

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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Tennessee Trails Annual Meeting

4-H CAMP IN CROSSVILLE, TN

OCTOBER 12 - 14, 2007

SEE THE SPECIAL INSERT FOR REGISTRATION

NATIONAL PUBLIC TRAILS DAY

National Public Lands Day will be observed in Middle Tennessee on September 29, 2007 with a trail revitalization project at Edgar Evins State Park. We are going to work on reopening the 7-mile loop that has been closed because of severe storm damage. This will be a multi-chapter endeavor and Brent Morris, Middle Tennessee at-large representative is heading up the event. We will have free camping at the park on Friday and Saturday nights and the Friends of Edgar Evins State Park will sponsor a cookout Saturday afternoon/evening. We will be serving burgers and dogs and trimmings. If there are vegetarian needs, we need to know in advance. In addition to the cookout we have a bluegrass band scheduled for a session that evening. Wolf Creek Bluegrass will entertain the volunteers after supper.

A very special occurrence will be an attendance and participation of Miss Earth Tennessee...and by then maybe she will be Miss Earth USA...Carson Hanrath is a student at Vanderbilt and is representing Tennessee in the national competition in Portland, Oregon the first week of August. The winner there will be going on to Manila, Philippines for the world competition. The ultimate winner will be crowned Miss Earth. There are 3 titles...Miss Earth, Miss Wind and Miss Fire. There are over 80 countries that will be participating in the pageant. Carson will work on the trail with us and give a presentation about the Pageant during the evenings proceedings. This pageant is to raise worldwide awareness of the need for conservation and environment protection.

We will be meeting at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning at the park office for work assignments and tool distribution. The park will furnish tools, but if you have your own, please bring them. You will need a lunch, plenty of water, clothes you don't mind getting dirty and work gloves. Sturdy footwear is also a must. We will need to know how many to expect so we will have enough food so let us know as soon as you can...Also we need to know how many campsites to reserve...If you plan to camp one or both nights we need to know...Contact Brent Morris at brentmorris@aceweb.com (phone 931-728-8726), or Fount Bertram at fwbertram@dtccom.net (phone 615-765-5357).

Proposed Changes to TTA Bylaws

Enclosed in your newsletter, you will find a copy of proposed changes to TTA's bylaws. On Saturday, October 12 at the annual meeting, there will be a meeting of TTA's membership following dinner. At this meeting, TTA members will vote whether they want to approve the changes to our bylaws.

At TTA's October 2006 board of directors' meeting, a Bylaws Committee was formed to review the bylaws of both TTA and Cumberland Trail Conference. Don Dresser, TTA's West TN Regional Representative, chaired the committee, which consisted of TTA board members, CTC Advisory Board Members, CTC's Executive Director and a former TTA president. The Bylaws Committee spent several months discussing and debating successive drafts of potential changes to each organization's bylaws. CTC adopted bylaws at its July 7 Advisory Board Meeting. At TTA's August 04 board meeting, TTA's board of directors approved the CTC bylaws and recommended that the TTA bylaws be amended also. To become effective, these changes to the TTA bylaws must be approved by a majority vote of the TTA members present at the October 12 meeting. Please note, under our current bylaws "Family Memberships" receive one vote. Please take some time to study the proposed amendments. If you would like to download a copy of our current bylaws for comparison, go to <http://www.tennesseetrails.org/> and click on "Member Services".

If you have questions/comments or would like: (1) a synopsis of proposed changes to the TTA bylaws; (2) a copy of the newly-adopted CTC bylaws, you may e-mail Anne Wesley at tthiker@msn.com

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Cumberland Trail Update July 26, 2007

The first half of 2007 has produced some changes for the Cumberland Trail Conference. I have become the new director and the position title has been changed to General Manager. Amanda Leamon has joined the CTC staff as Trail Development Coordinator and Marleya Pendleton is the new office manager. All of the conference staff is looking forward to working with the trail volunteers and supporters in future trail endeavors.

In addition to staff changes, there have been new developments on the trail. The spring trail building programs were a huge success. With the combination of Break-Away and Big Dig the Cumberland Trail has been extended another 7.7 miles in the Smoky Mountain segment. Please see the updated information about this segment on the website, <http://www.cumberlandtrail.org/>. The Break-Away 2007 also witnessed the completion of the Black Mountain reroute and this trail is now open from the Black Mountain trailhead to Windless Cave. Another spring program completed the step-building project along Board Camp Creek and installed a cable handrail on the staircase built during Break-Away 2006. None of this success would have been possible without the tremendous support of the volunteers, TTA, ASB students, American Hiking Society, Team Green, CTSSP personnel, Americorp, and those who supported the conference in other ways. I encourage everyone to hike these and other sections of the Cumberland Trail State Park and enjoy the natural beauty the Cumberland Plateau has to offer.

Please consider volunteering to help build or help financially support the trail. Without volunteers and supporters, the Cumberland Trail project will never be completed. Tony Hook General Manager Cumberland Trail Conference

CTC's tentative Fall Schedule

September 21-29: trail work on Byrd Mountain in the Frozen Head State Park and Natural Area, Wartburg, TN. This will be a part of our celebration of National Public Land Day on September 29, 2007. This will be a camping outing. Volunteers will need to provide their own camping equipment, meals will be provided, further details TBA.

September 29, 2007: National Public Land Day, celebrate this day by giving of your time and volunteer to help maintain/build the Cumberland Trail. See above listed program for details.

October 2-4, 2007: Prentice Cooper WMA and State Forest; trail maintenance in preparation for the "Stump Jump Race".

October 6, 2007: Stump Jump Race 2007, Chattanooga, TN; visit www.rockcreek.com/stumpjump for details.

COVE LAKE CHAPTER

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MONTHLY MEETING:

Sept 9 Oak Ridge Arboretum-easy walk. Meet at Eagle Mart in Jacksboro, 1st red light in Jacksboro. For more information call Faith Dipple 423-566-8026

Monthly Meeting will follow above hike.

Sept 29 Lander Ky. Daniel Boone National Forest, Van Hook Falls. Meet at Eagle Mart 8a.m. Rated moderate 5-mile hike. For more information call Richard Helm 423-562-1110

**START SAVING!!!
GOT STUFF???**

**Bring all those wonderful goodies you
have stashed away but aren't using.**

TTA needs it!!!

**The silent and not so silent auction and
the white elephant table await your
donations.**

**One person's junk is another
person's?????????**

COLUMBIA/FRANKLIN CHAPTER

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MEETS MONTHLY: 1st Tuesday at 6:30 pm CT
Grand Buffet (North of Spring Hill)

Sept 4 Monthly Meeting Grand Buffet Spring Hill, TN. 7 PM. We will meet to discuss hikes for this month and our participation at the annual meeting in Crossville. Come early and join us for dinner.

Sept 8 Rick Lausten leads an easy 3 to 4 mile hike in Montgomery Bell State Park. Expect views of abundant wildlife, old homesteads and ovens used in Montgomery Bell's iron works. We meet at A&D Market on Hwy. 431 one mile south of I-840 at 7:30 to car pool to park. Wear sturdy boots and bring water and snacks. Register with Rick by email at saturncar1@aol.com or call (615)373-0029.

Sept 22-23 Kerry Sumners will lead an over night backpack to Hazel Creek. For more details and to register contact Kerry at karofishes@bellsouth.com or call (615)790-4013.

Sept 29 Edgar Evins State Park National Land Day. See front page story. We will discuss this at September meeting. Register with Sherry Yokley by email at syokley@wavesine.com or phone (931)703-2251.

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

Sept 4 Monthly meeting at Crockett's Restaurant in Tullahoma. Come at 6:00 for dinner and socialization. Meeting will begin at 7:00. Tom Bentley will be talking about geo caching

Sept 8 Jim and Marietta Poteet will lead a hike to South Cumberland Recreational Area. The hike will begin at the Savage Gulf Ranger Station and follow the Savage Day Loop to the North Rim to the North Plateau via the Mountain Oak Trail. It will be a 10-mile hike rated easy to moderate due to the distance and easy because of little or no elevation change. We will be on top of the plateau with nice views of the gorge and will hike along the historic Dinky Railroad Line. Remember, it will be hot and long, so wear sturdy boots and bring lots of water. Please call Marietta or Jim at 931-924-7666 or email at nannietta@blomand.net for further details and to register for the hike

Sept 15 Tom Bentley will be leading us on the monthly Eat-Hike-Eat-Hike. We will be geo caching in Sewanee area. It will be very easy and fun. Bring GPS. We will meet at The Blue Chair in Sewanee for breakfast(thebluechair.com/indew.htm). You may go to www.geocaching.com/ for geocaching information. Contact Tom Bentley at 931-455-5849, or email at htbentley@charter.net

Sept 29 National Public Lands Day. Margarie Collier has requested we do some work at Short Springs. Contact Tom Bentley at 931-566-5849, or email at htbentley@charter.net

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

Sept 1 No hike—Labor Day weekend

Sept 8 Canoe trip of Red River (Adams to Port Royal), about four hours in length; pastoral float—no rapids. Bring your own canoe/life jacket or pay a \$30.00 fee for canoe rental (includes life jacket.) John Sneed, 931-920-3828 or Bill Hamilton (alternate), 931-920-2760

Sept 15 Haynes Bottom Wildlife Management Area, Woodlawn, TN; 4 miles, easy. Followed by a potluck brunch at the Tate's house. J.R. Tate. 931-920-2692

Sept 22 Warner Park, 6 miles, moderate. Suva Bastin 931-645-2849

Sept 29 National Public Lands Day See Story on Front Page/Alternate hike: Dunbar Cave, 2 miles, easy. Leader TBA. Contact J.R. Tate 931-920-2692

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Sept 8 South Cumberland Recreation Area. We will join the Murfreesboro Chapter and hike leaders Marietta and Jim Poteet for a ten-mile hike. rated easy because of little elevation change and moderate due to distance. Meet at the Savage Ranger Station at 10:00 Central time. The hike begins at ranger station and follows Savage Day Loop to North Rim via Mountain Oak Trail. We have nice views of the gorge and hike along historic Dinky Railroad Line. This is a hot, long hike, wear sturdy boots and bring lots of water and snacks and lunch. Carpoolers meet at Harrow Road Cafe in Rugby at 8:30 EDT. We leave 9:00 EDT. Let Tom Howell know if you intend to car pool from Rugby; contact Marietta at 931-924-7666 or e-mail nannietta@blomand.net for more information about the hike.

Sept 29 National Public Lands Day, Byrd Mountain in Frozen Head State Park For folks looking for less vigorous exercise Historic Rugby is hosting a new workshop on wild mushrooming, 9:00-12:00 EDT. Harry "Whitey" Hitchcock leads a woods walk for identification and collection followed by tasting. For more information and to register, call Historic Rugby at 423-628-2441 or 1-888-214-3400.

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Sept 8. Great Smoky Mountains National Park –Meigs Creek (3.5 miles) to Meigs Mountain (6.1 miles) to Jakes Creek (0.4 miles). We'll cross 18-20 creek crossings of Meigs Creek. Start at Sinks parking area (6.0 miles east of the Townsend "Y") and ascend 3.5 miles (1000 feet elevation gain) on Meigs Creek Trail to Meigs Mountain Trail. We'll follow Meigs Mountain Trail 6.1 miles east and finish 0.4 miles on Jakes Creek. This hike requires shuttle so meet at Sinks at 8:30. Bring shoes for water crossings. Contact Lynn at 865-675-1483 or kszos@charter.net to register.

Sept 29 Abingdon, VA -- We will sponsor a scenic bike cruise on the famous "Virginia Creeper Trail". You are welcome to bring your own bike on this 17 mile cruise or rent one there. Bring water and lunch or have lunch and famous chocolate cake at a local trail cafe. We meet to carpool to trail at 7:00amEST at Cracker Barrel located at Strawberry Plains Exit (I-40 east) or meet at trailhead at 9:30amEST. Call Lesley Price at 865-254-1193 for reservations by Sept 10th. A head count is needed for bike rentals and shuttle service.

MURFREESBORO CHAPTER

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MEETS MONTHLY: 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm CT

Barfield-Crescent Park's Wilderness Station
697 Barfield-Crescent Rd., Murfreesboro

Sept. 1- Annual Murfreesboro TTA Yard Sale, 7:30 AM – 2:00 PM at 1132 West Clark Blvd., Murfreesboro Will be held in parking lot front of Dr. Wayne Potter's office, off NW Broad. Please save items for sale and donate time for only fundraiser. Proceeds go to our local treasury to pay operating costs for chapter for coming year. Everyone encouraged to participate. Volunteers may work the sale for a couple of hours, or all day. Shade and free cold drinks for workers! A Goodwill truck will pick up left over items at 2 PM, saving us additional labor. Contact Anna Bertram, *abertram@dtccom.net* or 615-765-5357.

Sept. 1-3 Smoky Mountain Segment of CT, 17.3 miles, difficult/strenuous. Labor Day weekend hike includes spectacular views of valleys and mountains from highest spot on Cumberland Trail. We begin at Cove Lake State Park, climb Cross Mountain, Big Bruce Ridge across Turkeypen Ridge and Horsebone Ridge then cross Anderson Mountain. Overnight camping at Frozen Head State Park on 2nd night. Difficulty rating due to lot of elevation gain and loss. For detailed description of hike cumberlandtrail.org. To register for hike contact Charlotte Broyles at *broylescha@hotmail.com* or call 615-890-6308

Sept. 7-9 - Weekend at Cloudland Canyon State Park, Rising Fawn, Georgia. This is lovely State Park on back side of Chattanooga's Lookout Mountain. It's easy drive there take I-24 to I-59 toward Birmingham (before Chattanooga), then take Trenton Exit and follow signs. The campgrounds and "cottages" are clean, attractive. Fount and Anna will join you for a fun weekend of day hikes, camp cooking, and relaxing with friends. Campsites as well as cottages require reservations and fill up early, so reserve ASAP Call park, (800)864-7275 or website: <http://gastateparks.org/info/cloudland/> There are plans for a communal wiener roast on Sat. evening and breakfast or brunch on Sunday morning. Let Fount and Anna know to expect you and get details, send message to: *abertram@dtccom.net* or phone 615-765-5357.

Sept 8 See East Tennessee Chapter Great Smoky Mountains National Park Meigs Creek

Sept. 8 – West Rim Trail, Cloudland Canyon State Park, 5 miles, easy/moderate. (Same directions as above) You're invited for beautiful day hike along west rim of Lookout Mountain with rock formations, overlooks. There is also 2-mile backcountry trail and two descents by long stairways to two waterfalls in the canyon. Park access fee is \$3 per vehicle.

MURFREESBORO (cont)

Meet at park office (Visitor's Center) at 10am CST. Carpool leaves from Murfreesboro at 8 AM if someone will volunteer to coordinate it. Contact Anna or Fount Bertram, *abertram@dtccom.net* or 615-765-5357 to volunteer or to let them know to expect you on the hike.

Sept. 11 -Monthly Meeting, Barfield-Crescent Park, Wilderness Center. Join us welcoming Tony Hook to talk about the Cumberland Trail Conference. Tony will explain the current status of the trail, recent accomplishments, and upcoming events. His enthusiasm is contagious and you will find yourself making plans to help.

Sept. 15- Mossy Ridge Trail, Warner Park, Nashville, 4.5 miles, moderate. This loop trail travels through coves that harbor large trees, passes lovely, two-tiered, wet weather waterfall, and crosses moss covered ridge. Rated moderate for numerous hills. Carpool from Murfreesboro meets at Sam's parking lot at 7:15am. If driving yourself meet at Deep Well parking area in Warner Park at 8:15am. We will be on trail at 8:30am. Wear supportive shoes, hiking poles are suggested. Bring water, snack. Lunch after hike at local restaurant possible if there is interest. Contact Ann Jacobs at *eannjacobs@aol.com* or 615-896-3935 for information or to sign up.

Sept. 22- Black Mountain section of the CT, Crab Orchard, TN, 5-7 miles, moderate. Black Mountain is one of the newest sections of Cumberland Trail. We hike to Windless Cave for lunch through massive rock outcroppings and return along bluffs. Wear hiking boots and bring plenty of water, snacks, and lunch. Bring flashlight to explore cave opening. Meet at I-840 park & ride lot on Broad St./Hwy.41 at 8am. Black Mountain's trailhead parking lot is located at Exit 287 off I-40 at Crab Orchard. To register, contact Sara Pollard at 615-896-5804 or *spollard@mtsu.edu*

Sept. 29 - National Public Lands Day, Multi-Chapter Trail Revitalization Project and Celebration at Edgar Evins State Park, on Center Hill Lake, Silverpoint, TN. See Front Page story. A carpool from Murfreesboro may be possible on Saturday morning

Planning Ahead

Oct. 5-7 I- Allardt, TN Pumpkin Festival, Multi-Chapter. This is one of our most popular annual TTA activities. Again we will enter our pickup truck "float" in the parade, walk in the parade, throw candy to the children on the parade route, and enjoy the many other features of this small town fall festival. It is reminiscent of the old Mayberry RFD television show. Most TTA participants choose to camp, or stay in cabins at Pickett State Park. Some stay in the nearby Wildwood B & B. There are other B & B or motel options in the area. All this and hiking too! Campsites are on a first come first serve basis, but cabins at Pickett require advance reservations. Contact Anna or Fount Bertram at *abertram@dtccom.net* or 615-765-5357 for details and to sign up.

Oct. 9 - Monthly Meeting - Election of Officers for the Murfreesboro Chapter for 2008

The Plateau Chapter Invites You to Attend the Annual Meeting Oct 12-14 in Crossville, Tn

If this is your first annual meeting, expect to meet TTA members from around the state, make new friends on the hikes, and enjoy hikes to interesting locations. The focus of the annual meetings is the hikes in different areas of the state. With 14 hikes around the Cumberland Plateau, you will have the opportunity to see the structures that make hiking on the plateau unique: rock houses, waterfalls, overlooks, rock outcroppings, natural stone arches, and caves. Please see the separate listing for the hike descriptions. The two cave hikes have a limit on the number of hikers. You can pre-register for either of the two cave hikes by contacting Jim McCullough at sue1290@frontiernet.net or by calling 931/484-8222.

The annual meeting starts on Friday with registration opening at noon. Come early and join the hikes, meet your friends, and explore the 4H center. Entertainment is scheduled for Friday night featuring the always fascinating State Naturalist, Mack Pritchard, followed by the Celtic/bluegrass band, Hickory Wind. Weather permitting: the activities for the night will end with a bonfire.

Most of the hikes are scheduled for Saturday, but we will get back to the center in time for dinner, the TTA annual meeting, and then the live auction. A silent auction will run from Friday evening through Saturday evening. The live auction and the silent auction provide a good opportunity to purchase items for yourself or gifts for special people. Other fundraising activities during the weekend include a bake sale and a White Elephant sale.

As in past years, it is requested that each TTA Chapter donate at least 5 quality items for the Live Auction. We also need items for the Silent Auction. Items for the Live Auction are usually new, unless their value has increased with age. Examples of items that have been donated in the past include sleeping bags, tents, trekking poles, backpacks, water hydration systems, paintings, and handmade bed quilts. As most hikers have enough equipment, consider donating items that might not be related to hiking. Silent Auction items usually include some gently used equipment similar to the items listed for the live auction, new items of lesser value (hiking socks or trail guide books), plus gift certificates for services, such as restaurants, overnight lodging, etc. Sometimes there is a fine line between whether an item should be in the Live Auction or the Silent Auction, so the auction "staff" reserves the right to place any item into the auction category that will probably bring the best bid.

There will also be a "White Elephant Sale", which is similar to a yard sale. Use this opportunity to clean out your cupboards, closets, nooks, and crannies and bring these items with you when you come. There is no need to price the items, as there will be tables set up with a range of prices. Just place the item on the table you think is appropriate. These items can be just about anything small enough to carry, but clothing (other than hiking or camping gear) does not sell well. Used books, movies, household and camping items, candles, figurines, wreaths, small appliances, and hand tools are just a few items on the bargain tables in past years.

No Annual Meeting would be complete without a Bake Sale! We're counting on TTA cooks to bring their homemade goodies, packaged for individual purchase. These baked goods make great snacks between meals and during the hikes.

The auction and other fundraising activity proceeds will be donated to the 2008 Alternative Spring Break Trail Building Program hosted by the Cumberland Trail Conference.

Chapter displays will be in the Recreation Hall. We want each Chapter to bring a display of pictures from your hikes and activities throughout the year.

There will be TTA Merchandise for Sale. Individuals and chapters wishing to sell other items must clear this in advance with the Annual Meeting Planning Committee: please contact either Carolyn Miller or Rita Senko. (Contact information on the registration sheet).

Due to the size of the group, we have reserved the entire camp. The 4H center is located on 190 acres of well-maintained grounds and hosts modern cabins and lodges, dining facilities, meeting rooms, a lake, and some short hikes around the camp. Hikes within driving distance of Crossville are the main attraction on Saturday, but if you prefer to stay at the 4H center, there are horseshoe pits, a volleyball court, a basketball court and catch-and-release fishing in the lake (bring your license).

The housing accommodations consist of two lodges, Cedar and Pine, and dorm style cabins. Tent camping is available on the property. All accommodations will be based on first come, first serve basis. If you should require other accommodations, a list of area motels is available. The food will be prepared by experienced cooks and served cafeteria style.

If you want to explore Crossville area attractions, they include the respected Cumberland Country Playhouse, numerous golf courses, and an outlet mall. For history buffs, the 4 H center itself was the location of one of the first POW camps during World War II and housed German and Italian officers. There will be a video presentation about the history of the camp on Friday evening. Additionally, the Homestead area south of town provides a glimpse into the Works projects sponsored by the New Deal during the 1930's.

Undecided yet about attending this year's Annual Meeting? Just consider the benefits: the opportunity to hike on the Plateau, see old friends, be entertained, and support the activities of Tennessee Trails Association and the Cumberland Trail Conference.

TTA Annual Meeting: October 12 – 14, 2007

Clyde M. York 4-H Camp Crossville, TN

(clydeyork4hcenter.org)

Registration Form

Families: please provide the name of each member of your family attending. **(FAMILIES WITH MINOR AGE CHILDREN AT HOME ONLY PAY FOR THE REGISTRATION OF THE ADULTS)**

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

COED CEDAR LODGE: – FULL – NO VACANCY

COED PINE LODGE: 4 rooms with 4 persons per room (bunk style). Linens and towels furnished. Separate male and female restroom facilities. Would like to share room with _____

PLEASE indicate CEDAR _____ PINE _____

LODGE Fee Per Night is \$32.50

FRI NIGHT Number of Persons _____ X \$32.50 Total \$ _____

SAT NIGHT Number of Persons _____ X \$32.50 Total \$ _____

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

DORM Fee Per Night is \$20.00 Would like to share dorm with _____

FRI NIGHT Number of Persons _____ X \$20.00 Total \$ _____

SAT NIGHT Number of Persons _____ X \$20.00 Total \$ _____

TENT CAMPING or RV: Only room to park 2 RV. No hookups.

Camping Fee Per Night Per Person is \$10.00

FRI NIGHT Number of Persons _____ X \$10.00 Total \$ _____

SAT NIGHT Number of Persons _____ X \$10.00 Total \$ _____

MEALS

FRI DINNER Number of Persons _____ X \$10.00 Total \$ _____

SAT BREAKFAST Number of Persons _____ X \$6.25 Total \$ _____

SAT LUNCH Number of Persons _____ X \$5.00 Total \$ _____

Please check type/quantity of sandwich: _____ Chicken _____ Tuna _____ Cheese _____ Peanut Butter & Jelly

SAT DINNER Number of Persons _____ X \$8.50 Total \$ _____

SUN BREAKFAST Number of Persons _____ X \$6.25 Total \$ _____

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

Please make check payable to Tennessee Trails Association TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Mail to: Mitze Anderson , 1420 War Eagle Drive ,Crossville, TN 38572 mitze1@yahoo.com

For more information, contact Carolyn Miller at cardan@frontiernet.net or (931) 456-4465

OR Rita Senko at rsenko@usit.net or (865) 354-6101.

Due to scheduling requirements, registrations that include meal purchase, **MUST BE RECEIVED on or before October 1st, 2007. SORRY, REFUNDS CANNOT BE MADE AFTER October 1, 2007.**

Directions to the Clyde M. York 4-H Center, Crossville, TN.

FROM NASHVILLE: Take I-40 East to Exit 317 (Highway 127). Exit to Right and go South 3 miles to Elmore Road intersection (Stoplight # Take a Right. Go West 4.8 miles to POW Camp Road. There is a large brown University of Tennessee sign at the intersection pointing direction to the 4-H camp. Turn Left onto POW Camp Road. Go approximately 3 miles to the Clyde M. York 4-H Camp. Turn Left into the car Registration will be in the Dining Hall.

FROM KNOXVILLE: Take I-40 West to Exit 317 (Highway 127). Exit to Right, cross over the interstate and go south 3 miles to Elmore Road intersection (Stoplight #9). Take a Right. Go West 4.8 miles to POW Camp Road. There is a large brown University of Tennessee sign at the intersection pointing the direction to the Clyde M. York 4-H Camp. Turn Left onto POW Camp Road. Go approximately 3 miles to Clyde M. York 4-H Camp. Turn Left into the camp. Registration will be in the Dining Hall.

FROM CHATTANOOGA: Take Highway 27 North to Highway 111. Take Hwy 111 to Dunlap. At Dunlap, take Highway 127 North to Crossville. Go through downtown Crossville and turn left at the Elmore Road intersection (Stoplight # 9). Go West 4.8 miles to POW Camp Road. There is a large brown University of Tennessee sign at the intersection pointing the direction to the 4-H camp. Turn Left onto POW Camp Road. Go approximately 3 miles To Clyde M. York 4-H Camp. Turn Left into the camp. Registration will be in the Dining Hall.

2007 TTA ANNUAL MEETING HIKE DESCRIPTIONS

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER FOR THE CAVE HIKES:

Contact Jim McCullough by e-mail at sue1290@frontiernet.net. Limited space available. Trying to decide which hike to do? Pictures from the hikes are posted at: <http://picasaweb.google.com/sue1290>.

LOST CREEK CAVE

Lost Creek Cave is a few miles east of Sparta, south of Rt 70; it is about 45 minutes from the 4-H Camp. Total hiking distance is 3 miles, including 2.5 miles in the cave. There is a steep descent to the cave entrance and the footing in the cave is challenging. There is some rock scrambling. So, the hike is rated moderate but easy enough for a caveman to do. Inside the cave there is plenty of head room. The destination is a room with a 30' waterfall. After returning to the cave entrance, there is a short side trip to an above ground waterfall with a drop of about 60 feet. Lost Creek Cave was a film set for the Disney production of The Jungle Book about fifteen years ago. NOTE: There is a 30 person limit on this hike. Bring two flashlights

BLACK MOUNTAIN

Black Mountain is part of the Cumberland Trail, east of Crossville, south of Interstate 40. It is 45 minutes from the 4-H Camp. Hikers will shuttle cars and descend about 1000' from the top of the mountain to the ending trailhead. The hike is easy to moderate, about 5 miles with generally good footing on a new trail completed earlier this year. There are massive rock outcroppings and overlooks at the top of the mountain. The trail passes thru these rock structures on the way down to Windlass Cave and then on to the ending trailhead. The first couple hundred yards of Windlass Cave can be explored for those with flashlights.

ANGEL FALLS OVERLOOK

Angel Falls Overlook is in the Big South Fork. Hikers will shuttle cars and depart from the Bandy Creek trailhead finishing at Leatherwood Ford. Bandy Creek is about 1.5 hrs from 4-H Camp. The hike is 10 miles but the footing is good and the overall grade is downhill. It is usually rated difficult due to its length. The hike passes several rock houses, a small waterfall and a couple overlooks on the way to Angel Falls Overlook, which is a massive rock outcropping several hundred feet above the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River. It is 2-3 mi from the overlook to the cars at Leatherwood Ford. Due to a fairly long drive, a car shuttle, and a long hike, this hike will take about 9 hrs, door to door.

TWIN ARCHES

The Twin Arches Loop is the best known of the Big South Fork hikes. The trailhead is a little over an hour from 4-H Camp. The hike is moderate, about 6 miles with good footing but some ups and downs. The scenic highlights are the Twin Arches about 0.7 mi from the trailhead. The South Arch, 100' high with a 100' span, is a little larger than the North. There is a narrow crack in the rocks that hikers can squeeze thru at the South arch. After the arches the trail circles at the base of a cliff by rock houses and a natural chimney structure descending to Jake's Place, the remains of a 19th Century farmstead. From Jakes the trail follows a creek to the Charit Creek Hostel. Hikers usually relax, eat lunch, and entertain the cats on the Hostel porch. After lunch, we climb back up to the arches and on to the cars.

HIDDEN PASSAGE

The Hidden Passage trailhead is a short distance beyond the Pickett State Park Visitor Center about an hour from 4-H Camp. The hike is moderate, about 8 mi with good footing and little elevation change. The Hidden Passage is a series of rock houses with a rock opening connecting two near the beginning of the hike. The twenty-foot Crystal Falls is a short distance beyond Hidden Passage. The rest of the hike circles along the rim of the Big Thompson Creek gorge with lots of rock houses and overlooks. There is an old spring and some wet weather falls along the trail.

BRADY MOUNTAIN

Brady Mountain overlooks Grassy Cove just southeast of Crossville. Hikers will shuttle cars and hike north over the mountain on the Cumberland Trail. The departing trailhead is about an hour from 4-H camp. The hike is about 8 miles with a several hundred foot climb to the top of the mountain. It is usually rated difficult. There are three overlooks of Grassy Cove along the way. The best is Brady Bluff (which is probably the nicest overlook on the Plateau as well). Watch for rattlesnakes that like to sun themselves on the rock outcroppings near Brady Bluff. Before getting to Brady Bluff there is an area of nice rock structures on the western slope of the mountain. After Brady Bluff the trail descends 1000 feet to the finishing trailhead.

FALL CREEK FALLS

This is a series of short hikes in Fall Creek Falls State Park, about 45 minutes from the 4-H Camp. Hikers will start at the nature center and do the Cable Trail which is a bit intimidating but is one of the best short (less than 0.5 mi) hikes on the Plateau. It is a very steep cable assisted descent a couple hundred feet to the base of Cane Creek Falls. If you don't like heights, you can sit this one out and spend a half hour exploring the nature center. But if you can deal with a little intimidation, it is a great experience. After the Cable trail, the hikes are in the easy to moderate class with a total hiking distance of less than 5 miles. The trail follows the Cane Creek gorge to the top of Fall Creek Falls and then descends to the bottom of the falls. The hike also includes stops at Buzzard's Roost and Pine Falls overlook which depart from separate trailheads

VIRGIN FALLS

The Virgin Falls trailhead is about 20 minutes west of the 4-H Camp. The hike is difficult, about 8-9 miles with a lot of ups and downs. Virgin Falls is formed by an underground stream that comes out of a cave, drops over 100 feet, and flows back into another cave. Hikers pass two other significant waterfalls on the way. There are a couple cave entrances that can be explored by those with flashlights.

POLLY BRANCH

Hikers will shuttle cars a short distance and begin this hike at the Polly Branch trailhead and end at the Yellow Bluff. The trailheads are about 20 minutes west of the 4-H Camp. The hike is about 7 miles and in the moderate class. The main features are Upper and Lower Polly Branch Falls, Jenny Branch Falls and the Yellow Bluff overlook of the Caney Fork Gulf. The falls are in the 15-30 foot class, but are very photogenic.

CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

The Pioneer Loop trailhead is at the boat dock parking lot about 30 minutes east of the 4-H Camp. The hike is a 5mile loop along opposite sides of Byrd Creek. The footing is good and the terrain is flat, so the hike is rated easy. This is a good hike for non hikers or those who might have over done it the prior day. Byrd Creek is scenic and the fall color may be good.

BONE CAVE

Bone Cave is near Rock Island State Park, about an hour southwest of the 4-H Camp. Once at Rock Island State Park, the hike will be led by a Park naturalist. Expect a short but fairly steep descent to the cave entrance and then 2 hours in the cave. The footing in the cave is generally good but there is some hands and knees crawling and narrow spaces. The crawls are never very long so it's not a claustrophobic experience. The hike probably belongs in the moderate class. Bone Cave is bone dry, but got its name for the bones of a prehistoric giant sloth that were found preserved in the dry environment. Saltpeter was mined as early as the war of 1812 and much of the equipment has been preserved by the dry environment. NOTE: There is a 20 hiker limit on this hike and a State Park fee of \$3. Bring two flashlights. Hard hats are a convenience, but not mandatory.

HONEY CREEK LOOP

The Honey Creek trailhead is about 1.5 hours north of the 4-H Camp in the Big South Fork. The loop is about 6 miles but seems longer due to lots of ups and downs, rock stepping and slippery footing in the creek bed. The hike is rated difficult due to the terrain. The loop passes Honey Creek Falls and three other falls (one of which runs only in wet weather) before reaching Indian Rockhouse which is only accessible by ladder. After Indian Rockhouse the trail is in the creek bed....slow going but scenic. After leaving the creek bed, the trail climbs to the base of Honey Creek Overlook and winds around the base of that cliff. After completing the hike it's a short drive out to the top of Honey Creek Overlook which looks down on the Big South Fork Gorge.

BURGESS FALLS

Burgess Falls State Park is about 45 minutes west of the 4-H Camp. The easy, two mile hike follows the Falling Water River providing a view of four consecutive falls of 20 feet, 30 feet, 80 feet and 136 feet. This would be a great stop on the way west Sunday after a hard day of hiking Saturday.

LILLY BRIDGE

The Lilly area of the Obed Wild and Scenic River is an hour northeast of the 4-H Camp. This is actually two hikes totaling about 6 miles over rough terrain. Taken together the hikes are of moderate difficulty. The first hike begins at the top of Lilly Cliffs which overlook the 200 foot Clear Creek gorge. After hiking downstream along the top of the gorge and passing several overlooks the trail descends to the base of the cliffs and heads back upstream along the cliff line, climbing back to the top and the cars. While at the base of the cliffs, cantilevered rocks of the overlooks can be seen. The second hike starts at Lilly Bluff Overlook on the other side of Clear Creek. It descends to the river passing two waterfalls. The hike concludes with a trip into Lilly Boulders which is a network of rock houses and large boulders that climbers use to practice maneuvers.

2007 TTA Annual Meeting – Schedule of events

Friday, October 12	
Noon	Check-In Begins
1:00 PM	Hikes: Lost Creek Cave and Black Mountain
4:00 PM	Social Hour
4:30 – 5:30 PM	History of the 4H Camp: WW II POW Camp Video
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Dinner Buffet
7:00 PM	Silent Auction Begins
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Mack Pritchard
8:30 PM	Entertainment: Hickory Wind
8:30 PM	Bonfire starts
Saturday, October 13	
6:30 – 7:30 AM	Breakfast Buffet
6:30 - 7:30 AM	Pick up Bag Lunches
7:00 – 9:30 AM	Depart for Hikes
4:00 PM	Social Hour
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Hikes
5:30 – 6:30 PM	Dinner Buffet
6:45 – 7: 45 PM	TTA General Membership Meeting
7:55 PM	Silent Auction Ends
8:00 PM	Live Auction with Bear Stephenson, Auctioneer
Sunday, October 14	
7:30 – 8:30 AM	Breakfast Buffet
7:30 – 11:00 AM	Check out
8:30 AM	Depart for Hikes: Burgess Falls and Lilly Bridge
9:00 AM – Noon	TTA Quarterly Board Meeting

JACKSON CHAPTER

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Sept 10-1st Fall TTA Meeting- Socializing and meal start at 6:00; meeting starts at 7:00 at Perkins Restaurant 999 Vann Drive. Come and hear about all the upcoming hikes, meet new friends and get ready for the hiking season.

Sept 15- Cookout and Country Road Walk- Contact Don Dresser for additional information regarding time and place for a great get together 731-668-4662 *donald_dresser@usit.net*

Sept 22- Walls of Jericho-The round trip hiking distance is 7.5 miles and rated difficult due to the 1,000' ascent out of the valley. (Total cumulative ascent is 1450'.) The area has some very interesting geology, caves and waterfalls. Registration is required. Please contact Glen Rognstad for carpooling info and other info needed regarding the hike 731-217-5966 *grogstad5966@charter.net*

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MEETS MONTHLY: (Sep - May) 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm at Cordova Library, 8457 Trinity Rd. Turn east off Germantown Parkway onto Trinity Rd. approx. 1 mile on the right. Library shares entrance with Bert Ferguson Community Center

Sept 20 Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. Memphis TTA Member, Margaret Smith, will show slides and share hiking stories focusing on Walls of Jericho, Monte Santo, Herb Parsons, CT Big Dig, and Shelby Forest. Margaret, an outdoor enthusiast and amateur photographer, came to the Memphis area from the beautiful Northwest (Washington state). She joined the Memphis Chapter in 2005 and has been very active in TTA activities. You won't want to miss this program. Bring a friend and relive some of this year's hiking adventures.

Sept 23, Shelby Farms (Walnut Grove Road) Newcomers Hike! John Martin will be leading an easy 3-5 mile walk. Meet in front of the Shelby Farms Visitor Center at 2:00 p.m. For more information call John at 901-386-3722.

Sept 29, Village Creek State Park, Wynne, AR Carpoolers meet at 8:15 a.m. at Memphis Welcome Center on Riverside Drive or meet at Village Creek Park Visitor Center at 9:30 a.m. This is a 5-mile hike on a trail rated easy to moderate. Bring lunch and plenty of water. For more information call Pam Beale 901-385-9620.

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MEETS MONTHLY:

HIKING HOTLINE: 615-367-7045

Sept 25: Monthly Program Meeting Hiking in Kansas. You may ask, do those three words really belong together? Indeed. And while some Kansas trails resemble something more traditional--a path purposely parted in some woods or along a lakeshore--others you can make yourself, out in the wide-open spaces under the big sky. This month, enjoy a tour of the Sunflower state, guided by our presenters Dave and Mary Kay Walton. 7:30 at the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Region 2 Headquarters building. On the east side of the campus of Ellington Agricultural Center, just off Edmondson Pike.

Sept. 9, Piney River, Spring City, TN. Hike & swim. Moderate 10-mile hike includes 3 bridges, one is 100-foot suspension bridge with great swimming hole. Hike requires shuttle as the hike is one way. To register and for more information, call Keith White at 615-305-9078.

Sept. 15, Bryant Grove, Nashville, TN 8- miles there-and-back hike cruises through Long Hunter State Park along the shoreline of Percy Priest Lake. Walk is easy, but the distance is rated moderate. For more information and to register contact Garnett Rush at 352-7217 or e-mail *rushga01@yahoo.com*.

Sept. 15, Beaman Park, Nashville, TN. Trail Flagging, 9:00 am to noon, (CT). Help lay out new nature center trail at Beaman Park. Come prepared to walk off trail. Limit 5. Call Nancy for reservations and meeting location. 615-202-5891.

Sept. 23, Hiking for Ice Cream on Richland Creek Greenway, West Nashville. Street shoes adequate. Meet at 10:30 a.m. (CT) and walk 2.5 miles from Whitebridge Road trailhead to Sylvan Park; then 0.5-mile to Bobbies Dairy Dip ice cream (or whatever). We'll walk the 3 miles back. Bring plenty of water. We meet at Whitebridge Road trailhead, between West End Avenue (aka Harding Pike) and Post Road. "Greenways for Nashville" has map on Internet <ftp://ftp.nashville.org/web/parks/greenways/richland> For additional information, call Julie Walski, 615-333-6904.

Sept 30, Edgar Evins State Park. Smithville, TN. The Millennium Trail 3.5-mile loop rated moderate, Sturdy footwear recommended. We may also hike nearby Highland Rim Nature Trail. Pre-register with Dave and Mary Kay Walton at 615-292-1384.

Other activities: **Sept. 9, Kayak** on the Caney Fork. Contact *JerryHendrixsonatBigwagee@aol.com*

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There is leaderless hike every Wednesday morning. For information or to get on an e-mail list for the hikes, contact Bill Harris at (931) 484-9152 or Jim McCullough at sue1290@frontiernet.net. Rain cancels.

Sept 13 – Thursday 6:30 PM Chapter meeting at the Art Circle Public Library Community Room in Crossville. We will discuss progress and issues regarding the annual meeting.

Sept 15. Hidden Passage Trail, Pickett State Park. 8-mile hike passes Indian Rock Houses, rock formations and waterfall Rated moderate due to length hike. Wear sturdy hiking shoe, bring snacks and plenty of water. Meet behind Cracker Barrel in Crossville at 8:00 AM CDT to carpool. For more information and to register, please contact Rita and Joe Matlock at (865) 354-6101 or rsenko@usit.net.

Sept 22. Fiery Gizzard, South Cumberland Recreation Area, Tracy City, TN. Trail begins on top of plateau in Tracy City. It descends into hemlock forest at head of gorge of Fiery Gizzard. There are rock formations in the area. Trail enters younger forest and ascends to overlook at Ravens Point. We will return via Dog Hole Trail. Total hike 10 miles Rated difficult due to the length, difficult footing, and elevation changes. Meet at boat dock at Cumberland Mountain State Park at 7:00 AM CDT. Bring lunch and plenty water. For more information and to register, please contact Jim or Dawn Hardy at 931/277-5154 or mccartt1306@hotmail.com

Sept 29. National Public Lands Day See front page story. For more details and other volunteer activities in Tennessee, visit www.publiclandsday.org.

TTA's Calendar*

The following dates in 2007 refer to statewide activities that TTA as a whole participates in. Please refer to this calendar often so that you . . .

- will know when your volunteering interests are especially needed (such as during BreakAway, National Trail Days,
- will consider organizing/leading volunteers from your chapter/region for an event listed
- can be sure to prevent scheduling conflicts with an activity you wish to plan

Sept 29 National Public Lands Day (Location TBA)

Oct 27 Make a Difference Day (National Volunteer Week)

Oct 12-14 Annual Meeting (Crossville, TN)

*Calendar will be revised as needed.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER (UT at Martin/Weakley County)

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Contact Jim Clark for information about hikes. Be sure to participate with other chapters on weeks when our chapter does not have a hike.

UPPER CUMBERLAND CHAPTER (Sparta / Cookeville)

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Sept 1-2 Possum and Rock Creek segments of Cumberland Trail, Dayton, TN. This overnight backpack trip is on these two new sections of Cumberland Trail. Total mileage is 15 miles. We start on plateau and walk Possum section first. We cross water several times-bring water shoes. We camp along Rock Creek and hike Rock Creek segment second day. There is great overlook where bald eagles have been seen. Both trails in A-1 condition and views great. Meet us in Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 6:30am CT or at US Bank across from McDonald's in Sparta at 7:00.CST For information and to register contact Cindy Johnson at 931-570-0122 or cjhike@comcast.net.

Sept 8 Craven House Loop Trail and Bluff Trail, Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, TN. We hike Craven House Loop Trail and Bluff Trail to Sunset Rock. Hike 9 miles rated easy. We ride incline railway to summit of Lookout Mountain where we tour Lookout Mountain Battlefield National Military Park where Yankees and Confederates fought the Battle Above the Clouds. Bring \$15.00 for tickets for the incline and the park. Meet us in Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 8:00am CT or at US Bank across from McDonald's in Sparta at 8:30. For information and to register contact Eugene Cummings at 931-528-6139 or eugeneslions@yahoo.com.

Sept 15 Mount Cammerer, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Cosby, TN. We hike from Cosby Campground to Low Gap then follow Appalachian Trail to Mount Cammerer Trail and on to fire tower. The hike is 11 miles and rated strenuous because of elevation change. Mount Cammerer is noted views historic fire tower. Bring water, snacks, lunch, and wear hiking boots. Meet us 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.

Sept 22 Hook Trail, Pedigo Point Trail, and Loop Trail, Appalachian Center for Craft, Smithville, TN. We hike Hook Trail, a 1.3-mile loop; the Pedigo Point Trail, 2.8 miles, and Loop Trail, 3.7 miles. Hikers may join one, two, or all three hikes. Each rated moderate and offers views of Center Hill Lake. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. Weather permitting; lunch is at Pedigo Point. Meet us in Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 8:30am CT. For information and to register contact Pete Broehl at 931-738-3551 or pbroehl@tnaccess.com.

Sept 29 Panther Branch and South Old Mac Trails, Frozen Head State Park, Wartburg, TN. This hike features nice views. We ascend on Panther Branch and North Old Mac Trails and descend along South Old Mac Trail. Hike is 7 ½ miles and rated moderate to strenuous because of elevation change. Bring snacks, lunch, water, and wear hiking boots. Meet us at 8:00am 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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Evan Means Small Grants Program

The TTA board of directors voted in February 1999 to honor Evan Means, one of the founders of TTA, by establishing a Grants Program in his name. This program annually funds trail-related projects across the state and is open to TTA chapters, as well as to other non-profit, volunteer-based organizations. Grant amounts are normally given in the range of \$300-\$600, but larger requests will be considered. Applications for the 2008 Grants Program should be received by December 31, 2007 for grants awarded in February 2008. Grant criteria and applications may be downloaded by going to <http://www.tennesseetrails.org/> and clicking on "Grants". Please remember: **Supporting Members Support the Grants Programs.** When TTA members join TTA or renew their memberships, they have the option to become "Supporting Members" by contributing extra money beyond the normal dues. These tax-deductible donations are allocated directly into the Evan Means Small Grants Program fund. In 2007, Evan Means Small Grants were awarded to: TTA's Cove Lake chapter to revitalize the LaFollette Nature Trail; WATeR to help complete a trail system along the shore of the Tellico Reservoir; Cumberland Trail Conference to help finance spring trail building programs on the Cumberland Trail; The Touliatas Nature Center in Memphis for construction of an interpretive trail; and An Eagle Scout project on the Smoky Mountain section of the Cumberland Trail.

At the TTA Annual Meeting, October 12-14, TTA members will elect officers and a representative from middle Tennessee to serve on the board of directors during 2008. The elections are held on Saturday, October 13 after dinner. The board of directors presents the following slate of candidates:

President - Rosemary Marshall

Vice President - Lou Ann Partington

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Membership Director - Garnett Rush

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

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