

Where's The Snow?

Snow has been missing in action for much of the U.S. the last couple months. But it's not just snow. It's practically the season that's gone AWOL.

For the lower 48, January was the third-least snowy on record according to the Global snow Lab at Rutgers University.

Forget snow. For much of the country there's not even a nip in the air. On Tuesday, the last day in January, all but a handful of states had temperatures in the 50s or higher. In the nation's capital, where temperatures flirted with the 70s, some cherry trees are already budding – weeks early.

The reason is changes in Arctic winds that are redirecting snow and cold. Instead of dipping down low, the jet stream winds that normally bring cold and snow south got trapped up north. It's called the Arctic oscillation.

So enjoy the mild weather while it lasts!



Another New Year is upon us. And it's that time again:

Yearly Spruce Creek Memberships are due. Your dues go to the maintenance of our trails. Without your participation, we would not have the horse trails in Spruce Creek for our riding enjoyment. They also are a positive selling point when the time comes to sell your home.

The annual dues are the same as last year: \$35 or \$39 if you want newsletters mailed by USPS.

See attachments for 2012 application form and the year-end Trail Maintenance Log.

Please mail your dues ASAP. If the weather stays nice, we will be able to do trail work earlier this year so we can get back out on our horses and enjoy nature at it's best!

BEAR PROOF TRASH CANS

Vandi and Rusty Ragsdale sent this email to SCTA:

"I have been investigating buying a bear proof trash can. What I've learned is that the shipping is for a 64 gallon, the can is about \$215 and the shipping is \$170 for a single can. However, they said that the shipping is the same for 1-5 cans, so if I could find 4 other people who want one, we could split the shipping cost."

If you are interested please email the Ragsdale's: Hvertimebts@aol.com



Pot Luck Dinners

Our community pot luck dinners will start again with the first dinner on the last Saturday of April 2012 at 6:30pm CT at the Pavilion. The dates for the pot lucks are:

April 28th, May 26th (Labor Day Weekend), June 30th, July 28th, Aug. 25th, Sept. 29th and October 20* (*This is the 3rd Saturday—so it will not conflict with Halloween parties.)

Board of Directors Elections

Mark your calendar for the pot luck in May. We have our yearly election of 3 board members at the May pot luck. If you are interested in running for a board position you can mark it on your SCTA membership application form or you can contact one of the board members to have your name put on the list.

New DSL speeds offered by Twin Lakes

For those who have internet service with Twin Lakes, they have increased speeds while also lowering rates. If you were paying \$39.99 for 768k and it went to 4.0 which is much faster for same price They also have following speeds at following prices

DSL 1.0 \$29.99; 4.0 \$ 39.99; 8.0 \$49.99 and 12.0 \$59.99

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But you have to call to get the lower rates and faster speeds Ph 879-5811

(Submitted by Bev Bailey - Thanks Bev!)

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Home remodeling, porches, garages
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The process of putting an ad in the classified section is the same as it always has been:

Send your information to: sprucecreek.trailsassoc@yahoo.com

Or you can call Beverly at 931-752-5355.

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