

New Board Members Elected May 25th 2013

Prior to our monthly pot luck on Saturday , May 25th, SCTA held their annual Membership Meeting and Board of Directors Elections at the pavilion.

Three positions were up for election: Danny Hatcher and Ricky Rains consented to run for re-election and Sharon Vaughn declined. Brenda Goett has been elected as our newest board member and she will fill the space that was vacated by Sharon.

We all would like to give Sharon an enormous vote of thanks for the years of service to the trails association. Not to mention she was the go-to gal for many special projects including the Proctor Ridge Trail.

The new officers for 2013 are Laurie LeRoy—President, Tracey Hatcher-Vice President and Roy Sillman-Secretary-Treasurer.

Member participation is what makes our community strong. Please join and get involved! We welcome all suggestions for the improvement of our trail system and special events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pot Luck Saturday June 29th 6:30pm Central Time

Come and celebrate July 4th in the BSF!

4th of July Week—Dance and Weenie Roast at the pavilion on Friday July 5th 6 PM SCTA will provide the hot dogs, buns and condiments. Please bring a side dish to share Everyone is welcome: family, friends and neighbors—don't forget your beverage of choice and a lawn chair. Music should start 7-7:30pm Central Time!

Pot Luck Saturday July 27th 6:30pm Central Time.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SET UP BEFORE THE POT LUCKS AND ALSO TO CLEAN UP AFTERWARDS. SEND AN EMAIL TO sprucecreek.trailsassoc@yahoo.com IF YOU CAN HELP OUT!

THANKS!

B E A R S

The bears are back! There have been at least 4 sightings in Spruce Creek—two on Evergreen and two on Deer Haven Trail. And 2 of these were “up close and personal” as in at the front door!

Due to the lack of acorns this year and the late arrival of spring, the bears are hungry and looking for food. So PLEASE—make your home bear UNFRIENDLY!

Do not leave pet food out on the porches or in the yard. Pick up trash (garbage) and place it in a closed container. Take your trash to the dump weekly (or more often if you can). Do not put bird feeders up by the house. Hang them away from the house high up off the ground—the best thing is not to have any at all. Keep horse feed in a closed container and behind a closed door, And don't forget the BBQ grill. Keep it clean and covered. These are the things that will attract the bears attention the fastest. If we all do our part, then Mr/Ms Bear will just pass on through.

These bears don't seem to be afraid of people and that is a problem. Don't try to approach them. Use loud noises—air horns, banging pots and pans, anything that will startle the bear and encourage him to move on.

Being knowledgeable is being prepared.

ACTHA RIDE

True West is hosting an ACTHA ride on Saturday, June 22nd. They still need someone to be a judge for best dressed horse and best dressed rider (before the riders take off in the morning) and after the ride there will be the “best in show” for the dogs, Also, if you can help with set-up and then clean-up afterwards, that would be greatly appreciated. Contact Donna at True West if you can help out. It is a great program and brings good press/good riders/nice people to the neighborhood.

True West Campground, Stables, and Mercantile
3341 Leatherwood Ford Road
Jamestown TN, 38556
[931-752-8272](tel:931-752-8272)

MISSING HORSES

2 Horses lost in the BSF area Saturday. “Stormy” Black TWH-gelding and “Cisco” Brown/White (mostly white) TWH-gelding. Both horses were fully tacked. The two horses spooked and took off and were last seen near Jacks Hole/Panther Creek/Needles Eye. Owners are from Illinois and were staying at True West Campground. If you see the horses or have any information Please contact Donna or Shawn at True West 931-752-8272.

New Signs For Spruce Creek Trails

The SCTA is working to have new directional signs erected on our trail system within Spruce Creek. Dave Duchon has volunteered to make the signs and they will be installed on posts at the appropriate intersections. We have a lot of riders from other areas that seem to get lost (not to mention some of the locals). Initially we will have 9 posts that will have a total of 40 signs to help riders get to their desired destination.

There will be an SCTA workday announced when we are ready for the posts/signs to be installed.

Workday at the Pavilion

The picnic tables at the pavilion are in serious need of cleaning and new varnish. Wednesday, June 19th at 8am will be a workday to power-wash the tables and get them ready for a new coat of varnish (which will be another workday, possibly after July 4th)

Some general clean-up of the pavilion will also be done at this time.

Trail Work

There have been numerous complaints about the Tee Pee trail at the creek crossing. The board will be looking into correcting the problem. We will be talking to Ricky Rains to come up with the best way to resolve the situation.

Proctor Ridge Trail still needs some additional water bars put in place and also the park service has interlocking bricks which need to be installed at the creek crossing— another workday project coming up in the future.

The trail that runs alongside of Jaime Whittaker's place is plagued with underground springs. We are trying to come up with a good way to make the trail safer and to find a more permanent way to fix the muddy spots.

Specific emails will be sent out regarding the projected workdays for these items.

Check out our website www.sprucecreektrails.com

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Call Judy 931-879-0719 for more information.

SADDLE

Reinsman Trail Sade 17" high cantle, 2yrs old only used 4 times. \$650 Contact for more info: Sharon: 802 Spruce Creek Drive Cell# 615-389-5003 Cabin 931-879-1134

HORSES FOR SALE

Registered Tennessee Walker, Sorrell gelding, 15.0 hands, 12 yrs. old, ridden throughout Big South Fork - \$1,500

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