



February, 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

David and Tish Benton will give a presentation detailing their recent kayaking trip to Costa Rica

The Craft Room

Oak Ridge Civic Center

**Tuesday
February 17, 2009
7:30 pm**

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

East Tennessee Whitewater Club Membership Renewal for 2009

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 for 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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theSmokies	(Out of Town)

(NOTE: There is a \$2.00 charge for this call that helps to support the continued operation of the gauges.)

Presentations

February – David and Tish Benton will recap their recent paddling trip to Costa Rica.

March - Matt Hudson from the Obed Wild and Scenic River Ranger Station will give a presentation detailing the parks land acquisition progress and other topics of interest.

Roll Practice

The remaining ETWC Winter Roll Practice schedule is shown below. Practice is at the Oak Ridge Civic Center from 8:30 to 10:00 PM on the indicated dates.

February	13	Jimmy Groton
	20	Sam Suffern
	27	Sam Suffern
March	6	Phil Austin
	13	Tom Lessick
	20	Tom Lessick
	27	Sam Suffern
April	3	Josh Gollhofer
	17	Tris West
	24	Josh Gollhofer
May	1	Kary Scarbrough
	8	Kary Scarbrough
	9	Rick Zingg

Last Meeting Minutes

- Treasury report: checking \$560.86; saving \$5,677.16
- Savings stayed stable at around \$6,000 during the fiscal year 2008
- Discussed need for swift water rescue course
 - Joshua Gollhofer will receive instructions in exchange for teaching a rescue course for ETWC
 - The rescue course will be taught the weekend after clinic by Joshua Gollhofer (backed up by David Fox)
- Clinic will be held first week in June, the fee will increase to 60\$
- Discussion if ACA insurance is necessary for ETWC. Purchase would require the club to become ACA affiliate, cost: \$225. Additional benefits apply for ACA affiliates.
- **Please be present at the next club meeting when we will vote on ACA affiliation and the purchase of insurance through ACA.**

Miscellaneous

Ariana would like to take a short clinic to learn more about hand paddling. She would like to know if others would be interested. With an approximate number of people we could talk to an instructor about dates, cost, and location. Please contact Ariana at bestea@ornl.gov if you are interested.

**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)