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Calendar: July 13, Exploratory hike on Crab Orchard Mountain.
August 17, Brady Mountain hike. TTA Board meeting
October 17-20, Regional Trails Symposium

The July activity will be an exploratory hike from Crab Orchard eastward on the Cumberland Trail, led by Bob Brown, on Saturday, the 13th. Meet at the Country Store, across the railroad from U. S. 70 in Crab Orchard, at 9:30 a.m. CDT. We climb Crab Orchard Mountain behind the stone quarry and follow the crest to Ellis Mountain, taping the route as we go.

The August activity will be a hike on an established section of the Cumberland Trail on Brady Mountain. Meet Bob Brown at the entrance to Cumberland Mountain State Park at 9:30 CDT. Pres. Lily Rose Claiborne has called a Board meeting that evening, Aug. 17, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cumberland Mountain State Park lodge to work on arrangements for the regional symposium.

The Board worked out a tentative program for the Symposium at the June 15 meeting. We hope to have some details for the August issue of TENNESSEE TRAILS. It will begin with a social evening Thursday, Oct. 17. If you haven't written to Pat Rhyne for reservations, please do so immediately. Her address is 1935 Sandra Drive, Cleveland, TN 37405.

Sam Powell reports that Scout Troop No. 90, North Hamilton District, Bob Wert, scoutmaster, is spending a full week on the Cumberland Trail this summer. This is the first troop to make such a schedule.

Ray Amidon of Chattanooga has worked up a monthly camping show in Point Park on Lookout Mountain, giving TTA the credit. Sam Powell and Dot Ventress are supporting him. They also have a slide show on trails which is presented in the Chattanooga area.

Trails Administrator Joe Gaines reports that a 53-mile segment of the Cumberland Trail from Frozen Head State Park to the head of the Sequatchie Valley, and a 55-mile segment of the Chickasaw Bluffs Trail from Meeman-Shelby State Forest to State Route 19 near Fort Pillow have been chosen for the first phase of the State Trails System to be built. About \$200,000 for each trail will be available after July 1 for right-of-way acquisition.

David Shupe is expected to have the final draft of the master plan for the Cumberland Trail ready for the Advisory Committee early in July. Gene Hyde is working on the plan for the Chickasaw Bluffs Trail and also the Trails Manual. Both will be complete soon. Bill Phillips has been employed as supervisor for the Trail of the Lonesome Pine and will have his office in Rogersville.

Joe also reported that work is under way on the trails system for the South Cumberland Recreation Area, which includes Savage Gulf. BOR has formed a study group for the Natchez Trace, which is also a National Scenic Trail.

Dot Lingerfelt reports a total membership of 150 June 1, with a treasury balance of \$377.16.