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			<u>Leader</u>	
Feb. 9	APES/TEHCC Joint Winter Party	Fun	Mike Morrow	423-245-8045
Feb. 10	AT Relocation w ith ETSU students near Iron Mt. Gap	Maintenance	Carl Fritz	
Feb. 10	S900M: Leader's Choice	AA/2/A	Garry Luttrell	423-239-9854
Feb. 17	Smokies Dayhike: Ramsey Cascades	B/2/B	Wes and Lauren Moyer	423-239-9653
Feb. 23	Maintenance Dinner	Fun	Carl Fritz	423-477-4669
Mar. 10	Guest River Gorge or Little Stoney Creek	B/3/C	Vic Hasler	423-239-0388
Mar. 24	AT Relocation w ith ETSU students near Iron Mt. Gap	Maintenance	Carl Fritz	
Mar. 23-24 (Fri. - Sat.)	Backpack: Grayson Highlands State Park	A/3/C	Jay and Megan Nelson	423-863-5768
Mar. 23-25 (Fri. - Sun.)	S900M: backpack trip	AA/2/A	Garry Luttrell	423-239-9854

For an explanation of the hike ratings, see [Hiking Schedule](#).

Annual Maintenance Dinner - Friday February 23, 2007

We will have our annual dinner to kick off the primary maintenance season on Friday, February 23 at the Eastman Lodge in conference room A.

5:30 Social Time
6:00 Dinner

6:30

Meeting and Open Discussion

Mary Cunningham and Ed Oliver have graciously again volunteered to provide dinner. If you have been before, you know you can't beat the quality for the few dollars cost.

Carl will have a packet of information for each maintenance section.

Please contact Carl Fritz (423)477-4669 or to let me know how many people may come for dinner, so we can plan accordingly for the meals.

APES/TEHCC Joint Winter Party Friday February 9, 2007 (7:00pm – 11:00pm)

The 2007 annual APE's Winter Party will be another joint party with our friends from the Tennessee Eastman Hiking and Canoeing Club (TEHCC). The party will be held at the Eastman Lodge.

As in the past, we will have a covered dish dinner. The club will provide main dish, bread, soft drinks, ice, cups, plates, napkins, and eating utensils. Everyone should bring an appetizer, vegetable, salad, or desert, along with an appropriate serving utensil. Of course, it's BYOB if desired. APE's t-shirts, sweatshirts and stickers will be on sale. Start your Christmas shopping early this year. For questions, call Mike Morrow at (423) 245-8045.

We will have exciting whitewater videos. Feel free to bring any you have to watch. Bring your used gear to sell.

So come on out and enjoy the fun, food and fellowship at the annual Joint APE's/TEHCC Winter Party.

Directions to the Eastman Lodge:

If you know how to get to Bay's Mountain Park, you know how to get there. When you get to the Y in the road that goes to Bay's Mountain Park to the left and Eastman Recreation area to the right, go right. The Lodge is on the left after you enter the recreation area. You can't miss it. If you do not know how to get to the park, follow these directions: Get to (I-181 or I-26) / I-81 split and go north toward Kingsport. Exit the interstate at the Meadow view Parkway exit and make a left turn. You are now on Meadow view Parkway/Reservoir Rd. Follow the small brown signs that direct you to Bay's Mountain Park on Reservoir Rd. There will be a lot of curves in the road. Be sure not to veer off Reservoir Rd. in the turns. Other roads connect to reservoir in a few of the turns. There will be a large sign directing you to take a right off Reservoir to get to Bay's Mountain Park. Take this right. You will come to the Y in the road. Go right at the Y to enter the Eastman Recreation Area. The lodge is on the left after you enter the recreation area.

TEHCC's 60th Anniversary as an Appalachian Trail Maintaining Club

In 1947 the Tennessee Eastman Hiking Club, in our second year of existence, took on responsibility for maintaining a section of the Appalachian Trail between the Nolichucky River and Spivey Gap, a little over 6 miles. Before that year ended we had 31 miles, and soon thereafter we assumed responsibility for the Club's current section from Spivey Gap to Damascus, which now amounts to 132 miles. We have the fourth longest section of any of the 31 Appalachian Trail maintaining clubs, and through the dedicated efforts of many past and present volunteers we have a section we can be proud of.

This year marks our 60th anniversary as an AT-maintaining club, and we would like to commemorate it by recognizing our past and present volunteers. We will be pulling together historical Club maintenance information into a presentation we can archive and potentially share at an upcoming dinner meeting. We also plan a challenge program for 2007, with volunteers who put in at least 60

hours of AT maintenance earning a 60th anniversary cap for their efforts. We have folks already out doing construction and blowdown clearing, so you can start earning hours today! If you'd like to help out but don't know how, get in touch with our AT Committee Chair, Joe DeLoach, or our Maintenance Coordinator, Carl Fritz, . We'll have more information in subsequent newsletters as our 60th anniversary maintenance recognition program unfolds.



TEHCC Welcomes New Members

Nicholas Barbre

Jason Barger
Michael Boggs
Bill Dickason
Noah Glenn McMillan
Mark Mokry
Adam Russell
Benjamin Neal Trotter
Dawei Xu
Dong Zhang

New members are eligible for a free dinner at the next Dinner Meeting.

Scheduled Hiking, Paddling and Trail Maintenance Opportunities

For an explanation of the hike ratings, see [Hiking Schedule](#).

Hike location, Month day year

Leader: Leaders Name, Phone no;

Rating: A/2/B

Text of hike description



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