

## TERC HIKING CLUB

MAY, 1983



Addressee, please note change of building number here \_\_\_\_\_ and return to Eastman Employee Center, B-310. Hiking Club. My Name is \_\_\_\_\_

Dept. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Payroll No. \_\_\_\_\_

**SOMETHING NEW!!!** Beginning this month all Hiking Club correspondence will be published on a monthly basis. All members will receive a Monthly Newsletter including all events scheduled for that month. This will be mailed the middle of the preceeding month.

Attention: Trip Leaders must keep this new format in mind and get trip notices to the secretary 10 weeks in advance of the date of your outing. Trip Leaders with trips scheduled in JULY must have the trip notice to the secretary by April 22, 1983. Trip Leaders with trips scheduled in AUGUST must have the trip notice to the secretary by May 23, 1983. Trip notices for JUNE trips should be in the mail now!

DATE			TRIP	RATING	LEADER
HIKES					
May 7	Sat.	1 Day	Craggy Dome, Beyond 6000	M	R. W. Miller
May 14	Sat.	1 Day	AT, Hughes Gap to Carvers Gap	M	D. Lowman
May 14	Sat.	1 Day	AT, Watauga Dam Road to US 321	E	S. Banks
May 21	Sat.	1 Day	Laurel Falls	E	A. Meyers
May 27-June 4		9 Days	ATC Meeting, New Paltz, NY	FUN	D. Lowman
May 28-30	Sat.-Mon.	3 Days	Smokey Mt. Backpack	D	J. Vanderbilt
May 30-June 4	Mon.-Sat.	6 Days	AT, Hudson River to Culvers Gap, N.J.	D	D. Nickels
CANOEING					
May 7	Sat.	1 Day	Toe River	II-III	D. Ingram
May 15	Sun.	1 Day	Nolichucky River (Unaka Springs to Sandy Beach)	II	I. Maupin
May 20-22	Fri.-Sun.	3 Days	Canoe School		T. Dougherty
May 28-30	Sat.-Mon.	3 Days	New River (Overnight Canoe Camping)	I-II	P. Folk

For further information on any trips listed above, contact the trip leader.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL - YELLOW MTN. GAP to U.S. 19E, SUNDAY, MAY 1, 1983 (Note date change)

This hike starting in the "Highlands of Roan" will cross open balds and descend through thick forest. We will cover 6-8 miles of moderately difficult trail. A portion of this trail was relocated by TEHC about one year ago - come see your club's handiwork! We will leave B-215 at 8:30 a.m. Driving time is about 2 hrs. (one way). We should be back in Kingsport by 6:00 p.m. Bring lunch, water, raingear, sturdy hiking shoes or boots and dress appropriately for the weather. For more information contact Tom Pridgen.

TOE RIVER CANOE TRIP, MAY 7, 1983

The Toe River, located in Mitchell County, North Carolina, is about an hour and a half drive from Kingsport. The Toe is mainly Class II with a couple of Class III rapids. The shuttle for the entire trip on the river is very long. Therefore, we may run the section from Teecane to Red Hill once before lunch and once after lunch. This section has the most interesting water and an easy, short shuttle. Please bring all needed equipment for safety and comfort. Plan to meet at Bldg. 215 at 8:00 a.m. For more information call Dave Ingram, 282-5856 (J.C.) or 246-7171, ext. 112. Notify Gordon Portor Bldg. 54D if you plan to go on this canoe trip.

Craggy Dome - A Different Beyond 6000 Hike  
Saturday, May 7, 1983

This Beyond 6000 (actually 6080 feet) hike is rated as only moderately difficult because it will be mostly on trail. In order to meet the minimum distance requirement (5 miles), the hike will start at the Craggy Gardens Visitor Center on the Blue Ridge Parkway and come back past the Center at mid-hike so those who wish may hike for a much shorter distance. Total elevation change is estimated at 1500 feet. There should be an abundance of wild flowers along our path. As a special finale for this outing, on the way back we plan to stop at the famous Nu-Wray Inn in Burnsville, North Carolina, for dinner. The meal is served family style and is widely noted for its quality and quantity. Cost is \$8.00 per person for adults and a lesser amount for children, depending on age.

Plan to depart from the parking lot in front of B-215 at 8:30 a.m. Driving distance is approximately 100 miles each way. Expect to get back to Kingsport about 9:30 p.m., if you stay for dinner (6:30 p.m.). Bring rain gear, sturdy shoes, water and lunch. Optional gear - camera, binoculars, and a trail snack. Car pooling is planned and riders should collectively reimburse their driver about 10¢ per mile. Reservations are required for the dinner, and payment must be in my hands by Monday, May 2. For further details, call Bob Miller (288-2572).

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WATAUGA DAM ROAD to U.S. 321 - AT, Saturday, May 14, 1983

This hike will cover the section of the AT between the Watauga Dam Road and U.S. 321, a total distance of 4.4 miles. Except for a short climb near the Watauga Dam Road, the hike will be on fairly level trail and should be rated easy. Bring a lunch, and dress appropriately for the weather. Meet at B-215 at 9:00 A.M., and expect to return to Kingsport by 4:00 P.M. This is a joint TEHC/State of Franklin Group, Sierra Club hike. Additional information and meeting points can be arranged by calling the trip leader, STEVE BANKS, 349-6420.

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A.T. and BEYOND 6000' HIKE - MAY 14, 1983

On Saturday, May 14, 1983, we will hike from Hughes Gap to Carvers Gap along the A.T. Side trips to Roan High Knob (6285') and Roan High Bluff (6267') can be made for those working on the Beyond 6000' group of mountains. Following the A.T., we will climb 4800' over 4.6 miles of hiking. Plan to leave B-215 at 8:00 a.m. Contact Doug Lowman (239-9701) for additional information.

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LAUREL FALLS, SATURDAY, MAY 21

This is a very pleasant day hike of about 5 miles (round-trip) to scenic Laurel Falls off Highway 321 near Hampton, Tennessee. The trail is generally easy with only a couple rough spots to traverse as it parallels Laurel Creek. Being springtime, a variety of wildflowers and mushrooms should be in abundance along the trail so you may wish to bring along a camera. The trail is fairly well-covered by a tree canopy, however, it could be fairly warm and humid; therefore, bring plenty of water and dress accordingly. As rain is always a possibility, bring protective rain gear. We will plan on having lunch at the falls. Departure time will be at 8:30 am from B-215 parking lot with a return time of 4:30 pm; driving time to Hampton is approximately 45 minutes. We will plan on carpooling with the usual reimbursement to drivers (13-15¢/mile). For further information, call Art Meyers at 239-5310.

### FEAGINS GAP, Backpacking for Beginners - May 21-22

This will be an easy 2 1/2 mile overnight backpacking trip at Bays Mountain Park. The hike is level along a good trail and we will camp in a large field in the gap. Drinkable spring water is close by and fires will be permitted. We will meet at B-215 at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and return by 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Tents and backpacks are available at the Employee Center Store for a very modest fee. If you have ever considered backpacking or would just like to camp out for a night this should be the perfect trip for you. A meeting will be held Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss basics of backpacking and camp cooking or to decide if everyone would prefer to go in on food together. This meeting should be a must if this is your first trip. Contact Dave Hrivnak (246-5084) for additional information.

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### NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY A.T. BACKPACKING - MAY 27 - JUNE 3

Planning to attend at A.T. Conference '83 at New Paltz, New York on the weekend of May 27 - June 3? Get the most out of your investment in transportation by staying over the following week and backpacking for 80 miles on the Appalachian Trail in New York and New Jersey. Never been on a full week long backpack before? Here's your chance to break in. We will start at Culver Gap in New Jersey, pass through High Point State Park, cross into New York and finish at the Hudson River. Our daily mileage will be about 13. We will stay in tents, or shelters as available. We'll spend our last night in an old Inn and enjoy a gourmet meal. Other meals will be furnished by the leader on a cost basis or you may provide your own. Expect to return to Kingsport in the evening of Sunday, June 5. Any participant who has not backpacked previously will be required to take part in a shakedown hike to determine their degree of preparation. Contact Darrol Nickels if you plan to share this trip.

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### MEMORIAL WEEKEND SMOKY MOUNTAIN BACKPACK TRIP - MAY 28-30, 1983 (FONTANA DAM TO NEWFOUND GAP VIA AT)

We will leave Kingsport early on May 28. We will probably divide into two groups and hike opposite directions. The 37 mile trip will be of moderate difficulty (for a backpack). Participants will need usual backpack gear: Backpack, raingear, sleeping bag, etc. We may attempt to cook our meals together. We should return to Kingsport sometime during the afternoon of May 30. Since back country space is limited in the Smokies, the number of participants will be limited. Sign up early. If you intend to participate contact Jeff Vanderbilt (247-2957) and give a list of backpacking equipment you have access to.

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### OVERNIGHT CANOE CAMPING - MAY 28 - MAY 29, 1983

(South Fork of the New River, New River, N.C., 88 and 16 bridge at Index to South of Mouth of Wilson, Va.)

The South Fork of the New River is a beautiful, gently flowing river with some Class I water and easy Class II rapids. This trip is suitable for beginners and should be enjoyable for families. We will canoe about 6 hours a day. We should be able to set up camp early and enjoy some swimming and relaxing before supper. The drive over to Index is approx. 3 hrs. and we will leave Kingsport on Sat., May 28, at 6:00 a.m. from the Colonial Heights McDonalds. Plan to arrive in Kingsport on Sun., May 29, at 8:00 p.m. Participants should bring: Canoe, 3 paddles per canoe, life jackets, (Rental equipment is available in the put-in vicinity. If you need to rent equipment, I will be glad to assist you.) All meals, personal gear packed in tough water-proof bag, tent and tennis shoes. Please notify Paul Folk, Building 27, TEC by May 13, 1983, if you plan to participate in this canoe camping trip. Paul will need to have your name, telephone number, canoe partner, his/her telephone number, and if you do or do not have a double canoe rack.

MT. LeCONTE TRIP - JULY 30, 1983 - (Three reservations available)

TEHC is scheduled to spend the night at Mt. LeConte Lodge on Saturday, July 30, 1983. Ten reservations were made for this trip. At this time, three reservations have not been filled for the club. If you are interested in this trip, send \$31.80 per person to Doug Lowman (B-150, TEC or 812 Kendrick Creek Road, Kingsport, TN 37663). Make checks payable to TERC. The three remaining slots will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. Others will be placed on the waiting list. Contact Doug Lowman (239-9701) for additional information.

FOR THE RECORD

Virgin Falls Pocket Wilderness - March 19, 20, 1983 - R. A. Hanks

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In spite of the drive and the threatening weather five brave hikers made the trail to Virgin Falls. The weather was excellent, no rain and the temperature perfect for hiking. At least five varieties of early wildflowers and four waterfalls were seen. R. A. Hanks, B. F. Malone, F. L. Williams, Bill Malone and F. J. Lewis made the hike.

Doe River Canoe Trip - March 19, 1983 - Rick Phelps

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The Doe River Canoe Trip scheduled for March 19 was aborted by an unusual combination of low water in Virginia and high water in Tennessee and North Carolina. A Voliant effort was made to find a runnable stream by three wet-suit equipped paddlers. Unfortunately, with the Doe, Elk and Nolichucky and their tributaries near flood stage, our nearby Va. alternatives (Big Moccasin and Copper Creek) were too low. Bruce Chamberlin, Warren McLain and I spent an enjoyable morning touring favorite put-ins, but were forced to leave the Old Blue Holes on the cars. Mother Nature strikes again!

Copper Creek Canoe Trip - March 27, 1983 - Terry Dougherty

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This trip started in a driving rain storm, but by lunchtime we started to see a little blue sky which turned mostly sunny by the end of the trip. The water level was very low which caused a lot of dragging but made it easy to slowdown for the four barbedwire fences and three trees across the creek that we had to negotiate. We did not see the expected number of turtles and snakes (too cold), however we did see some wildlife along the bluffs and cliffs of Copper Creek. We saw a large crane with toes 4 inches long (tracks in shallow water), four wild ducks, three Scott County fisherman, two tame ducks, one baby skunk and hundreds of fish. On the trip were Vicki Borlaug, Dave Borlaug, Jerry Tustin and Terry Dougherty.

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1983 WHITEWATER RIVER CANOEING SCHOOL - MAY 17, 21-22

This years Whitewater River Canoeing School will be held on TUESDAY, MAY 17 and SATURDAY/SUNDAY, MAY 21-22, 1983. The Tuesday session will be in room 219, Eastman Employee Center from 7:00-9:45 p.m. The Saturday and Sunday class will be on the river. The class will be open to both intermediate and beginner canoeist and is designed to teach the basic skills necessary for safe whitewater canoeing. Participants will provide their own equipment, including canoe, paddles, and lifejacket. All equipment needs will be discussed at the Tuesday evening meeting. Cost of the school is \$2.00 per person. This includes the traditional end-of-canoe-trip refreshments. Text books are available at a cost of \$4.00. Registration is required and should be mailed to J. T. Dougherty, B-150 before May 10, 1983.

Mail application and \$2.00 per/person and \$4.00 per book to: J. T. Dougherty, B-150

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Solo  
Tandem

Partners Name if Tandem \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

I don't have a Canoe partner, but would like to be paired with someone.

I would like                      textbook(s) "Basic River Canoeing" priced at \$4.00 each.