



ETWC NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016



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

ETWC Annual Christmas Party

6:30 p.m.
Saturday, December
10, 2014

Sam Suffern's home
at 126 Everest
Circle

The club will provide
ham, turkey, wine, beer,
and soft drinks.

Attendees should bring a
side dish.

If you want to
participate in the
traditional Chinese Gift
Exchange, bring a small
wrapped gift (valued
around \$20)

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[**AWW What's Running in East Tennessee**](#)

ETWC, November 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Presentation: Middle Fork Salmon River Trip

Ian and Mark shared a lot of great videos and pictures from the ETWC trip down the Middle Fork Salmon River in June 2016.

Charitable Donations

We discussed the list of the charitable donations to organizations supporting the club's goals. It was approved that we donate to the same organizations that we supported last year at the same levels. We also voted to include a \$200 donation to Concord United Methodist Scholarship Fund in honor of our dear friend, Ken Schneider. A summary of the donations that we will vote on to support includes the following:

- Tennessee Citizen's for Wilderness Planning (TCWP) \$200
- American Whitewater (AW) \$200
- Friends of the Great Smoky Mountains \$100
- National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) \$100
- American Canoe Association \$125
- Tennessee Clean Water Network (TCWN) \$100
- Cumberland Trails Conference (CTC) \$100
- Little River Watershed Association \$75
- Concord United Methodist Scholarship Fund (\$200) **New**

Total \$1,200

Nominating Committee

Ian and Sam agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee for the 2017 Officers. They will be contacting people soon. The list will be published in the December Newsletter and we will vote on the nominations on December 10 at the Holiday Party.

Holiday Party

Sam agreed to host the holiday party at his house on December 10. ETWC will provide ham or turkey and others should bring food to share and a present if you wish to participate in the gift exchange madness. Details below..

Open House at the Schneider's

Wendy will host an open house at her and Ken's home on December 23.

Conservation

Mark reported that TCWP met with Niki Nicholas, Big South Fork and Obed Superintendent to discuss possible projects to support both National Park Service units. Niki is seeking ideas for projects that TCWP, ETWC and others can provide labor and help NPS staff to complete. She and her staff are also working on a list of potential projects.

Niki was agreeable to hosting river-based cleanups on the Obed and Big South Fork in 2017. The Obed project would occur on Saturday, March 25, the first Saturday that Catoosa WMA opens after the winter closure. The Big South Fork date will have to be determined. TCWP suggested that in the event that river and/or weather conditions prevent a river trip that the assembled volunteers will participate in a land-based cleanup activity. Niki agreed that having an alternate activity for those days was a good idea.

The NPS will host the 2017 Obed River Cleanup and Volunteer Appreciation Day on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22.

Treasurer's Report

Kary reported that we have \$700.97 in our checking account and \$7,555.33 in our savings account.

Roll Practice

Kary reported that ETWC ran a deficit again this past year for roll practice at the Oak Ridge pool. She has not received any paperwork for using the pool in 2017. We voted to continue roll practice at the pool from January to April 2017 and to do a better job of advertising the sessions at the pool. We also voted to cancel any discounts for paying for all the sessions in bulk. Mark offered to look into using the Lenoir City pool as an alternate location for roll practice in 2017...Follow up, Lenoir City pool is not available so we will be utilizing the Oak Ridge Civic Center pool again.

Clinic

Francis Ruppel volunteered to serve as Clinic Coordinator in 2017.

Next Meeting

The next ETWC meeting will be the holiday party at Sam's house on Saturday, December 10, 2016.

ETWC Christmas Party

Sam has once again agreed to host our Christmas party this year at his home in Oak Ridge.

ETWC will provide a ham and a turkey and various other things. Attendees should bring a dish to share for supper and/or dessert and a gift if you desire to participate in the now world famous gift exchange extravaganza that is often copied but never equaled.

Directions 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.

Trip Reports!

Summer is over and we want to tell everyone about our adventures. Send trip reports to Bill, including videos if you have them!

Please send reports to Yours Truly at bill.lewis865@gmail.com.

And....thanks to all of my regular contributors to this publication!

PROGRAMS

We are always looking for interesting programs for our meetings. If you have a program or an idea please contact Donna Price at 865-406-1058.

**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

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)