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### **\*\*\* 2016 DUES \*\*\***

Are now due & payable. Our "dues year" runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, but it's critical that we get everyone signed up early, so we have operating funds to pay for gravel, pavilion maintenance, etc. We have 49 members paid, and usually have 100+ for the year. Also, in this year's election at the May Potluck we have several candidates for three open positions, and you MUST be paid up in dues in order to vote. We may even have "real" ballots. ;) Ricky Rains is stepping down as a board member. Brenda Goett and Max Traven are running again. Jan Ballinger, Lorraine Coriaggio and Linder Powell are running.

Be aware that many memberships are "family" memberships, and so only receive one vote at the election.

Also, many folks pay extra on their dues, writing one check to cover dues and a donation. If you do, feel free to earmark your extra donation for a specific purpose ("Trail work", "Music for the potluck," etc.) We've received some feedback – always appreciated – that paying for bands at the potlucks shouldn't come from a "trail association." So, with that in mind, we will run a tip jar at the three potlucks with paid musicians (already booked), and the SCTA will make up any differential should the tips not cover the band cost.

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

### **Fundraising Ideas**

We are exploring some fund raising ideas for SCTA. Let your board members know your thoughts. Under consideration are Spruce Creek hats, Spruce Creek cups/coozies/mugs, a Spruce Creek handkerchief with our trail system printed on it, and Glow-n-The-Dark culvert markers to mark trail hazards, boundaries, etc.

## **POTLUCK SCHEDULE 2016 (6:30PM Central Time)**

### **April 30<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)**

Membership Drive, **SCTA to provide hot dogs**. No music. Announce the vacancies that will be open for the May meeting and encourage new blood. Pay your dues so you can vote next month.

### **May 29<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)**

Memorial Day is Monday the 30<sup>th</sup>. SCTA Elections, 3 positions open. Music by TimChuck2

### **July 2<sup>nd</sup> (Saturday) (NOTE - changed to Saturday!!!)**

4<sup>th</sup> of July is Monday. Music by Jeff Crouch

### **September 4<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)**

Labor Day is Monday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup>. Music by TimChuck2

### **October 9<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)**

Columbus Day is Monday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. Music open jam/open mic with Roger Bercht & The Spruce Creek Ramblers

## **Saddle Valley & Gum Branch Fund-raiser**

Saddle Valley Campground and the new chapter of Back Country Horsemen are taking responsibility for repairing/upgrading the Gum Branch Trail. They are doing a poker run on Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> From 10 till 3 to raise money. Register at Saddle Valley. There will be different poker chips on the Spruce Creek trail; bring them back and draw your cards. Best hand wins 1/2 the pot the other half goes to trail work. They will also have hamburgers chips and a drink for sale. The price is 6 bucks.

## **TRAIL UPDATE**

We've decided to have "fixed" trail work days and rain dates, set for the entire year. This will eliminate the last-minute e-blasts. Meet at the pavilion at 8:30 CST. We're also partnering with Big South Fork and have added three work days in the park itself. Volunteer training may be required to work in BSF. We'd like to get a crash-course (1 hr) offered at our Pavilion rather than do a 4 hour session at the East Rim Maintenance Center. Schedule below, BSF Days in **GREEN**:

#### **WORK DATE**

Wed. March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Wed. April 13<sup>th</sup>

Wed. May 11<sup>th</sup>

Wed. June 15<sup>th</sup>

**Thu. June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Sat. June 25<sup>th</sup>

Wed. July 13<sup>th</sup>

**Thu July 21<sup>st</sup>**

#### **RAIN DATE**

Wed. March 30

Wed. April 20<sup>th</sup>

Wed. May 18<sup>th</sup>

Wed. July 20<sup>th</sup>

Wed. Aug 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Thu. Aug 18<sup>th</sup>**

Wed. Aug 17<sup>th</sup>

Wed. Sep 14<sup>th</sup>

Sat. Sept 24<sup>th</sup>

Wed. Oct 12<sup>th</sup>

Wed. Oct 19<sup>th</sup>

As you ride around SC, you'll notice many, many trail improvements... too many to mention here. Introduce yourself to Max and let him know you appreciate the trails.

### **MISC AREA HAPPENINGS**

Big South Fork Spring Planting & Music Festival will be Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>. An all-day affair, there will be live music at Bandy Creek Visitor's Center, Lora Blevins' home place and Oscar Blevins' farmstead. Spruce Creek Ramblers are rumored to be playing again!

Members can submit a photo to Roger for inclusion on the web site. [rdurwoodb@gmail.com](mailto:rdurwoodb@gmail.com)

### **FOR SALE**

Big Horn gaited man's saddle. 17 inch gel seat. Very comfortable. In good condition. Asking \$500.00 OBO Please email [beechhaven8330@gmail.com](mailto:beechhaven8330@gmail.com) or call [931-879-9884](tel:931-879-9884).





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## SERVICES

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Jamestown TN 38556

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### DOG GROOMING

Jane Johnson is now accepting SMALL dogs for grooming.  
Contact Jane at 931-752-5124 for an appointment

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