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AUGUST 1984 NEWSLETTER



\* \* \* \* \* TRIP NOTICES \* \* \* \* \*

(D) HIKE NOTICE - Western Montana Backpack

Leader - Doug Lowman

(Scheduled - August 4 - 12) Preregistration was necessary for this trip, so if you are registered, don't forget to go.

(D) WORK TRIP - Hump Mountain

Leader - Gordon Newland

(Scheduled - August 4 &/or 5) This is your last opportunity to join the Konnarock volunteers working on this important project. The volunteers will be there from Thursday, August 2 until Monday, August 6. Let's have a large turnout for their last weekend with us. For more information contact Gordon Newland, B-150 or 246-8845.

(Class I-II) CANOE TRIP - Watauga River

Leader - Charles LeBlanc

(Scheduled - Saturday, August 11) The river is Class I-II and the section canoed is approximately 5 miles long. The put in is in Elizabethton and the take out will be at the old power station outside of Johnson City. Bring proper safety equipment, lunch, and beverage. Meeting place will be at Burger King in Colonial Heights at 8 a.m. Pre-register by calling 245 6622.

head. Hikers are required to get \$250 in donations to the ALA. However, teams can be formed where one member does the hiking and the other member does the fund raising. The ALA has fund raisers and needs hikers. If you are interested in full participation or participating as a hiker contact Gordon Newland for registration form. Call 246-8845 or write 1917 E. Sevier Ave., Kingsport, TN 37664.

\*\*\*\*\* FOR THE RECORD \*\*\*\*\*

Newfound Gap to Davenport Gap - May 26 - 28, 1984                      Reporting - Kevin Edgar  
Comments of those who stayed behind in Kingsport indicate that this was an historic trip, being perhaps the first recorded instance of a weekend when less rain fell in the Smokies than in Kingsport. It rained each day in the Smokies, but only once while we were not under cover and then only for about one-half hour. We had quite a bit of sunshine to illuminate those beautiful views and that magnificent country. Once again trailside, chicken curry proved to be an effective remedy for sore feet and muscles, and the group successfully battled a horde of five-pound gnats for dinner Sunday night. The final day featured the long, foot-jarring descent to Davenport Gap, an encounter in which Richard reportedly scared the bear more than it scared him, and the remarkable sight of five hikers with their backpacks crammed into a VW Rabbit driving through scenic Gatlinburg. A thoroughly enjoyable weekend of hiking and camaraderie was capped off by a much-deserved feed in Gatlinburg Monday evening. Comrades included Gether Irick, Karen Watkins, Richard Lane, Judy McClanahan, and Kevin Edgar.

Spivey Gap Relocations - Saturday, June 2, 1984                      Reporting - Doug Lowman  
On Saturday, June 2, 1984, Ralph Young and Doug Lowman met Melinda Waldrep (USFS - Asheville Office) and Morgan Sommerville (ATC Southern Field Representative) at Spivey Gap to consider three AT Relocations in the area. A short relocation to set the trail off a logging road near the gap was approved. A better alternative compared to removing the trail from the Oglesby Branch drainage was flagged. This alternate relocation involves