

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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1968: MEET, HIKE, DISCOVER, DREAM. TENNESSEE TRAILS - CUMBERLAND TRAIL 40 YEARS OF HISTORY MEET, HIKE, CELEBRATE.

"Celebrating our First 40 Years of Hiking, Trail Building & Maintenance in Tennessee" is the theme during TTA's Annual Meeting October 24 – 26, at Indian Creek Camp in Liberty, TN. (TTA's 40th becomes official on December 7, 2008.)

If you are a new member or haven't been to an Annual Meeting yet, here's what you can expect: 3 days of great hikes; meeting fellow hikers from all across the state (even some from surrounding states); entertainment; updates on TTA business; several FUN FUN-raising opportunities to benefit trail building projects on the Cumberland Trail (i.e., a bake sale, white elephant sale, silent auction and the infamous, and hysterical live auction); at a beautiful, spacious and modern conference center in Middle TN on Center Hill Lake.

Beyond the information found in this newsletter, everything you ever wanted to know about the Annual Meeting but haven't asked can be found on TTA's website (www.TennesseeTrails.org) by following the link: "2008 Annual Meeting".

Good fellowship, great hikes, beautiful lakeside setting, stimulating and entertaining programs, and an opportunity to support the Cumberland Trail – what more could you want???

So don't hesitate. Register today on the Registration Form found in this newsletter. The deadline to register is October 5.

Also – it's our big-0 celebration, too. If you have memorabilia or photos from TTA events of the past, bring them – the hosting Nashville chapter has set aside space for a display to commemorate our 40-year history. Contact Nora Beck (nora_beck@comcast.net) and let her know what you want to bring so we can be ready.

PUMPKIN TIME !!!!

It's that time again! The Great Pumpkin is sedately lying in the pumpkin patch just waiting the opportunity to be seen at the **Allardt Great Pumpkin Festival and Weigh Off. October 3-4-5** A lot of activities and displays...Antique tractors, car show, motorcycle show, parade and a lot more. This year teenage bluegrass star Sierra Hull and her band 111 will be performing after the parade. Sierra has wowed audiences since she was 5 years old. She is an accomplished mandolin, guitar and fiddle player. That along with a very sweet voice makes her a joy to see and hear. She has appeared at the Ryman Auditorium with such super stars as Emmylou Harris and Allison Kraus. We will camp at Pickett State Park Friday and Saturday nights for those that wish to camp. Motels, B&B's, rental cabins and resorts are available for those who want to take that route. We will gather at the Allardt Elementary School at noon Saturday to decorate our float. Bring your Halloween and fall decorations to add to the festivities...They will be returned to you after the parade. Bring individually wrapped candy to toss to the 100's of eager kids along the parade route. We will also hike the 1.5 mile Colditz Cove/Northrup Falls SNA after the parade. This has been a traditional introduction to Fall for many years. We have had as many as 11 chapters participate in past years...Mark it on your calendar and come enjoy this fun time with us...Contact Fount Bertram (615) 765-5357 or fwbertram@dtccom.net for pre-registration and/or additional information. Visit the web site for a rundown of events <http://nicesingles.com/festival/fest.html>

October 5? Oops, Missed the Registration Deadline?

The much anticipated Annual Meeting is fast approaching. Have you suddenly realized that you did not send in your Registration Form? Do you still wish to attend? Even though October 5 is (was) the deadline, we realize there are some who were waiting on work schedules being finalized before making a commitment. Then there are others whose "life" is so busy that it was just not possible to make a commitment. If this sounds like you, have no fear! We still want you to attend and **we will try** to accommodate your needs.

Your possibilities include contacting Diane Manas to check to see if there is any lodging still available at Indian Creek Youth Camp, and whether it's too late to "reserve" meals – **PLEASE, do this before October 10**. Diane can be reached at 615-352-7777. Your other option is to arrange your lodging at an area motel or campground – see the complete listing of what's in the area on TTA's website: www.tennesseehills.org/2008agmhouse.php

After October 10, you are still invited and welcome to take part in all the hikes and activities. Just bring \$15 and the Registration Form (found in this newsletter) with you and register when you arrive at Indian Creek Youth Camp.

CUMBERLAND TRAIL CONFERENCE

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CTC Fall Schedule

October 1-4, Stump Jump, *Tennessee River Gorge Segment, Hamilton County*: Annual trail running event on the Cumberland Trail hosted by Rock Creek Outfitters. RCO hosts this event to raise money for the Cumberland Trail Conference (CTC). Please visit Rock Creek Outfitters in Chattanooga, Tennessee or <http://www.rockcreek.com/> for more information about this awesome event. On October 1 & 2, there will be trail maintenance on the race route, October 3 vendor fair, and October 4 race. Please contact the CTC for information about volunteering for trail maintenance.

October 9-16, College Week, *RPS Segment, Hamilton County*: Join Tennessee college and university students on their fall break helping to support the RPS bridge building program. Volunteers are needed to pack in the bridge components, materials for bridge footings, scaffolding, and the tools needed for construction. Volunteers will also participate in bridge construction. Food and lodging will be provided at the Lutheran Camp located in Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee. Space is limited at the camp and RSVP is required. The workday in the field will be 8am-4:30pm EST.

October 14-17, TN State Natural Areas Conference, *Nashville, TN*: Please visit www.naturalarea.org/08CONFERENCE for more information. CTC will have a booth.

November 15-16, *Stinging Fork SNA, Rhea County*: Join CTC staff and State personnel for trail maintenance in this State Natural Area near Spring City, Tennessee. Task to complete are construction of a kiosks, installing wooden steps, and repairing trail tread. Free camping is available at nearby Newby Branch campground.

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(Call Tom & volunteer to lead an outing.)

Oct 11 Frozen Head State Park and Natural Area, Wartburg, TN We'll set up a shuttle, then hike from the upper trail head parking area to Debord and Emory Gap Falls, follow the Panther Branch Trail, and loop back to the lower trail head parking area via North Old Mac Trail. Total distance is 7 to 7.5 miles, but the hike is rated moderate, with all of the climbing in the early part of the hike. Meet at 9:00 Eastern time at Harrow Road Cafe in Rugby to carpool to the park, or meet at the Park Visitor Center at 10:00 Eastern time. Dress appropriately for the weather and bring lunch and plenty of water. For information and to register for the hike, contact Tom Howell (tshowell1003@highland.net).

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

Oct 4 One of the Fort Henry Trails (Land Between the Lakes), 10 miles, moderate. S. Janus 931-551-8523

Oct 11 Fiery Gizzard (Day hike), Tracy City, 13 miles, difficult. Suva Bastin 931-645-2849

Oct 18 Radnor Lake, Nashville, 5 miles, easy. Jack Bastin 931-645-2849

Oct 24-26 TTA Annual Meeting, Indian Creek Camp; Liberty, TN

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MEETS MONTHLY: 2nd Monday at Perkins Restaurant,
999 Vann Drive in Jackson. Socializing & dinner
starts at 6:00pm CT; meeting starts at 7:00pm

Oct 3-5: Allardt Pumpkin Festival: Big South Fork
National River & Rec Area. See Murfreesboro description
of events. For more information and to register, please
contact Ted Showalter at 731-660-5348 or
showbeau@aol.com

Oct 13 - Monthly Meeting: Socializing and dinner at 6:00
p.m. and meeting at 7:00 at Perkins Restaurant at 999
Vann Drive in Jackson. Contact Candy Higgs at 731-695-
1960 or chiggs_3@yahoo.com

Oct 24 - 26: Annual TTA Convention. For more
information, contact Candy Higgs at 731-695-1960 or
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Planning Ahead:

Nov 1 - Big Hill Pond State Park, Pocahtontas, TN: Meet
at boat dock in the park. The 7-8 mile loop trail is rated
moderate and takes us over wooded hills to a fire tower
overlooking the Tucumbia River valley. We cross .8-mile
boardwalk over Dismal swamp, a unique area with
abundant wildlife. Bring lunch and plenty of water. Hiking
boots are strongly recommended. Park entrance fee is
\$3.00. To register and carpool information, contact Sara
Hakim at 206-553-9334 or hakim@lambuth.com

Nov 15 - Nathan Bedford Forrest State Pak in Eva, TN.
Hikers will be able to see the site of a historic battlefield
atop Pilot Knob. On the Knob, the highest point in West
Tennessee, history buffs will find a memorial stone
dedicated to the battle and everyone can revel in the
spectacular view of the Tennessee River valley below.
There is also the Tennessee River Folklife Museum and
Interpretive Center. The park offers several hiking
options and specific hikes will be decided at a later date.
Bring lunch and plenty of water. Hikes are rated
moderate, hiking boots are strongly recommended. For
additional information and to register, contact Candy
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MEETS MONTHLY: 2nd Thursday at 6:30pm CT. Art Circle
Public Library's Community Room, 154 East 1st Street,
Crossville

There is a leaderless hike (typically 5 - 7 miles) every
Wednesday morning. For additional 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.

Oct 9. Monthly Meeting. Art Circle Public Library
Community Room. Gene and Myra Holloway will present
photos from their five-month western USA saga.

Oct 11 hike to be announced – contact Myra Holloway
@931-788-1724 or followthesun12@live.com.

Oct 18. Twin Arches Loop. Big South Fork. This is a
moderately difficult hike of 5 miles. It is one of the favorite
hikes in the Big South Fork due to the two large rock arches
along the trail. After the arches we'll go around the loop to
the right, along some bluffs, under some rock houses, and
over some rocks before reaching level ground at Jake's
place. Lunch will be at Charit Creek Lodge. There is a
steep 1.5 -mile climb at the end of the hike. Wear sturdy
hiking shoes and bring snacks and water. Meet behind the
Cracker Barrel in Crossville at 8 AM CDT to carpool. For
more information and to register, contact
Gene and Myra Holloway @ 931-788-1724 or
followthesun12@live.com.

Oct 24 – 26. TTA Annual Meeting, Liberty, TN. Come join
other members of TTA from around the state for a weekend
of hiking, entertainment and fun.

ATTENTION: TTA MEMBERS IT'S ELECTION TIME AT TTA !!

We will have our election of
officers at our annual meeting
the evening of October 25, 2008.

This election will be held at
Indian Creek Youth Camp in
Liberty, TN. Please come and
support your organization by
voting for the 2009 Officers who
will lead TTA to greater heights
in 2009

2008 Annual Meeting Registration Form

October 24 – 26, 2008

Indian Creek Youth Camp (Liberty, TN)

Complete a separate form for each attendee. Make copies as needed. **Please print neatly or type.**

Unless otherwise noted, costs are per person. **Forms must be postmarked no later than October 5** – Registration Forms received by October 5 will receive confirmation via snail-mail or e-mail.

Name:		Address:	
City:	State:	Zip:	Chapter:
Telephone – Day:		Night:	Email:

LODGING: THE FINE PRINT. *A limited number of Guest & Counselor rooms are available and will be assigned to attendees staying the entire Annual Meeting weekend on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have plans to share a Guest/Counselor Room, please enter the name in the space provided.*

GUEST Room - motel style accommodations with 1 queen bed, private toilet and bath/shower. Room contains its own heat/AC controls, and **INCLUDES BED LINENS & TOWELS**, but not toiletries. \$60 per night is the cost for 1 or 2 people in the room.
 If you are sharing, please tell us with who:

**— Sorry, GUEST Rooms
have sold out.**

COUNSELOR Room - contains 1 queen bed and 1 bunk bed, private toilet and shower, shares heat/AC w/Dorm next door. **NO LINENS.** You will need to bring your own bed linens/sleeping bag, towels and toiletries. \$47 per night is the cost for 1 or 2 people in the room.
 If you are sharing, please tell us with who:

F R I	\$ 47/night		\$
<small>Cost for 1 or 2 people in room</small>			
S A T	\$ 47/night		\$
<small>Cost for 1 or 2 people in room</small>			

Dorm Room - there will be separate Dorms for men and women. Each Dorm sleeps a total of 11 people (5 bunk beds & 1 queen bed). Each Dorm has toilets & showers. You will need to bring bed linens/sleeping bag, towels and toiletries. *If you have a preference for whom you wish to share a Dorm, please list the names on a sheet of paper and attach it to this Registration Form; and if possible, your request will be honored.*

F R I	\$ 20/night		\$
<small>per person / night</small>			
S A T	\$ 20/night		\$
<small>per person / night</small>			

Tent Camping – separate men’s & women’s bathrooms available close by. In addition to being self contained, you will need to bring your own towels and toiletries.
 If you are sharing, please tell us with who:

F R I	\$ 12/night		\$
<small>per person / night</small>			
S A T	\$ 12/night		\$
<small>per person / night</small>			

RV (no hook-ups) - separate men’s & women’s bathrooms available close by. In addition to being self contained, you will need to bring your own towels and toiletries.
 If you are sharing, please tell us with who:

F R I	\$ 14/night		\$
<small>per person / night</small>			
S A T	\$ 14/night		\$
<small>per person / night</small>			

I am staying offsite and will be making my own lodging arrangements

LODGING TOTAL: \$

MEALS: Each meal may be ordered separately. NOTE: *Carnivore and vegetarian diets were taken into consideration when planning the menu for Dinner & Breakfast – no need to request special meals, but if you have special dietary concerns, please contact Toni Reeves: 615-372-1582 / treeves@bellsouth.net*

DINNER	F R I	\$ 11.00/	person	\$
	S A T	\$ 11.00 /	person	\$
BREAKFAST	S A T	\$ 9.50 /	person	\$
	S U N	\$ 9.50 /	person	\$
TRAIL / SACK LUNCH: Please circle sandwich selection.	S A T	\$ 8.75 /	person	\$
<small>Choices are: Tuna Fish or Peanut Butter & Jelly</small>	S U N	\$ 8.75 /	person	\$

MEAL TOTAL: \$

Enter LODGING & MEALS TOTALS above to the REGISTRATION FEE below to get the GRAND TOTAL.

REFUND POLICY: All cancellations and requests for a refund must be in writing. No refunds will be made after September 30, 2008. Persons canceling before September 30 will be refunded in full, less the \$15 Registration Fee.

PLEASE NOTE: Indian Creek Camp has a strict policy against alcohol, drugs and firearms.

LODGING TOTAL (from above)	\$
MEAL TOTAL (from above)	\$
REGISTRATION FEE = \$15 per person <i>This registration fee can not be pro-rated. The full amount is required of each participant, regardless of the number of days attending.</i>	\$15.00
GRAND TOTAL: One check may cover more than one registration, but please send the individual forms and check together. Make your check payable to: Tennessee Trails Association c/o Diane Manas 5729 Stoneway Trail; Nashville, TN 37209-4556 Need more info? 615-352-7777 / DManasHikes@comcast.net	\$\$

Before departing for the Annual Meeting, double check to be sure that you haven't forgotten anything:

CHAPTER CHECKLIST:

- Five or more quality items for the Live auction.
*Have these items been pre-registered with the Auction Chairperson?**
 - Also, other top quality items for the Silent auction.
*Have these items been pre-registered with the Auction Chairperson?**
 - Tabletop display of your chapter's activities over the past year.
 - Carpooling? Let your chapter officer know if you can offer a ride, or need one, and maybe they can make an announcement at upcoming chapter meetings, or distribute an email to the members of your chapter, to assist in facilitating carpooling.
- ** Please help by pre-registering Silent & Live Auction items by phoning or sending an email to Libby Francis (615-889-5718 / libbyslibbys@comcast.net) with the name of the auction item, brief description (i.e. GoLite backpack; Leki hiking sticks), dollar value, name of the donor, your name and chapter – it's that simple!*

MEMBER CHECKLIST:

- Annual Meeting Registration Form mailed? Deadline to register is (was) October 5, 2008.
- Driving directions and/or a map. Driving directions appear within the pages of this newsletter. And, both map and driving directions can be found on TTA's website: www.tennessee-trails.org/2008agmdirections.php
- Bring Live** and/or Silent** Auction, White Elephant and Bake Sale items.
- Small change or bills to buy Bake Sale and White Elephant items.
- Small bills to pay towards carpooling gas.
- Checkbook to pay for Live and/or Silent Auction items purchased.
- Memorabilia – it's TTA's 40th Anniversary in December this year and we'd like to see some of our history. For example, old photos of TTA outings/business meetings, or TTA memorabilia such as, t-shirts, bandanas, hiking guide books, pens, flashlights, old newsletters, newspaper/magazine articles, etc.
- If you are lodging in a Guest Room – bring \$20 REFUNDABLE room key deposit. Bed linens and towels are provided; toiletries are not – be sure to bring toiletries.
- If you are lodging in a Counselor Room – bring \$20 REFUNDABLE room key deposit. Bed linens, towels and toiletries **are not** provided - be sure to bring bed linens or sleeping bag, towels and toiletries.
- If you are lodging in a Dorm Room – bed linens, towels and toiletries are not provided - be sure to bring bed linens or sleeping bag, towels and toiletries.
- If you are Tent or RV Camping – you are self contained and Indian Creek Youth Camp is not providing anything except toilets, sinks and shower facilities. Be sure to bring your own towels and toiletries.
- Daypack or fanny pack (with the 10 essentials).
- Hiking boots or shoes.

Partial Listing of the Hikes Planned During TTA's Annual Meeting

Friday, October 24

- Appalachian Center for Crafts (2-5 miles, moderate), Smithville, TN.
- Jack L. Clayborn Millennium Trail (2.5 miles, moderate), Silver Point, TN.

Saturday, October 25

- Hook, Pedigo Point & Loop Trails (7.8 miles, moderate to strenuous), Appalachian Center for Crafts, Smithville, TN.
- Jack L. Clayborn Millennium & Merritt Ridge Trails (8 miles, moderate to strenuous), Edgar Evins State Park, Silver Point, TN.
- Stone Door to Ranger Creek Falls (7 miles, moderate to strenuous), Savage Gulf State Natural Area, Beersheba Springs, TN.
- Virgin Falls Pocket Wilderness (8 miles, moderate to strenuous), DeRossett, TN.
- Cooper Mountain Loop Trail (8 miles, moderate), Standing Stone State Park, Hilham, TN.
- Overlook, Woodland & Paw Paw Loop Trails (5.1 miles, moderate), Fall Creek Falls State Park, Pikeville, TN.
- Bear Waller Gap Trail (6 miles, moderate), Cordell Hull Lake, Carthage, TN.
- Bridgestone Firestone Wilderness Area (4-7 miles, easy to moderate), TWRA Wilderness Area, DeRossett, TN.

Sunday, October 26

- Hidden Springs & Cedar Forest Trails (6.5 miles, easy), Cedars of Lebanon State Park, Lebanon, TN.
- Jack L. Clayborn Millennium & Merritt Ridge Trails (8 miles, moderate to strenuous), Edgar Evins State Park, Silver Point, TN.
- Lake, Ganier Ridge & Cove Lake Trails (4.5 miles, moderate), Radnor Lake State Natural Area, Nashville, TN.
- Cumberland Trail Segment on Black Mountain (5.7 miles, moderate), Grassy Cove, TN.

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**2008 TTA Annual Meeting
Schedule of Events**

Friday, October 24, 2008
(Central Time)

- 12:00 noon Check-In Begins. Also, receiving items for the Silent & Live Auctions, Bake and White Elephant Sales
- 1:30 PM Hikes Depart. Choice of a 2-3 mile hike in Edgar Evins State Park; or a 2-5 mile hike at the Appalachian Center for Crafts
- 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM White Elephant and Bake Sale Items for Sale
- 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM Silent Auction Begins (ends on Saturday at 7:35 PM)
- 5:30 PM — 6:45 PM Dinner Buffet
- 6:45 PM – 7:30 PM Guest Speaker: Jim Poteet
Life Member, Webmaster, Past Chapter Officer & President
"40 Years of TTA"
- 7:30 PM – 8:00 PM Guest Speaker: Bobby Fulcher
Park Manager, Cumberland Trail State Park
"Lore Along the Cumberland Trail"
- 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM Bluegrass Music & Square Dancing
Bobby Fulcher; Square Dance Caller, and special musical guest performers: Brian Volmer and Allison Williams
- 9:00 PM Bonfire (weather permitting)

Saturday, October 25, 2008
(Central Time)

- 6:00 AM – 6:30 AM Coffee
- 6:30 AM – 10:30 PM White Elephant and Bake Sale Items for Sale
- 6:30 AM — 7:30 AM Breakfast Buffet
- 6:30 AM — 7:30 AM Pick up Pre-registered Bag Lunches
- 7:00 AM — 9:00 AM Hikes Depart
- 7:00 AM – 4:30 PM Hikes
- 9:00 AM – 7:35 PM Silent Auction Bids Accepted (closes at 7:35 PM)
- 5:00 PM — 6:30 PM Dinner Buffet
- 6:15 PM — 7:30 PM TTA's General Membership Meeting (MC'd by TTA's President):
 - Reports by Chapter and Associate Organizations
 - Election of Board Officers
 - Presentation of Awards (Tennessee Trails; Bob Brown, Bill Stutz; and Golden Squirrel)
- 7:35 PM Silent Auction Ends
- 7:45 PM – 10:30 PM Live Auction with Don Driver, a Local Professional Auctioneer
- 7:35 PM – 10:30 PM Payments Accepted on Silent and Live Auction Items

Sunday, October 26, 2008
(Central Time)

- 6:00 AM – 7:00 AM Coffee
- 6:00 AM – 8:00 AM FINAL: White Elephant and Bake Sale Items for Sale
- 6:30 AM — 7:30 AM Pick up Pre-registered Bag Lunches
- 7:00 AM — 8:00 AM Breakfast Buffet
- 7:00 AM — 9:00 AM Check out

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS
TO INDIAN CREEK YOUTH CAMP**

FROM KNOXVILLE (Big South Fork, Cove Lake, East TN/Knoxville, Plateau/Crossville and Upper Cumberland/Cookeville):

Head west on I-40. Take exit 268 for Buffalo Valley Rd/TN-96 toward Center Hill Dam. At the end of the ramp, turn left onto Medley Amonette Rd/TN-96 (south). Go 3.7 miles, and turn right at TN-141/TN-96. Follow TN-96 for 6.9 miles. At the junction of TN-264 turn left onto the gravel road – Indian Creek Youth Camp Road. Follow this for 2.8 miles to the camp.

FROM MONTEAGLE (Chattanooga and Highland Rim):

Head west on I-24 (towards Nashville). Take exit 110 for TN-53 and Manchester/Woodbury. At the end of the ramp, turn right onto TN-53/Woodbury Hwy (north) and go 23 miles where you'll reach Woodbury. In Woodbury turn right onto East Main St/TN-53/US-70S. Going less than a mile, turn left onto Gassaway Rd/TN-53, and follow this for almost 15 miles where you will reach US-70. Turn right on US-70 (east) and drive 5.4 miles. Turn left onto TN-96 and go 4.9 miles where you will reach the junction of highways TN-96 and TN-264. At this junction, turn right onto the gravel road – Indian Creek Youth Camp Road. Follow this for 2.8 miles to the camp.

FROM MURFREESBORO (Columbia/Franklin & Murfreesboro):

Take TN-96 (northeast) for about 26 miles to the intersection of US-70. Turn right on US-70 (east) and drive 6.9 miles. Turn left onto TN-96 and go 4.9 miles where you will reach the junction of highways TN-96 and TN-264. At this junction, turn right onto the gravel road – Indian Creek Youth Camp Road. Follow this for 2.8 miles to the camp.

FROM NASHVILLE (Clarksville, Dyersburg, Nashville, Jackson & Memphis):

Head east on I-40. Take exit 258 for TN-53 toward Carthage/Gordonsville. At the end of the ramp, turn right (south) onto Carthage Rd/Gordonsville Hwy/TN-53. Go approx 1 mile to the traffic signal, passing through the intersection where you will get dumped onto TN-264. Follow TN-264 (Temperance Hall Hwy) for almost 11 miles to its end at TN-96. At this junction, look across the road and slightly left to see the Indian Creek Youth Camp road sign and gravel road. Cross over TN-96 and follow the gravel road for 2.8 miles to the camp.

Reminder:

**Please Pre-Register
Silent & Live Auction Items**

To expedite the intake of Live and Silent Auction items upon your arrival to the Annual Meeting, please take a moment to pre-register the item(s). A form is available on the website at: www.tennessee-trails.org/2008agmauctionregistration.pdf However, if you prefer, another option is to phone or send an email to Libby Francis (615-889-5718 / libbyslibbys@comcast.net) with the name of the auction item, brief description, dollar value, name of the donor, your name and chapter – it's that simple!

Share the Fun – Bring a Chapter Display

The Annual Meeting committee is making display space available for individual chapters. We all have lots of adventures, and we all look for ideas – here's a good way to share both. Do let us know that you're planning to bring a display so we can arrange for table space – contact Nora Beck at nora_beck@comcast.net, 615-517-6486, or 3811 Baxter Avenue, Nashville, TN 37216.

MEMPHIS CHAPTER

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MEETS MONTHLY: (Sep - May) 3rd Thursday at 7:00pm CT at
Cordova Library, 8457 Trinity Rd.

Oct 16, Monthly Meeting Meet at 7:00 p.m. at the Cordova Public Library, 8457 Trinity Road. Program to be announced later

Oct 18, Meeman-Shelby Forest - Chickasaw Bluff Trail

Meet at the park visitor center at 9 a.m. and bring water and snack. Hike begins with a car shuttle to the north end of the trail for a 6 to 8-mile easy to moderate hike through the forest and connect up to the Woodland Trail then hike back to the visitor center. For information call, Francis Ruffin at 901-396-1108 Directions: From I-40, take Exit 2-A, turn right, go past 6 traffic lights to Watkins Road, turn left and continue until the road dead ends. Turn left, drive 1 mile to a four-way stop and General Store then turn right, continue 1 mile, turn left into the park. www.tnstateparks.com

Oct 24-26, TTA Annual Meeting at the Indian Creek Camp in Liberty, TN

Nov 8-9, Buffalo National River Hike, Jasper, AR

Join Deena Spuryer for a look at the Ozarks' most beautiful landscapes! Crystal clear rivers, waterfalls, intense fall color, towering bluffs, unique rock formations, and amazing overlooks of the river valley will make for a worthwhile wandering. We'll hike along the Old Buffalo River Trail, From Ponca to Steele's Creek, near Jasper. If time permits, we will visit the Ponca Elk Education Center, near the trailhead. (We will most likely catch sight of some of these amazing creatures on our hike!). Saturday's hike will be about 6 miles and will be rated easy to moderate depending on the elevation gain. On Sunday, we will visit Pedestal Rocks and Kings Bluff Falls, one of the highest waterfalls in Arkansas. This hike will be located south of Jasper, near Pelsor. It will be about 4 miles total, rated easy to moderate. We will meet in Jasper on Saturday morning at 8:30 in front of the Newton County Court House. Rain will cancel this event. Pre-registration required. Contact Deena Spuryer at 901-685-7706 if you wish to participate. Hotel reservations if needed should be made ASAP. Recommended motels are Little Switzerland 870-446-2693, Arkansas House B&B 870-446-5900, Front Porch 870-446-2444. Jasper can be found by following I-40 to Russellville AR and turning north on Scenic 7.

Did You Have a Blast in the Past?

Want to share the evidence? Since we're celebrating a big-0 anniversary at this year's annual meeting, we're looking for pictures, **old** newsletters, tee or sweatshirts, patches – items that give a glimpse of our forty-year history. Please identify all items so we can return them. While we don't have to have the items until we get to the meeting site, it will help greatly if you tell us you're bringing them, so we can plan for the space to display them. Please contact Nora Beck at nora_beck@comcast.net, or at 615-617-6486, or 3811 Baxter Avenue, Nashville, TN 37216, with information on what you're bringing.

It's Here! The New AT Specialty License Tag! Sign Up Now!

At last, Tennessee will have its own Appalachian Trail specialty license tag. Standard AT license tags will cost \$35 (in addition to the regular license registration fee) or, you can get a personalized AT tag for \$70 (also in addition to the regular license registration fee). The Appalachian Trail Conservancy will receive \$15.56 annually from each tag sold, and the funds will be earmarked for trail maintenance/shelter construction and repair on the AT in Tennessee. And get this! Each of the first 1000 persons to sign up for the AT tag will receive a free one-year membership to ATC. Already a member? You can assign your free membership to someone else. To view the AT tag, get an application, and find out more on the Frequently Asked Questions sheet, log on www.appalachiantrail.org/tnlicenseplate. (Applicants must already have the vehicle registered in Tennessee.) Don't delay! The AT plate has already become law, but we must have 1000 applicants by January 1, 2009, for the law to take effect and the plate to begin production.

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Oct 3-5- Multi-Chapter Pumpkin Festival and Colditz Cove Hike, Allardt, TN. Fall would not be complete for many without this annual multi-chapter event. On Saturday we will put together a pickup truck "float", take part in the parade, and hike 3.5 miles, moderate, in Colditz Cove State Natural Area. Those who wish to make a weekend of it may camp at nearby Pickett State Park, or stay in a local motel or B & B. In addition to many more hiking opportunities in Pickett State Park or the Big South Fork Recreation Area, there will be festival events on Friday through Sunday. Visit <http://nicesingles.com/festival/fest.html> for more information on the Pumpkin Festival attractions. Contact Fount or Anna Bertram to sign up, or for suggestions on what to take and where to stay, etc. abertram@dtccom.net or phone 615-765-5357.

Oct 4- Monte Sano State Park, Huntsville, Alabama, 4 miles, moderate. Rising 1,600 feet above sea level, Monte Sano State Park consists of 2,340 acres, 20+ miles of hiking trails, plus adjacent Land Trust trails, cabins and other facilities, which include panoramic views of the Tennessee Valley, a large sinkhole, and the Stone Cuts, which are deep erosion clefts in a section of limestone on the top of the mountain. The trail passes through these large high walled, cave-like cuts. The trail is in good condition, but rocky and uneven in places. There will be a 200-foot elevation gain in about 3/4 mile and a 300-foot gain in one mile. Please note that there will be a \$3 per person fee to get into the park. After our hike we will have lunch at a local restaurant. Depart from the Murfreesboro Sam's Club overflow parking lot next to Hardees at 8 AM it is 90 miles to the park. To register please contact Bob Goodwin at 256-564-8417 or CAMEL40@earthlink.net

Oct 11- Fiery Gizzard w/Highland Rim Chapter, 9 miles, mod/diff. Please see the description in the Highland Rim section of newsletter. For those in Murfreesboro the carpool coordinator will be Ron Dunn. Please contact him at trekkingtn@comcast.net or 615-867-3301 for information.

Oct 11- Adventure Trip -- 3rd Annual History Hayride at Edgar Evins State Park, near Smithville. Spectators will sit on hay bale "benches" on wagons that will be pulled to several scenes where costumed actors will depict historical events of that area. This is a major fundraiser for the Friends of Edgar Evins State Park, a not-for-profit organization that raises money for enhancements to benefit the park. We will make the advance reservations for our group on wagons leaving about 6 PM, so it is important to sign up as soon as possible as this event sells out early every year. The tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, payable at the event. Light refreshments will be served without additional charge. Contact Fount or Anna Bertram to sign up abertram@dtccom.net or 615-765-5357.

MURFREESBORO (cont)

Oct 12 Trail Work at Barfield Crescent Park, Murfreesboro. Jim Schroeder will lead a work session on Sunday afternoon on the Rocky Path Trail. The purpose is to widen out the trail path and insure a four wide by eight high clear trail corridor. This trail does not get as much use as others and nature is closing in on it in spots. We will meet at the Wilderness Station at 1:30, walk in to the junction with the main trail on the north side of Marshall Knob and begin working down the hill. We will work about two hours and be back at the Wilderness Station by 4:30. The work will primarily consist of widening the trail path by clearing growth down to bare soil to a width of about 30 inches. This will be accomplished using fire rakes and mattocks. Tree branches will be cut back by using loppers and hand clippers to obtain the desired clear corridor. Occasionally there may be some toe stubber rocks that should be removed. No experience is necessary, and for first timers, this will give you an appreciation for what it takes to put a trail on the ground. I have available 6 fire rakes, 3 mattocks, a pair of loppers and a pair of hand clippers for use. If you have loppers or hand clippers, or a sharpened hoe for clearing soil, please bring them along. Also wear sturdy work shoes, gloves, and bring plenty of drinking water. Please call me at 615-896-3023 or e-mail at doughboyjim@comcast.net to register. Hope to see you there. For those that don't know me, I will be wearing my traditional orange trail building hat!

Oct 14- Monthly Meeting at Barfield Crescent Park Wilderness Station. Meeting starts at 7 PM, Program by the TN Dept. of Forestry.

Oct 18- Radnor Lake Hike, Nashville, 6 miles moderate. We will hike the Lake and South Cove Trails first and then hike the Ganier Ridge Trail, which is Rated moderate due to elevation change. We should see waterfowl at this time of year around the lake. There are usually deer and other wildlife along the trail also. Ganier Ridge is covered with chestnut oaks and Nashville's highest hills. Contact Ann Jacobs at eannjacobs@aol.com or 615-896-3935 for information or to sign up.

Oct 18-19 Mullen's Cove Loop Backpack on the Cumberland Trail, 10.2 miles, moderate. For hike/backpack information please contact Charlotte Broyles at broylescha@hotmail.com or 615-890-6308.

Oct. 24-26- TTA Annual Meeting at Liberty, Tennessee. Everyone come and enjoy the experience. See newsletter for details!

Planning Ahead

Nov 1- Montgomery Bell East Loop, 6.2 miles, moderate.

Nov 1-2 Backpack Benton MacKaye Trail (Sec. 2 or 3), 19 miles, Moderate/Difficult.

Nov 8- Bowling Farm Fall Foliage Hike and Potluck Lunch. 4 miles, moderate.

Nov 11- Monthly Meeting at 6PM, Finger food supper and Hike planning 2/09 through 7/09.

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TN Wildlife Resources Association meeting room at Ellington Agricultural Center, 5105 Edmondson Pike. For directions, visit: www.tennessee-trails.org/nashville.php

Oct 28: Yes, we'll be holding our regular chapter meeting as usual, at 7:00 p.m.! Look for an announcement in your e-mail in-box about the October program. After a brief business meeting (and a special round of thanks for all who worked so hard to make sure we had a great annual meeting on the preceding weekend), we'll have a program followed by refreshments and time to socialize.

Oct. 5 Edwin and Percy Warner Parks, Nashville. Multi-option hiking around all three trail loops (aka bagels) – Harpeth Woods, Mossy Ridge, Warner Woods. **Option 1:** Meet at 6:45 AM, CT at the Nature Center, Edwin Warner Park. Entrance off Highway 100 just west of junction with Old Hickory. Options to hike 2.5, 4.5, 9, or 12 miles. **Option 2:** Meet the Option 1 group as we hike in to the Deep Well trailhead in Percy Warner Park at 9:00 AM, CT. Deep Well picnic area and trailhead entrance is off Highway 100 at the stone gate just west of the intersection with Vaughn's Gap Road/West Side Athletic Club. If you choose Option 2, you can hike 2.5 or 7 miles. The Warner Parks hiking trails are hilly and rocky, so 2.5 miles is rated Moderate and 4.5 to 12 miles is rated difficult. Sorry, this is not a Beginner hike. Bring sturdy boots and clothing appropriate to the weather for the day, as well as water and snacks commensurate with the length of the hike you choose. Please call Doug Burroughs at (615) 292-9307 for more information and to pre-register.

Oct. 11 Beaman Park, Nashville, 9 to noon, CT. Meet at the Creekside Trail Head. (4111 Little Marrowbone Road, Joelton, TN for Mapquest users) Trail is easy to moderate, and the leaves should be turning colors for fall. Call 615-299-9586 for directions and information.

Oct. 12 Fall Creek Falls, near Sparta. We will hike the Gorge trail, the Fall Creek Falls trail, the Woodland Trail and the Paw Paw Trail for a total of 8.5 miles. All trails are easy except the trails to the bottom of Fall Creek Falls and Cane Creek Falls, which are exhilarating, steep and difficult (both are short and are optional). There are great views of the gorge and all falls. Bring water, lunch, snacks, and money for carpooling. For more information and to register call Garnett Rush at 615-352-7217 or e-mail rushga01@yahoo.com.

Oct. 24-26 Annual Meeting, Liberty TN. Join us for a multitude of fabulous hikes on the Highland Rim and beyond. See you there!!!

Nov. 1 Lookout Mountain, near Chattanooga. Ride the incline railway (\$15 charge) to the summit, where the Civil War Battle above the Clouds took place, and hike 9 moderate miles (due to elevation changes) on to Craven House Loop Trail and Bluff Trail. Wear sturdy boots; bring water, lunch and money for carpooling. For more information and to register contact Garnett Rush at 615-352-7217 or e-mail rushga01@yahoo.com

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Our Chapter is active despite not having an announcement for specific hikes. Call Jim Clark at 731-587-2225 to find out what you can do to help the chapter.

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Oct 4 Max Patch, Pisgah National Forest, Hot Springs, NC. Spectacular views atop the grassy bald. The 6-mile hike will begin at Lemon Gap and is rated moderate. Bring lunch, water, snacks, sturdy hiking boots, etc. After the hike, for those interested, I have reserved a hot tub in Hot Springs. To reserve a spot in the hot tub email or call by September 26. There is an option for overnight camping, contact Kathleen for details. You can meet us at 6:30am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville. For information and to register contact Kathleen Sullivan at 931-520-6294 or ksully@frontiernet.net.

Oct 11 Virgin Falls Pocket Wilderness, Sparta, TN. This is one of Middle Tennessee's most interesting hikes featuring waterfalls and caves. The hike is 8 miles and is rated moderate to strenuous. For a shorter hike, one can hike to Laurel Falls and return which makes the length 4 miles. Bring water, snacks, and lunch. You can meet us in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville at 8:00am CT or at the US Bank across from McDonald's in Sparta at 8:30. For information and to register contact Marnell Cothran at 931-738-5874 or leron@blomand.net.

Oct 18 North Chickamauga Pocket Wilderness, Soddy-Daisy, TN. This hike features fine views of Chickamauga Gulch, waterfalls, and old coal mining structures. This hike is about 7 miles and is rated moderate to strenuous. We will eat lunch at the cable crossing. There is an option of hiking an additional mile by making the descent to Stevenson Branch, which is strenuous. Bring snacks, water, and lunch. You can meet us at 7:30am CT in the Penney's parking lot in Cookeville or at the US Bank across from McDonald's in Sparta at 8:00. For information and to register contact Pete Broehl at 931-738-3551 or pabroehl@tnaccess.com.

Oct 24-26 State meeting

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