

TERC HIKING CLUB SCHEDULE

January - June, 1981

Date			Trip	Hike Rating	Leader
Jan. 3	Sat.	1 day	Cross-Country Skiing and Snow Shoeing Mt. Rogers	E-D	Frank Oglesby
Jan. 25	Sun.	1/2 day	Carter's Valley - Holston River Bluff	E	Gordon Newland
Feb. 8	Sun.	1/2 day	Dinner Meeting - Cabin	Fun	
Feb. 14	Sat.	1 day	AT Blowdown Clearing	D	Collins Chew
Mar. 21	Sat.	1 day	AT - Laurel Fork Gorge	E	Doug Lowman
Apr. 4-5	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Iron Mtn. Overnight Backpack	M	Frank Oglesby
May 7	Sat. Mon.	Eve.	Club Meeting & Program Employees Center	Fun	Lewis Carson
Apr. 25	Sat.	1 day	Linville Gorge Wilderness Area	M	Dick Clark
May 16-17	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Bays Mtn. Beginner's Backpack 4 Miles - Overnight	E	Lewis Carson
June 6-7	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Mt. Le Conte Lodge	D	T. Dougherty
June 13-14	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Snowbird Mtn. - Backpack	M	Gordon Newland
June 21	Sun.	1 day	AT - Mt. Rogers Area	M	Kirk Finch
June 26-July 3		8 days	Biannual AT Conference Cullowhee, North Carolina		

CANOE SCHEDULE

Mar. 22	Sun.	1 day	Big Moccasin Creek	I-III	G. Porter
Mar. 27-29	Fri.-Sun.	3 days	West Virginia Rivers	III-IV	P. Darling
Apr. 4	Sat.	1 day	Elk River	II-III	J. Lukach
Apr. 25	Sat.	1 day	French Broad via Laurel Ck.	IV	P. Darling
May 1-3	Fri.-Sun.	3 days	Obed River System	IV	R. Sparks
May 16	Sat.	1 day	Toe River	II-III	D. Ingram
May 29-31	Fri.-Sun.	2 1/2 days	Canoe School	I-II	T. Dougherty
June 6	Sat.	1 day	Nolichucky River	IV	P. Darling
June 20-21	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Chattooga/Ocoee	V	T. Dougherty

FUTURE SCHEDULED HIKES - 1981

July 11-12	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Mt. Le Conte Lodge Via Creek Climb	D	Stan Murray
July 25, 26	Sat.-Sun.	2 days	Mt. Le Conte Lodge	D	
Sept. 5-7	Sat.-Mon.	3 days	Multi-Club Meet, Mt. Rogers, Virginia	E-D	

FUTURE TENTATIVE PLANS - 1981

July 3-19		Norway Trip	Bob Miller
July 25, 26		Black Mtns. Ridge (Overnight)	Collins Chew
July 30-Aug. 4		Mt. Rainier Summit Climb	Collins Chew
Sept. 11-22		AT - Maine - New Hampshire - 70 Miles	Collins Chew



TERC HIKING CLUB

ELECTION OF STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 1981 - HIKING & CANOEING CLUB

The following members have been nominated and have agreed to serve on the Steering Committee. Three members are elected each year to serve a two year term on the six member Steering Committee. Return the ballot to Terry Dougherty, B-150, by Jan. 10, 1981.

(VOTE FOR THREE)

Terry Dougherty, B-150

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jeff Vanderbilt | Jeff is active as a hike and backpack leader. He is a trail maintainance team leader. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Frank Williams | Frank has been very active in construction of the Trail of the Lonesome Pine and in A T trail maintainance. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tom Pridgen | Tom has hiked extensively in the GSMNP and on the A T in TN, NC, and VA. He has participated in trail maintainance the last three years. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warren McLain | Warren has been interested in hiking for many years. He hiked the Southern most 75 miles of the A T in 1935 and has been a member of the Hiking Club for 30 years. Recently Warren has been an active canoe trip leader and has helped with the canoe school. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Doug Lowman | Doug is an active hike leader and is a trail maintainance team leader. He is also chairman of the workshop committee for the Cullowhee ATC meeting. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lester Church | Lester has recently become a trail maintainance team leader. |



MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR



TERC HIKING CLUB

HIKING CLUB NOTICE

CANOEING INTEREST SURVEY

The attached questionnaire is circulated to obtain information which will enable the Steering Committee to better meet the canoeing interests of club members.

Your answers will enable the Steering Committee to schedule trips to best suit the desires of paddlers, and if there is enough interest, it might be practical to do such things as scheduling two types of trips on the same day; for instance, an "easy" trip on a pastoral river, and a "difficult" trip on a whitewater stream for two different groups.

Your answers will also allow the compilation of a list of club members who are interested in canoeing. Such a list will facilitate organizing impromptu canoe trips on short notice when river conditions are right, and time is too short to get out a notice. Water levels in our free-flowing streams are unpredictable and not always cooperative with a schedule printed months in advance. Likewise, TVA sometimes seems capricious regarding their generating schedules.

A list of some rivers accessible to TERC paddlers is attached for information.

Please return the questionnaire (only if you are interested in canoeing) to Warren McLain, Building 267, by October 15, 1981.

RIVERS ACCESSIBLE TO TERC PADDLERS

I. DIFFICULT - EXPERT OR EXPERIENCED INTERMEDIATE SKILLS REQUIRED

<u>RIVER</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>FREE FLOWING</u>	<u>DAM CONTROLLED</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1. Chattooga Section III	II-III-IV	X		For Advanced Intermediates
Section IV	III-V	X		For <u>Experts</u> Only. About 150 miles from Kingsport. "Deliverance" River very popular.
2. French Broad - Barnard to Hot Springs, N. C.	III-IV	X		For Advanced Intermediates, Or Experts.
3. Nolichucky Gorge	III-IV	X		For Advanced Intermediate, Or Experts.
4. Laurel Creek/ French Broad River	IV	X		For Advanced Intermediate, Or Experts.
5. Emory/Obed River System	II-IV	X		Infrequently paddled by TERC paddlers. Variety of sections. About 140 miles from Kingsport, west of Knoxville.
6. Little River	II-IV	X		In Great Smoky Mountains.
7. Tellico River	II-IV	X		South of Knoxville.
8. Doe River (A) Gorge Section (immediately above Hampton, Tennessee)	III-V	X		Outstanding whitewater for the best of experts.
(B) Above Gorge (below Roan Mountain, Tennessee)	II-III-(IV)	X		Has some very difficult spots.

II. MODERATELY DIFFICULT RIVERS - NOVICE TO INTERMEDIATE SKILLS REQUIRED

<u>RIVER</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>FREE FLOWING</u>	<u>DAM CONTROLLED</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1. Big Moccasin Creek	I-III	X		Popular with TERC. Nearby in Scott County, Virginia.
2. Nantahala River	II-III		X	<u>Very</u> popular regionally. In N.C., near Bryson City. 3-3 1/2 hours from Kingsport.
3. Toe River	I-III	X		In N.C., near Red Hill. 2 hours to put-in. Some flat water.
4. Elk River	II-III	X		Near Watauga Lake. 1 3/4 hours to put-in. A good fun-run.
5. Laurel Creek/ South Fork Holston River (above South Holston Lake)	II-III	X		At Damascus, Virginia. 1 1/4 hours to put-in. A real fun-run.
6. French Broad River (A) Asheville to Barnard	I-II-(III)	X		Unknown to TERC. Maybe explore?
(B) Below Hot Springs	I-III	X		Some flat water, some rapids.
(C) Del-Rio Section	I-II	X		Enjoyable, not too difficult, some rapids.
7. Doe River (at Hampton, Th.)	I-III	X		Good fun, some rapids.
8. Hiwasee River	I-II		X	Popular teaching-learning river. Far from Kingsport, south of Knoxville near Etowah, Tn.
9. Green River	I-III		X	<u>Very</u> popular in N.C. About 30 miles south of Asheville.

II. MODERATELY DIFFICULT RIVERS (CONTINUED)

<u>RIVER</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>FREE FLOWING</u>	<u>DAM CONTROLLED</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
10. Wilson Creek	I-II	X		Excellent teaching/ learning stream. In N.C. about 15 miles this side of Morganton, N.C. Also has "expert" section.
11. Copper Creek	?	X		Nearby in Scott County, Virginia. Difficulty is unknown. Possibly an exploratory trip.
12. Clinch River	?	X		Nearby, but little known to TERC. Possibly exploratory.
13. Tuchasiegee (several sections)	I-IV		X	Between Callowhee and Bryson City, N.C. Exploratory for TERC
14. Little Tennessee	I-III	X		Above Tantana Lake. Exploratory for TERC.

III. "EASY" RIVERS - FOR BEGINNERS SKILLS

<u>RIVER</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>FREE FLOWING</u>	<u>DAM CONTROLLED</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1. Nolichucky River (A) Unaka Springs to Sandy Beach.	I-II	X		Popular with TERC. Well known, good for learning.
(B) Davy Crockett Dam to US Highway 411	I-II	X		Good scenery, no real rapids, still fun.
2. North Fork Holston River Several Sections	I-II	X		All easy and good for learning, some good scenery and fun.
3. South Fork Holston (Below South Holston Dam)	I-II		X	One rapid, good scenery and fun. Easily accessible.
4. Watauga River (A) Near Sugar Grove, N.C. (along Highway 321)	I-II	X	X	1 3/4 hours to put-in. One difficult rapid can be por- taged. Numerous C1 II Rapids.
(B) Below Wilbur Dam above and below Elizabethton	I-II		X	Almost no real rapids. Lots of fast, cold water (when generating)
5. Upper New River	I	X		Near Boone and Jefferson, N.C. Almost completely flat pastoral river. Popular for canoe camping. Rental canoes available.
6. French Broad River (above Asheville)	I-(II)	X		Unknown to TERC. No known rapids of consequence. Probably good for canoe camping.

TERC HIKING AND CONOEING CLUB

CANOEING INTEREST SURVEY

NAME _____

ADDRESS: HOME _____ PHONE _____

PLANT _____ PHONE _____

How many family members are interested in canoeing?

Self _____ Spouse _____ Others _____ (How Many?)

In what type of canoeing are you interested? (Rate your interest on a scale of 1-10)

Whitewater _____

Intermediate _____

Easy, Flatwater _____

Other _____

What Class? _____ (class I-VI) Refer to classification grading on back of Hiking Club schedule.

(Check all above if you wish)

Do you wish to be called for impromptu unscheduled trips on short notice when river conditions are right? _____

What type boat do you have?

Open Canoe _____

Decked, Kayak _____

C-1 _____

None _____

Are you interested in purchasing a? Canoe _____, Kayak _____, C-1 _____

Do you think the club should offer rental canoes _____, kayaks _____, C-1's _____?

What is your skill level? (Try to be honest, with yourself)

1 Expert _____

2 Experienced _____

3 Intermediate _____

4 Beginner _____

5 No skills _____ (but want to learn)

Do you have any comments about safety?

Rate your interest in attending an (annual) (semi-annual) non-paddling instructional meeting devoted mainly to safety.

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Are you interested in cold weather canoeing? _____ (Wet suit almost surely required)

Are you interested in improving your paddling skills? _____ If so, what do you feel would best meet your needs for improving your skills?

More paddling experience _____
Some type of formal instruction _____
In the classroom _____
In the water _____

Are you interested in overnight trips (canoe camping)? _____

On pastoral streams _____
On moderate whitewater _____

Would you like to do any lake canoeing? _____

Overnight canoe camping _____
One day only _____

Are you interested in "exploratory" trips (on rivers previously unknown to our group)? YES _____ NO _____ River Suggestions _____

How far are you willing to travel for a canoe trip which interests you? _____ miles

Are you willing to lead any trips? Yes _____ No _____

On what type river? _____

List specific rivers on which you are willing to lead a trip:

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____
4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____

What rivers on the attached lists most interest you?

List rivers where you would like for trips to be scheduled by the Club:

Please give names of additional rivers not listed, which you would like to have scheduled by our Club:

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Do you believe that the club should obtain a trailer which would carry several canoes (6 to 10?) thus reducing the use of cars and gasoline for canoe trips? _____

If you have additional comments to offer which will be helpful in offering a good program of paddling for our Club, attach an additional page with your suggestions.

Return this to Warren McLain, Building 267 by October 15, 1981, only if you are interested in canoeing with our Club.



TERC HIKING CLUB

TRIP NOTICE

NOVEMBER 22-23, 1980 OVERNIGHT

A HIKING CLUB EXTRA

I have plans to make an overnight trip to The Pond Mountain north of Mountain City, TN. This is the area which is called Rogers Ridge under the F.S. RARE II program. Pond Mtn. is a 1-2000 acre open pasture with a maximum elevation of 5000 feet. The views are panoramic in nature with all our major mountains viewable.

This trip will of course be classified as a winter backpack, so prepare accordingly. We plan to leave at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 22 and come back Sunday. Each person will be responsible for his own food and equipment.

For particulars call Hugh Thompson at 928-0472 (Johnson City) after 6:00 p.m. weekdays. Please call if you plan to go by Thursday, November 20th.

FOR THE RECORD

Appalachian Trail in Maine - September 1980 - Ray Hunt

From September 7 through September 12, ten members and friends of our hiking club hiked 57 miles on the Appalachian Trail in Maine. We hiked in two groups, one going north and the other going south on the same section of trail. The southbound group was Collins Chew, Ray Hunt, Powell Foster, Doug Lowman, Ken Hatfield, and Kevin Gibson. The northbound group was Gordon Newland, John Kiefer, John Thompson and Darrol Nickels.

The part of the Appalachian Trail which we hiked was from Carrabassett to Andover. The guidebook says it is the most difficult part of the Trail in Maine, and we believe it. We climbed more than 16,000 feet and descended the same amount, which turned out to be just as difficult, over a footpath that was usually steep and rocky. But we all made it, although some of us just barely.

To compensate for these difficulties, there were some factors that favored us. The weather was good: cool and no significant rain. This made hiking easier and allowed us to stay in tents or shelters, as we pleased. The trail, although difficult, was well cleared and blazed. The scenery was inspiring, varying from hardwoods at lower elevations to conifers and open areas above treeline at higher elevations.

This part of the Trail is remote, as is most of the Trail in Maine. We crossed only two paved roads in the 47 miles and neither of these crossings was near food or lodging. We saw about 30 people on the Trail in those six days, mostly young long-distance hikers.

And there is more. It was a notable event for the northbound group to pick up John Thompson as they started their hike at Andover. John had just finished hiking by himself 240 miles from Rutland, Vermont in the previous 25 days. After John completed the hike with our group, he had only ten miles in Pennsylvania to hike to complete the entire Appalachian Trail.

To make matters more complicated, after the previously described hike of 57 miles in six days, John Kiefer, John Thompson, and Darrol Nickels hiked the 29 miles from Caratunk to Carrabassett in three more days. And Gordon Newland took an extra week to hike the 89 miles from Crawford Pond to Caratunk. He took a float plane from Caratunk to Crawford Pond to start his hike.

I almost forgot to mention that we picked up Powell Foster in Hartford, Connecticut, while we were driving up. On the way back, we dropped off Powell at Portland, Maine and Ray Hunt at Allentown, Pennsylvania to fly to meetings. The transportation arrangements were so complicated that only Collins Chew could figure them out, so he was the leader of the whole trip. Principal credits go to him for organizing the trip, and to Darrol Nickels for organizing the trail food, which was nearly as complicated.

TRIP NOTICE
Appalachian Trail Conference
Semiannual Meeting
June 26 - July 2, 1981

Keep all or part of the week of June 26-July 2, 1981 open for the Appalachian Trail Conference in Cullowhee, N.C. (Western Carolina University, South of Sylva). It will be the closest conference since 1975 and until 1987. TERC Hiking Club has the major responsibility of organizing workshops and panel discussions on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 26-28, 1981. We are planning to have the latest information with the most knowledgeable people discussing Appalachian Trail issues and skills plus interesting topics for the active outdoors person such as photography, equipment, trail foods, wild flowers and many many more. There will also be entertainment and later in the week there will be hikes. We will probably need some TERC people to help man a booth for workshop tickets.

Mark the dates on your calander and plan to enjoy a day or a week with other hikers from Maine to Georgia.

Call Collins Chew at 239-6237 for further information.

The Workshop and Panel Discussion Committee is:

<u>Workshops</u>	<u>Panel Discussions</u>	<u>Equipment (etc.)</u>
Doug Lowman, Chairman	Bob Casper, Chairman	Lewis Carson, Chairman
Dick Clark	Tom Pridgen	Frank Oglesby
Jeff Siirola	Bob Harvey	
Keron Chew		

Consultants: Stan Murray, Ray Hunt



TERC HIKING CLUB

HIKE NOTICE

1981 OVERSEAS TRIP

Snow-capped mountains, lush valleys, and spectacular fiords are in store for participants in the 1981 overseas hiking and sight-seeing trip being planned for Norway. To better acquaint you with Scandinavia, a 16-mm. sound movie, produced by SAS, will be shown on Saturday evening, November 15, at Preston Hills Presbyterian Church on Orebank Road (just beyond Preston Woods on the right). Show time is set for 7:45 p.m. Plans are still being formulated, but tentatively, the group will spend some time in and around Oslo, travel north and west to the Atlantic coast, do some hiking in the mountains, take a fiord trip by boat and probably get in a side trip to Stockholm. Trip time will be about two weeks, leaving on or about July 3. At this time, the estimated cost is expected to be about \$1800 per person. Experience with previous overseas trips indicates that the group should be limited to a maximum size of 20 persons. If you are interested and cannot attend the movie, please let Bob Miller know (288-2572) to ensure that you get future communications regarding the planned trip.



TERC HIKING CLUB

HIKE NOTICE

Sunday Afternoon, January 25, 1981

Carter's Valley - Holston River

This is an easy afternoon stroll with a short driving distance and you could meet some nice landowners. Meet at B-215 parking lot at 1:00 p.m. We will go by way of Bloomingdale if you want to meet us along the way - call the leader for directions. We should return about 5:30 p.m. Dress for the weather.

Leader - Gordon Newland, 246-8845

FOR THE RECORD

Appalachian Trail Walk - Blowdown Party, December 13, 1980 - Collins Chew
Saturday, December 13, 1980 was a beautiful cold day and an ideal time to walk a section of the Appalachian Trail. A number of people did just that and enjoyed the fine views which are all along the trail when the leaves are off. It was also a good day to meet some of the new Eastman hikers with their very interesting backgrounds as well as renew some older friendships. Two groups made the most of this fine day.

Low Gap to Cross Mountain - Eleven hikers enjoyed this section and each others company. Frank Oglesby and Dick Burrow made short work of the blowdowns with their chainsaws. Other hikers were Paul and Mary Darling, Mike Idacavage, Kevin Edgar, Lynn Buffington, Keron Chew, Chris Privow, Revel Smith, and Collins Chew.

U.S. 321 to Laurel Fork (Pond Mountain) - Gordon Newland, Jack Young, John Thompson and Darrol Nickels hiked this section and cut out the blowdowns using the club chainsaw. On February 14, 1981 we have another blowdown party planned between Watauga Dam and Vandeventer Shelter. Contact Collins Chew, B-71, if you can join us for this work hike.



TERC HIKING CLUB

WINTER DINNER MEETING

Date: Sunday, February 8, 1981

Place: Eastman Cabin, Bays Mountain

5:00 p.m. Social Hour (Hot and cold refreshments and appetizers available)

6:00 p.m. Dinner - "Pot-Luck"

7:00 p.m. Annual Winter Meeting

Presentation of new officers - Terry Dougherty

Trail Maintenance report - Collins Chew

Cullowhee '81 - Doug Lowman

Presentation of the "Hiker of the Year Award"

Slide program: "Hiking in Maine" - Ray Hunt

This will be a cooperative pot-luck dinner, so make up (or buy) your favorite dishes to share with the group. For dinner reservations, clip and mail this notice:

To: Lynn Buffington 832 Teasel Drive C6-5
Bldg. 95, TEC or Kingsport, TN 37660

Please include \$1.00 for each adult attending, to cover cost of social hour refreshments. Make check payable to TERC.

\$_____ amount enclosed. Please set _____ places for my guest and myself.
I plan to bring the following food (check two)*.

____ Meat dish (for 6)

____ Appetizer tray (for 16)

____ Vegetable dish (for 8)

____ Dessert (for 12)

____ Bread (for 60)

____ Coffee, tea, lemonade, Kool-Aid,
napkins, lemon, sugar, cream,
margarine. (We'll let you know
which later).

____ Salad (for 8)

*Note - Food quantities shown are based on approximately equal costs for two persons eating. If your party has more or fewer than two persons, then increase or decrease amounts accordingly. If we have too much of some items, we'll call to suggest others.

Please bring serving utensils and label your containers.

FOR THE RECORD

On February 7, 1981, Tennessee Eastman Company hosted an all-day meeting of the Southern Regional Management Committee of the Appalachian Trail. The meeting was held at the Employee Center. About 40 people attended. They represented (1) hiking clubs that help with the Appalachian Trail in Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Georgia, (2) government agencies, including the National Forest Service, National Park Service, TVA, and state governments, and (3) staff members of the Appalachian Trail Conference. Attending from Tennessee Eastman Hiking Club were Ray Hunt, Jeff Sirola, Collins Chew, and Stan Murray.

The Southern Regional Management Committee meets twice per year to discuss all important aspects of the southern region of the A.T. This time the subjects covered included land acquisition, buildings along the Trail, the 1981 general meeting of the Conference, reassignment of Trail responsibilities, ORV problems, visual protection of the Trail, local management plans, collection of user information, and regional fund raising. It was a full and profitable agenda.

Our hiking club was responsible for arranging the meeting place, lunch, coffee breaks, and lodging as requested. With the ready cooperation of Recreation and Cafeteria personnel, all of that went well.

The X-C skiing trip scheduled for January 3 did not materialize due to lack of snow generally in the mountains. A number of people called indicating an interest, some experienced skiers, others wishing to go out for the first time. Some of the more experienced were able to ski on Roan Mountain the following week and on Mount Rogers the week after that. Perhaps better luck next year.

SPECIAL NOTE - Iron Mountain Stoneware is considering the production of a very limited edition of large, 12-ounce mugs in their White Top (earthtone) glaze with a handpainted Appalachian Trail Marker motif. For more information or to see a sample, contact Jeff Sirola.

Plans are now being made for the 23rd meeting of the Appalachian Trail Conference. It will be held in Cullowhee, North Carolina, June 26-July 3, 1981. For complete details concerning registration and general conference information, please call Cosmo at 2005 or Paulette Byrd at 2544.



TERC HIKING CLUB

TRIP NOTICES

AT on Iron Mountain - Hike and Blowdown Party
Saturday, February 14, 1981

We will climb Iron Mtn. from Watauga Dam Road to Vanderventer Shelter and return. The round trip hike is nine miles. There are excellent views of Watauga Lake.

Our December Blowdown Party was really nice and I have hopes that this will be the same.

We will take bow saws and cut out some blowdowns, but if you just want to go for the walk, you are welcome. If more than four or five want to go we may split into groups as there are several sections which have many blowdowns from the summer storms.

Bring plenty of warm clothes and rain gear, lunch, canteen, hat, gloves. You must be prepared for severe weather. The trip will be cancelled if the roads are icy.

Please let me know if you plan to go as I need to plan tools and cars if we can do more than one section.

We will meet at Bldg. 215, TEC, at 8:00 a.m. and return before dark. Round trip drive is 100 miles.

For information, call Collins Chew at 239-6237

TO: Collins Chew, Bldg. 66

I plan to go on the hike/blowdown removal trip on February 14, 1981!

I will help clear blowdowns_____.

I prefer just to go for the hike_____.

Name(s)

Telephone No.

FOR THE RECORD

Fall Hiking Club Dinner - TEC Cabin - November 2, 1980 - Lynn & Paulette Byrd

The "Potluck" Dinner was a great success on what turned out to be a beautiful afternoon at Bays Mountain. The weather was perfect and the trees and sky were gorgeous. A hike was enjoyed by those who were organized enough to get there early. Those of us who weren't, made up for it by really enjoying the social hour!!! Seventy-two members and guests were on hand. We enjoyed the roaring fires in both fireplaces at the Cabin, and of course the delicious variety of food. (We have some great cooks in our club.) Everyone had the chance to view displays of our club library and rental equipment as well as a selection of hiking photos. Jim Crowell answered questions about our library. He has loads of information, maps, books, etc. available for loan, so give him a call the next time you're planning a trip. Cosmo Griffith described the rental equipment on display and explained the process of renting hiking equipment at the Employee Center. He asked members to please send suggestions to Gary Bridges, HDC, as to what new equipment is needed. Some new rental items are added each year, so please help with this by suggesting items, brands, sizes, etc. which you feel will improve our stock. Also, Cosmo will hold an auction of any equipment being replaced as well as any items members bring for sale at the next dinner meeting - sometime in February 1981. Bob Miller had photo scrapbooks of the overseas hiking trips and announced plans for the upcoming trip. Watch for his trip notices on this. Terry Dougherty made announcements and conducted the business meeting. Collins Chew presented two awards for completion of the Appalachian Trail to Ms. Harriet Locke and Mr. John W. Thompson. Collins also reported on the AT maintenance for this season. Dick Clark asked for hike and canoe suggestions and leader volunteers for 1981. Contact him on this as soon as possible. Our schedule is made up by the members' suggestions, so if there are some trips you would like to see offered or would be willing to lead, please help Dick out right away as we need to get this schedule in the mail soon. After our announcements and awards, Stan Murray entertained us with slides of ten years of creek climb hikes to Mt. LeConte in GSMNP. He also took some reservations for his upcoming creek climb trip this July 1981. Contact Stan if you are interested. Door prizes were awarded at the end of the slide presentation. Terry Dougherty, with the help of one of the children, drew reservation slips from a bag and about 15 lucky hikers and/or canoers went home with prizes. The only thing we feel could have made this dinner meeting more successful would have been more invited guests and prospective members. We have a great group of people in the club with a world of knowledge and experience of the outdoors and the areas around us to enjoy and share. There are a lot of hikers and canoers in our area who might not know about our club. Members, get out there and invite them to the next dinner or to one of our outings. Additional members are our greatest asset. Lynn and I would like to thank all who helped make the dinner go smooth: Jim and Janice Ownby, Kirk and Barbara Finch, and Cosmo and Evelyn Griffith.

Watch for Club notice soon on the 1981 February Dinner Meeting!!!



TERC HIKING CLUB

BACKPACKING - FOREST SERVICE IRON MOUNTAIN TRAIL
April 4-5

This early spring backpacking trip will start where the Forest Service Trail leaves the Appalachian Trail on Cross Mountain, following the crest of Iron Mountain northeastward for 18 miles, ending on Tenn. 91 near Laurel Bloomery. Saturday night's camp will be near the mid point. The elevation of the route is remarkably uniform, most of it between 3,600 and 4,000 feet. The trail was worked over by F. S. crews last April and again in November, and barring a bad storm, should be in excellent condition. Safe overnight parking places will be determined. Departure from Kingsport will probably be at 8 a. m. Saturday, with other pickup points to be designated. Please make reservations by calling Frank Oglesby, 245-5447.

CANOE TRIP NOTICE

Elk River
April 4, 1981

The Elk River is a long-time favorite of club members and an excellent example of the smaller whitewater streams which can be run during the rainy season. It is an exciting, generally Class II trip with some relatively easy Class III rapids. Considerable maneuvering is required as the river is fairly narrow at some points. Tandem paddlers may find the river quite shallow in places unless we have had a recent, heavy rain.

Plan to meet at Building 215 parking lot at 8 a.m. We will carpool to the put-in at the bridge below Stone Mountain Church on Poga Road. Take-out will be at the U.S. 321 bridge in Elk Mills. Driving time is a little over one hour, and we will probably spend about three hours on the river. Proper safety equipment is essential! In addition, a dry change of clothes and a sack lunch will undoubtedly make the trip more enjoyable.

If there is sufficient interest, a portion of the group will also paddle a short section of the Doe River just above Valley Forge. Arrangements will be made at the time of departure for those who wish to run both rivers.

Due to the highly variable water levels, pre-registration is required! Please send the attached form to Jerry Lukach if you plan to attend. If there is a change in plans or a cancellation, only those who have pre-registered will be notified. For additional information, phone Jerry Lukach at 239-5934.

TO: Jerry Lukach B-54D

YES, I plan to go on the Elk River trip on April 4.

NAME _____

Telephone _____

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TERC HIKING CLUB

Trail Construction Workshop
April 4 & 5, 1981

Wesser Creek Area, N.C.

The Nantahala Hiking Club and the Appalachian Trail Conference are sponsoring a Trail Construction Workshop on April 4 and 5 at the Wesser Creek Area, North Carolina. Camping will be available at Apple Tree Group Camp.

For addition information contact Mike Dawson, 703-544-7472 or
Collins Chew, 239-6237

FOR THE RECORD

Trail Maintenance Team Leaders Dinner, March 10, 1981, Collins Chew

The leaders of the Trail Maintenance Teams and a few others met at the Preston Hills Presbyterian Church for their annual spaghetti dinner and planning meeting. We reviewed the trail sections and the needs for this year. Some blowdowns remain from last years storms, but mainly the Appalachian Trail is in good shape after the very complete maintenance work last year. The persons on maintenance teams will be hearing soon of the planned maintenance trips in May and June, 1981. Those present were: Bob Miller, Jim Caines, Jeff Vanderbilt, Jeff Sirola, Frank Williams, Lester Church, Julian Lewis, Collins Chew, Dick Clark, Paul Worsham, Mira and Van Wilhelm, John Thompson, Tom Pridgen, Matt Smith, Kevin Edgar, Bob Casper, Ray Hunt and Gordan Newland. Supper was prepared by Martha Hunt and Charlotte and Keron Chew. Thanks to the church and the cooks!

Watch for Trip Notice soon on Bays Mountain Beginners Over Night Backpacking
on May 16 & 17, 1981.

For information on ordering Appalachian Trail T-Shirts contact Paulette Byrd,
239-9910

FOR THE RECORD

Blowdown Clearing - AT Watauga Dam Rd. to North - February 14, 1981 - Collins Chew

1. Watauga Dam Road to Vanderventer Shelter
For the second time this winter, we lucked into a perfect day to clear blowdowns and hike a section of the AT. We hiked north from Watauga Dam Road and worked at clearing an amazing number of blowdowns. The sky was perfectly clear and the temperature almost warm although there were patches of snow here and there. The views of Watauga Lake and the mountains were beautiful - Snake Mountain was particularly impressive. There were so many blowdowns we didn't get as far as Vanderventer shelter but we really improved 3+ miles of trail. Hikers and workers were Jack Young, Ralph Young, Mike Idacavage, Steve and Barbara Nyarady, Darrel and Lana Wilde, Kevin Edgor and Collins Chew.
2. Watauga Dam Road to U.S. 321 (old A.T.) - A second group consisting of Darrol Nickels, John Bailey and Gordon Newland painted out the blazes on the old trail by Little Wilbur Lake. The section from the bridge to the top of the ridge where it rejoins the AT was abandoned. The section across Iron Mt. from the bridge to the top of the side ridge from U.S. 321 was blue blazed and about half of the downed timber removed. South Pierce shelter has been removed.
3. Laurel Fork - A third group took advantage of the fine weather to complete a few maintenance projects in Laurel Fork Gorge including replacement of a missing plank on the lower footbridge, repairing the shelter floor, widening and grading parts of the upper access trail to the shelter, and some trash removal. Helping out were George Ford, Jeff Sirola, Jim Stout, Frank Williams, Jeff Vanderbilt and his dog, Ipso,



TERC HIKING CLUB

CANOE TRIP NOTICE

Big Moccasin Creek, Class I-II (III)
April 18, 1981

Did you miss the previously scheduled trip on Big Moccasin, or do you want to go again? This is your opportunity, if the rains come.

Big Moccasin is a small stream in Scott Co., Va., which runs through Gate City. It can be paddled only in the rainy season. It is mainly Class I-II with one Class III rapid which can be portaged, if desired.

Put-in is at Snowflake, Va. on Va SR71, and we will paddle a few miles toward Gate City.

Each paddler (or tandem team) must provide canoe and paddles with a spare paddle, means of transporting the canoe; one life jacket per person; lunch and beverage (in waterproof bag); dry clothes (in waterproof bag); and means of securing gear in canoe. Dress appropriately for the weather.

Meet at the parking lot of Sullivan North High School on the John B. Dennis Hwy. at 8:30 A.M., Saturday, April 18, to consolidate transportation. NOTE DIFFERENT MEETING PLACE!

Due to uncertain water level, pre-registration is necessary. Please send the attached form to Warren McLain if you plan to attend, so you can be notified if plans must be changed. For additional information call Warren McLain at 288-5762.

To: Warren McLain, B-267

I plan to go on the Big Moccasin Creek canoe trip on April 18.

Name _____ Telephone _____



TERC HIKING CLUB

LINVILLE GORGE WILDERNESS AREA

Saturday, April 25, 1981

We plan a hike in the Linville Gorge Wilderness Area on Saturday, April 25, 1981. This Wilderness Area is administered by the U.S. Forest Service, and a permit for hiking must be obtained for each hiker. The maximum number of hikers allowed per group is 10, but if there are more than 10 wishing to participate, we may be able to organize into two groups. Several trails lead into the gorge from the Forest Service Road beyond Linville Falls, N.C. Each group (if more than one) will make a round trip of about 4 miles going down one trail and back another. We will plan a hiking time of 4-6 hours. Driving distance from Kingsport is 75 miles (about 2 hours) each way. We will leave B-215 parking lot at 8 a.m. and should be back by 6 p.m. Please make your reservations with the leader, Dick Clark, as early as possible. Phone: 246-6007. This is a hike of moderate difficulty. Sturdy shoes and warm clothing recommended.

BLOWDOWN REMOVAL

As part of our Cooperative Agreement with the Forest Service for the management of the Appalachian Trail, we have assumed more of the responsibility for heavier aspects of trail maintenance through Forest Service Lands, including the removal of larger blowdowns. Recent blowdown parties have removed much of the debris from last Summer's storms, but several particularly bad sections remain to be cleared before the start of the Spring season. Interested club members with access to and confidence with chain saws are asked to contact Jeff Sirola.



TERC HIKING CLUB

EVENING MEETING

A general meeting of the TERC Hiking and Canoeing Club is scheduled for Thursday evening, May 7, 1981, Room No. 219, Eastman Employee Center.

A status report will be made on the ATC Conference to be held at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina, on June 26 to July 3, 1981. The TERC Hiking Club is responsible for the workshops and seminars that will be held on June 27 and 28.

Also, a trails condition and maintenance report is scheduled.

Lewis Carson will present a show and tell program on hiking and backpacking in the mountains of New Zealand. Lewis spent six weeks in New Zealand where he hiked in three mountainous areas. The camping and hiking system in New Zealand is quite different from anything in the United States. New Zealand has high, beautiful mountains that rival the Rockies; and Lewis has plenty of slides which display that beauty.

Make plans now to come and enjoy this interesting presentation.

Bays Mountain Beginners Overnight Backpacking May 16-17, 1981

- For those who would like to try backpacking
- For those who are new at backpacking and would like an experience with others
- For anyone - particularly families - to gain experience

An easy overnight backpacking hike to the back hollow of Bays Mountain will be held May 16-17, 1981. The Park has a beautiful camp site with a fast flowing spring, reconstructed log house, nice lawn, fire circle and controlled environment reserved for our use on this night. The 2 mile hike in will be mid afternoon Saturday, May 16 and return Sunday, mid day.

Participation will be by reservation only. If more desire to go than can be accomodated on this one trip another overnight backpacking will be planned for a Friday night in June or July.

Make reservations by calling Mr. Lewis A. Carson at 246-4880.



TERC HIKING CLUB

SCHOOL OF RIVER CANOEING - 1981
MAY 29, 30 and 31

Pre-registration required

The instruction will be geared toward beginners and intermediate paddlers. Participants must furnish their own equipment for the river trips, and provide a means of transportation for their equipment. The instruction will cover the basic skills needed for whitewater river canoeing and allow two days on the river to practice these skills.

Required Equipment

Canoe, 3 paddles, 2 life jackets, bow and stern lines (painters), knee pads, lunch, water, change of dry clothing in water-proof bag, rain gear.

The text book for the course is Basic River Canoeing by McNair and may be purchased as part of the course fee.

Schedule

Friday, May 29 - Registration, lecture, films and planning for river trips. 7PM-10PM, shelter no. 9, TEC
Bays Mountain Recreation Area.

Saturday, May 30 - River Trip - Everyone meet at B-215, at 9:00A.M.
Bring all required equipment.

Sunday, May 31 - River Trip - B-215, 9:00A.M. The customary river trip refreshments will be available after each trip.

*****Pre-registration Form*****

Return to Terry Dougherty, B-150, before May 27, 1981.
Enclose check payable to Terry Dougherty.

Name _____ TEC Bldg. No. _____

Home Address _____

_____ Home Tele. No. _____

Partner's Name _____

☐ I do not have a Partner,
Please assign one.

I need a course book _____ (Enclose \$5.00 for book and \$3.00/person)

I have the book _____ (Enclose \$3.00 per person for course registration)

Total Enclosed \$ _____



TERC HIKING CLUB

TEC NATURE TRAIL - WORK TRIP - JUNE 6, 1981

The TERC Hiking Club in cooperation with the TERC Recreation Club plans to hold a work session June 6, 1981, starting at 8 a.m. until about 5 p.m.

Some of you are probably aware that there is quite a bit of work that needs to be done in order to bring the trail up to desired standards.

If you would like to help, please call "Cosmo" at 2005 so we can plan the work. Everyone welcome.

MOUNT ROGERS HIKE, VIRGINIA JUNE 21, 1981

We will meet in the Bldg. 215 parking lot at 8 a.m. It is 80 miles and a two-hour drive to Grayson Highlands State Park where we will leave one or more cars. The hike will be on the Appalachian Trail from Elk Garden to Massies Gap in Grayson Highlands State Park. We will hike to the top of Mt. Rogers, highest point in Virginia, 5,729 feet, and through Rhododendron Gap where, weather providing, there is a view of 3,000 acres of open meadows and rhododendron. Our trip should catch the rhododendron at their peak. The hike will be nine miles long, mainly level, and downhill. Difficulty - easy to moderate. Weather providing, we can also get a good view from White Top Mountain nearby. Bring food, water, and protection from the weather. It can be cold, windy, and very wet on Mt. Rogers. We should get back to Kingsport about 6:30 p.m.

For further information call Kirk Finch at 288-5739.

FOR THE RECORD

Spring Meeting - May 7, 1981 - Jeff Siirola

The first Hiking and Canoeing Club Spring Meeting was held at the Eastman Employee Center on May 7. Thirty-five members and guests were treated to a tour through the hiking and backpacking country of the North and South Islands of New Zealand through the cameras of Lewis and Doris Carson. The Carsons described part of that country's extensive network of well-constructed trails ('tracts') its unique system of hiker accommodations, and its spectacular mountain scenery which they sampled during a recent six-week visit there. Their beautiful and interesting presentation was enjoyed by all.

If you missed this presentation you'll have a second chance to see it when the Carsons present the show for the Camera Club Meeting at the Eastman Employee Center on May 19th.

A couple of reminders: The deadline for completing registration for Cullowhee '81, the 23rd general meeting of the Appalachian Trail Conference is May 29. Registration forms were included in an earlier club notice and additional forms are available from Doug Lowman. Club members are also asked to seriously consider individual membership in the Appalachian Trail Conference. Applications are available from Collins Chew.



TERC HIKING CLUB

Mt. LeConte Lodge 1981
May 3, June 6, and July 25, 1981

The Hiking Club has three 1981 Mt. LeConte Lodge trips planned. Reservations are getting harder and harder to get at the Lodge, so we were lucky to schedule the three times for this season. Prices have increased to \$23.85 per adult and \$15.90 per child (under 10 yr. of age). To hold these reservations all money must be received by the Lodge before November 1, 1980. The trip leader and trail will be determined by the wishes of each group at a later date.

If you are interested in holding a reservation for one of these three dates please return the bottom of this notice with a check to: Terry Dougherty, B-150B (before October 26, 1980) (Make check payable to TERC)

To: Terry Dougherty, B-150B

- (1) _____ MAY 3, 1981-SUNDAY - (8-10 persons)
- (2) _____ JUNE 6, 1981 - SATURDAY - (17 persons)
- (3) _____ July 25, 1981 -SATURDAY - (12-14 persons)

Name

Telephone No.

Number of persons in party _____ and _____
adults children

Total \$ _____ enclosed.

Would you be willing to lead hike _____?
yes



TERC HIKING CLUB

Canoe Trip Notice

Nolichucky Gorge

June 6, 1981

The Nolichucky Gorge is a great river for the intermediate to advanced paddler. It winds through a steep gorge starting at Poplar, N.C. and gradually eases off as it flows into Tenn. The scenery is outstanding. The river offers several good Class IV rapids requiring lots of maneuvering. If water levels are above 1500 cfs the open-boater should think twice before attempting this run.

We will plan to meet at Building 215 at 8:00 a.m. Driving arrangements will be decided then. The drive is approximately 1 hour one way and the shuttle is relatively long. Expect to return to Kingsport around 6:00 p.m. Proper safety equipment is required!

Due to variable water levels, pre-registration is required! Please send the attached form to Paul Darling if you plan to attend. If there is a change in plans or a cancellation, only those who have pre-registered will be notified. For additional information, phone Paul Darling at 239-5577.

Send to Paul Darling, B65

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Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Can you drive? _____

TERC HIKING CLUB

CULLOWHEE '81

During the week of June 26-July 3, 1981, hundreds of people will gather in Cullowhee, North Carolina for the twenty-third meeting of the Appalachian Trail Conference. Most of the fifty states and a few foreign countries will be represented. Many of the clubs affiliated with the ATC will have exhibits at the meeting to illustrate the merits of their area and their trail projects. Our club is planning an exhibit of the South Beyond 6000 project which documents and recognizes hikers who have scaled a significant number of the sixty over-6000 foot peaks in the Southern Appalachians. To assemble the exhibit color slides and photographs associated with 6000 foot peaks are needed. Do you have slides or prints, taken of a 6000 foot peak, taken during a climb of a 6000 foot peak, scenes taken from a 6000 foot peak? If your pictures are used you will be credited. If you would lend your photographs for the exhibit please contact:

Darrol Nickels
247-7043

John Kiefer
239-8450

Lester Church
477-3374

Your photographs/slides will be cared for and returned to you.

TRIP REMINDER

Uinta Mountains, Utah

August 1 through August 9, 1981 are the dates that have been set for this multigroup trip. Backpackers will hike about 68 miles of the Highline Trail among Utah's tallest peaks. Fishermen will sample numerous lakes and streams in several remote Uinta basins. Travel between these drainages may be by foot or horseback.

Airfare to Salt Lake is expected to be approximately \$400.00 and it is not necessary to return with the group. Our deadline for reservations is mid-April. If you are interested in either the backpacking or fishing trips or group travel to the Intermountain West, contact Jeff Siirola.

FOR THE RECORD

Laurel Fork Gorge - March 23, 1981 - Douglas Lowman

Ten enthusiastic hikers enjoyed the first hike of spring and the remnants of the last snow of winter on the snow dusted Appalachian Trail in Laurel Fork Gorge. The group hiked to the falls from the upper parking lot in Dennis Cove with an enjoyable side trip to Potato Top. From the falls, we continued down the trail to Waycoster Spring and lunched along the stream. The return trip to our cars was along the blue blaze trail by the shelter. Those joining me for this enjoyable day of hiking were Rule Smith, Ralph Young, Dolly, Amy and Tom Meredith, Charlotte and Collins Chew, Jack Young, and Keith Young.



TERC HIKING CLUB

TRIP NOTICE

SNOWBIRD AREA of NANTAHALA NATIONAL FOREST
JUNE 20, 21, 22, 1981

The trip listed in the schedule for June 13, 14 has been rescheduled for June 20, 21, & 22. The driving distance is 170 mi (each way) so a third day is added for travel. The hike begins at F.S. Road 75 (2700 ft) and goes along Snowbird creek to Laurel Top (5317). We will come back by King Meadows to our starting point. Hiking distance is 22 miles, elevation changes 2600 ft. This will be a free style backpack, no shelters, no campgrounds. Tents will be required. Please register by June 8th, enclose \$5.00 earnest money.

Mail to: Gordon Newland, 1917 E. Sevier Ave., Kingsport, TN 37664

Name(s)

Telephone

I can furnish the following community equipment:

<input type="checkbox"/> Tent	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Cook Set	<input type="checkbox"/> Rain Fly
<input type="checkbox"/> Stove	
