



December, 2010

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 18, 2010
6:30 pm

East Tennessee Whitewater Club
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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

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(Knoxville)**

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(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.

Upcoming 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, the party date is Saturday December 18, 2010 (**Note: This date is a correction from the date contained in the November 2010 Newsletter**). 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

The winter roll practice schedule has been finalized. Practice will be at the Oak Ridge Civic Center from 8:30 to 10:00 pm on Friday nights. In past years, members provided "life guard" services. This year, Civic Center management is requiring the presence of a certified life guard which they will provide at additional cost. As a result, the cost to paddlers is going up. The fees are as follows:

Paddlers older than 18 years of age - \$5.00 / session, \$50.00 for the season.

Paddlers 18 years old and younger - \$3.00 / session, \$30.00 for the season.

ETWC will still need to provide a paddler in charge (PIC) for each session. Since the Civic Center is providing life guard services, the duties of the host will be to setup the fee collection tripod and assure that all participants have completed the appropriate paperwork. Since there will be a life guard present, no training (First Aid/CPR) will be necessary for the PIC. If you would like to volunteer, contact Jason Darby (wepaddle@bellsouth.net). The schedule, as it currently stands, is shown below:

	<u>Date</u>	<u>PIC</u>
December	10	Jason Darby
	17	Joshua Golliber
	24	NO ROLL PRACTICE
	31	NO ROLL PRACTICE

January	7	Rick Zingg
	14	Ariana Beste
	21	Joshua Gollither
	28	Katy Gonzales
February	4	NO ROLL PRACTICE
	11	Ken Schneider
	18	Jason Darby
	25	Katy Gonzales
March	4	
	11	
	18	NO ROLL PRACTICE
	25	
April	1	
	8	
	15	
	22	NO ROLL PRACTICE
	29	
May	6	
	13	Kary Scarborough

Club Meeting Minutes, November 16, 2010

Treasurer report: Savings \$5781.56; Checking \$680.92.

Donations: The club cleared around \$1,000 from the 2010 Beginner Clinic, so that amount was chosen as our donation total for upcoming year. The following organizations were selected to receive donations for 2011:

Tennessee Citizen's for Wilderness Planning (TCWP)	\$200
American Whitewater Association (AWA)	\$200
Clean Water Expected in East Tennessee (CWEET)	\$200
Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains	\$100
Cumberland Trails Conservation	\$100
National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA)	\$100
American Canoe Association (ACA)	\$100

Club Officers: The committee to nominate club officers for next year presented the following list of candidates to be voted on at the December Christmas party.

<u>Office/Chair</u>	<u>Officer/Chairperson</u>
President	Rick Zingg
Vice-President	Paul Wolf
Secretary	Jimmy Groton
Treasurer	Kary Scarborough
Clinic Coordinator	Ariana Beste
Conservation	John Wisinger
Membership	Bill Wilder
Newsletter Editor	Bill Lewis
Roll Practice	Jason Darby
Safety	Jay Wright
Trip Coordinator	Ken Schneider
Web Master	Woody Austin

- * The correct date/time for the ETWC Christmas Party at Sam Suffern's is Saturday, December 18, 2010 at 6:30 pm.
- * Jimmy Groton reported the good news that the Obed SWR is actively working on making more land purchases.
- * Discussions were held on having more programs and the types of programs that would be of interest. A suggestion was made to hold some club meetings at a different location, say a restaurant or closer to Knoxville at Pellissippi State.
- * A request was made for the club to sponsor more intermediate and advanced trips.
- * The question was raised on whether the newsletter should go up on the web. The point was made that some information is member specific and there should be a way to make the newsletter available to members only. It was decided to discuss the question further at another time.
- * River Sport Outfitters will bring kayaks to the November 19 roll practice for participants to try out.
- * Tom Berg, a long-time ETWC member, passed away on Sunday, November 14, 2010. Tom's backyard used to serve as a manufacturing area for ETWC members to build their own fiberglass kayaks before commercial production became common. Tom is credited with naming "Oh My God" on the Obed River back when they used to run it in aluminum canoes.

**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)