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Fall Dinner Meeting – Friday, November 3, 2017

By this date, the weather may be turning colder, thus a great time to gather inside to enjoy a meal together with friends while hearing about an adventure. Ben Barry, new ATC SORO Trail Facilities Manager, will share his experiences working with the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). They may have not been as *Wild* as the movie, but will provide us with a perspective of a different long-distance trail.

Event	Time	Details
Fall Dinner Meeting	5:30pm	Location: Eastman Lodge, Main Banquet Hall 404 Bays Mountain Road, Kingsport, TN
Happy "Trails" Hour	5:30pm-6:30pm	Donations accepted for beer and wine, or BYOB
Dinner: Kabob skewers, Baked potato, Salad bar, Rolls, Cobbler, Tea/Coffee	6:30pm-7:15pm	Catered by Sugar & Spice Catering (\$10 per adult)
Club Business	7:15pm-8:00pm	Update of club activities
Special Program: Pacific Crest Trail	8:00pm-9:00pm	Ben Barry

There is no charge for attending the program only. If you would like to eat, please ensure your reservation has been received by Monday, October 30th 8:00am so that a final headcount can be given to the caterer. A reservation form is located at the end of this newsletter or click [here](#) for a printable copy.

TEHCC Rental Equipment: HA-4 – MSR PocketRocket Backpacking Stove



Submitted by Vic Hasler

This stove weighs 3 ounces, but can get a liter of water to boiling in roughly 3.5 minutes. Since the isobutane-propane fuel canister is fully separate, Eastman Recreation allowed the club to purchase (\$40) this stove for the rental fleet. It is simple to operate with no priming, preheating or pressurizing required. Screw on the canister, turn the stove on, light with a match or Bic lighter, and start cooking. Safety point: Make sure the fuel canister is placed on level ground for stability.

Note that B-310 will not have or accept any fuel. You'll need to provide fuel for your trip. Any canister fuel is suitable, while those containing isobutane are better for cold weather. Walmart sells Coleman 8 oz. butane/propane fuel mix for ~\$5 each and Primus 3.5 oz. Power Gas Canisters for \$7. Eight ounces of fuel will provide roughly one hour of cooking time.

TEHCC Welcomes New Members

Mike Horner

Joseph Howie

Event Schedule – Next Two Months

For the latest, up-to-date information, see tehcc.org/schedule.

For information on APEs/TEHCC paddling events, see <http://regions.worldkayak.com/tri-cities/category/regional-events/>.

Date	Description	Contact	Telephone
September 16	Old Dug Trail	Vic Hasler	423-239-0388
September 16	3 rd Saturday, Hiking with Tools!	Kim Peters	423-366-0128
September 16	APE's Lower Gauley River Trip	Wesley Bradley	423-647-1321
October 7	A.T.: TN 91 to Double Springs Shelter	Vic Hasler	423-239-0388
October 9	UNC Charlotte Trail Maintenance	Carl Fritz	423-477-4669

Standard Hike Information

Hikes leaving from "Colonial Heights" gather at the parking lot below McDonalds, 4317 Fort Henry Drive, which is NW of I-81 Exit 59. The "Johnson City" meeting location is behind Parkway Discount Wine & Liquor just off I-26 Exit 24 at the intersection of University Parkway and South Roan Street. The "Gate City" spot is up on the hill above US 23 at Kane Street intersection (traffic light) by Food Lion. All hikes will leave promptly to stay on schedule. Carpooling is encouraged with passengers providing a few dollars each towards gas.

Bring adequate water, snack/lunch, clothing appropriate for the weather, comfortable footwear, headgear/sun protection, bug spray, camera, and trekking poles as desired. At the discretion of the hike leader, the family dog can come, if friendly, and kept on leash. Walking speed is typically 2 mph including rest breaks. For more information, check the trail wiki (click on hike title if underlined for the link) or call the hike leader. It is appropriate to contact the hike leader to let them know that you are interested in coming and provide a cell phone number in case plans change for either party. An activity release form is signed by everyone going on the hike – and it helps capture the names and spelling for the trip report. Good digital photos from the hike are appreciated for the newsletter and trail wiki.

Details of Upcoming Events

Recurring Events

TEHCC Steering Committee Meeting - Usually every second Tuesday of the month, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Contact: [Kay Parker](#), 423-963-8461

Location: Eastman Chemical Company, Kingsport, TN; Bldg 75 PCRA

The Steering Committee guides the general program for the club. The Committee normally meets at lunchtime on the second Tuesday of each month. Meetings are open to all TEHCC members. Bring your lunch or grab a bite at the B-75 cafeteria. After going through the turnstiles at the main B-75 entrance, continue straight. The room is immediately to the right. Members who are not current Eastman employees need to contact a member of the Steering Committee at least three days prior to arrange for a temporary visitor's pass.

Tuesday Evenings: Johnson City Roll Practice, 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Contact: [Wesley R. Bradley](#), 423-647-1321

Come join the [J.A.W.](#), [Mahoney's Outfitters](#), [APEs](#), and other paddlers from our region at Freedom Hall Pool for tips about basic kayaking skills. Have you already mastered the basics and have a bomb proof roll? There is still a lot of fun to be had at our pool session by practicing your flat-water freestyle moves and fellowshiping with other paddlers. Admission to the pool is \$2; rolling advice is free! Contact the pool office (423- 461-4872) for session confirmation or questions regarding the facility.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Note: The J.A.W. provides the current fleet of boats for demo at the pool session, but neither the pool nor the J.A.W. provides paddling equipment (paddle, spray skirt, etc.). If you are just starting out in the sport and do not have your own equipment, please post a message on the [APEs yahoo group site](#) or contact [Wesley R. Bradley](#). We will try our best to get you outfitted for the night! Also feel free to contact Wesley for any other questions or comments you may have.

Most Thursdays: Weekly A.T. Trail Maintenance

Contact: [Carl Fritz](#), 423-477-4669, atvolunteer@tehcc.org

Join a group of maintainers who work somewhere on our 133.6-mile section each week, usually on Thursdays.

3rd Saturday, Hiking with Tools!

Contact: [Kim Peters](#), 423-366-0128

Hiking with Tools! is an opportunity to enjoy a day hike on our beautiful section of the A.T. while helping out with some routine maintenance such as cleaning out waterbars and steps, lopping rhododendron, breaking up fire rings, and painting blazes. All tools will be furnished and no prior experience required! Last year we typically had four to five people on each trip. The more people who show up, the less work each individual has to do, and the trip becomes a nice hike - with tools! Contact Kim Peters (atmaint@tehcc.org) for hike details, including meeting time and place.

Thursday Evenings: Kayak Session, Kingsport Aquatic Center, 7 – 9 pm

Contact: [Ryan Shealy](#), 423-963-6066

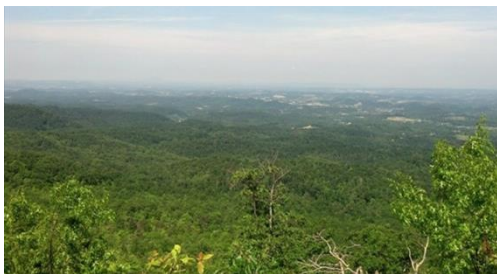
Interested in kayaking but don't know where to start? Basic kayak training and practice is available in Kingsport on Thursdays at the [Kingsport Aquatic Center](#)! During the summer, we will be in the outdoor pool, but in case of rain, the center will partition off part of the indoor pool for us. Admission is \$3 for two full hours of fun; Aquatic Center members may attend free! If you have equipment, you may drop it off at the gate to the outdoor pool, or in case of rain, at the door closest to the indoor pool; then enter the main door to pay at the front desk. The pool does not provide paddling equipment, but if you are just starting out and do not have your own gear, please contact Ryan Shealy (423-963-6066). For additional event details, click [here](#).

Third Thursday Socials, YEE-HAW Brewery/White Duck Taco, 6:30pm – 8:30 pm

Leader: [Steven Adams](#), 423-534-3636

Come join your fellow APEs the third Thursday of every month at YEE-HAW Brewery/ White Duck Taco Johnson City, TN (6:30-8:30). This is a social event for all APEs members and prospective members. This is to provide an opportunity for all paddlers novice to expert and flat-water to Class V to make friends while playing bocce ball, corn hole and enjoying tacos and beverages. We will casually discuss any topics of interest such as equipment, safety, swims, carnage, and weekend paddling plans. This event may change location in the future to meet up with "Paddle to the Grill". If possible please rsvp before going to get an area saved but walk ins are welcomed. Message Steven Adams (campingskeeter@gmail.com) with any questions.

Scheduled Events



Old Dug Trail, Saturday, September 16, 2017

Leader: [Vic Hasler](#), 423-239-0388

Rating: *Four miles hiking of medium difficulty to an overlook on west side of Holston Mountain*

This hike is exploratory in that the hike leader has not been on this trail before. The recent outdoor insert of a local paper listed several trails, including this one, but it was obvious that the article's author did not have first-hand experience. Two information sources describe an older trail / forest service road leading 2.1 miles up

the west side of Holston Mountain to an overlook with an expansive view. Since cooler Fall temperatures are hopefully coming in September, let's map the path using a GPS receiver and take a few pictures to improve the club's trail wiki page.

Meet in Colonial Heights at 8:30am for an hour drive to the trailhead. I'm expecting 90 minutes up the yellow-blazed path to reach the overlook. We'll enjoy the views and lunch, then head back down; back home before about 2pm. For further information, please call/e-mail the hike leader.

APE's Lower Gauley River Trip, Saturday September 16, 10am – 5pm

Leader: Wesley Bradley, 423-647-1321

Where: Gauley River National Recreation Area, Victor, WV 25938 ([map](#))

Join the APE's on Gauley Fest Weekend on the river! We will put in at Woods Ferry and take-out at Swiss. Class III-IV(V)

AW Beta links for river section: <http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/detail/id/3128/>

<http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/detail/id/2379/>

Contact Wesley for trip details and to sign-up for the trip: 423-647-1321.

A.T.: TN 91 to Double Springs Shelter, Saturday, October 7, 2017

Leader: [Vic Hasler](#), 423-239-0388

Rating: Six mile round trip in-out with 630' elevation change to measure the A.T. after relocation

With assistance of the ASU Watauga Residential College freshmen, several relocations were opened on August 18th along this A.T. section. This hike is to confirm that the official trail distance between the highway and the shelter is still 3.0 miles as stated in the A.T. data and guide books, using a rolling wheel.

Meet in Colonial Heights at 8:30am for an hour drive to the trailhead. I'm expecting 90 minutes up the ridgeline to reach the shelter. After enjoying lunch, we'll head back down at a faster pace. Roughly back home before 2pm. For further information, please call/e-mail the hike leader.

For the Record

Pinnacle Mountain Fire Tower, August 5, 2017

Vic Hasler reporting

The purpose of this hike was to provide a ten-mile trek for the BSA Hiking merit badge. Only Zane from Troop 387 took advantage of the opportunity. However, it was a gorgeous day to be on a trail with slightly cooler breeze and blue skies. From the lookout tower, 360-degree views allowed points all around to be identified. Some of the group were interested in white structures to the east which are Scott's tomato farm and a tire distribution center.

The nearby photo is showing some of the half dozen Orange Fringed Orchids seen in a sharp bend of the trail. At least a dozen wildflowers were observed blooming various colors.

David Jewell and Vic Hasler were the TEHCC members who were joined by seven others from Troop 387 and their friends. Another TEHCC member seen heading up this trail with her trekking poles was Phyllis Cairnes.



A.T. Maintenance Reports

Reporting: Lynn DiFiore

Date: 7/9/2017

Purpose: Routine maintenance

Location: Section 14b, Overmountain Shelter to Little Hump

People: Lynn DiFiore, Lyndsey Smith, Eilidh (canine)

Summary: I spent some time checking the trail conditions since we were gone for a while. I cut back the worst of the briars with a plan to return next weekend. I cut out one small blowdown with the hand saw, and removed a large amount of trash from the barn and the campsite at Little Hump. I also dispersed the recurring fire ring at Little Hump.

Reporting: Lynn DiFiore

Date: 7/13/2017

Purpose: Cut vegetation

Location: Section 14b, Overmountain Shelter to Stan Murray Shelter

People: Lynn DiFiore

Summary: I used the trimmer to cut back the weeds from the barn to Stan Murray. I made good progress despite the afternoon t-storms. I also conducted the condition assessment survey for Stan Murray Shelter. Conditions were very muddy.

Reporting: Lynn DiFiore

Date: 7/14/2017

Purpose: Cut vegetation

Location: Section 14b, Overmountain Shelter to Bradley Gap

People: Lynn DiFiore

Summary: Imagine my surprise when I showed up and found some Good Samaritan had cut vegetation for a ways trail north from Yellow Mountain Gap. Not knowing if my day would be spent on "trimmer carrying practice" or not, I continued on and found plenty of weeds to cut to Bradley Gap. I dispersed the recurring fire ring at Little Hump and removed minimal trash from the barn. Muddy conditions have caused the hikers to create even more braided trails in the relo area past Little Hump.

Reporting: Craig Haire

Date: 7/20/2017

Purpose: Clear trailside vegetation

Location: Section 20a, Nolichucky River to Temple Hill Gap, South end of section

People: Craig Haire

Summary: I weed whacked about a mile of trail; met one southbound thru-hiker.

Reporting: Eric Middlemas

Date: 7/24/2017

Purpose: Remove blowdowns

Location: Section 17, Iron Mountain Gap to Cherry Gap Shelter

People: Eric Middlemas, Rich Ritter, Wayne Jones

Summary: We removed five large blowdowns between Iron Mtn Gap and Cherry Gap Shelter. We also removed trash from around shelter and checked water sources. Both springs are running well.

Reporting: Paul Benfield

Date: 7/26/2017

Purpose: Mow grass

Location: Section 14b, Overmountain Shelter

People: Paul Benfield, Ted Mowery

Summary: We mowed and cut weeds at the camping area and along the trail to the privy. We also cut weeds around the shelter and cleared rocks in the camping area. The water source is running great. The gate was found unlocked. We had tire trouble which took a long time to alleviate.

Reporting: Richard Carter

Date: 7/27/2017

Purpose: Cut encroaching vegetation

Location: Section 14c, North side of Grassy Ridge

People: Richard Carter

Summary: I cut encroaching vegetation, mostly briars and nettles. I have completed cutting from Stan Murray Shelter up to the upper switchbacks.

Reporting: Jim Chambers

Date: 7/29/2017

Purpose: Prepare for Wright State outing

Location: Section 17, 1.7 miles south of Iron Mountain Gap

People: Jim Chambers, Connie Squires

Summary: We prepped the trail for the Wright State outing scheduled for 8/22. We felled enough locust for 300 feet of cribbing and five steps, to include 35 stakes. We also removed a large blowdown that had fallen during the day.

Reporting: Jim Chambers

Date: 7/30/2017

Purpose: Cut blowdowns; Assess hazard trees

Location: Section 15b, Hughes Gap to Cloudland

People: Jim Chambers, Connie Squires

Summary: We cut all blowdowns between Hughes Gap and Cloudland, including those on the blue-blaze trails. We also conducted a hazard-tree assessment and possible felling plan at the Ash Gap campsite. The Hazard Tree Assessment Form will be forwarded to Carl Fritz for review.

Reporting: Carl Fritz

Date: 7/31/2017

Purpose: Prepare for Trail Relo

Location: Section 4b, Double Springs Shelter to TN 91, Old Ridge Road

People: Carl Fritz, Kim Peters

Summary: We marked off crew sections and determined tools needed for the Watauga College outing.

Reporting: Gayle Riddervold

Date: 8/1/2017

Purpose: Routine Maintenance

Location: Section 13, US 19E to Doll Flats

People: Gayle Riddervold, Becky Kinder

Summary: We wacked weeds and stinging nettle, cleaned out all the water bars, and sawed and removed a midsize tree from the trail. We made it up to the power lines and had to head back due to a downpour. We dismantled a fire ring and removed two small bags of garbage at the trail head.

Reporting: Dan Firth

Date: 8/2/2017

Purpose: Survey ash stands for possible treatment for emerald ash borer

Location: Section 5, TN 91 to Iron Mountain Shelter

People: Dan Firth, Bill Tindall, Judy Tindall

Summary: Starting at TN 91 and continuing south, we identified and surveyed stands of ash trees for potential treatment against the emerald ash borer. Many healthy and large ash trees were found. Surveying consists of recording GPS coordinates, counting and measuring the diameter of the ash, and identifying other species in the plot. Ash make up a significant part of the forest on the ridges above 4000 feet on Iron Mountain. Their loss would have a significant impact on the forest. There is also a large stand at the trail head across from the parking lot.

Reporting: Joe Morris

Date: 8/2/2017

Purpose: Cut seasonal growth

Location: Section 16b, Iron Mountain Gap to the Orchard

People: Joe Morris

Summary: Holy weed-whack Batman. Only made it to the Orchard today due to equipment malfunction and abundant growth.

Reporting: Carl Fritz

Date: 8/3/2017

Purpose: Prepare for ASU

Location: Section 4b, Double Springs Shelter to TN91, Old Ridge Road

People: Daryel Anderson, John Beaudet, Paul Benfield, Ken Buchanan, Richard Carter, Jim Chambers, Carl Fritz, Greg Kramer, Lily Kramer, Joe Morris, Ted Mowery, Bill Murdoch, Bob Peoples, Kim Peters, George Thorpe, Matthew Watford

Summary: We continued preparations for Watauga College, ASU, so that we can open the relocation on that work day. We located some rock, locust logs, and potential soil-mining sites. Greg removed a hornets' nest close to the new trail. Greg's nephew, Matthew, joined us for his first time.

Reporting: Paul Benfield

Date: 8/8/2017

Purpose: Mow grass

Location: Section 4b, Osborne Farm

People: Paul Benfield, Ted Mowery

Summary: We mowed and cut weeds along the A.T. and the Accessible Trail across the Osborne Farm.

Reporting: Carl Fritz

Date: 8/8/2017

Purpose: Cut hazard tree

Location: Section 15b, Ash Gap

People: Jim Chambers, Carl Fritz

Summary: Jim did an excellent job of felling two dead maples that were hazard trees in the Ash Gap camping area. They had been identified by Dan Firth. After two days of rain, water was abundant on the mountain, meaning water was running in many places. We also did a quick inspection of Roan High Knob Shelter.

Reporting: Phyllis Cairnes

Date: 8/9/2017

Purpose: Maintain shelter

Location: Section 2b, Abingdon Gap Shelter

People: Rolla Wade, Phyllis Cairnes

Summary: We re-painted the graffiti board (3 coats Kilz), replaced the shelter log, shoveled out the fire ring, cleaned the gutter, and picked up trash. We did not see any other hikers today. All was uneventful except for the rattlesnake near McQueen's Gap, which

we gave a wide berth. Its tail, sticking up from the weeds, was buzzing and rattling loudly.

Reporting: Richard Carter

Date: 8/10/2017

Purpose: Cut encroaching vegetation

Location: Section 14c, North side of Grassy Ridge

People: Richard Carter

Summary: I finished cutting encroaching vegetation from the upper six switchbacks most of the way to the Grassy Ridge Trail intersection.

Reporting: Jim Chambers

Date: 8/10/2017

Purpose: Prepare for ASU

Location: Section 4b, Double Springs Shelter to TN 91

People: Joe Morris, Mike "Lumpy" Price, Jim Chambers

Summary: We continued preparation for the August 18th ASU trail work event. We installed and back filled cribbing and steps on the steep side-hill areas in sections 2 and 3 in order to alleviate grade change issues, and to ensure that the more time consuming and labor intensive work is accomplished prior to the 18th.

Reporting: Carl Fritz

Date: 8/11/2017

Purpose: Prepare for ASU

Location: Section 4b, Double Springs Shelter to TN 91, Old Ridge Road

People: Dean Baird, Paul Benfield, Jim Chambers, Carl Fritz, Greg Kramer, Bill Murdoch, Bob Peoples, Mike Price, Kevin Sedgwick

Summary: We continued staging rocks and locust logs and built some trail. We should be ready for ASU students next week. And we took just very light showers.

Reporting: Greg Kramer

Date: 8/12/2017

Purpose: Cut weeds

Location: Section 3a, 2.3 miles north of Low Gap

People: Greg Kramer

Summary: I cut back 70% of the weeds between US 421 and the spring. Another trip is needed to finish up on high weeds.

Reporting: Jim Chambers

Date: 8/12/2017

Purpose: Cut blowdowns

Location: Section 5, TN 91 to Iron Mountain Shelter, Near Nick Grindstaff Monument

People: Jim Chambers, Connie Squires

Summary: We cut and removed a massive Red Oak near the Nick Grindstaff Monument. We rehabbed the trail upon removal, and brushed in a trail that hikers had created to get around the obstruction. We also removed all other blowdowns in that area.

Reporting: Joe DeLoach

Date: 8/13/2017

Purpose: Repair shelter and maintain section

Location: Section 15a, Cloudland to Roan High Knob Shelter

People: Joe DeLoach

Summary: In a chance encounter that Carl Fritz and Jim Chambers had with a hiker at Roan High Knob Shelter, the hiker told them that rain was coming in through one of the windows, not the roof. They found that the window latch had rusted out, and I replaced it. The latch for the other upstairs window is fine, but one of the downstairs windows could use some work next time. I also whacked blackberries and clipped brush along the way.

Reporting: Craig Haire

Date: 8/14/2017

Purpose: Whack weeds

Location: Section 20a, Nolichucky River to Temple Hill Gap, North end of section

People: Craig Haire

Summary: Of the five switchbacks built in 1995, I cleared #1 and #2 and half of #3. Using a handsaw, I also cut back some trees/branches that had fallen into the trail. I met one northbound backpacker.

Reporting: Craig Haire

Date: 8/15/2017

Purpose: Whack weeds

Location: Section 20a, Nolichucky River to Temple Hill Gap, North end of section

People: Craig Haire

Summary: I finished clearing switchback #3 and cleared switchback #4. There seem to be more people cutting across the switchbacks. It's a little hard blocking them off, short of stringing barbwire, which I'm sure is not ATC approved. Any suggestions?

Reporting: Craig Haire

Date: 8/16/2017

Purpose: Clear trailside vegetation

Location: Section 20a, Nolichucky River to Temple Hill Gap, North end of section

People: Craig Haire

Summary: I cleared switchback #5 and the north end of Temple Ridge.

Reporting: Paul Benfield

Date: 8/16/2017

Purpose: Mow grass

Location: Section 14b, Overmountain Shelter

People: Paul Benfield, Ted Mowery

Summary: We mowed and cut weeds at the camping area and along trails as needed. We also picked up trash and broke up firerings. The water was running well at the source.

Reporting: Jim Chambers

Date: 8/17/2017

Purpose: Prepare for Wright State

Location: Section 17, Iron Mountain Gap to FS230, switchback North of Cherry Gap

People: Joe Morris, Mike "Lumpy" Price, Jim Chambers

Summary: We conducted final preparations for the Wright State trail work event. We hauled up, skinned, and staged all locust logs for cribbing and steps. We also identified usable rock and suitable areas to mine dirt for backfill.

Reporting: Craig Haire

Date: 8/17/2017

Purpose: Clear trailside vegetation

Location: Section 20a, Nolichucky River to Temple Hill Gap, Middle of section

People: Craig Haire

Summary: I cleared the south end of Temple Ridge. Only the middle portion of Temple Ridge now needs clearing.

Reporting: Carl Fritz

Date: 8/18/2017

Purpose: Relocation and rehab with Appalachian State University students

Location: Section 4b, Double Springs Shelter to TN 91, Old Ridge Road

People: TEHCC AND FRIENDS: Greg Ambro, John Beaudet, Dean Baird, Paul Benfield, Ben Berry, Scotty Bowman, Ken Buchanan, Phyllis Cairnes, Richard Carter, Kayla Carter, Jim Chambers, Alanna Costello, Robin Dean, Dan Firth, Carl Fritz, Vic Hasler, Erica Hoad, Greg Kramer, Pat Loven, Karen Loven, Joe Morris, Ted Mowery, Bill Murdoch, Terry Oldfield, Ed Oliver, Bob Peoples, Steve Perri, Mike Price, George Thorpe, Ted Turner; PLUS 113 ASU WRC students and faculty

Summary: Appalachian State University Watauga Residential Community again brought their freshmen students in an orientation outing to work on the Appalachian Trail. This is their seventeenth year! The three buses were pulling into the Cross Mountain parking lot by 8:15 AM. TEHCC members and friends had already staged the tools and PPE in the back pasture. Phyllis Cairnes and Terry Oldfield ably managed gates while all students were transported in nine pickups across the Osborne farm.

Ed Oliver made his famous muffins so the students would have some energy to trek to the work site. Thanks to everyone for helping lead this effort.

The students displayed a good work ethic and we were able to open the Old Ridge Road relocation after finishing about 990 feet in addition to the 1000 feet they completed last year. Some of the crews rehabbed an additional 600 feet of old trail.

As usual for a large outing, it started to rain as we were starting to walk out. Mud and warm weather make a "pleasant" end to an outing. But most of the students had made new friends.

(Photos next page, courtesy of Ken Buchanan)



Making last minute plans



Getting ready to go to the work site

Reporting: Ken Murray

Date: 8/19/2017

Purpose: Blowdown Patrol

Location: Section 20b, Spivey Gap to No Business Knob Shelter

People: Ken Murray

Summary: I had a report of blowdowns on this section. I removed several small ones with my Silky saw. I GPS'd the location of 8 more (stepovers) that were too large for the Silky. Someone had previously cut a shoulder-high blowdown with a chainsaw.

Reporting: Jim Chambers

Date: 8/20/2017

Purpose: Clean tools to prepare for Wright State

Location: Roan Mountain

People: Connie Squires, Jim Chambers

Summary: We pressure washed dirty tools and hard hats from Friday's ASU trail work event that will be used for the Wright State trail work event on 8/22.

Reporting: Jim Chambers

Date: 8/22/2017

Purpose: Wright State University trail work event

Location: Section 17, 2.0 miles south of Iron Mountain Gap

People: TEHCC: Jim Chambers, Connie Squires, Joe Morris, Bob Peoples, Eric Middlemas, Tim Stewart, John Beaudet, George Thorpe, Ken Buchanan, Ted Mowry, Paul Benfield; WRIGHT STATE: Jonathan Meese, Erin Sherri, Noah England, Stacey Brown, Charles Barren, Robert Leeper, Eric Edwards, W. Rhys Jones, Brittany Kinney, Zack Carpenter, Mariel Elleman, Collin Moser, Kaleb Hobbs, Benjamin Maag, Douglas Schlagbeck, Rebecca Meinert, Kelsey Turner, Brooke Waterman, Hannah Reeder

Summary: We had a very successful trail maintenance outing with the Wright State students. We cribbed and rehabbed 375 feet of trail north of Cherry Gap and rehabbed two switchbacks which required 11 new locust and rock steps. Upon completion of trail work, we went to my place for the Collegiate Lumberjack Competition to see who would get ribeye steaks for dinner. The Wright State team of Kelsey Turner and Brittney Kinney were the overall champions, and they had steak while the rest of us had hamburgers, hot dogs, various salads, and baked beans and hash brown casserole. Dessert consisted of a special Wright State cake which was enjoyed by all. We also had some special guests for dinner; Erik Anderson from the Roan Mountain A.T. Community Committee, and Ben Barry from the ATC Southern Regional Office joined us for dinner. A fine time was had by all.

(see photos next page)



Reporting: Paul Benfield

Date: 8/23/2017

Purpose: Mow grass

Location: Section 4b, Osborne Farm

People: Paul Benfield, Ted Mowery

Summary: We mowed and cut weeds at the Accessible Trail and A.T. across the Osborne Farm. We also cleaned out a water diversion ditch.

Reporting: Jim Chambers

Date: 8/24/2017

Purpose: Wright State Clean Up

Location: Roan Mountain, TN

People: Jim Chambers

Summary: I cleaned all tools and equipment associated with the Wright State Trail Work Event this week. I also cleaned and disinfected all of the hard hats used on 8/22.

Reporting: Ken Murray

Date: 8/27/2017

Purpose: Summer vegetation control and blowdown removal

Location: Section 20b, Temple Hill Gap to No Business Knob Shelter

People: Ken Murray

Summary: I finished summer vegetation control. I removed small blowdowns with a Silky saw and GPS'd two additional blowdowns (for a total of 10) which require a chainsaw. They are all easily stepped over so there is no hurry. Some kind soul has cut several "crawl under" blowdowns.

Tennessee Eastman Hiking and Canoeing Club
Fall Dinner Meeting
Friday, November 3rd, 2017

Reservation Form

Fill out the form below and send it with a check payable to **William Werner**.

Within Eastman send to:
William Werner, TN280 Floor 1-SOUTH Cubicle SC1015

Outside Eastman send to:
William Werner
944 Starling Dr
Kingsport TN 37660

There is no charge for those attending the program and NOT joining us for the meal.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Check and reservation form must be received by start of **Monday 10/30/2017**.

Names of all attending (*please print*)

Name(s):

Number of Meals: _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

Children age 13 and under _____ x \$ 6 = \$ _____

Number attending without meal reservation: _____