

Calendar: October 17-20, Regional Trails Symposium, Cumberland Mountain State Park.

Oct. 5, 10 a.m. CDT, Board meeting at Cumberland Mtn.

Dec. 7, Annual meeting, site to be announced.

President Lily Rose Claiborne and chairman David Rhyne of the arrangements committee urge all TTA members to attend the Regional Trails Symposium. David tells us he has reservations from ten other states, including New York, but only one from Tennessee.

Enclosed with this issue of TENNESSEE TRAILS is a return post card. Please fill it out and mail it immediately. We need to know how many people will attend. We built a big reputation for Tennessee at the National Symposium in Colorado Springs last year. Let's show our visitors that TTA is still a leader.

We would like as many members as possible to be on hand to greet early arrivals at our open house Thursday evening, Oct. 17. Registration will begin in midafternoon.

The registration desk will reopen Friday, Oct. 18 at 8:00 a.m. CDT. Gunnar Peterson, chairman of the National Trails Council, will open the Symposium at 9 a.m. The speakers at the morning session will include Robert Baker, regional director of BOR; Vincent Ellis, Supt. of Great Smoky Mountains National Park; and Clarence Streetman, director of public relations for Boawaters Southern Paper Corp. We expect Gov. Winfield Dunn to be the luncheon speaker.

David Rhyne will lead off the Friday afternoon program, moderating a panel on trail development problems. Bob Brown has assembled a panel on trail extensions through the East.

There will be a social hour and dinner Friday evening, followed by a slide show on the Smokies and bluegrass music. Saturday will be devoted to field trips and hikes. Special buses provided by Bowaters will furnish transportation. An overnight backpack trip is an option for Saturday night.

Sunday will be on your own for short hikes or an early start home. If you have not reserved housing, there are good motels and good campgrounds nearby. The committee will help you find accommodations. Bob Brown expects to stay at Holiday Inn. The registration fee will cover the Friday luncheon and dinner. The social hour Friday will be sponsored.

Pers. Claiborne reports that 11 people braved the bad weather for the introductory hike on the Trail of the Lonesome Pine Sept. 21. The rain stopped before the hike started, but the woods were wet. Gordon Newland, chairman for the northern section, came down from Kingsport. Trail Supervisor Bill Phillips led the trip which began at the southern end of Clinch Mountain near Blaine. The hikers enjoyed some spectacular scenery.

The Missouri Trailway News resumed publication in September after a summer vacation. The latest edition refers to our articles in the Tennessee Conservationist in March 1972 and July 1973 for historical background on Tennessee trails.

Don't miss the Regional Trails Symposium.