



December, 2009

Our Aims

PROMOTE canoeing and kayaking as a water sport
TEACH boating techniques and water safety for river travel
PRESERVE our remaining wilderness rivers for future generations

**The Annual Christmas Party and
Chinese Gift Exchange**

**Sam Suffern's Home
126 Everest Circle
Oak Ridge, TN 37830**

**Saturday
December 19, 2009
6:30 pm**

East Tennessee Whitewater Club
Post Office Box 5774
Oak Ridge, TN 37831-5774

-OFFICERS FOR 2009-

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!!!! Renew Your Club Membership Now !!!!

East Tennessee Whitewater Club Membership Renewal for 2010

Dues are \$15 per year for family membership. Our dues year is the calendar year, Jan 1 to Dec 31. Please renew early in the year.

Send the membership form on the back of the newsletter with a check (payable to ETWC) to:

ETWC P.O. Box 5774 Oak Ridge, TN 37831-5774

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – 7TH OF EACH MONTH

Newsletter Editor: Derrick Zingg

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Photos in jpeg, gif, or bmp format.

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Newsletter is available in PDF Format-contact the editor for information.

Check out our website at <http://www.etwcweb.com>

River Gauges by Telephone

(800) 261-5033 – **Big South Fork**

(800) 899-4435 – **Big Pigeon**

(800) 232-7238 – **Chattooga River**

(800) 829-5253 – **Green River**

(900) 288-8732 – **Tellico and Little River
theSmokies***

(865) 632-2264 – **TVA Lake and Rivers Gauge
(Knoxville)**

(865) 751-2264 - **TVA Lake and Rivers Gauge
(Chattanooga)**

(800) 238-2264 - **TVA Lake and Rivers Gauge
(Out of Town)**

*NOTE: For this call there is a \$2.00 charge that helps support the continued operation of the gauges.

The Annual ETWC Christmas Party

It's that time again, time for ETWC's annual Christmas Party. The party will once again take place at Sam Suffern's home. In keeping with tradition, there will be food, drink (alcoholic and non) and of course the traditional Chinese Gift Exchange. The club will provide both drinks and the main course (Ham and Turkey, prepared by Sam). Attendees should bring a side dish. In addition, if you desire to participate in the gift exchange bring a small wrapped gift (\$20-25), something you would enjoy receiving.

For those of you unfamiliar with the location of Sam's home, directions follow.

From Knoxville:

Take Rt 62 into Oak Ridge. At the Y-12 Federal Credit Union take a right onto Lafayette Avenue. Once on Lafayette Avenue go to the fourth traffic light, this should be the Oak Ridge Turnpike. Go right onto the Oak Ridge Turnpike. Travel past the Sonic and through the red light at Fairbanks Road. The Oak Ridge Veterinary Clinic will be on the right take the next left at the former Mattress Outlet Store (now closed). Travel a short block to a tee in the road. Turn right onto California Avenue, at the intersection with Delaware Avenue bare right; staying on California Avenue. Go to the top of the hill (approximately 1.1 miles). Take a right on East Drive, travel 300 yards and turn left onto Everest Circle. Sam's house is the second house on the left.

In case these directions don't work for you give Sam a call (483-4800), and he will talk you in. See you Saturday.

Winter Roll Practice

Roll practice is now at the Oak Ridge Civic Center Indoor Pool. Practice is from 8:30 to 10:00pm on the Friday nights listed below. The table below lists the Paddler In Charge (PIC) for each session. The sessions in **blue** currently do not have a volunteer to oversee the session. If you would like to volunteer AND are certified in both First Aid and CPR contact Kary Scarborough or Rick Zingg (see contact info in the Officers Section above).

December	4	Ken Schneider
	11	Rick Zingg
	18	Jason Darby
	25	NO ROLL PRACTICE
January	1	NO ROLL PRACTICE
	8	Pat Geoghegan
	15	Jason Darby
	22	Ken Klipple
	29	Ken Klipple
February	5	NO ROLL PRACTICE
	12	NO ROLL PRACTICE
	19	Rick Zingg
	26	Ariana Beste
March	5	

	12	
	19	NO ROLL PRACTICE
	26	
April	2	NO ROLL PRACTICE
	9	
	16	
	23	Tris West
	30	Tris West
May	7	
	14	Kary Scarborough

Last Meeting Minutes

Business:

Treasury report: checking \$1740.46; saving \$5726.40

Katy Gonzales accepted the nomination for Secretary.

Ariana Beste accepted the nomination for President.

Christmas party will be on Dec. 19th at the residence of Sam Suffern. Ham, Turkey, and Beverages will be provided. Don't forget to bring a side dish and a gift.

A suggested list of donations recipients and the monetary value of the donation was developed and is listed below (total \$1050)..

American Canoe Association	\$150
American Rivers	\$100
American Whitewater Association	\$200
Friends Of The Great Smoky Mountains National Park	\$200
National Parks Conservation Association	\$100
Tennessee Clean Water Network	\$100
Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning	\$200

Program:

A very entertaining, impromptu presentation was given by Greg Shipley. Greg gave us all an insight into his rock and roll touring world, at the same time attempting to prove he actually does work, many of us weren't sure.

New Business

- * Voting/confirmation of the 2010 ETWC Officers will be conducted at the Christmas Party. The current nominee for each ETWC office is listed below. Nominations will be accepted up until the Christmas Party.

President	Ariana Beste
Vice-President	Tom Lessick
Secretary	Katy Gonzales
Treasurer	Kary Scarborough
Clinic Coordinator	Kathy Evans
Conservation	John Wisinger
Membership	Bill Wilder
Newsletter Editor	Rick Zingg
Roll Practice	
Safety	David Fox
Trip Coordinator	Jason Darby
Web Master	Woody Austin

- * Approval of the distribution of club funds to the variouw paddling and conservation organizations listed in **Last Meeting Minutes** will also be voted upon at the Christmas Party.

**EAST TENNESSEE WHITEWATER CLUB
MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL FORM**

Dues: \$15.00 Yearly Family Membership (*January 1 renewal date*)
Send to: East Tennessee Whitewater Club, P.O. Box 5774, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-5774

Name(s) _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ Email _____

I would like to receive my newsletter by email. (circle) Yes No

Membership Status? (circle) New Renewal

What boats do you paddle? (circle) Kayak C-1 C-2 Solo Canoe Tandem Canoe Other

What is your paddling ability? (circle) Beginner Intermediate Advanced Expert
Class I-II Class III Class IV Class V

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I, _____, desiring to join my fellow paddlers in the East Tennessee Whitewater Club (ETWC), do hereby declare that I fully understand and accept the following facts of life on the river:

1. Canoeing, kayaking, or rafting, particularly on whitewater rivers, exposes the participants to various safety hazards, including but not limited to, water hazards (boulders, undercut rocks, trees, strainers, water formations such as water falls, holes, keepers, hydraulics, and other obstacles), swimming in turbulent water, using paddling equipment, accidents or illness in remote places without medical facilities, and travel in a vehicle not driven by me.

2. No one but I am responsible for my safety when I choose to paddle a particular river or a particular rapid.

3. I further understand that I have no legal duty to assist others, nor does anyone else have a legal duty to render such assistance to me. I certify that I am in good physical condition, that I can swim, and that I have no physical defects or injuries that would prevent me from participating in this activity. I fully understand and agree that, when I participate in canoeing, kayaking, or rafting, there is always the possibility of unknown, uncontrollable dangers and accidental or other physical injury and death. I know I can be killed, and I willingly assume the risks referred to in Paragraph 1 and elsewhere in this release.

Therefore, in consideration for granting me the right to join and participate in ETWC activities, and intending to be legally bound, I hereby release, waive and discharge my right to sue ETWC, its trip coordinators, instructors, leaders, officers, directors, representatives, agents, employees, and affiliates, and also any landowner or governmental unit which may allow ETWC to use its property, for any and all loss or damage on account of injury to my person or property or on account of my death, which may occur during, in preparation for, or in transit to or from an ETWC activity.

I further understand that ETWC carries no insurance for the protection of participants in whitewater activities, and any insurance coverage existing with respect to ETWC shall not alter the terms of this waiver nor impose any liability on ETWC.

This waiver applies only to acts or omissions of ordinary negligence and to any deliberate act intended to promote my safety or well being.

This waiver is signed by me in the interest of permitting ETWC to exist and to serve the paddling community, and to enable me and my fellow paddlers to feel free to donate their services to improving the sport and to help in training those less skilled in the sport without fear of liability.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

(Parent or guardian if participant is under 18 years of age)