

SPRUCE CREEK TRAILS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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It's a New Season in "The Creek"

Spring is just around the corner and that means riding season is here. SCTA is gearing up for a great year of fun and trail improvements.

We will be having our community pot lucks the last Saturday of each month—April through October, 6:30PM CT at the pavilion. Bring a dish to share and catch up with old friends and meet new neighbors in the Spruce Creek area.

As added fun, we have a band booked (Jeff Ledbetter and his side-kick Charles) for Sunday May 26th (Memorial Day Weekend), Friday July 5th (July 4th Week) and Sunday, September 1st (Labor Day Weekend) - So be sure to mark your calendars NOW!!! and plan to attend for music, dancing and a lot of fun!

We will be having volunteer trail work days, the first one tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 18th...to work on the TeePee Loop section of Spruce Creek Trail system. An email will be sent out with all the information as it gets closer to the date. Saturday, May 4th is another tentative work day, with work scheduled for the trail that runs alongside of Jamie Whitakers place. Again, we will send out on email prior to the work date. SCTA maintains approximately 25 of multi-use trails located in the Spruce Creek Acres development. Your volunteer efforts to help with maintenance is greatly appreciated by all who ride/hike our trails. We need folks with all kinds of trail work duties from diggin' to litter pick up, so come on out and lend a hand. Happy Trails !!!!

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2013

It's that time again. Time to renew your Spruce Creel Trails Association membership. *Membership application is attached to this email as a .pdf file.* Please take a moment to fill it out, attach your check and drop it in the mail.

The annual membership for 2013 is \$40.00. Due to the rising costs in fuel, materials, labor and postage, we had to increase the 2013 dues by \$5.00. Your annual membership dues go to pay the taxes/utilities for the pavilion and for the general supplies used for the potluck dinners that are held April through October. Dues money is also used for trail maintenance/upkeep and special trail projects.

One such project was the Proctor Ridge Trail re-route. A BIG thank you to all those who made monetary donations and to those who volunteered their time to this great cause. We still have a few work items to complete, but the trail is open and ready for use.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION THIS MAY

There will be a general meeting of all SCTA members, in good standing, at 6PM CT prior to the May potluck. We will hold the election for 3 positions that are up for re-election. The 3 positions are currently held by Ricky Rains, Danny Hatcher and Sharon Vaughn. Sharon has declined to run again. We would like to thank her for her dedicated service and great job she has done as a SCTA board member.

If you are interested in running for one of the 3 positions, please notify the board members by May 15th. You can send an email to the SCTA Board of Directors of your intention to run for a board position:

sprucecreek.trailsassoc@yahoo.com

Or contact one of the board members directly.

Each position is a 3-year term, with 3 positions coming up for re-election each year.

This is YOUR association and your participation is greatly welcomed. You must be current on your dues to qualify for a position on the board.

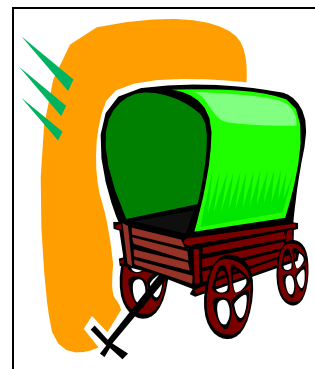
O&W Trail Now Open to Wagon Use

The park begins a pilot project to allow wagons on the O&W trail *on a limited basis* to determine if the use of wagons is practical and desirable.

Wagons will have access points at Mill Creek, Zenith, and Tar Kiln Trail.

During the pilot period, *wagon use will be restricted to Monday through Friday only*. The route will continue to be open to horses, mountain bikes and pedestrians every day.

To access the trail by wagon, stop by the Big South Fork park headquarters to sign out a key that will allow access through the gates at these locations.

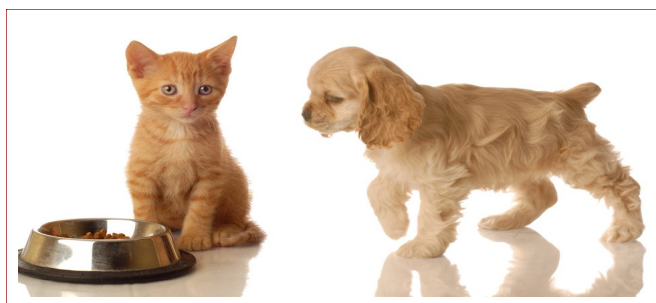


Benefit Ride to Support Best Friends Sanctuary Sponsored by True West Campground

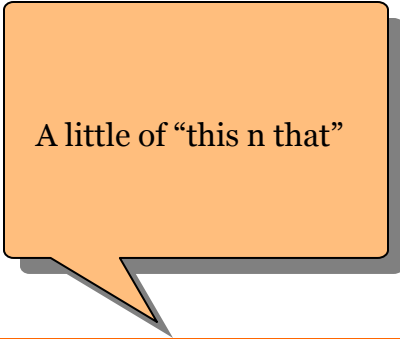
True West Campground is sponsoring a trail ride April 13th, to help support Best Friends Sanctuary with funds for the new building and to feed the foster animals . **See attached flyer (to this email).**

Non-riders are welcomed!!! \$5 donation and join the potluck, silent auction and live music.

There will be orphans available for adoption the day of the ride...so open your heart and home and give these little ones a loving family.



A very pretty and nice female cat has taken up residence in Spruce Creek and guess what—she's expecting. So if anyone would like a kitten — please call Donna Drochak at 931-752-8388.



A little of "this n that"

Accounting of Proctor Ridge Trail Re-route:

The project costs came in better than we the estimate and we received a refund!

SCTA contribution	\$5,000
Gerndt Family contribution	<u>\$2,500</u>
Total allocation	\$7,500
Total Cost	-\$ 7,250
Refund to SCTA	\$250

We still have some water bars to install and interlocking stones at the creek crossing. (Future work day) SCTA is responsible for maintenance of the trail for one year per our agreement with the Park Service.

NEW TRAIL DIRECTIONAL SIGNS: At the last board meeting, the subject of installing new directional signs within the Spruce Creek Trails system was discussed . We are looking into the design and cost of materials. Dave Duchon has graciously volunteered to make them for us. We will be contacting True West Campground, Timber Ridge Campground and Saddle Valley Campground for their support in this endeavor.

EAST FORK TRAILS YEARLY PASS FOR SPRUCE CREEK TRAIL RIDERS

As a member of a club, we are qualified to get an East Fork Trail Pass. At a reduced rate! *We must sign up as a group each year.* The cost is \$43.80 per person per year. If you are interested in joining, call Brenda Lawson at 879-2781 or Pam Dawson at 752-2250. They will need your name, address and phone number and you must get them the check (made out to East Fork Stables) by this year's April potluck (April 27th) Pam has to turn in the information by May 1st.

On your first trip to East Fork, you must check in at the office and sign a release of liability and present your current Coggins to them to make a copy. Then you will receive your yearly pass and you will not be required to check in again. Just show up and ride!



WE ARE ON THE WEB

We are in the process of a re-design to our website. We would like to thank LDS Web Design for managing the SCTA website for the last 8+years. It is time to take our website in a new direction and have contracted with AdirondackGraphics.com for a new look to our webpage. We should be up and running soon if not already completed.....Check us out at www.sprucecreektrails.com

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