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Big South Fork T-shirts Available

The Cumberland Mountain Chapter has made available the first ever t-shirt promoting the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area and Jamestown, Tennessee. The shirts, which are available in pale yellow, tan, and white in adult sizes, along with tan, white, and blue in children sizes are on sale for \$7.50 for adult and \$6.50 for children. The logo, which was designed by local artist and TTA member, Butch Hodgekins, depicts the river, mountains, and forest of the area in an attractive abstract design. The shirts themselves are high quality Hanes "Beefy Tees". The sizes available are small, medium, large, and extra large in adult and small, medium, and large in children. Anyone who would like to order one of these shirts should mail their check along with \$1.50 for shipping to: Cumberland Mountain Chpt. Tennessee Trails Assn. P. O. Box E Jamestown, TN 38556

Please be sure to specify size and color, along with a secondary color in case supplies become depleted. The shirts are also available at the Fentress County Chamber of Commerce.

JOIN US!

The Nature Conservancy will be constructing a large gate at Hubbard's Cave Preserve during July and August and lots of volunteers are needed. The gate will protect colonies of two federal endangered species -- gray bats and Indiana bats -- which hibernate in Hubbard's Cave from vandalism and disturbance. Construction will begin the weekend of July 12-14 and continue each weekend until August 11.

The gate MUST be completed before the bats return to the cave for the winter.

Many volunteers will be needed for a wide variety of tasks -- from serving food to mixing cement. Special equipment TNC needs for the project include: 4-wheel drive vehicles, cement mixers, 6 x 10' or 8 x 12' trailers to carry equipment, and a large tent to cover the work area.

If you want to participate in this very important conservation project, call:

NASHVILLE AREA:
Linda Pearsall
242-1787 - days
269-6805 - evenings; weekends

CHATTANOOGA AREA:
Graham Hawks
266-5781 - days

LES JAMESON LIVE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER FRANK COCHRAN WILL JOIN LES JAMESON ON HIS LIVE CALL-IN TELEVISION SHOW, ON THE VIACOM CHANNEL 36. ALL TENNESSEANS INTERESTED IN STATE-WIDE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, SHOULD TUNE IN TO THIS DISCUSSION DEALING WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF NUCLEAR WASTE DUMPING IN OUR STATE.

MR. COCHRAN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FORMING OF THE "DON'T DUMP ON TENNESSEE" COMMITTEE WHICH WILL LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN TO PRESSURE CONGRESS TO KEEP A NUCLEAR DUMPING FACILITY OUT OF TENNESSEE. MR. COCHRAN STATES, "TENNESSEE IS A BEAUTIFUL STATE AND I DON'T INTEND TO SEE IT TURNED INTO THE NUCLEAR FUEL DUMP OF THE NATION." CALL IN AT 244-8255 JULY 16, 7:00 P.M., WITH YOUR QUESTIONS AND OPINIONS.

The Trails Program of the Department of Conservation is requesting your comments concerning the use of NON motorized trail bikes (foot powered) on the trails in Tennessee. This is a new and upcoming recreational sport and we are soliciting your feelings about the impacts, compatibility of this activity alongside with the more traditional uses of trails.

Please send your comments to the following address.

Tennessee Trails Program
Division of Parks and Recreation
701 Broadway
Nashville, Tennessee 37219-5237

We will let you know the responses within 60 days by informing the editor of the newsletter and the individuals who responded of a summary of the conclusions.

MY DITTY BAG

by Gene Curp

I have a little-stuff bag which I take on all hikes, whether or not overnight. It goes year round and is a handy place to carry all the small, loose stuff you are not supposed to forget.

For example, I carry a spare flashlight bulb and (sometimes) spare batteries. Talk about spares, I have clevis pins and split rings for my frame pack, a spare fuel cap for my stove, and spare matches.

I need those matches to light the two types of fire starters I carry in the ditty bag. My compass and some waterproofed, mini instructions are also carried. (Remember, Pat Anderson, I'm the guy who forgot the red end of the needle pointed north.)

And I carry an ace bandage for my downhill knee. Seasonally, the bag holds my snake bite kit, insect repellent and sun screen.

Normally it has a thermometer in it (to justify my bragging about how cold it got). And I can find my flashlight at dusk there in that small bag. The ripstop repair tape and sewing kit go along, and I hope to never have to use them again. Down in the bottom of the bag are twist ties and rubber bands.

This little nylon bag was once waterproof, but the coating has mostly worn off. It closes with a drawstring that has a cord lock attached. It was once bright red, but I've carried it nearly 1,000 miles and don't expect to give it up soon.

Do you have a ditty bag? If not, I recommend you consider it.

1985 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	SPONSOR	EVENT	CLASS	MILES	LEADER	PHONE (HOME/WORK)
JUL 8		WLAC TALK SHOW WITH FRANK COCHRAN				
JUL 11-15		Appalachian Trail Work Trip with Konnorock Crew Great Smoky Mountains National Park			Jim Botts	(615)986-5800/574-7063
JUL 12-14		Hubbard Cave Gate Project			Linda Pearsall	(615)242-1787/269-6805
JUL 13-14	ME	BLANCHARD SPRINGS CAVERNS & PARK (ARKANSAS)	II	10	BOB BARNETT	(901)767-9347
JUL 20	MU	CLOUDLAND CANYON STATE PARK (GEORGIA)	III		ARTHUR YATES	(615)459-5661X222 (W)
JUL 20	CM	MEETING AND COOKOUT, PICKETT STATE PARK				
JUL 21	CM	THOMPSON CREEK-WADING HIKE	IV	8	HOWARD RAY DUNCAN	(615)879-8245
JUL 25	N	CHAPTER MEETING, CEDAR CREEK PARK				
JUL 27-28	ME	CANOE TRIP			RAY BURKETT	(901)358-7150
AUG 10	N	ROCK ISLAND STATE PARK SWIM AND HIKE	III	2	PAT ANDERSON	(615)383-2355
AUG 10	ME	OCDEE RIVER RAFT TRIP			GENE JACOBSON	(901)755-9073/454-2716
AUG 10-17	MU	APPALACHIAN TRAIL BACKPACK	III	70-80	GLEN HANLEY	(615)890-4113/898-2300X2104
AUG 24	S	3RD QUARTER TTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING				
AUG 24	N	DANG DAYS DOIN'S, LONGER HUNTER STATE PARK			MIKE RICE	(615)742-6568
AUG 24-25	S	CUMBERLAND TRAIL WORK WEEKEND			DAVID STIDHAM	(615)859-3621/251-5115
AUG 25	ME	4TH ANNUAL CHAPTER PICNIC			JILL NORVELL	(901)873-2149/767-7322
AUG 31	ME	GREERS FERRY LAKE (ARKANSAS)	II	8	BOB BARNETT	(901)767-9347

TTA — The Tennessee Trails Association

OBJECTIVES: 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. Regular dues are \$8.00 per year; \$3.00 for students and family dependents.

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