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Calendar:

- Oct. 12-14, American Camping Association, ECO Counsellor Workshop.
- Oct. 14, Nashville Chapter hike, Percy Warner Park, Betty Smith.
- Oct. 25-27, 4th State Trails Symposium, Standing Stone State Park.
- Oct. 27, TTA annual meeting, Standing Stone.
- Nov. 3-4, Nashville Chapter, overnight trip, Virgin Falls.
- Nov. 17, Overnight hike, Pickett State Park, Harry Williamson.
- Dec. 1, Nashville Chapter hike, Ashland City Marsh, Margaret Mann.
- Dec. 8, Roan Mtn. ski trail or Trail of Lonesome Pine, Mike Dahl.

Louise Davis of the Tennessee Section, American Camping Association, announces the ECO Counsellor Workshop, fall half, to be held at Camp Whoop-pee, Baxter, Tenn., Oct. 12, 13 and 14. The announcement says, "Everyone interested in environmental programs and problems in camp is invited and urged to participate in this challenging workshop." The total cost is \$25, including meals and sleeping quarters, using your own bedroll. For details, call Louise Davis, 298-4500, or Lib Roller, 298-3711.

The Nashville Chapter hike for October has been moved up from the 21st to the 14th. Meet at the park entrance at the end of Belle Meade Blvd. at 1:30 p.m. Those who wish to attend a weiner roast in the park after the hike should bring their own food. For information, call the leader, Betty Smith, at 327-2671.

The big news this month is the Fourth State Trails Symposium and TTA annual meeting at Standing Stone State Park October 25, 26 and 27. President Joe Gaines, Harry Williamson and the Committee are assembling a very impressive program, which includes door prizes and a fish fry. The general symposium committee includes Sharen Patterson, David Stidham and Evelyn Tretter. Workshop chairpersons are Bob Brown, Russell Fryer, Bertha Chrietzberg, David-Rhyme and Pres. Gaines.

Registration for the Symposium will begin at 2:00 p.m. Central time on Thursday, Oct. 25, followed by a social "mixer" at six p.m. The first session of the Symposium will begin at 8:30 a.m. Friday with addresses of welcome by State Trails System Administrator Harry Williamson and TTA President Joe Gaines. Reports on their respective trail programs will be given by John Fisher of the regional staff of Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service (HCRS), Atlanta; David Pack, coordinator of Recreation Services, TVA, Norris; David Stidham, recreation planner, Nashville District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers; and Marvin K. Lauritsen, Supervisor of Cherokee National Forest.

Merrill D. Beal, superintendent of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, will continue with the reports after lunch, followed by Conservation Commissioner Ann Tuck. There will be coffee breaks at 10:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. From 3 to 4:30 p.m. there will be open discussion.

There will be a social hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by a fish fry. The Show and Tell session starts at 7:30. Anyone with exhibit material, such as slides or movies, should contact Harry Williamson at the Department of Conservation, 2611 West End Ave., Nashville, TN 37203.

At 8:00 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, Williamson will give his annual report to TTA on the state of the State Trails System. Starting at 9:00 there will be workshops on Trail Classification, Trail Ethics, Trail Health and Safety, the Hike Leader's Guide, and Trail Maintenance. After lunch the workshop reports will start at 1 p.m.

The TTA President's Report and the annual business meeting will start at

2 o'clock. After the business meeting, participants have a choice of activities, including day and overnight hikes in Standing Stone State Rustic Park; hikes on Corps of Engineers trail around Dale Hollow Lake; boating, fishing and sightseeing. In the evening there will be informal socializing, pickin' and grinnin' (bring your strings), trail talkin' and fibbin', etc.

Joe Gaines reports that the cabins are already reserved at the park and bunkhouse space is going quickly. More than 30 persons had registered by Sept. 18. If you haven't sent your registration in, better hurry. If you don't have a form, write to Joe at 5635 Kendall Drive, Nashville, TN 37209, or call him at 615-356-4899.

We have at least two expensive door prizes, plus many smaller items. The Cumberland Transit Outdoor Store in Nashville has donated a Camp 7 sleeping bag. Blue Ridge Mountain Sports, Knoxville, has given us a Eureka two-man mountain tent. All who register will have a chance to win one of these.

Gene Curp of Cumberland Transit, a TTA member, asks us to let our members know they can get a 10% discount on backpacking gear at his store. Just bring along this newsletter or other evidence of membership in TTA. Pres. Gaines says, "Just think, a 10% discount on a \$50 purchase will pay for a year's membership in TTA!"

We have two amendments to the By-laws to be considered at the annual meeting:

1. Section 5 of the By-laws to be changed to read, "Students in high school or at the undergraduate level in college may pay three dollars (\$3.00) per year, with no voting privileges." This would increase the dues to cover increased costs of printing and postage.

2. Add the following: "The President of the Tennessee Trails Association can nominate one person or organization each year to receive an official TTA award. The nomination will be presented to the Board of Directors and a two-thirds vote of the Board is required for approval. The award is to be presented for outstanding contributions to the Tennessee Trails Association, Inc., or to the furtherance of trail or natural resource programs in Tennessee. However, at the time of the adoption of this amendment, the President may make three nominations for immediate presentation of awards."

The Nashville Chapter will not have a meeting in October, unless they want to hold it after the mixer at Standing Stone Thursday, Oct. 26. That is the regular Nashville meeting date. Chairman David Stidham urges all members to attend the symposium, or at least the annual meeting on the 27th.

The Nashville Chapter's hike in Meriwether Lewis State Park Sept. 15 was on a cool, brilliant day following the soaking by Hurricane Frederick a day or so earlier. Everything was washed clean and numerous streams in the park were clear and sparkling. Russell Fryer was the leader. Others on the hike were Catherine Holten, Shaun and Jean Gwynn, Kent and Arleta Whitaker, Eli Whitaker, John B. Hardcastle, Jill and Sidney Gregory, Margaret Mann (and Tippy), and Frances Watts, all of Nashville; Evelyn Tretter, Goodlettsville; Gene Curp, Hendersonville, and Gail Casto of Donelson.

Evelyn writes: "We need some system to carpool on the statewide hikes, on a cost-sharing basis. I would serve as coordinator for all of them if you wish to note this every month. My phone number is 859-0566."

We are happy to report that sales of the guide book, TENNESSEE TRAILS, continue to be good. The author will be available to autograph copies at the Fourth State Trails Symposium Oct. 25-27. Also, TTA will have copies on sale at that time.