Wood on a 4-mile hike in Bledsoe Creek State Park. This park is located east of Gallatin, and we will meet in the K-Mart parking lot on Long Hollow Pike in Goodlettsville at 8:30 am. Call 615-384-0634 to register.

### October 10 — Fiery Gizzard and Dog Hole Trails

These trails in Grundy County are blessed with cliffs, streams, waterfall overlooks, and a variety of plant life. Quoting James Leininger, hike leader, "This hike is 13 miles with multiple stream crossings, and one gorge crossing. This trail is generally flat or down, but does have some up. This is a strenuous hike, and if raining, could be treacherous. Sturdy hiking boots are required. If you have not hiked this mileage before, this is not the hike for you." Bring water and a lunch for this day-long hike, and meet Jim at I-24 and Bell Road in the Target parking lot, at 6:45 am. This is a one-way hike, so transportation arrangements will consider the need to have cars at both ends of the hike. Call James at home 615-306-8611, or at work 615-360-2300 to register.

### October 11 — Hidden Passage Trail.

This 10-mile hike in Pickett State Park is rated moderate. We will meet in the K-Mart on Donelson Pike, near the Kinkos. Those interested in this hike can preregister with Charlie and Jennifer Hann at 941-1503.

### October 11 — Beaman Park

The Friends of Beaman Park will explore more of this completely undeveloped park that is not yet open to the public. Join us to enjoy the changing season in one of the prettiest areas of Davidson County. Meet at the spring on Little Marrowbone Road at 1 pm and plan to hike until 4 pm. Call Nancy Dorman at 615-299-9586 to register.

### October 17 — Frozen Head State Natural Area

Jim Poteet will lead a hike on the Chimney Tops trail, a moderate to difficult hike of about 10 miles. Because the natural area is a 3-hour drive from Nashville, this hike will take all day, and you will need to bring water and a lunch. We will meet at 7 am at the K-Mart in Donelson. Register with Jim at 615-824-7666.

### October 24 — Percy Warner Park 25th Anniversary

Hike 'em All with Diane Manus and the Friends of Warner Park to celebrate a quarter century. This 13-mile hike will cover all trails in the park, and will take all day. Wear sturdy shoes, bring a lunch and water, and meet at the Nature Center on Highway 100. Call 615-352-7777 to register with Diane.

### October 31 — Beaman Park

For those who hike with Jennifer and Charlie Hann on October 11, you have a second opportunity, this month, to experience Beaman Park. Meet at the spring on Little Marrowbone Road at 1 pm for a hike that will last about 3 hours. The Friends of Beaman Park are planning to socialize around a bonfire after the hike and will have hot dogs and baked goods for sale. Call Nancy Dorman at 615-299-9586 to register.

Do you ever misplace your newsletter? Program your speed dial for the Nashville Chapter's Hiking Hot Line 615-376-7045.



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## PLATEAU

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**Plateau Chapter Meeting**, October 15th, 7:00 p.m., at Crossville Housing Authority.

Nemo Bridge Trail, on the Obed WSR Segment of the CT, **October 10th**, 8 miles, moderate. Meet at 8:00 a.m. CST at Hardee's on Peavine Road in Crossville. Contact Jim Lifsey at 931-839-3939 to register for this hike or to obtain additional information.

House Mountain (in Knoxville), **October 24th**. Meet at 7:00 a.m. CST at Hardee's on Peavine Road in Crossville. Contact David Sims at 931-484-8454 to register for this hike or to obtain additional information.

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## UPPER CUMBERLAND

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Saturday, **September 12** Savage Falls Hike. Meet at First Union in Sparta at 8:00 a.m., 5 miles, easy to moderate.

Saturday, **September 26** Cumberland Trail at Black Mountain. Meet at Penneys in Cookeville at 9:00 a.m., 5 miles, strenuous.

Saturday, **October 10** Angel Falls Overlook at Big South Fork. **Optional** Northrup Falls. Meet at Penneys in Cookeville at 8:00 a.m., 6 miles, difficult.

Saturday, **October 24** Frozen Head State Park. Meet at Penneys in Cookeville at 8:00 a.m., 8 miles difficult.

Saturday, **November 7** Picket State Park Lake Trail. Meet at Penneys in Cookeville at 8:00 a.m., 6 miles, easy to moderate.

Saturday, **November 21** Stone Door to Greeter Falls. Meet at First Union in Sparta at 8:00 a.m., 8 miles, moderate.

Distances listed are approximate. For more information call Nora Miller, 931-526-9252, or Barbara Phifer, 931-537-6852.

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## Cumberland Trail Conference



### Belmont University & CTC

#### Fall Mini-BreakAway!!

**October 22-25th**

Fall colors will be at their peak for our Fall Mini-BreakAway, as we host the students of Belmont University at Cumberland Mtn. State Park. This 4-day alternative outing offers volunteers a chance to interact and team work with university students. Past BreakAway volunteers will attest to the unique experience of giving to our future conservationists.

This year we will shuttle daily to the trail sites on the Obed W.S.R. and Grassy Cove Segments of the Cumberland Trail. A cabin at CMSP will be available for volunteers with evening meals provided and cooked as a group. Volunteers will need to provide all other meals and bring a sleeping bag and towels.

Volunteers may sign-up for 1, 2, 3, or 4 days!!

*Volunteers must register for this program!!!! No experience necessary!!! Please see CTC's Summer newsletter for additional information on this program and a registration form or call Rob Weber at 423-533-2620 or e-mail him at robweber1@prodigy.net.*



### Obed Wild & Scenic River

#### Backcountry Outings

**October 15-18th**

**Co-hosted with the Harvey Broom**

**Sierra Group**

Missed the September BackCountry Outing? Well, it's not too late to join CTC and the Harvey Broom Sierra Group in building the Cumberland Trail on the historic Morgan & Fentress Rail Line.

Not available for all 4 days? This year's outing, as 2/4 day project, offer something for everyone. CTC will shuttle folks to the backcountry site on BOTH Thursday and Saturday morning, thus allowing many of our volunteers, having little time during the week, to join us for a two-day weekend.

We will base camp along Turkey Creek, a tributary of the Obed River, which is accessible via a cross country 20 minute walk. Volunteers should be prepared for backcountry camping to include tent, bag, excellent pad (poor tent sites), stove, first aid kit, water purifier, and meals. Of course, all participants should bring sturdy work boots, work pants, poncho, and gloves.

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## Cumberland Trail BackCountry Outings!!!

Obed Wild and Scenic River Gorge, Sept. 24-27th and Oct. 15-18th Volunteers Trail Builders Needed!!!!

Looking for an opportunity to explore the woods this fall?? Want to spend some quality time working with your peers in some of Tennessee's most rugged and isolated country?? Join us for one of our fall trail building outings in the wilds of the Obed WSR.

This year's outings, as 2/4 day projects, offer something for everyone. These outings will take place amongst the Turkey Creek watershed, a tributary of the Obed River. Trail work will include the old FentressMorgan County Railroad that ran coal and timber out of this territory through the late 20's, and the bridging of Turkey Creek.

CTC will shuttle folks to the backcountry site on both Thursday and Saturday mornings, thus allowing many of our volunteers to join us for a two-day weekend. We will base camp along Turkey Creek, which is accessible via a cross-country 25 minute walk. Volunteers should be prepared for backcountry camping to include tent, bag, pad, stove, first aid kit, water purifier, and meals. Of course, all participants should bring sturdy work boots, work pants, poncho, and gloves.

Cumberland Trail Conference and Middle Tennessee & Harvey Broom Sierra Groups needs your help!! We need trail volunteers!! No experience needed!! We guarantee an experience!!

This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to Tennessee's trails, learn and experience trail building and maintenance, and meet folks from all over Tennessee.

CTC welcomes the Middle Tennessee Sierra Group (contact Alan Ball at [aball@mail.state.tn.us](mailto:aball@mail.state.tn.us)) as co-host for the September 24-27th outing and the Harvey Broom Sierra Group (contact David Reister at [DBR@ORNL.GOV](mailto:DBR@ORNL.GOV), [reister@usit.net](mailto:reister@usit.net)) as co-host for the October 15-18th outing.

If you're interested, please register for this program by e-mailing Rob Weber at [robweber1@prodigy.net](mailto:robweber1@prodigy.net) or by calling him at 423-5332620.

Additional details are available in the Cumberland Trail Newsletter and the Tennes-Sierran.

(NOTE: For those already registered for the above programs: shuttle times and location will be finalized this week...a general e-mail with this and any other pertinent information will be sent out later this week.)

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## HELP WANTED!!

It's only a month away from the Tennessee Trails' Annual Meeting and the infamous TTA Auction, which raises money for the Cumberland Trail State Park. Our most popular items (not counting giant stuffed tigers in Red Dog boxer shorts) have been items handcrafted by our very own TTA members—woodcarving, photographs, baked goods, crafts, fishing flies, homemade wine, guided hikes, etc. Share your talents and help raise money for the State's newest State Park!!

The Bake Sale was very successful last year so we will again have cookies, brownies, pies, cakes and homemade bread available for snacks on the trail or midnight raids to the pantry (you do work up an appetite hiking!).

It's time for fall cleaning so before you throw away articles that have been buried in your closets and garage, think about bringing them to auction. (That's where the entertainment factor comes in!).

Packets have been sent to Chapter Chairs for soliciting auction items in your community. If you know of a business or individual who might help support trails in Tennessee, please call your Chapter Chair to obtain a packet and coordinate solicitation efforts. Outdoor sporting goods and equipment and "nature" goods are always hot items, but remember that Christmas is around the corner and some people might like to do some Christmas shopping at the auction.

And don't forget to bring your checkbook and/or cash!!

*Arleen Barnett*



*Gray's Lilly, rare flower found on Rone Mountail*

## Annual Meeting

The Memphis TTA chapter welcomes you to an annual meeting on the beach! We may not have the biggest mountains in Tennessee, but we'll offer the best hospitality. The Methodist conference center on the shores of Kentucky Lake features lots of recreational possibilities and excellent food. You can choose to stay in dorm-style cabins (sleep 12-14 people each, with showers) or in a private campground which has water and electricity hook-ups, bathhouse, and covered pavilion. There are also two nice motels in nearby Camden: the Guesthouse Inn (901-584-2222) and Colonial Inn (901-584-6666).

Here's a rundown on plans for the weekend (tentative and subject to change): Potluck dinner at 7 p.m. Friday. We'll have use of a microwave but not conventional ovens, and we have to clean up afterward. Breakfast Saturday is 8 a.m., with hikes at Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park (right next door) starting at 9:30 a.m. A ropes course with certified instructors will be offered from 1 to 5 p.m. for \$8 per person. Dinner (buffet-style, with lemon pepper chicken as the main course) is at 5:30 p.m. (sorry it's so early, but that's when they serve it). The general membership meeting will be held Saturday about 6:00 p.m. then a ranger from N.B. Forrest will give an interpretive program. The annual TTA auction will follow (Halloween attire is encouraged). The board meeting will be held during breakfast, which again is at 8 a.m. Hikes at N.B. Forrest and Natchez Trace State Park begin around 9:30 a.m.

Questions or suggestions? Call Debbie Gilbert, 901-454-0613.

*(Reprinted from Sept, with some changes)*

### REGISTRATION FORM for Annual Meeting

Registration \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5 each, total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dorm:

Fri. night \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15, total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sat. night \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15, total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Campground:

Fri. night \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8, total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sat. night \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$8, total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Meals:

Sat. breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.50, total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sat. dinner \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6.50, total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sun. breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.50, total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED:\$ \_\_\_\_\_

DEADLINE FOR REFUND IS OCT. 24. Make checks payable to TTA Memphis Chapter, Betty Porter, 6696 Stout Rd. Memphis TN 38119. (Betty can be reached at 901-755-4740.)

Remember to bring a little spending money for the ropes course and the auction!



# MEMBERSHIP FORM

Memberships are for one year, unless you have a Life Membership. YES, I want to join Tennessee Trails Association:

☐ Student \$6.00
 ☐ Supporting, \$30, \$40, \$50  
☐ Individual/Family 15.00
 ☐ Life Member \$500  
☐ Corporate Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ (Amount enclosed)

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PLEASE LIST ME WITH THE FOLLOWING CHAPTER:

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 ☐ NEW MEMBER  
☐ CUMBERLAND MTN (Jamestown/Rugby)
 ☐ RENEWAL  
☐ EAST TENNESSEE (Oak Ridge/Knoxville)  
☐ MEMPHIS  
☐ MURFREESBORO  
☐ NASHVILLE  
☐ PLATEAU (Crossville)  
☐ UPPER CUMBERLAND (Cookeville/Sparta)  
☐ AT LARGE

Mail to: **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR**  
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