



February, 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

**Ariana Beste and Josh Gollhofer will show
some whitewater videos.**

The Craft Room

Oak Ridge Civic Center

**Tuesday
February 16, 2010
7:30 pm**

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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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(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.

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).

February	19	Rick Zingg
	26	Ariana Beste
March	5	Rick Zingg
	12	Ariana Beste
	19	NO ROLL PRACTICE
	26	Ariana Beste
April	2	NO ROLL PRACTICE
	9	
	16	
	23	Tris West
	30	Tris West
	May	7
14		Kary Scarborough

Upcoming Events

February 20 A FREE **Land based Swift Water Rescue Course** is being offered. It is open to any interested paddler. For detailed information on the course, check out the ETWC Forum (www.etwcweb.com).

February 23 Conservation Day on the Hill

Do you value pure drinking water and clean streams and rivers for paddling? Want to breathe clean air?

These things don't just happen. They are a result of careful oversight by our state government. Tennessee's water, air, and soil are under constant threats from a variety of sources, and during this legislative session, which just began, our legislators will be faced with both helpful and harmful bills.

Tell our State Legislators about the importance of our environment at Conservation Day on the Hill. For anyone who wants to attend there will be training (if desired) prior to the event (by e-mail and/or webinar), fact sheets on a variety of issues, and an identifying lapel marker.

Be part of a powerful message to all Tennessee State Legislators as we work to have 500 people with the green tags at Legislative Plaza. One may visit with one's legislators on any issue, and there will be ample information on the hot issues of the

day. You don't have to say anything; just helping to swell the green throng will send the message.

There will likely be committee meetings of interest and a large green audience will further highlight how many of us want adequate protection of our state's incomparable natural resources.

At day's end, there will be a happy hour at a Nashville facility.

March 13

Annual Tellico River Clean Up. Registration is from 8-9:30am at the Tellico Ranger Station. Please come out and do your part for our beautiful watershed!

Last Meeting's Minutes

Business:

- Treasury Report: Checking \$922.43 Savings: \$5735.98
- The donation to ACA of \$150 to give us PAC status was not beneficial, so we would like to give the money to a local group. Will check with our Conservation chair for ideas.
- Voted on making a disclaimer for website's form to prevent liability of posted outings on the site.
- Clinic: discussed opening up 2 slots for scholarships.
- Hiawassee again with party following like last year, talked about changing location of clinic during the week. And the Fee will remain the same.
- Discussed sponsoring a camping/paddling weekend, in the near future. Looking for suggestions of places to have it at.

Program:

Tom Lessick showed pictures of his friend Bill Cannon's trip through Labrador Loop on his Motorcycle

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)