

TERC HIKING CLUB

SEPTEMBER, 1983



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DATE			TRIP	RATING	LEADER
Sept. 3-5	Sat.-Mon.	3 Days	Multi-Club Meeting	Fun	F. Williams
Sept. 9-18		10 Days	Yosemite National Park	D	J. Thompson
Sept. 10	Sat.	1 Day	AT, Camp Creek Bald to Allen Gap	M	K. Edgar
Sept. 13	Tues.	1 Day	Pond Mt.	M	F. Oglesby
Sept. 17	Sat.	1 Day	AT, U.S. 19E to Carvers Gap	M	S. Banks
Sept. 18	Sun.	1 Day	Cave Hike, Unthanks Cave	M	G. Kramer
Sept. 24	Sat.	1 Day	Mt. Cammerer	D	R. Young

CANOEING SCHEDULE

Sept. 10, 11	Sat., Sun.	2 Days	Nantahala River	II/III	D. Ingram
Sept. 17	Sat.	1 Day	Hiwassee	I/II	R. Phelps

ATTENTION ALL CANOERS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED September 4, 1983 - Warrior's Path Triathlon

Our club has again this year volunteered to help with the water safety of the Warrior's Path Triathlon swim event scheduled for the morning of September 4, 1983. We played a big part in this swim event in last year's Triathlon. Because of the very cold water and the early morning fog our canoes helped pull a good number of swimmers from the lake. Our experience and help is greatly needed to keep this part of the Triathlon safe. Contact Terry Dougherty, B-54, Telephone 323-2647.

1983 SOUTHERN REGIONAL MULTI-CLUB WEEKEND - LABOR DAY

The 1983 Labor Day weekend Multi-Club meeting will be held at the Apple Tree Group Camp in the Nantahala National Forest in North Carolina. Dates for the meeting include Friday, September 2, through Monday, September 5, 1983. The entire campground is reserved for this meeting. Bring your tent or trailer and enjoy a weekend full of activities. Saturday night campfire will present storyteller Bill Hart of Arden, N.C., to talk about the Great Smokies - an interesting combination of story telling, history, science, and personal experiences in the area. Sunday evening campfire will include slides from the participating clubs, so bring your favorite slides. Bring your hiking boots and enjoy three full days of hiking and fellowship. More information is available by contacting Frank Williams (245-8414) or Collins Chew (239-6237).

ALAT - GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS TREK - Sept. 9-11, 1983 (D)

The American Lung Association of Tennessee is sponsoring a Great Smoky Mountains Trek, September 9-11, 1983. This is a fund raising event and all participating hikers are expected to obtain pledges totaling \$250.00, minimum. Anyone interested in participating please contact Frank Williams at 245-8414 for registration forms.

SEPTEMBER IS A GREAT MONTH FOR HIKING AND CANOEING - DON'T MISS THE ENJOYMENT OF JUST BEING OUTDOORS!!

AT - ALLEN GAP to CAMP CREEK BALD, SEPTEMBER 10, 1983 (M)

This will be a moderate length hike on the AT north of the Smokies. We will climb from Allen Gap to the ridgecrest at Camp Creek Bald, where we will enjoy excellent views from the firetower, weather permitting. The hike is only seven miles but does involve an elevation gain of about 2500 ft. Bring lunch, water, rain gear and good shoes. We will gather at B-215 at 8:00 A.M. Call Kevin Edgar at 239-5742 for more information or to arrange to be picked up en route.

NANTAHALA RIVER - CANOE TRIP - SEPTEMBER 10, 11, 1983 - SATURDAY & SUNDAY (II-III)

The Nantahala is a favorite of many whitewater paddlers. The 8 mile run is mostly class II with a class III at the beginning and at the end of the trip. Both class III's can be portaged. Driving time is approximately 3 1/2 hours each way. Camping or other accommodations will be left to each individual along with the necessary food needed. For more information and registration (Registration is required) contact Dave Ingram at 246-7171, ext. 112 work, or home 282-5856 Johnson City, TN. Departure time will be given at the time of registration.

POND MOUNTAIN HIKE - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1983 (M)

This Pond Mountain hike is rated moderate and the distance is approximately 6 miles. Because this hike is scheduled for a weekday, TUESDAY, we will leave from the north side of the TEC Employee Center at 8:00 a.m. on September 13, 1983. We should return to Kingsport by 5:00 p.m. Contact Frank Oglesby at 245-5447 if interested in this trip.

HIWASSEE RIVER CANOE TRIP, (I-II) - SEPTEMBER 17-18, 1983
OCOEE RAFTING (COMMERCIAL) - (II-IV)

This will be the first trip for TEC paddlers on the Hiwassee, a state scenic river. The Hiwassee flows through 90% forested areas which accounts for it's purity and clarity. The section we will paddle is wide and nearly all class I with about three class II rapids. It is suitable for beginners yet interesting for the more experienced paddler. We will canoe a 5 mile section located in the Cherokee National Forest about 20 miles east of Cleveland, TN. Pre-registration by 9-2-83 is requested because of the slight possibility that TVA will not be generating. Driving time is about 3 1/2 hours each way. If there is enough interest, some may spend Friday and Saturday nights at Twin Springs or Gee Creek campground near the river. Please send your name, telephone number, if you can drive, car capacity, and if you are interested in camping or the Ocoee (Guided) raft trip on Sunday to: Rich Phelps, B-54 or call 288-7532.

CARVERS GAP to U.S. 19E - AT - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1983 (M-D)

This hike will cover one of the most magnificent sections of the entire AT, through the "Highlands of Roan", an area of grassy balds and scenic vistas. Because of the distance (about 11 miles) and the considerable change in elevation, the hike should be rated moderately difficult. Bring a lunch, raingear, and sturdy boots or shoes. Meet at B-215 at 8:00 a.m. Additional meeting points can be arranged by calling Steve Banks at 349-6420. This is a joint Tennessee Eastman Hiking Club/State of Franklin Group, Sierra Club hike.

CAVE HIKE, UNTHANKS CAVE - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1983 (M)

Meet at B-215 at 9:00 a.m. and plans are to return by 6:00 p.m. to Kingsport. Travel time to the cave is approximately 2 hours. Since the cave is 55° and 100% relative humidity, dress warm. Bring flashlight, lunch, water, helmet and change of clothes. A helmet is required and a helmet mounted light is preferred to flashlight. Trip leader can supply helmets and some mounted lights. Please contact Greg Kramer at 239-7667 if you plan to go.

MT. CAMMERER - SMOKY MOUNTAINS - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1983 (D)

We will ascend Mt. Cammerer (elev. 4928 ft.) from Cosby Campground (elev. 2400 ft.) in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park VIA Cosby Creek and the AT. We will descend along the AT to Davenport Gap (elev. 1900 ft.). Total distance will be about 12 miles. Mt. Cammerer is the northern most peak in the Smoky Mountains and commands a 360° view of the surrounding area. Bring your lunch and be prepared for rain, cool weather and windy conditions. Bring sturdy boots because the trail is rocky in places. Roundtrip driving distance is about 190 miles and car poolers should expect a cost of \$16.00 per car. We will leave B-215 at 8:00 a.m. and return about 6:30 p.m. Call Ralph Young at 288-7842 for more information.

FOR THE RECORD

AT-U.S. 321 to DENNIS COVE ROAD - June 18, 1983 - Steve Banks

This hike involved a three mile ascent to the crest of Pond Mountain, a descent into Laurel Fork gorge, and a pleasant walk along an old railroad grade to Dennis Cove Road. Except for a few exceptionally steep places on Pond Mountain, this section is not nearly as difficult as some previous complaints had led us to believe. The trail is in good shape, and no blowdowns were seen. A new wild flower, the "Pond Mountain rose", was identified (?). A brief rain shower came through during the afternoon, but we were able to wait it out in the Laurel Fork Shelter. All in all the five of us had a very enjoyable hike. The hike was about 10 miles long.

GRANDFATHER MTN. HIKE - June 25, 1983 - G. K. Finch

Due to the size of the crowd we changed plans and hiked from the mile high bridge to Calloway Peak and back. Although there was a lot of haze in the air, the weather was just about perfect. The rocks and ladders and peaks were just as big and high as I had remembered them. If you haven't hiked up to at least MacRae peak you are missing some spectacular cliffs and views. We had the added attraction of watching two hang gliders circle over us for about an hour, with one of them diving to about 50 feet from us and the cliffs. Mildred the bear is getting fat on marshmallows and the one cougar we saw is still sleek and ferocious looking. Hikers were Kirk Finch, Rodney Gray, Judy McClanahan and Gordon Newland.

HIWASSEE CANOE TRIP - July 9, 1983 - Phil Farrow

This canoe trip was cancelled due to lack of interest. Those wishing to see this trip rescheduled should contact Phil Farrow.

BITTER END TO DENNIS COVE - AT - July 16, 1983 - Steve Banks

This was a very enjoyable hike from Bitter End, along the crest of White Rocks Mountain, to Dennis Cove. Due to the high humidity and haziness, views from the crest were very limited. Those on the hike were Ann Aitken, Rodney Gray, Doug Lowman, Jack Young, Taylor, Beth, and Amy Pickard, and Steve Banks.

WATAUGA RIVER CANOE TRIP - July 23, 1983 - Warren McLain

With TVA generating at "full load" at Wilbur and Watauga Dams we had lots of cold and fast water from Siam Community through Elizabethton, to the town of Watauga. The generous amount of water gave us more than the usual amount of action on the lower section of the trip. A good time was had by all. We had six canoes and ten people. Participants were: Bill Crawford/Steve Falling, Judy McClanahan/Bruce Haney, Tom Pridgen/John Faust, Eugene Dobbs/Ernie Cos, Art Mullins and Warren McLain.

19E TO HIGH POINT CHURCH HIKE - JULY 23, 1983 - Gordon Newland

Four hikers strolled through the relocated section of the AT from High Point Church to 19E on July 23. We found the section overgrown and badly in need of maintenance. Since it was such a short hike we extended it a mile or so north of High Point Church. The log bridges in Campbell Hollow are a big help. One more log bridge is needed. Hikers were: John Von Bramer, Jack Young, Rodney Gray and Gordon Newland.

THUNDERHEAD HIKE - August 27, 1983 - Raphy Young.

Due to the hike leader's marriage plans this hike had to be cancelled. Those interested in seeing this hike rescheduled should contact Ralph Young.

NOLICHUCKY GORGE CANOE TRIP - August 7, 1983 - Ben Becker

Although the water level was fairly low, there was enough flow through the gorge to cause several upsets and a pinned boat. All were rescued safely and the recovery of the pinned boat evolved into a lunch stop. The weather was sunny for most of the trip and the scenery in the gorge was spectacular. We did run into an afternoon thunderstorm and pulled off the river for about 15 minutes to let it pass. Those participating in the trip were Ben Becker, Earl Brown, Paul Folk, Kurt Kauffman, Gordon Porter, Jim Steffen, and Jerry Tustin. Thank you to the sweep and those who assisted in rescue.