

TENNESSEE TRAILS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Mission: To promote, construct and maintain a statewide system of hiking trails, and to work for the conservation of natural resources inherent to this objective.

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TTA ANNUAL MEETING OCT. 20-22, 2006
SPECIAL PULLOUT SECTION-THIS ISSUE
SCHEDULE-HIKE DETAILS-**SPECIAL** EVENTS
RESERVE NOW FOR BEST ACCOMMODATIONS

National Public Lands Day, Saturday September 30, 2006

Our National Public Lands Day Project this year will be at Bear Hollow TWRA (Tennessee side of the Walls of Jericho). Our plan is to continue (and hopefully finish) the new section of hiking trail for a day loop near the Bear Hollow trailhead parking lot. The terrain is fairly flat. Tools will be furnished -- no experience required!

We'll meet at the new Bear Hollow TWRA trailhead parking lot (Tennessee side of Walls of Jericho) located off Hwy 16 at 9:00 am.

It's suggested that each chapter that participates select an "event leader" to serve as a local point of contact to coordinate car-pooling to the event. For additional information, contact Brent Morris at 931-728-8726 brentmorris@ispwest.com.

VOTE FOR 2007 OFFICERS

The Board of Directors will present the following slate of officers for vote at the annual meeting:

- **President:** Anne Wesley
- **Vice-President:** Rosemary Marshall
- **Treasurer:** Lou Ann Partington
- **Secretary:** Carolyn Miller
- **Membership Director:** Garnett Rush

● These officers are elected for a one-year term to serve in 2007. The nominating committee is currently seeking a candidate to fill the position of East Tennessee Regional Representative. If you are a member of one of our eastern chapters (Plateau, Cove Lake, Upper Cumberland, East Tennessee), and would like to help promote hiking and trail building in your area, please contact Anne Wesley ttahiker@msn.com or 615-851-1052.

Multi-Chapter Event 15th Annual Great Pumpkin Festival and Weigh-Off

Somewhere right now the Great Pumpkin is lying in wait for the festivities that will take place in the small town of Allardt, Tennessee on October 6-8, 2006! Once again, there will be singing, dancing, parades, good food, hikes and wonderful companionship as we come together for our annual multi-chapter event. As in past years we will camp at Pickett State Park and take part in the parade and other activities that are a part of this fun filled weekend. For full information on what to anticipate, you can go to <http://members.aol.com/Tnpumpkin/fest.html>

We will meet at Pickett SP on Friday afternoon/evening to set up our camps and enjoy the fellowship we always have around the campfire. We will meet in front of the Allardt Elementary School Saturday at noon to decorate our float and get ready for the parade. Bring whatever Fall decorations you might have handy to make sure our float is attractively adorned. Also bring *lots* of candy to pass out to the 100's of kids of all ages that line the 1.5-mile parade route.

Last year we had 7 chapters represented...let's see if we can better that this year! Contact Fount Bertram (615) 765-5357 or e-mail fwbertram@heartoftn.net to register for the fun...

CUMBERLAND TRAIL CONFERENCE

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Cumberland Trail Conference Volunteer Appreciation Weekend October 6-7, 2006 Frozen Head State Park

This October 6, 7 the Cumberland Trail Conference wants to thank all of y'all for your hard work and dedication to the Cumberland Trail. The CTC will be sponsoring a weekend filled with events and fun at Frozen Head State Park in Wartburg, TN. For those interested, the CTC is providing free camping for Friday and Saturday night. Saturday will consist of hikes, optional trail maintenance, games, or just a lazy lounge under the hemlocks. Saturday evening there will be a cookout, the recognition of several outstanding volunteers during the award ceremony, and a guided night hike.

Please notify the office if you wish to attend the cookout and or camp out, this will help us know how many sites to reserve and the number of cans of Vienna sausages to purchase.

We really appreciate the hard work that all of you have put into the trail. This weekend is just a small token of our appreciation. The trail is forever in debt to your kind hearts and services so please attend and share the honors and fun with your fellow volunteers.

For more information, please contact the CTC office at 931-456-6259.

Cumberland Trail Conference's Fall Schedule 2006

September 18, 19: Wilderness First Responder Course, Crossville, TN The Cumberland Trail Conference and Roane State Community College are coordinating this two-day course for Cumberland Trail volunteers. The course has a fee of \$150 and a \$20 fee for the textbook. The class will be conducted from 8:30-5:00 Central Time. For reservations please call 865-539-6904 and ask for Kimberly. There is a limit of 20 participants for the class so call quickly and reserve your spot, the deadline for reservations is September 11.

September 23-September 30: Maintenance Black/Brady Mountain, Maintenance Obed

September 30, National Public Lands Day: Maintenance on Obed River Section

October 6-8, Volunteer Appreciation Weekend: Frozen Head State Park, Wartburg, TN. The CTC has campsites available but campers must register with the CTC. On Saturday, Shelter B has been reserved for the awards ceremony, dinner, and a night hike are planned. For those interested, general trail maintenance can be performed on the section of the Cumberland Trail, which goes through Frozen Head State Park. More of CTC Schedule will be available in future issues of newsletter

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Sept 16 Middle Creek Loop, Big South Fork NRR. Jo and Ken VonNieda will lead easy to moderate four -mile hike featuring many rock houses. Meet at 9:00 CT at trailhead, one-mile on right on Divide Road off of TN 154, or meet at Harrow Road Cafe in Rugby at 9:00 ET to carpool to trailhead. Dress for weather, bring plenty of water and snacks. Jo and Ken invite hikers to lunch at their cabin afterwards. To provide a count for lunch and get directions to the cabin, please register with Tom Howell if you plan to join the car pool from Rugby (tshowell@nxs.net) or with Ken at vonniedakvn@aol.com.

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Grand Buffet (North of Spring Hill)
Sept 9 Kids Day Hike at Radnor Lake
Sept 16 Piney River Hike
Sept 30th Sipsey River backpacking trip

Contact Sherrie Yokley at 931-381-9274 or at Yokley2004@bellsouth.net for further information and to sign up for hikes.

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MEETS MONTHLY: 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 pm CT,
Crow Community Center 211 Richview Rd (

2 September – Labor Day Weekend – Hike with family and friends or other chapters!

9 September – Virgin Falls – 8 miles; Overnight or possible day hike. The trail descends into Caney Fork River Gorge passing Big Branch Falls, Big Laurel Creek, Big Laurel Falls, the Sheep Cave to ultimate destination of Virgin Falls. A loop trail takes hikers to a popular overlook (Martha's Pretty Point) above the Caney Fork River Gorge. Virgin Falls itself is formed by an underground stream that emerges from a cave, drops over a 110-foot cliff and goes back into a cave at the bottom. Call Bob Lyon 931-648-2354

16 September – Canoe Red River; Spend a relaxing day on the Red River with John Sneed. Rent a canoe or bring your own. Call 931-920-1134

23 September – Fiery Gizzard Trail; 12.5 mile Day hike one of the most diverse and beautiful trails in TN. The climb up to Raven Point is rugged and difficult. The terrain in the gorge is steep and extremely rocky. From Raven Point to Foster Falls is easy, flat walk on top of plateau. The trail drops into Laurel Branch Gorge and climbs steeply out after crossing the rocky stream. Call Suva Bastin 931-648-2849

30 September – Celebrate National Public Lands Day at Land Between the Lakes by participating in our annual Lake Shore Clean Up! We'll be chauffeured around the lake in a pontoon boat, dropped off at various places to pick up trash and then picked back up. Last year we almost didn't have room left on the boat for us! Call Sandy Janus 931-551-8523

ADOPT-A-TRAIL NEWS

ADOPT-A-TRAIL OFFICER

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Have you considered ...

maintaining a particular trail or section of trail?

Through the cooperation of land managers, who periodically inform us of volunteer opportunities, TTA can put you in touch with several Adopt-A-Trail programs, or offer suggestions on how to approach local land managers in your area. The Adopt-A-Trail program is quite simple and flexible. Volunteers or chapters select the trail they wish to adopt and at the same time determine the level of trail maintenance they wish to undertake. Their only commitment is to hike, inspect, and report on the trail's conditions and maintenance needs twice per year. Light trail maintenance (clipping, pruning, trash and minor blow-down removal) is encouraged during each inspection. Serious trail problems identified will be reported to the local land management agency for resolution. **To publicize your next trail volunteer day, contact Harold Draper at 865-689-7757**

EAST TN CHAPTER (Oak Ridge / Knoxville)

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Sept 17th You're invited to a Pizza Party to help plan our 2007 hikes. Learn how to lead a hike. Our goal is "Informed Leaders" so you'll feel confident about your responsibilities as a hike leader. Join us at Pizza Kitchen, Sunday, 12:30 - 2p for a fun, informative, free party. Call Rosemary for more info or directions 865-548-6171 or *rosemary_L@hotmail.com*

September 9, Coker Creek Falls, Cherokee National Forest, Coker Creek, TN. This round-trip 6-mile hike begins at John Muir /Coker Creek parking area and ascends to the scenic Coker Creek Falls, for lunch then return to parking area. This hilly trail runs along side of Coker Creek past scenic spots. Rated moderate to difficult due to blowdowns and overgrowth. Meet at 9:00 A.M. at the Cherohala Skyway Visitors Center in Tellico Plains, TN. Optional supper at the Telliqa Resort on the Tellico River. For more information, contact Robert and Patty Paul at 865-983-1985 or *paulr@monroe.K12.tn.us*

Sept 23-24 - Great Smoky Mountains: Backpacking trip to Spence Field. We'll begin on Saturday in the Cades Cove area and hike approximately 8.5 miles to Spence Field Shelter for the night. Our hike out on Sunday is under six miles. Due to park regulations, the number of people allowed on this trip will be 8 so **you must register by Thursday, September 21st.**

Contact Bob Uhren at 865-748-9227 or *snowcap34@hotmail.com* for details, and to reserve a spot **September 30. National Public Lands Day at Big South Fork.** TTA will assist Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area in implementing its new blazing and trail marking system. Be prepared to put blazes on trees and conduct minor vegetation work even install new signs on trails. All tools provided. Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Honey Creek Trailhead Parking Area on Burnt Mill Road in southern part of Big South Fork. Knoxville-area participants meet at 7:30 a.m. at Food City Oak Ridge to carpool to the site. Contact Harold Draper at 865-689-7757 or *h.m.draper@att.net* by September 25 so we can let the park know how many volunteers we will have.

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SODDY DAISY CHAPTER

This chapter is being reorganized. For further information, contact Charles Jones, East Tennessee Representative At-Large at *cejones9@earthlink.net*. In the interim, you are welcome to attend other chapters (13 to choose from) outings, events and meetings.

JACKSON CHAPTER

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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Tuesday. Socializing & meal starts at 6:00p CT; meeting starts at 7:00 at Perkins Restaurant 999 Vann Drive in Jackson

Sept 2 Honey Creek Loop Trail, BSFNRR, Jamestown, TN This is a 5.6 mile loop rated as difficult/strenuous mostly for the terrain which the trail passes through-steep slopes, boulders, streams, ladders, overlooks, boulder passages, waterfalls (6) and rock houses. Plan is to camp at Pickett State Park over the weekend. Meet in Jamestown and/or trailhead on Saturday morning. Dinner in Jamestown after the hike. More hiking on Sunday to Twin Arches and around Pickett State Park. For information and to register, contact Glen Rognstad at (731) 217-5966 or grognstad5966@charter.net

Sept 5 Monthly Meeting Perkins Restaurant Meet at 6:00 to eat and socialize the meeting starts at 7:00CT. Come to learn about upcoming and past hikes. ALL WELCOME.

Sept 16 Natchez Trace cancelled due to poor trail conditions

Sept 30 Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park-Camden, TN Join us for a 6-mile hike rated moderate over hilly terrain. Meet at the Park Interpretative Center at 9:30 am CT and bring snacks, lunch and plenty of water. To register and for carpool information, call Candy Higgs 731-660-2332 or chiggs_3@yahoo.com

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There is a leaderless hike (typically 5 - 7 miles) every Wednesday morning. For additional information, or to get on an email list for the hikes, contact Bill Harris (931-484-9152) or Jim McCullough (sue1290@frontiernet.net). Rain cancels.

No chapter meeting scheduled for September.

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September 2. Possum Creek Gorge, Cumberland Trail, Bakewell, TN. Moderately difficult 5-mile hike along section of the Cumberland Trail. Some elevation gain and rock formations Short car shuttle necessary. Meet at Cumberland Mountain State Park at 8:00 AM CDT. Information and register, contact Jim Hardy or Dawn McCartt at 931/277-5154.

September 16. Nemo Bridge to Alley Ford, Cumberland Trail, Wartburg, TN 6-mile hike, 3 miles to Alley Ford, 3 miles back to Nemo Bridge. Most of hike through woods, part of hike along river next to bluff. Meet at parking lot at 4-way stop in Fairfield Glade at 8:00AM CDT. For information and to register contact Gary Ruetenik at 931/484-0824 druetenik@frontiernet.net.

MEMPHIS CHAPTER

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Sept 9, 10:00 a.m. Joint hike with Wolf River Conservancy Hike We hike 3 miles roundtrip in Holly Springs National Forest to Baker Pond. We travel to Strawberry Plains Audubon Center in Holly Springs to Hummingbird Migration Festival, One of largest Audubon-Sponsored nature festivals in U.S., coinciding with Ruby-throated Hummingbird's southward migration. Kids 1 to 80 watch hummingbirds buzz around feeders and even hold the birds during banding. Meet at Citgo station located at NE corner of Mississippi Hwy 72 and Hwy 5 at 10:00. We caravan 10 miles east on Hwy 72, go right at Tower Rd, then right to trailhead. Hike will go rain or shine. Please call or e-mail trip leader Jennifer Couch and let her know if you plan to attend.901-274-5729 jrcouch04@bellsouth.net

Sept, 21, Monthly Meeting Learn about the latest and greatest in hiking clothing and equipment. Robin Kendall, Assistant Manager, at Outdoors Inc. in Cordova will bring us up to date with samples and demonstrations. Robin is an avid hiker as well as runner, backpacker, and climber.

Sept 30, Shiloh National Military Park, Counce, TN Meet at the Visitor Center at 10 a.m. for a flat and easy 8-mile walk around the battlefield. Carpoolers meet at 7:45 a.m. at Target Forrest Hill Irene & Poplar Avenue. Bring lunch and water. For more information call Freddie Felt 685-9915.

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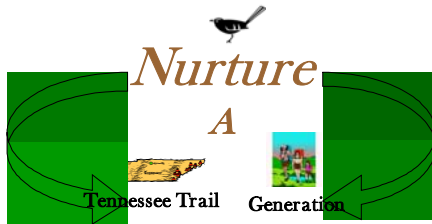
MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Tuesday at 7:00p at the Crockett's restaurant in Tullahoma

September 5 Monthly Meeting Note meeting changes. Meeting begins at 7:00 PM. You can arrive at 6:00 PM if you would like to eat

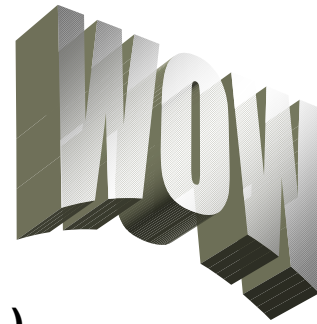
September 9, Collins Gulf, Savage Gulf State Natural Area. Jim and Marietta Poteet will lead a hike on the Collins Gulf Trail from Collins West Camp to Horse Pound Falls. There are 2 waterfalls to see on a lovely 5-mile hike. Hike rated moderate due to the 600' elevation change. Meet at the Dutch-Maid Bakery in Tracy City at 9:00 a.m. If you have any questions, call Marietta or Jim at 931-924-7666 or email at nannietta@blomand.net.

September 16 Perimeter Trail, Sewanee, TN. We continue the Eat-Hike portion of the Perimeter Trail- The hike will be approximately five miles. There will also be time to do other things in the area. We will meet at The Blue Chair restaurant in Sewanee at 9:00 A.M. Contact Tom Bentley at (931) 455-5849 or HTbentley@charter.net to register.

September 30 National Public Lands Day. We will build trail on Tennessee side of Walls of Jericho. Contact Doug Ratliff at dougtratliff@hotmail.com for info



**SPECIAL
PULL-OUT
SECTION**



**TTA ANNUAL MEETING
Land Between the Lakes (LBL)
October 20 – 22, 2006
Brandon Springs Residential and Group Center**

Have you still not decided to attend the annual meeting? It will be an action packed weekend of fun and entertainment for the whole family. The theme for this year is Nurture a Tennessee Trail – Nurture a Generation! On Friday evening, Jonathan Rhodes, volunteer coordinator for the Friends of LBL will speak. For the entertainment, we have a talented group from Northeast High School, led by Debbie Wilson, performing a musical treat – a Broadway type musical revue! Another local educator, Tonia Alvarez will perform an expressive sign language rendition to several songs. It will be an unforgettable experience. Following the speaker and entertainment, we will venture outside to a cozy bonfire! Does anybody know any good stories? We're jumping out of our skin to hear them!

The program Saturday night will be Dr. Wayne Chester. He was born and raised in Blooming Grove (Montgomery County) Tennessee, as the ninth addition of a ten-member family. He attended Tennessee public schools, Austin Peay State University, Peabody College and the University of Tennessee. After college he became a science and math teacher in a rural Tennessee high school. Those teenagers must have inspired him because he eventually attended graduate school and completed his PhD in botany. Presently he is professor of biology and a principal investigator in the Center for Field Biology at APSU. His research interests and numerous publications mostly involve the flora and plant communities of Tennessee and Kentucky. He has studied the Land Between the Lakes flora since 1965. It will be a pleasure to hear Dr. Chester because he is not a dry, boring professor; he is quite interesting, engaging and entertaining.

Paul Freeman, Executive Director of the Cumberland Trail will give a report on BreakAway's accomplishments and provide information on upcoming projects. Remember all of the proceeds from the auctions go to fund next year's Break Away program. In addition to TTA's annual awards (TTA Award, Bill Stutz Award and the infamous Golden Squirrel), CTC will be presenting some awards.

This year the auctioneer will be George Wallace. He has been an auctioneer since 1964. He grew up on a family farm near Gatlin Point, which is close to present-day Brandon Springs. He lived in Boliver, TN for 34 years before returning to his native Dover. Mr. Wallace is active in local civic organizations and volunteers in the schools. He stays especially busy as a member of the local historical society. Perhaps he will share a few historical tidbits in between auctioning items!

If interesting speakers, awards, and bonfire have not helped you decide to attend, then read about the hikes and auctions!

A variety of hikes from less than five to 13 miles will be offered to accommodate all hiking levels. In addition to hiking, there are plenty of other options. For example, canoeing on Bards Lake (no additional charge) or visiting and touring the Elk and Bison Prairie, Golden Pond Planetarium, or the 1850's Homeplace. Make sure to read the outings description in the newsletter.

With the upcoming holiday season approaching, the auctions are the perfect venue to purchase gifts and provide a donation to the Cumberland Trail! As in past years, we are requesting that each TTA Chapter donate at least 5 quality items for the Live Auction.

Something new for this year! We are asking each chapter to donate one theme backpack. This is a pack (or other container) filled with items based on the theme the chapter chooses. Some examples are birding, hiking, fishing, biking and rock collecting. The hiking theme pack could include everything a new day hiker would need to "hit the trail" (pack, water bottle, first aid kit, snacks, whistle, flashlight, emergency blanket, compass, bandana, etc.). There will be a chapter competition for the most creative with a prize given during the meeting on Saturday night. Buying it would allow the purchaser to support CTC, have a wonderful gift to give a loved one or a needy child/person, and it would not clutter your own house! – "nurture a generation" by providing them with tools and gear to get outside and appreciate our Great Outdoors!

Another favorite sale is the White Elephant Sale, which is similar to a yard sale. Finally, the hungry hikers' favorite has to be the Bake Sale & Snack Bar. We're counting on all of our great cooks to bake delicious homemade goodies (brownies, cookies, breads, and more). Not a cook? Never step foot in a kitchen? You can still help by donating snacks such as trail mix, peanuts, dried fruit, and tuna, just to name a few. These are perfect for the hiker to add to his/her pack or as an afternoon snack. Please make sure items are packaged for individual purchase.

We want to continue the tradition of sharing chapter outings and events with displays this year. It is fun to see fellow hikers on their adventures. Pictures mounted on display boards that can be taped to the wall would be perfect! If you have any questions, email Merri Hinton at andrews@logantele.com merri.hinton@todd.kyschools.us

Undecided about attending this year? Just ask fellow TTA members and they will tell you how much fun the annual meeting is and what you will be missing if you stay home.

Annual Meeting Hikes

NORTH/SOUTH TRAIL- Tharpe Road to South Welcome Station This is the southern most section of the North South Trail and is also the section the Clarksville Chapter has adopted to hike and maintain! We will hike from Tharpe Road, #221, to the South Visitors Station. For those who are section hiking the North / South trail, this hike will allow you to mark off one more section. We can check out this section of the trail and clean up a little along the way. Length: 7.8 miles. Rating: Moderate.

FORT DONELSON, Dover, TN: Are you a history or Civil War enthusiast? This is the site of the North's first major victory in the Civil War. Come and see the historic movie and Museum at the Visitor's Center, then hike through the woods to the earthworks, battery of cannons overlooking Lake Barkley and to the cemetery. Length: 7.5 miles. Rating: Moderate.

CANAL LOOP: This hike starts and ends at the North Visitors Station. It starts off moving west to Kentucky Lake, progresses north along the lake and through the woods. As you walk to the edge on a steep ridge, you look over an endless expanse of blue water! Trail continues along Canal that joins Kentucky Lake to Lake Barkley. For its grand finale, it follows the shoreline of Lake Barkley. There are spectacular views of both lakes. We may catch sight of a resident eagle or a barge or sailboats. Length: 10 miles. Rating: Moderately Strenuous.

SUGAR BAY to GOLDEN POND: A beautiful hike with terrific views of Kentucky Lake. The trail winds along sections of the shoreline of Sugar, Higgins, Rhodes, and Vickers Bays, through the woods and up and down ridges. The terrain consists of some short, steep climbs, ridge top walking, bluffs, and bottomland walking along small streams that feed into the lake. If you have a watchful eye, you might see the graveyard on a tiny island. This hike will require a vehicle shuttle. The length of the hike will require participants to maintain a fast pace and will be the first to depart. Length: 13.3 miles. Rating: Strenuous

HONKER TRAIL: This outing will include hiking around Honker and Hematite Lakes. Since they are separate trails, you may choose to only hike one. Located near The Nature Station, in the heart of an Environmental Education Area, this trail winds around Honker Lake through a variety of habitats: dense forest, meadows, across the dam, and along the lakeshore. In addition to the many other wading birds and waterfowl, be sure to watch (and listen) for the resident flock of Giant Canada Geese which nest in the area and give the trail its name! Length: 4.5 miles. Rating: Moderate

HEMATITE LAKE TRAIL: Located near the Nature Station, this easy walk around Hematite Lake offers a chance to see migratory waterfowl and other wildlife. The trail crosses marshy land on a bog bridge. You can even go in a waterfowl blind built out in the lake. If you choose to hike this trail, you can brag about seeing the areas of beaver activity! Length: 2.2 miles. Rating: Easy to Moderate

Telegraph Trail - Fort Henry trail system

Located in the south end of LBL, Fort Henry is a system of 10 connecting trails totaling over 29 miles. Have no fear; we will not be hiking the entire trail system! The trail offers the hiker many historical and natural features. It closely follows the route of General Grant's troop movements from Fort Henry to Fort Donelson during the Civil War. Length: 7 miles. Rating: Moderate.

BEAR CREEK LOOP: Beginning at the South Welcome Station, the Bear Creek loop utilizes the North / South Trail and part of the Fort Henry Trail system. Mileage: 7. Rating: Moderate.

DUNBAR CAVE- CAVE TOUR: Dunbar Cave has been a state natural area since 1973. The cave and surrounding acres has scenic, natural and historical significance. In the 1930s it was associated with big band music and dances. In 1948 Roy Acuff broadcast a live country music radio show from the area. The cave has 8 miles of mapped passageway. Rare animals in the cave include blind cavefish and crayfish, crickets, salamanders, and bats. During the tour we will view the prehistoric cave art that has recently been identified inside Dunbar Cave. The walkways are relatively flat but may be muddy in places. Some stooping and climbing of steps is necessary. Bring your own flashlight and a light jacket to wear. Mileage: cave tour. Rating: Easy.

BRANDON SPRINGS LOOP: A pleasant walk through the forest and around Bard's Lake. Since this is a loop hike we will depart and return on foot from Brandon Springs. Mileage: 5 Rating: Moderate

ELK & BISON PRAIRIE & PLANETARIUM TOURS: If you would rather participate in non-hiking activities, then this might be the one for you! There is an additional charge to visit these attractions. The Elk and Bison Prairie is a 700-acre restoration of Kentucky's native habitat. It was created as a restoration project for the species. You will drive along a gentle winding road through this remarkable habitat restoration effort. Be sure to watch for elk and bison, and listen for the magnificent bugling of the elk. The Golden Pond Planetarium is located at the Golden Pond Visitor Center. The planetarium is offering many wonderful programs, but only one (or two) can be chosen. The programs currently being shown are: Ring World – Take the journey through space with the probes as it passes Venus, Earth, and Jupiter on its way to Saturn; Kentucky Skies – learn the constellations, lore and celestial events in our sky; Stars to Starfish – Explore the diversity of life in the ocean; Blown Away – journey into space to explore the sun's effect on weather conditions. Mileage: N/A. Rating: Easy / Non-hike.

PICKETT LOOP: A pleasant loop hike in the Fort Henry trail system. Mileage: 3. Rating: Easy

PAW PAW TRAIL: Do you have a few minutes to spare? Do you prefer short walks on trails with interpretative signs? Try to find some time to walk this short trail at Brandon Springs. It is designed to interpret the natural and anthropological history of the area and some of the trees and other plants. The terrain is easy to moderate. Numbered stops alert you to one of nature's wonders. Pick up a self-guided trail brochure from the registration table to take on your walk and then return it for the next hiker. Mileage: 1. Rating: Easy / handicapped accessible.

ORIENTEERING: The director at Brandon Springs, Richard Lomax, has agreed to lead a basic orienteering activity. Do you have a compass or GPS but not sure how to use it? This activity is being provided for those who want to learn about orienteering or hone your skills. If you have a compass or GPS bring it along but there will be enough for about 20 participants.

CANOE BARD'S LAKE: Floating in a canoe will allow you to experience the quiet and scenic home of many waterfowl and aquatic animals which was formed by damming part of Lake Barkley.

Annual Meeting Schedule of Events
Central Daylight Time

Friday, October 20, 2006

3:00 p.m. Check-in, registration & Receive Auction items

3:30 Hike or Canoe
4:00 Cash Bar & Bake Sale/Snack bar Opens
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Program & Entertainment
9:00 Bonfire

Saturday, October 21, 2006

6:00 a.m. Coffee for Early Risers
7:00 Breakfast
8:00 Hikes begin departing
3:00 Cash Bar
5:00 Dinner
6:00 Program Speakers – Dr. Wayne Chester & Paul Freeman of CTC
7:00 Awards & General Meeting
8:00 Live Auction

Sunday, October 22, 2006

6:00 a.m. Coffee for Early Risers
7:00 Breakfast
8:30 Check out & Hikes depart
8:30 Board Meeting

Snack Bar & Bake Sale will be open from
4:00 p.m. Friday to 8:30 a.m. Sunday.

**TTA's Annual Awards Nominations
Are Currently Being Accepted**
Tennessee Trails Award
Bill Stutz Award
Golden Squirrel Award

You've heard about them, now it's time to nominate candidates for this year's annual awards - someone you feel best fits the description for any of the awards listed below. Please submit nominations to your local Chapter Officer by July 30. Your Chapter Officer will present nominations received to the Board of Directors during the August 5 Board of Directors' Meeting. (If your Chapter Officer is a candidate, and you wish to keep it a secret, you may submit your nomination directly to TTA's President, Anne Wesley.) Awards are issued each year during the October Annual Meeting.

The *Tennessee Trails Award* is presented for outstanding contributions to the Association and/or for the furtherance of trails and natural resource programs and opportunities within Tennessee.

The *Bill Stutz Award* is presented in honor of the late Bill Stutz, past TTA member and beloved hiker. The award is presented to an active hiker for his or her individual contribution to the Association or one of its chapters.

The *Golden Squirrel Award* is a "tongue-in-cheek" award and one we most often talk (and hear) about on the trails. Nominations are taken throughout the entire year and judged on a hike leaders' ability to totally lose their enti

Alternate Lodging for the Annual Meeting

You must call and make your own lodging arrangements if you are not staying at Brandon Springs.

Paris Landing State Resort Park
1-800-250-8614

Dover Inn Motel
1-931-232-5556

LBL Campgrounds call 1-877-444-6777 for reservations
Piney Campground
With more than 300 electric sites that can accommodate large motor homes, Piney is a favorite among RVers. But if you're not in the RV crowd, don't worry: tent campers can bed down at one of Piney's basic campsites. Electric hookup \$16. Full hookup \$24.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Start making plans now to attend The
annual meeting at Land Between the
Lakes**

Brandon Springs on Oct 20-22, 2006!

Register By October 1

Spring Cleaning???

**Don't throw away your
"treasures"-**

**Donate them to TTA's Annual
Meeting Auctions!**

TTA Annual Meeting October 20-22, 2006

Registration Form Families: please provide the name of each member of your family attending.

Name _____ Name _____ Name _____ Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Chapter _____ Email _____

REGISTRATION FEE Per Person is \$15.00 Number of Persons: _____ X \$15.00 Total \$ _____

LODGING

HUT – Dormitory style cabins equipped with comfortable bunk beds and mattresses, heat and air conditioning, modern restrooms and showers. We'll have separate huts for women and men. You will need to bring shower and bed linens or sleeping bag. If you have a preference of who you want to share a cabin with, please make a note and it will be honored if possible.

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| HUT Fee Per Night is \$18.00 | Would like to share cabin with _____ | |
| FRI NIGHT | Number of Persons _____ | X \$18.00 Total \$ _____ |
| SAT NIGHT | Number of Persons _____ | X \$18.00 Total \$ _____ |

CAMPING

Camping Fee Per Night Per Person is \$5.00

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| FRI NIGHT | Number of Persons _____ | X \$5.00 Total \$ _____ |
| SAT NIGHT | Number of Persons _____ | X \$5.00 Total \$ _____ |

MEALS

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|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| FRI DINNER | Number of Persons _____ | X \$8.00 Total \$ _____ |
| SAT BREAKFAST | Number of Persons _____ | X \$5.00 Total \$ _____ |
| SAT LUNCH | Number of Persons _____ | X \$5.00 Total \$ _____ |

Please check type/quantity of sandwich: _____ Turkey _____ Ham _____ Cheese _____ Peanut Butter & Jelly

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|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| SAT DINNER | Number of Persons _____ | X \$8.00 Total \$ _____ |
| SUN BREAKFAST | Number of Persons _____ | X \$5.00 Total \$ _____ |

Please check if you would like to request vegetarian meals. # People wanting Vegetarian Meals _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please make check payable to Tennessee Trails Association

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| Mail to: | c/o June Miller | If you have further questions, call June at: 931-648-4195. |
| | 1002 Post Court | stevjune42@charter.net |
| | Clarksville, TN 37043 | |

Due to scheduling requirements at Brandon Springs, REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED on or before October 1st, 2006. SORRY, REFUNDS CANNOT BE MADE AFTER October 1, 2006.

Detach and enclose this Registration Form with your check.

Directions to Brandon Springs at Land Between the Lakes:

FROM MEMPHIS: About 200 miles from Memphis. Take I-40 East to Hwy. 641 North. Take 641 North towards Paris. At Paris, take Hwy. 79 North towards Dover. Just before Dover is a large, brown sign directing you to turn left for Land Between The Lakes (careful It's easy to miss!). Turn left on this road. In about 4-5 miles it turns into The Trace. Continue North past the South Welcome Station for 2 miles; Brandon Springs is on the right.

FROM NASHVILLE: About 90 miles from Nashville. Take I-24 West to US Hwy 79 (Exit 4). Take 79 to Dover. Stay on Hwy 79 for 3 more miles to the LBL Southern Entrance (watch for a large brown sign directing you to turn right for LBL - careful it is easy to miss) Turn right; this road becomes the Trace, which is the main road through LBL. Turn right on this road. In about 4-5 miles it turns into The Trace. Continue North past the South Welcome Station about 2 miles; Brandon Springs is on the right.

From Knox/Nashville: Once you've reached Clarksville...Clarksville – Dover = 26 miles Dover – The Trace = 5 miles The Trace – Brandon Springs – 7 mi

From Memphis: Reached Paris...Paris – The Trace = 19 miles

The Trace – Brandon Springs = 7 mi

TTA Signs will be posted within LBL. LBL Sign for Brandon Springs 2 miles past South Welcome Station.

MURFREESBORO CHAPTER

CHAPTER OFFICER: Anna Bert
615-765-5357 *abertram@heartoftn.*

OUTINGS COORDINATOR: Ron D
615-867-3301 *trekkingtn@yahoo.*

(Call Ronn & volunteer to lead an outing)

MEETS MONTHLY: 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT
Barfield-Crescent Park's Wilderness Station
697 Barfield Rd., Murfreesboro

Sep 2 – Murfreesboro TTA Annual Yard Sale, 8 AM to 4 PM CDT at front of Dr. Wayne Potter's office at 1132 West Clark Blvd., around the corner from the Big-K (K-Mart) Store. We need volunteer workers for all or part of the day. Help the Chapter out! To volunteer time, tables, or goods, and to ask questions, contact Anna Bertram at *abertram@heartoftn.net* or 615-765-5357.

Sep 9 – Ocoee whitewater rafting trip. Join us for a whitewater adventure on the most popular section of the Ocoee. We will enjoy a 2-hour trip through the beautiful Ocoee Gorge in the Cherokee National Forest. Expect a thrilling ride over 20 Class III and IV rapids along the middle Ocoee with names like Hell's Hole, Doublesuck, and Torpedo. Cost is \$42 per person, no experience is necessary, participants must be age 12 or over. Space is limited so sign up early! For more info or to sign up contact Tony or Millette Jones at 615-397-9588 or *millette.jones@comcast.net*

Sep 12 – Monthly Meeting at 7 PM -Heard of the new term, *slackpacking*? It's a cross between backpacking and day hiking. Learn about it when two of the Nashville TTA Chapter's well-known hikers, Anne Wesley and Diane Manas, share their recent British adventures. Anne hiked the 75-mile Dales Way footpath that took her through the Yorkshire Dales to the Lake District. Diane and her husband hiked the Coast-to-Coast trail that runs from St. Bees at the Irish Shore, to Robin Hood's Bay at the North Sea Shore. Did they hike the whole 190 miles? Attend the meeting to discover the details about their adventures!

Sep 16 - Beaman Park, N.W. Davidson County. Mary Belle Ginanni and Bud Young leads us on an easy 2 to 4 mile hike near Murfreesboro. Bring money for lunch in a local restaurant after the hike. Details will appear in the weekly e-news for the Murfreesboro Chapter. For carpool arrangements, questions, and to register, contact Mary Belle at *mginanni@comcast.net* or 615-895-6072.

Sep. 16-17 - Backpacking Trip, Part I - Cumberland Trail Section Hike, Signal Mt. to North Suck Creek, Prentice Cooper State Forest. We begin section hiking the Cumberland Trail with this 13.4-mile roundtrip hike rated moderate. Hike is limited to ten hikers so contact Tammy Day soon for more info and to register at 615-904-0009 or *tlday@comcast.net*

Sep 23 - Three Caves Quarry and Wade Mountain Preserve, Huntsville, AL. Hike starts at Three Caves Quarry in Huntsville, Alabama with a "cool" 55-degree tour of former limestone quarry in Huntsville. Mining ended at the quarry in 1952 and the Three Caves is now developing into a real cave. There is a \$1 per person fee for this part of the hike. After the cave tour we

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have lunch at local restaurant before continuing on a four-mile moderate hike, including the Devil's Racetrack at the Wade Mountain Preserve in the north part of Huntsville. Trail in good condition with uneven footing in few areas and climbs 500 feet in two miles. We leave from Murfreesboro Sam's Club overflow parking lot next to Hardees at 8:00 AM CDT. For more information and to register for the hike, please contact Bob Goodwin at *CAMEL40@earthlink.net* or 256-564-8417.

Sep 30 - National Public Lands Day. We will return to complete the day loop trail at Bear Hollow Mt., near the parking lot on the TN side of the Walls of Jericho. Brent Morris, our TTA Member-At-Large for Middle TN will again direct us. This regional TTA event is registered with the National Public Lands Day Foundation. There will be door prizes and lots of other fun things. Local contact for our Chapter is Fount Bertram, *abertram@heartoftn.net* or 615-765-5357.

PLANNING AHEAD

Oct 6-8 – Annual Pumpkin Festival Weekend at Allardt, TN on the Cumberland Plateau: For several years, this has been one of our most popular multi-Chapter events! Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. Camp or rent cabins, at Pickett State Park. You may call 1-877-260-0010 for cabin reservations. Campsites are on a first come, first serve basis. There will be contests and a parade to enter, hiking, and much more . . . all for fun! Contact Fount Bertram for more information or to sign up. *abertram@heartoftn.net* or 615-765-5357.

NASHVILLE CHAPTER

CHAPTER OFFICER: Jim Johnson
615-356-6246 *jimjohnsonjr@gmail.com*

OUTINGS COORDINATOR: Libby Francis *Libbyslibbys@Comcast.net*
(email Libby & volunteer to lead an outing)

MEETS MONTHLY: 4th Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT
TN Wildlife Resources Association meeting room at
Ellington Agricultural Center, 5105 Edmondson Pike. For
directions, visit: *www.tennesseetrails.org/nashville.php*

HIKING HOTLINE: 615-367-7045

September 26---Monthly Program Meeting: Speakers are Eileen Hennessey and May Leinhart of the Land Trust of Tennessee. Come hear about what you can do in partnership with the Land Trust to protect Tennessee's greenery for future generations. 7PM at the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency's Region 2 Headquarters building on the campus of Ellington Agricultural Center on Edmondson Pike.)

Sept. 2 Beaman Park First Saturday Hike
Nashville, TN. 9:00-12:00 CDT. Age level: 8-Adults. Guided hike with knowledgeable Friends of Beaman Park volunteers-explore Beaman Park -a natural treasure. Call Warner Park Nature Center 615-352-6299 for reservations and directions.

Sept. 3 Beat the "Blazin" Heat Hike, Mossy Ridge Trail. Warner Park, Nashville. Mossy ridge Trail is 4.5 miles long, rated moderate for uneven terrain, and several hills we ascend/descend. Bring plenty of water, wear sturdy hiking shoes. After hike, it's coffee and bagels at Bruegger's Bagel Bakery (bring money). We meet in the "Deep Well" parking

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area of park at 7:50a (CT); depart at 8:00 . Deep Well is located at the end of the road that passes through the grey stone columns entrance off of Hwy 100. . For additional information and directions, call Diane Manas at 615-352-7777.

Sept. 7 (THU) After Work Walk on Main Drive, Percy Warner Park. Nashville, TN. Easy 1.8-mile loop walk on paved road. Dusk may provide wildlife viewing. Bring water, flashlight. Meet at 6:30pm (CT) at flagpole inside stone arches at end of Belle Meade Blvd. No RSVP required. If you have questions, call Diane Manas at 615-352-7777.

Sept. 9 Bicentennial Rails to Trails. Ashland City. Easy, flat 6 miles round trip on paved walkway. Meet at Kroger parking lot on Charlotte and White Bridge Rd. at 9:00 (CT) Bring water, snacks and money for Riverview restaurant afterwards. For additional information and to register, call Jenice Johnson at 615-356-6246 or e-mail jenicelj@comcast.net

Sept. 14 (THU) After Work Walk on Main Drive, Percy Warner Park. Nashville, TN. Easy 1.8-mile loop walk on paved road. Dusk may provide wildlife viewing. Bring water, flashlight. Meet at 6:30pm (CT) at flagpole inside stone arches at end of Belle Meade Blvd. No RSVP required. If you have questions, call Diane Manas at 615-352-7777.

Sept. 16 Old Stone Fort, in Manchester area. Moderate 3-mile hike over high river bluffs, narrow rock ledges, riverside bottomland and waterfalls circling around 2,000 year old stone wall built by ancient American natives. For meeting time and place and to discuss carpooling, call Nancy Juodenas at 615-319-8811 or e-mail njuodenas@hotmail.com

Sept. 23 Bagel Hike, Percy Warner Park, Nashville. This 4.5-mile hike on Mossy Ridge Trail is first of series of 3 "bagel" (circular trail) hikes. This hike is rated moderate due to elevation changes. We'll hike rain or shine. Bring water, and wear sturdy hiking boots or trail running shoes and spare shoes to change afterward in case trail is muddy. After hike, we go to Brueggers Bagel Bakery (at Hwy. 70/100 split). We meet at 9:00am (CT) at the "Deep Well" parking area (stone arch entrance into the park on Hwy 100, about 1½ miles from the Hwy. 70/100 split). Hike takes 2.5 hours. For more info and to register call David Furse, 615-673-3453, or e-mail dfurse@comcast.net.

Sept. 30 Bryant Cove Trail, Long Hunter State Park, Nashville. Trail is 8 miles round trip-rated easy as it is flat. . Wear sturdy shoes due to rocks and roots on the trail. The trail follows the lake with nice views. Bring water and snacks. We meet at Long Hunter State Park playground parking lot at 8:00 AM (CT). Contact Robbie Benson, wk #615-781-6504, cell # 615-419-1165 or e-mail robbie.benson@state.tn.us

Sept (4th Saturday Hiking Community Volunteers "½ Day" Event. Radnor Lake SNA. Nashville, TN. Join members of the hiking community, Friends of Radnor Lake and REI to help with general trail maintenance Radnor Lake Visitor's Center office at 615-373-3467.

UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER (Sparta / Cookeville)

CHAPTER OFFICER:

931-526-2035

Richard

savage_richard@

September 2,3 Porter's Creek to Newfound Gap, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Gatlinburg, TN. First day will hike 3.7 on moderate trail to Porter's Flat Camp to camp. Next day we follow non-maintained trail to junction with AT. Rated difficult 2-mile hike. We hike on AT over Charlie's Bunion with views for 4 1/2 miles to Newfound Gap. Bring gear for overnight hike. Meet us at 7:00am CT at Cracker Barrel in Cookeville for breakfast or about 8:00 in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville. For information and to register contact Richard Savage at 931-526-2035 or savage_richard@hotmail.com.

September 9 Rock Creek Loop, Big South Fork NNRA, Jamestown, TN. Trail follows part of Rock Creek. See old railroad beds. Hike 7.5 miles, rated Moderate. Bring snacks, water, lunch. Meet us at 8:00am CT at Penney's parking lot in Cookeville. For information and to register contact Louise Miniard at 931-528-9115 or lminiard@flowservice.com.

September 16 Paw Paw, Woodland, and Gorge Overlook Trails, Fall Creek Falls State Park, Pikeville, TN. We hike Paw Paw Loop, rated easy, spur trails to overlooks, hike total 4 ½ miles. Interested hikers hike Woodland and Gorge Overlook Trails, rated moderate, total 6 ½ miles featuring waterfall and gorge overlooks. Bring snacks, water and lunch. Meet us in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 8:30am CT or at the US Bank across from McDonald's in Sparta at 9:00am. For information and to register contact Hix Stubblefield at 931-526-2312 or hixstub1@citlink.net.

September 23 Mullen's Cove Loop, Prentice Cooper State Forest and Wildlife Management Area, Signal Mountain, TN. Loop offers views of Tennessee River Gorge, rock bluffs, cascading streams. Hike rated moderate for 500-foot elevation changes, stream crossings, steep ascents and descents, and length. Total distance is 10.2 miles. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. Meet us in Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 7:30 CT or at the US Bank across from McDonald's in Sparta at 8:00. For information and to register contact Pete Broehl 931-738-3551 or pbroehl@tnaccess.com.

September 30 Siler's Bald, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Gatlinburg, TN. Will hike a section of the Appalachian Trail from the Clingman's Dome parking lot to Siler's Bald. There are spectacular sections of the trail along narrow ridge top. Hike is 9 ½ miles Hike rated moderate to strenuous. Meet at 7:00am CT in Penney's parking lot in Cookeville. For information and to register contact Richard Savage at 931-526-2035 or savage_richard@hotmail.com.

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Newsletter Deadlines:

Deadlines for Chapter announcements
and articles of special interest
are due as follows:

| Due | For Newsletter Dated |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Sept 10 | Oct 1 |
| Oct 10 | Nov 1 |
| Nov 10 | Dec 1 |

Articles submitted are subject to editing
and will be included as space permits.

Please send all submissions to:
editor@tennesseetrails.org

Evan Means Small Grants Program Deadline is December 31, 2006

In February 2007, TTA's Board of Directors will award small grants memorializing Evan Means. The grants support special volunteer projects that are compatible with the chartered objectives of TTA: *promoting and developing a system of hiking trails in Tennessee as well as working for the conservation of natural resources.* Project proposals are due no later than December 31, 2006.

All chapters are encouraged to look within their local area, identify a special trail or park project, request and submit a formal grant application for the February 2007 Evan Means Small Grant Program Award.

Grant request in the range of \$300-\$600 are encouraged. However, if a project requires additional grant money, considerations will be made.

For additional information and an application, please write to:

Leigh Jones
TTA Grants Administrator
80 SW 254th ST
Newberry, FL 32669
352-472-3602
cejones9@bellsouth.net

The small grants program was established in February 1999 to honor Evan Means - journalist, author, conservationist, hiker, trail builder, originator of the Cumberland Trail, and co-founder of the Tennessee Trails Association. Mr. Means won countless awards for his work over the years to protect Tennessee's natural resources and beauty, as well as for his dedication to projects that allow hikers to enjoy this natural beauty.

Tennessee Trails Merchandise Order Form

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Round embroidered patch, sew it on anything.

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A must for each car. Removable, no adhesives.

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Perfect for the front bumper of your car.

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Choose Size: Small / Medium / Large / X-Large
Choose Color: Sand / Yellow / Stone-Gray

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Round embroidered patch commemorating TTA's 35th Anniversary, sew it on anything.

_____ TTA Flashlight Carabineer Key Ring, blue6.00

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: __ Zip: _____

PHONE hm: (____) _____ wk:(____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Mail your check payable to: Tennessee Trails Association
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Monteagle, TN 37356

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PLEASE RENEW, STAY INFORMED, WE NEED YOU!!!

YES, I WANT TO JOIN TENNESSEE TRAILS ASSOCIATION, I AM . . .

A NEW MEMBER

Sept 06

RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP

Memberships are for one year, unless you have a Lifetime Membership.
Gift Memberships are also available. Contact our Membership Director,
Garnett Rush 615-352-7217 rushga01@yahoo.com

Please Mail This Form To:
Membership Director
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Nashville, TN 37204-1446

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Address _____
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Please do not list my e-mail address in the TTA Annual Membership Directory

Please list me with the following chapter:

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| ___ Cove Lake | ___ Jackson | ___ Northwest (UT at Martin/Weakley) | (Sparta/Cookeville) |
| | | | ___ At Large |

When you become a TTA member, you will receive: (1.) TTA's Hiking Handbook, a reference book containing information about TTA, trail etiquette, hiker responsibilities, etc. (2.) TTA's monthly newsletter, containing information on hiker safety, upcoming hikes / overnight trips, volunteer opportunities, chapter meeting announcements, as well as events occurring within TTA's Associate Organizations: C.T.C. and T.R.A.C. (3.) Annual Membership Directory, listing members by chapter and how to reach them. You are invited to attend any number of monthly meetings scheduled, where you will enjoy diverse programs, socializing and refreshments. In addition, in the spring and fall we meet at one of Tennessee's many parks for a weekend of hiking, camaraderie and where the board members can meet to exchange ideas and hear reports on TTA's progress.

As a member of TTA, you are welcome to attend all TTA / CTC / TRAC functions.

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