

Spruce Creek Trails Association

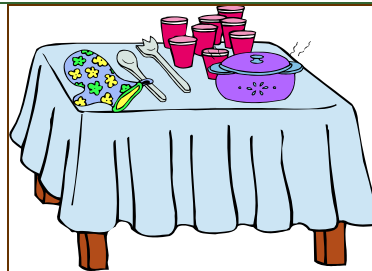
March 2012

Are you ready for Spring?

Spring cleaning is upon us. Doesn't seem like we had a winter at all! With all the warm weather so far, the weeds are growing in leaps and bounds. If you find a problem with any of our trails—contact our Trails Coordinator, Danny Hatcher (see last page for contact number).



Remember that a burn permit is required until May 15th.



Community Pot Luck Dinners start in April, so mark your calendars:

Saturday, April 28th is our first pot luck dinner. Dinner starts at 6:30pm CT at the Pavilion. The dates for the season's 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.)

Have you paid your 2012 Association Dues?

As a not for profit organization, we depend on your annual dues and donations to fund all of our activities. Your \$35.00 annual membership is used to:

Maintain the approximately 25 miles of multi-use trails located here in the Spruce Creek residential development. Pay the taxes and utilities for the pavilion, as well as the general supplies used for the potluck dinners held the fourth Saturday of the month from April through October. We also try to schedule get-togethers and entertainment around major holidays. Note: The pavilion may be reserved by our members for parties or other special occasions. *If you haven't paid your dues yet, use the form on the next page.* Thank you for supporting SCTA!

2012 Membership Application Form

Mission Statement: The Spruce Creek Trails Association (SCTA) is chartered for the sole purpose of the creation, development & maintenance of horse trails in the Spruce Creek Acres development.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE, ZIP** _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

DUES and/or DONATION: _____

\$35.00/YEAR if Newsletter sent via e-mail.

\$39.00/YEAR if Newsletter sent by US Mail.

Send Check to: SCTA,
PO Box 564,
Jamestown TN 38556

Class Applying For:

Property Owner _____ **Commercial** _____

Lot Number: _____

QUESTIONS:

Would you like to receive the Newsletter via E-mail?

Yes _____ **No** _____

Do you use the Web Site? Yes _____ **No** _____

Would you be willing to serve on the Board of Directors?

Yes _____ **No** _____

Would you be willing to serve on a Committee?

Yes _____ **No** _____



SICK RACCOONS AT LARGE!!!

A week ago, three separate incidences occurred in Spruce Creek involving sick raccoons. This first incident, which occurred at a barn on Spruce Creek Drive near Leatherwood Rd, was reported. The National Park Service was contacted and informed us that we needed to contact the TWRA and/or the Health Department. The Resource Officer went ahead and made the call to the TWRA. After hearing the behavior that the raccoon was exhibiting, they said to put the animal down and dispose of it. The second incident was two days later on the back side of Deer Haven Trail. The raccoon was put down. There was a third sighting on the Evergreen Trail but was not reported until several days later.

Doug Lamb, the TWRA Ranger for Fentress County, said that the raccoons were suffering from distemper. The signs are: oblivious to their surroundings (not responding to dogs barking and charging at them, objects being thrown at them), walking like they are drunk, continuously wiping their mouths and turning around in tight circles. Mr. Lamb said that they will eventually die, but if we feel so inclined, we can put them down.

There were numerous cases reported of raccoons with distemper in Fentress County last summer. The number one problem is that they find a food source and they share it. This spreads saliva between the `coons and any pets that you may have and therefore the disease is spread. (It can also be spread from contact with infected blood or a bite). If you know that raccoons are getting into your feed (dog/cat/horse) **PLEASE** take the necessary steps to curtail access to the food source - You will stop being part of the problem.

If you see a raccoon that is acting as noted above, please call the TWRA office in Crossville 1-800-262-6704 and/or Doug Lamb, our wildlife officer 931-879-2668 and let them know.





REWARD OFFERED FOR BEAR KILLING IN

BIG SOUTH FORK NRRA

The Humane Society of the United States and The Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust are offering a \$2500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for illegally killing a black bear in Scott County, Tenn. The HSUS and HSWLT reward adds to an existing \$500 from the National Park Service. An adult female bear was found dead in the BSF area on Thanksgiving Day. It is believed that the bear was the mother of two cubs who would likely not survive without her. "Whoever is responsible for this illegal killing took the life of one bear and likely left two orphaned cubs to die a slow death," said Leighann McCollum, the Tennessee state director for The HSUS.

Anyone with information about this case is urged to contact Big South fork NRRA at (423) 569-9778 or use their tip line number at (423)569-2404, extension 505



Do you like to ride at East Fork?

Brenda Lawson is trying to get a club together to get a group discount for yearly riding at East Fork. At least 11 people are needed.

If you are interested, call Brenda at 879-1958 or Bev Bailey at 879-7723

Plugging of abandoned oil and gas wells to continue in BSF

Fourteen abandoned oil and gas wells in the park will be plugged and reclaimed this spring and summer. The project will be completed with federal funds through a cooperative agreement with TDEC. This project will improve safety conditions for visitors and protect natural resources in the park.

In the interest of visitor safety and overall project success, temporary closures of site-related access roads and trails may be necessary.

For further information on closures or any questions you may have, please contact Chief of Resource Management, Tom Blount, at (423) 569-2404 Ext. 252 or visit the Big South Fork website at www.nps.gov/biso.



Smithsonian Exhibit Coming to Fentress County

If you have family ties, friends, or just an interest in Fentress County, you will want to know about the Smithsonian Exhibit and the local Companion Exhibit on The Way We Worked over the past 150 years put together by the Fentress County Historical Society.

Hundreds of never before published photographs and artifacts will be displayed during the exhibit dates. This is a FREE and interactive exhibit where visitors are invited to record your own stories and memories of work as it was done by your grandparents, parents or yourself.

Visit the link below for additional details about how the Smithsonian Institution and the National Archives have captured 150 years of the history of work to make this traveling exhibit a lesson in history. Also, you can get a sense of the unique spirit of our industrious ancestors as they found ways to make do with simple household garden and farm tools with which they eeked out a living for themselves and their families. See examples of work off the farm that gave families a paycheck as mercantile stores, family groceries, restaurants and other small business gave men and women employment opportunities. Experience the excitement of breadwinners who were able to find work in logging and lumber mills, coal mining, the shirt factory, the chicken plant and other industry related work in the county. Today, tourism plays a large role in the county, thanks to the attractive recreational activities in and around Fentress County.

You are invited to take a day, a few days or a week to see first hand some of what makes Fentress County such a great place to visit, live, work and play.

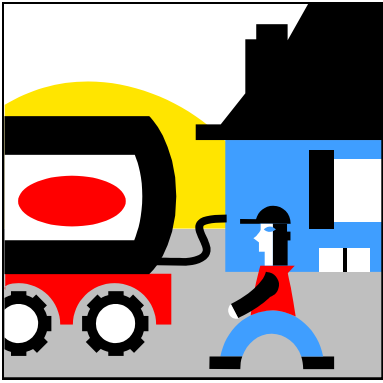
The Smithsonian Exhibit is a joint project between the Smithsonian Institution and National Archives, The Humanities Tennessee Council, the Sgt. York Patriotic Foundation, the Fentress County Historical Society and Progressive Savings Bank of Jamestown.

Exhibit opening to the public beginning Saturday, April 28 1pm and running through June 2, 2012. Times for viewing the exhibit are as follows:

M-W-F 9am—4:30pm; T-Th 2pm—8pm; Saturday 9am-12noon
T-Th 9am—1pm (Reserved for scheduled school groups)

Willie R. Beaty, Director Fentress County Historical Society
P O Box 1431
Jamestown, TN 38556-1431

wbeaty@twlakes.net



Attention All Propane Users: The propane coop will be ordering propane after the 4th of July and before 2nd week of August, when the prices are the cheapest. If you are interested in getting the lowest price for propane this year contact Claudia at the Hitching Post 931-752-2888, email barkerclaud@yahoo.com or on Facebook.

Even if you don't own your own tank, contact Claudia and she can give you all the information. When you call to be added the list at the Hitching Post, PLEASE let Claudia know if you own or rent your propane tank.

The more people that sign up, the better rate you will receive!



Tired of trying to track down hay for your horses? The Hitching Post will be contracting for orchard grass mix hay. It will be picked up in the field and can be delivered to your barn. Contact the Hitching Post to be added to the list.

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Jim/Claudia 931-752-2888

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