



SCTA Newsletter Aug 1, 2014

Membership Dues:

We currently have 95 members; our goal is to beat last year's total of 125 Your membership support is appreciated and necessary. The funds are used for maintenance and improvements to our trails, supplies and upkeep of the pavilion, as well as potlucks and music events.

A membership form can be found on our website <http://www.sprucecreektrails.com> bottom of the page.

Trails Update

Danny and Adam have been busy. In May, we completed annual trail maintenance activities including filling in muddy spots, improving drainage, and adding rock. In June, work began on Wildcat Den... most of the new route from Spruce Creek down to the creek has been cleared. This provides a much safer and gradual descent. After the new trail has "settled", we will improve/protect the new creek crossing and then begin work to cut a new trail on the other side of the creek. Our thanks to the Sloan family for giving us permission to make these changes. In July, we mowed the underbrush and berry bushes on the sides of our trails. This not only keeps them from becoming overgrown, but also discourages the bears from feeding where we are likely to have human and horse traffic.

Neighborhood Watch Program Meeting

Deputy David Openheim, Kay Openheim, along with Sheriff Tony Choate, came to the Pavilion on July 9th to talk with us about the fundamentals of a neighborhood watch program. They were very impressed that over 50 folks attended from Spruce Creek and the surrounding area.

We learned that there are currently 19 officers on the force with 3 normally on duty at a time to provide 24/7 coverage. Fentress County is approximately 500 square miles, so response time can easily be 20 - 40 minutes. The Sheriff indicated that neighborhood watch programs are a valuable asset for the sheriff's department. Neighborhood Watch Signs and Cameras are effective in discouraging criminals. Neighbors watching out for neighbors is also very important. Deputy Openheim requested that we invite him to future meetings to answer questions and provide guidance..

The groups in the area generally thought to be responsible for the majority of break-ins here are seasoned thieves. They case out the neighborhood for targets during the day, then drop off others, returning to pick them up later with the stolen property. The stolen property is often discovered in nearby counties.

Those in attendance agreed that we should move forward with steps to investigate a formal neighborhood watch program. Tracey Hatcher and Brenda Goett are looking into the cost of Neighborhood Watch signs. Monica Quarnby volunteered to price surveillance cameras. Laurie LeRoy is working on a master list of residents.

In the meantime, here are some suggestions highlighted at the meeting to help keep our neighborhood safe:

- Be on watch for unknown vehicles and get the license plate numbers to report to the sheriff's office.
- If you have a security system, loud alarms are very effective in rural areas to scare off intruders
- Install motion detector lights around doors and windows
- Keep your grass cut/property maintained so you do not advertise no one is home
- Dead bolt locks on doors are the best
- Move vehicles every few days
- Photograph valuables such as jewelry and firearms
- Record serial numbers, mark tools, guns etc. which are often targeted

If you are going to be gone:

- Do not indicate you are not at home on social media
- Have neighbors collect your mail or stop your mail at the post office
- Use auto switches to turn on light, music, or TV
- Give keys and contact information to your neighbor or other caretaker so they can check property and move vehicles

Look for an e-blast in the next few weeks to announce the day and time of our next neighborhood watch organization meeting.

Labor Day Celebration

Sunday, August 31st Pot Luck @6:30pm Music @ 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome. Bring a chair, a dish to share and beverage of your choice.

Zenith Ride

Back Country Horsemen of Big South Fork are hosting a 3 day ride at Zenith Stables. Proceeds go for trail maintenance. The weekend will cost only \$90 per person and will include camping, stall and meals. Bring your horse and enjoy the fun. A woodland scavenger hunt... you will be surprised by what you find in the woods. A 50-50 drawing and gifts. Friends who want to participate are welcome for \$10/meal. Call Zenith Stables at 931.879-5252

Charit Creek Ride from Saddle Valley

September 20th. Campout Friday night ride to Lodge on Saturday, eat a good dinner, take a shower, some front porch time, get a good night sleep, ride back to camp Sunday. Call Teresa Elam for reservations leave a message and she'll call you back. 931-879-4069

Best Friend's Sanctuary

The Best Friend's Dinner Dance at Bacara's August 1st is SOLD OUT, but you are still welcome to become a monthly donator, volunteer, or purchase a commemorative dog run for our shelter. BFS is also now accepting donations via Paypal. Use the email address bestfriendssanctuary@gmail.com for Paypal.

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2004 Hustler Super Z ZTR, Kohler engine.

Great condition has about 465 hours. asking \$4,500.

just needs a battery.

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Frigidaire 14.7 Cu Ft

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Freezer, like New

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Humidifier + 5 new filters

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Contact Steve Drochak 931-752-8388

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Large dressing room box \$18,000

Contact Lou Ann Rade-Kees 931-397-5552

1999 Sundowner Valuelite, 3 horse slant, w/ dressing room

Steel Frame, Aluminum Skin, Roof Insulated, Drop Down Windows, Separate

Drop Down Faceguards. Horse Compartment floor reinforced Tires like new.

Escape Door, Collapsible Rear Tack, Ramp, Easy load for 4-wheelers, golf carts,

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Contact Claudia or Brian at 931-879-5312 or cell 931-704-3679

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Contact Jane at 931-752-5124 for an appointment

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