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## TERC HIKING CLUB

1983 Creek Trip  
July 30 & 31, 1983  
Mt. LeConte

(New Date)

Reservations must be in by December 18.

Due to the failure of the leader to note that the 1983 calendar had not been put up yet, he made reservations for Sunday night instead of Saturday night. Almost unbelievably, the lodge was able to give us new reservations, although it was necessary to change the trip to the weekend of July 30 and 31.

Again, this is a difficult trip that utilizes a creek instead of a trail.

The cost of overnight accommodations at the lodge will be \$31.80 in 1983, including tax. The first 13 reservations that are received with checks will be accepted. Please get your reservations to me by December 18 at the latest. Any unused reservations remaining after December 18 will be canceled. Make checks payable to Stan Murray and mail to B-244.

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### Yosemite National Park - Backpack September 10-18, 1983

Tentative plans are to fly TriCities to San Francisco, drive 180 miles to Yosemite, backpack six full days plus two half days, return to S.F., spend the night in a motel and then fly home on Sunday, September 18. We will sleep in tents seven nights and hike a circular route of about 58 miles, part of which will be on the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (about 8 miles a day at elevations up to 10,500 feet). The scenery is spectacular. This hike must be rated difficult. Approximate cost will be about \$700. for air fare - car - trail food.

Since I must make Yosemite Park reservations in early 1983, please fill out the registration form below and return it to me by January 10, 1983, if you are interested in this trip. A small non-refundable deposit will be required by April 1, 1983, and full air fare will be required by August, 1, 1983. The trip will be limited to (12) people (first 12 responses, balance on a waiting list).

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: John W. Thompson  
2144 Swannanoa Ave.  
Kingsport, TN 37664

# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

## FOR THE RECORD

### McQueens Gap to Low Gap - AT - October 16, 1982 - Steve Banks

On October 16, we enjoyed a short (3.7 miles) but thoroughly enjoyable hike on the AT on a beautiful fall day. This is a good section for families wanting to hike on the AT. Participating were Jack Young, Reuel Smith, Ken, Sandra, Mark, Greg, and Brian Booty, Brian, Christine, and Rachel Kneller, and Steve, Mary, and Steven Banks.

### Fall Colors Canoe Trip - Nolichucky River - October 23, 1982 - Gearld Tustin

Five people in three canoes braved the cool weather to make this canoe trip on the Nolichucky River below Unaka Springs. Although the water flow was only 520 cfs, most of the rapids had at least one clear passage and we were able to complete the trip without too much rock scraping. The fall colors were beautiful but still had not reached their peak yet. Those enjoying this last scheduled canoe trip of the season were Carol and Jerry Schlather, Bob Hembre, and Claudia and Jerry Tustin.

### Natural Tunnel State Park, Duffield, Va - October 24, 1982 - Jean Brown

The hike was planned to provide a short, easy hike for the recreation of those who do not like long hikes. All present expressed their enjoyment of the hike, the slide presentation, and the railroad museum at the park. Some requested a wildflower hike in the spring at this location. Those participating were: Jeff Baer, Bill Little, Doug Lowman, Tom Meredith and daughters, Dolly and Amy Meredith, Taylor Pickard and daughters Beth and Amy and their friend Ann M. Tustin, and hike leader Jean L. Brown.

### Unaka Mt. via Stamping Ground Ridge Trail and Rattle Snake Ridge Trail - October 31, 1982 - Linda Jewell.

The seven of us were fortunate to enjoy ideal weather and the splendid fall foliage. We hiked up Stamping Ground Ridge Trail to an open sunny spot near the top of Unaka Mt. for lunch and unusually clear views. We descended along Rattlesnake Ridge Trail to Rock Creek Park where some of us soothed tired feet in the cold waters of Rock Creek. The seven hikers were: Pam Chandler, Tony Bower, Martha Levensaler, Maryann Rozier, Eric Middlemas, Stan Murray, and Linda Jewell.

### Appalachian Trail Committee Semi-annual Meeting - November 2, 1982

On November 2, 1982, the club's Appalachian Trail Committee held its semi-annual meeting with the U.S. Forest Service to discuss A.T. problems and concerns. Present for the club were Ray Hunt, Jeff Sirola, Frank Williams, Hugh Thompson and Stan Murray. There were 12 representatives of the Forest Service, from the Watauga and Unaka Districts in Tennessee, Toecane District in North Carolina, and the Cherokee Forest office in Cleveland, Tennessee. Mike Dawson of ATC staff was also present.

The main item of discussion was additional land acquisition needed for the Trail. Pending relocations were discussed. A method was organized for review of a permanent location for the Trail. Other items discussed were major construction work (mostly footway needing to be dug), the Still property, ORV traffic, and trash cleanup.

### King College Wilderness Adventure Club Presentation - November 4, 1982

On November 4, 1982, Ray Hunt and Doug Lowman traveled to King College to present a slide program on the Appalachian Trail in general, the Appalachian Trail Conference, and the activities of our club as they pertain to the A.T. A slide tour of our section of the AT was also presented to the Wilderness Adventure Club.

### Annual Fall Dinner Meeting - November 7, 1982

Eighty-two hiking and canoeing enthusiasts enjoyed a delicious steak dinner Sunday evening, November 7, at the Eastman Cabin during the club's annual fall dinner meeting. The program by Kirk Finch was well-received by the group. Kirk told us of his hiking experiences in Europe and the United Kingdom. A special thanks to Jeff Vanderbilt, Molly Miller, and Steve Falling for the meeting arrangements.

FOR THE RECORD

Beyond 6000, Black Mountains, November 6, 1982 - Bob Miller

Saturday, November 6, dawned cold and clear; in fact, the temperature didn't get above freezing during this hike to Blackstock Knob (6359') and Mt. Gibbes (6560'). Doug Lowman and Bob Miller departed B-215 at 7:30 a.m. and picked up Ed Schell and Tom Dosser in Johnson City. At 10:30 a.m. we hit the trail at Balsam Gap on the Blue Ridge Parkway. The first two miles were a comfortable ramble along an old logging trail. Then began an upward slant toward Blackstock Knob. This was a grueling bushwhack through rhododendren, massive balsam blowdowns, and bramble thickets six to eight feet tall. Scratched and bloodied, we reached the top about 1:00 p.m. Then began another bushwhack toward Rainbow Gap and back down to the logging trail. A shorter but still tough bushwhack took us steeply up from the logging trail to the access road to the radio antennas on Clingman's Peak. Then it was a relatively easy climb to Mt. Gibbes and back down to Stepps Gap on N.C.128 where we had spotted a second car. Visibility was excellent from the few open spots we encountered. Distance: 8 miles; time: 6 hours; elevation change: 2200'; travel distance: about 200 miles. Rate this hike as difficult.

Trail Team Leaders Meeting - November 10, 1982 - Collins Chew

On November 10, 1982, the Trail Maintenance Team Leaders met in Bldg. 284 at lunch for their fall business meeting. Fifteen of the Eighteen leaders were there and in addition several members of the Appalachian Trail Committee attended. Dave Olsen and Van Wilhelm were welcomed as new Team Leaders. Ray Hunt reviewed recent meetings with the Appalachian Trail Conference Board of Managers and the U.S. Forest Service. Conditions seem very good at the moment. The Hump is being bought. Several short relocations will be made at the Hump and Greasy Creek Gap.

Jeff Sirola and Collins Chew discussed several special projects and the December 11 special maintenance trip. Doug Lowman, Jeff Sirola and Grank Williams agreed to lead separate work parties that day.

Stan Murray discussed control of poison ivy. Julian Lewis asked for feedback on signs.

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NOTICE: Trail Maintenance Equipment and the Storage Room in TERC

The annual auditor's inventory of TERC is scheduled for the Monday after Christmas. TERC has requested that all maintenance equipment be returned to our storage room by December 22, so it can be inventoried on December 27. If you find that you wish to be on the Trail doing maintenance over the four day Christmas holiday, prepare a write-it describing the tools you have checked-out. Send this write-it to Kathy Denney, Employee Center, so she knows who has what equipment at inventory time. The equipment being inventoried will be available for check-out on Tuesday, December 28. When returning equipment to the storage room, try to keep the room orderly. TERC has requested that we be more diligent in our housekeeping in the storage room.

Doug Lowman

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NOTICE: Hiking Companion Wanted

Male retired professor, age 61, Appalachian Trail Conference Life Member, seeking a hiking companion for spring, summer, fall, 1983. Prefer trips of 5 to 10 days, 7 - 11 miles per day, sections of the AT between Wesser and Damascus. Have completed the AT from Amicalola (Springer) to Wesser. If interested, please write.

Hugh M. Thomason, 1353 State Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101

T-22334 V. Collins Chew

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## TERC HIKING CLUB

Trip Notice  
(Try Again)

A Winter Hike on AT - Special Maintenance  
Saturday, January 29, 1983

Once again we will venture into the bare woods to enjoy the Trail in the winter and do some needed work. Rain cancelled most of our plans for the December trip. We will do as much as we can with the people who can go:

Most needed work is:

1. Clear blowdowns South of Damacus, Va.
2. Clear briers and blowdowns between Beauty Spot and Unaka Mtn.
3. Clip alder bushes and clear briers between Grassy Ridge and Yellow Mtn. Gap
4. Clear blowdowns near White Rocks Tower
5. Clear briers near Vandeventer Shelter - Iron Mtn.

Again we need several chain saws and bladed weed eaters - (They do a great job on briers). I will furnish hand tools: weeders, clippers, and bow saws. Bring hat, gloves, warm clothes, raingear, lunch and water. Be prepared for severe weather. The trip will be cancelled in case of very bad weather conditions.

Date: Saturday, January 29, 1983  
Meeting Place: Building 215 parking lot, TEC  
Meeting Time: 8:00 a.m.  
Driving Distance: 100 miles - round trip  
Return Time: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (your choice)  
Hike Distance: 2 to 8 miles

Please let Collins Chew know if you plan to go so he can arrange tools and travel.

To: Collins Chew, TEC, Building 66B

1. I would like to go on the January 29, 1983 hike and work trip\_\_\_\_\_.
2. I could bring a chain saw or bladed weedeater\_\_\_\_\_ describe

Signed

Telephone

### Trip Notice

#### Mt. Brumley Hike - February 19, Saturday

The 8 mile trip is an in and out hike along a fire tower maintenance road to the north eastern top of Mt. Brumley. A short side trip will be made from the top of the mountain to the Crevasse's - a "swiss cheese" type formation of sandstone. This hike is rated moderate if there is no snow. If it has snowed the drifts at the top of the mountain can be 2-3ft. Round trip driving of about 130 miles, can be expected. Meet at B-215 parking lot at 7:45 a.m., expect to return about 5:30 p.m.

Contact Ralph Young for further information.

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#### 1983 Steering Committee Election Results

As a result of the recent election, new members to the TEHC Steering Committee are Bill Murdock, Gordon Newland, and Tom Pridgen. These new members will be joining Steve Falling, Lester Church, and Frank Williams, the 1983 chairman, on the committee. If you have questions concerning the club, feel free to contact any of these individuals.

THANKS.....to Doug Lowman, 1982 chairman, for a job well done!

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#### FOR THE RECORD

Bishop's Hollow Work Trip - December 11, 1982 - F. L. Williams

We put up three posts for blazes in the open field. The trail seems well marked now. Cattle are in the area so between the weather and the cattle, the weeds were pretty well under control. Jack did cut some briars.

The Trail coming in from US19E needs some digging to widen the treadway - but that must wait until spring.

Workers were Richard Hanks, Dave Olsen, Jack Young and Frank Williams.

Trip Notice

Winter Dinner Meeting  
February 13, 1983, Sunday  
Eastman Cabin, Bays Mountain

Schedule: 5:15 p.m. Social Hour  
6:00 p.m. Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Meeting and Program

The cabin will be open at 5:15 p.m. with refreshments available for those who would like to enjoy an afternoon hike in Bays Mountain Park or just arrive early and socialize.

The program will include a slide presentation on Virgin Falls Pocket Wilderness by Richard Hanks and a discussion by Todd Horton on taping of joint injuries that might occur with the hiker or canoer. Todd is a podiatrist from Johnson City. His presentation on "Taping for Survival" will include demonstrations of proper techniques to use in applying tape for added support in the case of injury to areas such as the ankle.

Dinner Menu: Roast Sirloin of Beef, creamed potatoes,  
green beans, tossed salad with choice of  
two dressings, dinner rolls and butter,  
chocolate meringue pie, and coffee or tea.

For dinner reservations, send the form below and a check for \$7.00 per person to Doug Lowman, B-150, ECDRL, or 812 Kendrick Creek Road, Kingsport, TN 37663. Make your check payable to TERC. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, February 9, 1983.

Guests are certainly welcome. Come to the cabin for an enjoyable evening of fellowship.

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Return by February 9, 1983

To: Doug Lowman, or 812 Kendrick Creek Rd.  
B-150, ECDRL Kingsport, TN 37663

Please set \_\_\_\_\_ Places (at \$7.00 per person) for me and my guests. I  
enclose my check made payable to TERC for the total cost of \_\_\_\_\_.

From \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_.