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### Calendar:

- Aug. 12, Hiwassee River Raft Trip, David Rhyne, leader.
- Aug. 11-12, Tenn. Environmental Education Ass'n Conference, Sewanee.
- Aug. 24, Nashville Chapter meeting, Morrison's Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 26, Nashville Chapter trip to Rugby and Clear Fork River.
- Sept. 21-24, Southeast Trails Conference, Cumberland Falls, Ky.
- Sept. 23, Hike, Little River Canyon, Ed Oliver.

If you failed to get your reservation card to David Rhyne by July 15, you may still be able to go on the Hiwassee River float trip. Call David as soon as possible at 615-745-4289 (If your area code is also 615, just dial 1 before his local number.) There are several outfitters on the Hiwassee and one of them might fit you in if the TTA trip is full.

Those going on the raft trip will meet at Trotter's Food Market on U. S. Highway 411 at the junction with State Route 30, about 1.5 miles south of the Hiwassee River bridge at 9:30 a.m. EDT. The trip will begin with a shuttle upriver to Appalachia Power House, where the raft ride begins. The float lasts about 5 hours and ends at the Highway 411 bridge. Bring lunch in a waterproof container that will float. If you don't have a deep tan, wear clothing that will protect you from sunburn.

TTA has been invited to show an exhibit at the conference of the Tennessee Environmental Education Association at the University of the South at Sewanee August 11 and 12. Dot Ventress is working up the exhibit and she and Evan Means will be the attendants. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 11, and the conference will begin at 1:00 p.m. There will be speakers and workshop sessions on Environmental Education Practices and Programs in Tennessee. There will be entertainment from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. Friday evening and field trips Saturday afternoon. For information and registration forms, contact Ed Carter, Tenn. Wildlife Resources Agency, P. O. Box 40747, Nashville, TN 37204.

Those who went on the Roan Mountain trip June 24 declare it was one of the best TTA activities this year. The rhododendrons were beautiful and many other wildflowers were in bloom. Mike Dahl's stories added spice to the trip. Fifteen people spent the day and a couple of Mike's associates in the Dept. of Conservation joined us briefly in the afternoon. Those who spent the day were Diane Davidson, Evan Means and Edith and Carl Dunnebach, Oak Ridge; Karen Dogby and Ernest and Michel Crosby, Knoxville; Dot Ventress, Elizabeth Cade and David Fulmer, Chattanooga; Billy and Faith Young, Dixon Springs; Annie and Bob Martin, Nashville, and leader, Mike Dahl.

Evelyn Tretter writes: The Nashville Chapter's moonlight hike at Standing Stone State Park July 15 wasn't exactly rained out--just dampened. Ten people camped in the area and came on the hike despite threatening weather. After about a mile on the trail, a downpour started and the party found an old picnic shelter conveniently nearby. For about an hour they conversed, told stories and sang old favorites, led by the excellent harmonizing of Margaret Mann and Jack Neff. Due to the continued rain and lateness of the hour, they decided to retrace their steps to the campground.

Those in the party were Jack Neff, leader; Dave Stidham, Evelyn Tretter, Margaret Mann, Martha Ogle, Sharon Patterson, Harry Williamson, Oscar Krosnes, Eric Krosnes, and Butch Fields. Jack, Margaret and Evelyn had hiked that day in the State Forest with Park Naturalist Martha Ogle and explored two small caves.

The Nashville Chapter will meet August 24 at Morrison's Cafeteria, 1720

West End Avenue; dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30 p.m. It is hoped that Naturalist Dennis Gibson will be able to present the program which was planned for the June meeting. The program was cancelled because Dennis was ill.

David Stidham invites all TTA members to join with the Nashville Chapter Saturday, August 26, for a trip to historic Rugby, Tenn. and nearby Clear Fork River. There will be a walking tour of the restored community of Rugby established by Author Thomas Hughes in 1880 for disinherited sons of English nobility. The admission price is \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for students, pre-school children free.

Dave writes: After the tour and lunch (bring a picnic or there is a cafe nearby.), we will hike to the "Meeting of the Waters", the confluence of Whiteoak Creek and Clear Fork. A trail will lead us up to Clear Fork, past scenic bluffs, boiling whitewater, rhododendron, giant hemlocks, and lush ferns, to the "Gentlemen's Swinning Hole". Bring your swimsuit. Ladies take note: morals have changed since the 19th Century and you are now permitted to swim here. But if you insist, the leader will point out the way to the "Ladies Swimming Hole".

Continuing along the trail, we will end up at the site of the old "Tabart Inn". The hiking distance is about four miles on an easy trail. This area will become part of the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, to be acquired and developed by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and managed by the National Park Service.

Meet at Cumberland Museum at 6:30 a.m. sharp for car pooling, or meet at the Rugby headquarters, Percy Cottage, at 10 a.m. EDT. Driving distance from Nashville is about 140 miles. Leader, David Stidham, 298-5035.

The announcement for the Southeast Trails Conference was mailed from Lexington, Ky. the first week in July. The theme will be "Trail Development for the Next Ten Years". Registration will begin at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21. There will be a get-acquainted social hour at 6:00 and a "Show and Tell" program at 8:00 p.m.

Friday morning, Sept. 22, will be devoted to National trail plans, policies and problems, with discussions by representatives of Federal agencies. The afternoon session will cover state plans, problems and achievements. The conference banquet will be Friday evening.

Saturday at 8:00 a.m. private planners and industrial agencies will discuss their activities, followed by a roundtable discussion. Saturday afternoon and Sunday there will be a Trails Festival, with day hikes, an overnight backpack hike, day and overnight canoe trips (whitewater), trail rides, and a chicken barbecue. All trail events, including a tour of the Big South Fork area, will end at the McCreary County 4-H campground for the barbecue.

A large number of rooms has been reserved at DuPont Lodge in Cumberland Falls State Park. Conference participants can reserve accommodations by calling 1-606-528-4121, or by writing Cumberland Falls State Park, Corbin, KY 40701. There are also two motels across the river from the park. They are Falls Motel, Parker's Lake, KY 42634, phone 606-376-5986, and Holiday Motor Lodge, Parker's Lake, phone 606-376-2732.

The registration fee is \$15.00 including the banquet. For additional information, write to Kentucky Trails Association, P. O. Box 4326, Lexington, KY 40544.

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