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OUR OBJECTIVES:

GROUP HIKING + TRAIL MAINTENANCE + OUTDOOR RECREATION

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ALL DUES ARE DUE AS OF APRIL 1

**Dues paid by Mar 31 are \$5 for an individual, \$7.50 for family;
Dues paid on or after Apr 1 are \$7 for an individual, \$10 for family
HAVE YOUR DUES BEEN PAID? CHECK YOUR LABEL!**

**If the digits XXXXX XXXXXX 10401 or
XXXXX XXXXXX 20401 appear above your name, your dues are payable now!**

March 4
Sunday
10:00 AM

C
8 miles
25 hwy miles

Governor Dick

Hike will follow Horse Shoe Trail to Governor Dick Tower then loop back on game lands. Moderate pace and terrain. Bring lunch and water. *Meet at Root Beer Barrel parking lot on PA 72 South, two miles north of PA Turnpike entrance on the right.
Leader: Tom Weaber, 273-3726

March 10
Saturday
9:00 AM



50 hwy miles

AT Maintenance

Help maintain SATC's section of the AT. Winter blowdown removal, trash pick-up, fire ring removal, etc. Bring lunch, water, and work gloves. Morning or full day option. *Alternate meeting place: parking area at PA 225 and 325 north of Dauphin at 9:30 AM.*
Leaders: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281 and Will Webster

March 14

Deadline to register for Whitewater Rafting Weekend, May 25-28. See below.

March 17
Saturday
9:00 AM

D+
12 miles
47 hwy miles

Conococheague—Rising Mountain Loop (western Perry County)

Moderate-fast pace, rocky terrain. Points of interest include Hickory Ridge Vista (1,300'); Big Round Top (2,210') – vista of Path Valley and Knob Mountain; and a visit to the McCaskey graves. Bring lunch and water. Camera optional. *Alternate meeting place: Shearer Dug Road at 10:10 AM.*
Leader: Karen Balaban, 234-3357 or kmbalaban@balabanlucas.com

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March 24
Saturday
5:30 PM



Annual SATC Banquet and Election of Officers and Directors

For more information, see article on **Pages 6 & 8**

March 25
Sunday
9:00 AM

C+
7-8 miles
75 hwy miles

Kings Gap Circle Hike

Moderate pace, moderate terrain. Two climbs. Bring lunch and water.
Alternate meeting place: Kings Gap Plantation parking lot.
Leader: Pat Harhi, 697-0648

March 25
Sunday
10:00 AM

E+
15 miles
110 hwy miles

Conestoga Trail—Martic Forge to Lock 12

Moderate to fast pace, moderate terrain with about 2500' elevation gain. This difficult Lancaster County hike features views of the Susquehanna River including the Pinnacle, three streams, and a shallow gorge. Bring lunch, water, extra footwear to ford the streams, and a small towel to dry your feet.
Leader: Mark Press, 367-2763

March 30

Deadline for Acadia National Park Camping Trip. See article on page 9

March 31
Saturday
8:30 AM

D+
8-10 miles
275 hwy miles

AT in VA—Ashby Gap to Thompson WMA

Moderately paced hike on the Appalachian Trail in northern Virginia. Two significant climbs and a couple of smaller ones total about 2200'; 1400' net gain. Possible loop in G. Richard Thompson WMA will increase mileage and footage. Bring lunch and water. Dinner stop on the way back.
Leaders: Will and Jane Webster, 526-2127 or willweb@juno.com

March 31
Saturday
9:00 AM

25 hwy miles

Darlington Trail Construction

Trail work could include side hill trail digging, rock work, and general trail clearing. Full or half day option. Bring lunch, water, and work gloves.
Leaders: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281 and Tom Scully, 671-8241



April 1
Sunday
1:00 PM (DST)

B+ or D+
4 or 9 miles
30 hwy miles

Installation of Officers and Directors

One steep climb and descent to and from Hawk Rock, the founding place of SATC. One group will continue on an optional 9-mile loop hike. Bring snacks and water.
Leaders: Katie Jones, 249-6727 and Barb Harvey, 766-7868

April 3
Tuesday
6:30 PM



Board of Directors Meeting

Members are welcome to attend. **Location:** Cleve J. Fredricksen Library (new West Shore library), Masland Board Room, 1st Floor, 100 North 19th Street, Camp Hill.

April 6-8
Friday-Sunday

Keystone Trails Association Spring Council Meeting & Hiking Weekend

The location this year is Renovo, PA.
Contact Clarence Fredlund, 564-1447, for more information.

April 7
Saturday
10:00 AM

D+
10-12 miles
20 hwy miles

Camp Mack, BSA—Iron Valley Vista

Begin on the Horse Shoe Trail at Hammer Creek and hike to Camp Mack, Rexmont Supply Dam, and Iron Valley vista for a view of the Lebanon Valley. Moderate pace, some long climbs and rocky areas. Bring lunch and water. **Meet at Root Beer Barrel parking lot on PA 72 South, two miles north of PA Turnpike entrance on the right.*
Leader: Tom Weaber, 273-3726

April 7
Saturday
5:30 PM

C+
9 miles
30 hwy miles

Full Moon Anniversary Hike—Stony Mountain Fire Tower

Bring a flashlight, water, and hors d'oeuvres to share. Plan to stay awhile and watch the moon rise over the fire tower. One very long, very strenuous climb. Moderate-fast pace.
Leaders: Jane and Randy Greber, 766-1913

April 10

Tuesday
7:00 PM



Spring Meeting for All Members and Guests

The evening will begin with a special reception for new, prospective, and current members including refreshments, displays of guide books, and hike scheduling for the June-July-August quarter.

Program: Sue Unger from Wildware will give a presentation on gear and accessories for day hiking and backpacking.

Location: West Shore Senior Citizens Center, 122 Geary Avenue, New Cumberland.

April 14

Saturday
9:00 AM

25 hwy miles

Darlington Trail Construction

Trail work could include side hill trail digging, rock work, and general trail clearing. Full or half day option. Bring lunch, water, and work gloves.

Leaders: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281 and Tom Scully, 671-8241



April 20

Deadline for Redbud Ramblin' Weekend II. See article on page 9

April 22

Sunday
9:00 AM

C+
7 miles
90 hwy miles

Gettysburg Battlefield in the Spring

Hike the sight of the famous Civil War battle. Moderate pace, moderate terrain. Bring lunch and water.

Leader: Sam Barker, 761-8177

April 25

Wednesday
9:00 AM

A
6 miles
30 hwy miles



Cumberland Valley Rails to Trails

Hike along the former Cumberland Valley RR first used in 1831 to carry passengers and freight to Hagerstown and Virginia. Bring water. Lunch in a local restaurant.

**Meet at M. J. Carlisle Mall near the theater, exit #16 I-81 and PA 34 or contact leader.*

Leader: Thyra Sperry 258-5261 or hikethyra@aol.com

April 25

Wednesday
5:30 PM

C+
7 miles
0 hwy miles

Strenuous After-Work Hike—Pole Steeple

Moderate to fast pace with one strenuous ascent and descent. Bring snacks and water.

**Meet at the chimney parking lot at Pine Grove Furnace State Park.*

Leaders: Jane and Randy Greber, 766-1913

April 28

Saturday
9:00 AM



50 hwy miles

AT Maintenance

We will be constructing rock steps, check dams, and water bars as needed on a part of SATC's section of the AT. Bring lunch, water, and work gloves. Morning or full day option.

Alternate meeting place: parking area at PA 225 and 325 north of Dauphin at 9:30 AM.

Leader: Jeff Buehler, 657-8281

April 29

Sunday
1:30 PM

B+
6 miles
50 hwy miles

Bluebell Hike

Hike on the Appalachian Trail from Route 850 to Bernheisel Bridge Road (Scott Farm).

Two moderate climbs and one steep descent. Bring snacks and water.

Leaders: Frank Bohn, 234-5169 and Kris Kyler

May 4-6

Friday-Sunday

Redbud Ramblin' Weekend II

For details see page 9

May 6

Sunday
10:00 AM

D
10-12 miles
0 hwy miles

High Bridge Reservoir

Hike into High Bridge Reservoir on a rail bed then loop around to the dam. Moderate pace with some rocky areas and 2-3 stream crossings. Bring lunch and water. **Meet at parking lot on Goldmine Road at the start of Stony Valley rail bed (Lebanon side).*

Leader: Tom Weaver, 273-3726

May 6

Sunday
10:00 AM

B+
5 miles
50 hwy miles

Kings Gap Circle

Moderate pace, some rocky terrain. Several climbs. Bring lunch and water.

Leader: Janet Eshleman, 774-1318

May 12

Saturday
9:00 AM

B+
3-8 miles
5 hwy miles

Horse Shoe Trail Maintenance

Bring lunch, water, sturdy boots, and tools if you have them.

**Meet near the Shell station on PA 39 at I-81.*

Leader: John W. Stein, 533-3679 or 102544.627@compuserve.com

May 19-20

Saturday-Sunday
7:45 AM

E+/D+

21.2/10.3 miles
220 hwy miles



Tuscarora Trail Weekend

Hike the Tuscarora Trail on Saturday from PA 16 to Camp Harding County Park (21.2 miles including 3.7 miles of road walking and two stream crossings) and on Sunday from Camp Harding County Park To Hancock, MD (10.3 miles including 1.5 miles of road walking). Saturday night at Cowans Gap State Park. Bring extra footwear on Saturday suitable for fording streams. Moderate pace, easy to rough terrain. Joint hike with PATC. Leader: Mark Press, 367-2763

May 20

Sunday
9:00 AM

C+

6-7 miles
90 hwy miles

Mountain Laurel Circle Hike—Juniata County

Moderate pace, mostly gentle terrain with a short area of small rocks. One 1000' gradual climb and descent. Hike is mostly on state game lands and includes vistas and two creeks. Bring snacks, water, and something to share for a pot luck supper after the hike. Drinks and barbecue provided.

Leaders: Cindy Iberg, 463-3102 or coriander@tricountyi.net
Dennis Buck, 238-2122 or dennyabuck@aol.com

May 22

Tuesday
6:00 PM

A

3 miles
0 hwy miles

New Cumberland Ice Cream Hike

Children welcome, sneakers okay.
**Meet at 1481 Simpson Ferry Road, New Cumberland.*
Leader: Louise Sis, 774-0196



May 23

Wednesday
5:30 PM

C+

8.5 miles
0 hwy miles

After Work Hike—Hawk Rock

Moderate pace, rocky terrain with total elevation gain of 1400'. Bring snacks, water, and a flashlight. **Meet at the AT south of Duncannon where it begins to climb Cove Mountain.*
Leader: Mark Press, 367-2763

May 25-28

Friday-Monday



Whitewater Rafting , Hiking, and Camping Weekend

Saturday: Raft 13 miles through Class II and III rapids in the scenic Lower Lehigh Gorge near Jim Thorpe, PA. No experience necessary. Guided trip costs \$49.50 and includes cookout supper (other food and camping additional). Sunday and Monday: Moderate hikes in the Lehigh Gorge area. Rafting-only day trip is also okay.
Call leader by March 14th for details and to register.
Leader: Katie Jones, 249-6727

June 2

Saturday

Nationals Trails Day

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, all hikes leave from FISHER PLAZA
 (ENTRANCE TO THE STATE LIBRARY) behind the State Capitol Building.
 Should Fisher Plaza be closed, the alternate meeting site will be the parking island in front of the East Gate Office Center on 7th St. opposite the Herr St. underpass will be allowed at the alternate site.

If you ride with someone, you should give the driver 4¢ times the highway mileage shown, to help defray the cost of gas.

NO PETS ALLOWED **CODES FOR THE HIKES ARE SHOWN ON PAGE 8**

ATTENTION!! All Members: Even though our address panel shows that Postage has been paid, copies of the Bushwack Bulletin cannot be mailed without postage. The postage paid indicia only applies when 200 pieces are mailed, accompanied with a proper payment voucher.

DEADLINE for the next BUSHWACK BULLETIN will be **APRIL 12, 2001**



**"PRESERVING NATURE'S HERITAGE"
The 33rd BIENNIAL
APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE
JULY 13-20, 2001,
AT SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY**

If you would like more information about the Summer A.T. conference, please go to this Web Page:

[<www.appalachiantrail.org/about/biennial.html>](http://www.appalachiantrail.org/about/biennial.html)

In February you will be able to download all of the registration information. All registrations must be sent via U.S. mail. Come, join us for hikes, workshops and excursions

You can also volunteer as a hike leader or excursion leader.

For hiking, call Katie Jones at 717-249-6727 or E-mail: jones@dickinson.edu

For excursions, call Kris Kyler at 717-588-8417 or E-mail: kakylr@tycoelectronics.com

For general information as a volunteer prior to the conference, call Thyra Sperry, Chair, at 717-258-5261 or E-mail: hikethyra@aol.com

Appalachian Trail Conference Member
The Biennial Meeting of the Appalachian Trail Conference ♦ July 13-20, 2001
at Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania

Host  Clubs

Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club
Allentown Hiking Club
Appalachian Mountain Club ♦ Delaware Valley Chapter
Batona Hiking Club
Cumberland Valley Appalachian Trail Club
Mountain Club of Maryland
York Hiking Club

ANNUAL BANQUET & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- WHEN:** Saturday, March 24, 2001
- WHERE:** Elizabethtown College,
- SOCIAL HOUR:** 5:30 PM
DINNER: 6:00 PM
- DEADLINE:** Reservations should be made, no later than March 17, 2001
- PROGRAM:** "Westward Ho - Adventure of a Lifetime" presented by Terry Neumyer from the Audubon Society.

This presentation will connect you with many of the experiences I had as I traveled from Harrisburg, PA to West Yellowstone, Mt and back. This adventure all began when I was a youngster. My mind and body were always excited as I read the accounts of people who saw and did marvelous things in our great USA. The reading books in school shared tales and adventures of the pioneers, the pony express, and the adventures of Lewis and Clark. For me it took magic of birds and the search for new species to actually motivate me to take the time to do the things you have been reading about. The route I took many time was the route taken by the pioneers as they traveled westward.

I will begin in Nebraska and end my presentation in Utah. I have slides of mammals, flora, birds, and camp life. There are field mark identifications I learned for some birds seen on my trip, and some unusual butterfly stories. I have pictures of petrolyths found at the National Audubon Western Camp in Dubois, Wy, and shots in the Tetons, and Yellowstone National Parks. If you have been to any of these places, come to remember the times you had while there. If you have not been there, come so you can get motivated to go there in the future. If you can no longer travel for some reason, come to experience, through my presentation, the wonders of the West.

Send your reservations with a check for \$12.00 per person to:

Clarence R. Fredlund
7901 Chambers Hill Rd
Harrisburg PA 17111-5409

Directions to Elizabethtown College from Harrisburg

Take Route 283 south to the Hershey-Elizabethtown exit.
Turn right off the exit unto Route 743 into town;
Go through five red lights. After the fifth light, keep to left, go down a slight grade and turn left unto College Avenue.
Go two blocks and turn right onto Mount Joy Street.
Go two more blocks and turn left onto Cedar Street.
Park in the Church of the Brethren parking lot (on your right) using the spaces furthest from the Church.
See the College's Myer Dining Hall on the left.
Dinner is in the Susquehanna Room.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Darlington Trail Relocation . . .

Thanks to hard work and persistence by club member Tom Scully and other - including a hardy bunch who went out with chain saws - the Darlington Trail is 95% complete and all the blow downs have been removed. The new path is more remote, less damaged and passes some beautiful areas. It lies entirely within State Game Lands, safe from developers and should be open for hiking this spring.

Appalachian Trail . . .

SATC Trail Master Jeff Buehler reports that 30 SATC members volunteered a total of 737.5 hours in trail maintenance and directly related activities. Many thanks to Jeff and all our maintainers!

The Horse-Shoe Trail . . .

Many of you may not know that SATC maintains part of the Horse-Shoe Trail. Club member and Horse-Shoe Trail volunteer John Stein has written an article (see page 8) describing our section and some of the issues that face that trail.

Hike Leaders . . .

Hike leaders are needed both for SATC's quarterly schedule and for the upcoming Appalachian Trail Conference this summer.

Experience is not needed to lead a SATC hike. If you've hiked with the club a few times and know a trail well enough to guide others, you're qualified. Come to the next quarterly meeting and we'll give you any assistance you need. We'll even find a co-leader for you if you like.

If you've led hikes already, your help is VERY MUCH NEEDED for the ATC conference this summer. Please see article on page , in this issue and send in a copy of the hike leader volunteer form. We're counting on SATC members to fill many of the hike leader positions.

Excursions . . .

SATC member Kris Kyler is chair of the excursions committee for the 2001 conference and has many excellent excursions planned for those conference attendees who won't be hiking. If you'd like to lead one, please contact Kris at 717-448-8417.

Dues and Life Memberships . . .

Remember that dues will go up to \$7 annually for an individual membership and \$10 for a joint

membership on April 1st of this year. Those who renew before then may pay the old rate of \$5 for individuals and \$7.50 for joint memberships.

The cost of a life membership in the Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club is 25 times the annual rate. Thus, those who purchase life memberships before April 1st, 2001, will pay \$125 for an individual and \$187.50 for a joint membership. On and after April 1, the costs rise to \$175 and \$250. If you've been considering a life membership, this is your chance to purchase it at the lower rate while making an important contribution to Trail preservation.

Annual Banquet . . .

SATC's annual banquet and election of officers will be held **Saturday, March 24th, at Elizabethtown College**. A special speaker and some special awards are planned, so be sure to attend.

Why not send your dues at the same time? That way they'll arrive before April 1st and you can pay at the old rate!

ATVs . . .

SATC's board of directors voted on January 2nd to reimburse Dick Martin for expenses as he constructs a slide presentation on All Terrain Vehicles and the damage that they cause to forests and foot trails. Dick has an excellent collection of photographs on this subject. His show will be available for presentation to other clubs and may be useful if there are further hearings on the subject. Thanks, Dick, for all your work!

Outreach . . .

SATC's involvement with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Harrisburg continues. Plans are underway for another season of hikes and backpacks with children who might not otherwise experience the outdoors.

New T-shirts . . .

The board voted to purchase new SATC T-shirts and make them available for purchase. Krista Cessna and Peter Fleszar have come up with an attractive new design. The shirts will be available in both cotton and a synthetic blend.

Your President
Katie Jones.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS is held at the Annual Dinner Meeting. The Annual Dinner Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 20, 1999, this year. See announcement in this issue of the BUSHWACK BULLETIN.

The BY-LAWS of the Club provide for the election as follows:

BY-LAW I - ELECTION AND QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1 NOMINATIONS:

The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee, which shall be chaired by a non-officer member of the Board of Directors, not later than sixty (60) days before the next succeeding Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall notify all Club Members at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting of the nominated persons. The Nominating Committee is limited to one nomination for each office and non-officer director-ship. Additional nominations, which are reserved to the membership at large, may be submitted in writing to the Nominating Committee, until one week prior to the Annual Meeting. No nominations are to be made nor accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND NON-OFFICER DIRECTORS:

Election shall be at the Annual Meeting. If there are more than one nominee for any office or non-officer directorship, the elections shall be by secret ballot and by plurality vote.

Section 3 TERM OF OFFICE:

Officers shall be elected annually, but the President and Vice President shall in no event serve more than two consecutive terms in their respective offices. The Secretary and Treasurer may serve successive one year terms without limitation. Non-officer members of the Board of Directors shall be elected to serve a two year term, but they shall in no event serve more than two consecutive elected terms.

In accordance with the Constitution and By-laws of the SUSQUEHANNA APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB, the Nominating Committee, appointed by the President, submits the following slate of officers for your consideration for the coming year:

Secretary: Richard A. Martin
Treasurer: Clarence V. Fredlund

Board Members:
(For 2 Year Term) Karen Balaban
Sam Barker
Sam Harvey

In accord with the by-laws, any member desiring to submit additional nominations, may do so by submitting the nomination in writing to any member of the Nominating Committee, so as to reach the member of the Committee by Saturday, March 13, 1999.

Kris Kyler, Chair
3784 Montour St.
Harrisburg, PA 17111-1937

John W. Stein
P O Box 9
Hershey PA 17033-0009

Louise Sis
1481 Simpson Ferry Rd.,
New Cumberland, PA 17070-1572

CODES FOR THE HIKES

A -	Easy	- Hikes of up to six miles with very little hill climbing [Excellent for beginners.]
B -	Fairly Easy	- Hikes of up to six miles with some climbing. [Good for beginners.]
B+	Moderate	- Hikes of up to six miles with more difficult climbs.
C -	Fairly moderate	- Hikes of 7 to 9 miles with very little climbing.
C+	Strenuous	- Hikes of 7 to 9 miles with several significant Climbs
D -	More strenuous	- Hikes of 10 to 12 miles with very little climbing.
D+	Very strenuous	- Hikes of 10 to 12 miles with several significant climbs.
E -	Difficult	- Hikes of over 12 miles.
E+	Very difficult	- Hikes of over 12 miles on very rugged terrain.

In addition the leaders should describe the pace and footing, where this is essential, such as: "Easy with moderate or fast pace;" or "Easy with nature stops;" or "Good footpath;" or "Rocky and rough;" etc.

SMOKING GUIDE LINES

The S.A.T.C. prefers that hikers refrain from the use of tobacco products during club activities.

Smokers are responsible for damage to the forests.

Pack out all waste materials.

The BULLETIN BOARD

FARM SHOW 2001

Pennsylvania's hiking trails were promoted at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in January of this year. SATC volunteers staffed the Keystone Trails Association booth, distributed KTA and SATC literature, handed out maps and answered questions from Farm Show attendees. Their names will be listed in the Keystone Trails Association newsletter and are listed below.

A special thanks goes to Carl Lorence, who set up the booth, brought the supplies, provided assistance during the show and earned free booth space by helping to set up and take down other Farm Show displays.

Sam Barker	Sam Harvey	Louise O'Neal
Frank Bohn	Tim Holsopple	Louise Sis
Sharon Brumbaugh	Sally Huff	Richard Sis
Marie Clark	Bob Keyes	Janice Slaybaugh
Fred Cox	Kris Kyler	Thyra Sperry
Craig Haggit	Carl Lorence	John Stein
Pat Harhi	Dick Martin	Jane Webster
Barbara Harvey	Joanna Neidig	Will Webster

HELP KEEP FORESTS CLEAN

The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has called on hikers, fishermen, and hunters, etc., to report trash trouble spots on state park and forest lands. A toll free number: 877-7PA-FOREST or 877-772-3673 is provided for that purpose.

Notice of Dues Increase

On April 1st, 2001, annual dues for SATC will rise from \$5 to \$7 for individuals, and from \$7.50 to \$10 for joint memberships. Those renewing before then may pay at the old rate. Life members are 25 times the annual rate, allowing a savings of \$50 for individuals and \$62.50 for joint members, who purchase life memberships before April 1st.

REDBUD RABBLING

WEEKEND II

May 4-6, Friday to Sunday

Explore the mountains of Bedford County in PA and Allegany County in MD amid blooming redbuds. Hikes range from class A to C+ and use the Mid State Trail, Green Ridge Hiking Trail, and other trails.

Stay in a low-cost rented chalet (limited space available), or alternatives include local motels, campgrounds and a posh resort. For details contact the leader, or visit <http://home.epix.net/~pfleszar/redbud.htm>. For chalet reservations contact co-leaders directly.

Co-leaders: Peter Fleszar, pfleszar@epix.net
Krista Cessna, kcessna@epix.net or 583-2093

Ed note: Allegany is the correct spelling!

CAMPING AT ACADIA NATIONAL PARK IN MAINE

Sunday June 24 through Sunday July 1, 2001

Campground will be oceanside (we hope). One hike daily of 8 to 12 miles will be scheduled. Hikes will be led by Randy Sears or Perry Moreau, alternative 5--8 mile hikes will be led by Eva Grieger on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday. You may also plan your own hikes; maps will be available.

Other activities instead of hiking include biking on carriage trails, canoeing, sea kayaking, whale watching and horse back riding. Motels are located nearby for non-campers. Meals will be either in restaurants or at the camp site, your choice.

Please register by e-mail to Eva Grieger at evgrg@netscape.net or by phone to Randy Sears at 717-732-0642 or Bob Keyes at 717-763-7743. Registration must be made by March 30 so that the campground can be reserved. The campground fills early. Mileage is, approximately, 1,500 miles for the round trip.

NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming these new members:

NAME	ADDRESS	POST OFFICE
Sharon L. Brumbaugh John J. Capowski Howard N. Dana Denise Dillon Ms. Mary Domanski		New Cumberland, PA 17070-2232 Camp Hill, PA 17011-5454 Harrisburg, PA 17108-0633 New Cumberland, PA 17070-2148 Sloan, NY 14212-2117
Jeffery E. Flint Mary M. Fritz Bill Geller Thomas Golightly Brenda Hathaway		Highspire, PA 17034-1219 Marysville, PA 17053-1618 Shippensburg, PA 17257-9509 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-5422 Mt Joy, PA 17552-2029
Susan Henninger Cynthia A. Iberg Kristin Kest Elnoise A. Kremer William Lace		Hummelstown, PA 17036-7051 McAlisterville, PA 17049-0222 York, PA 17404-5316 Hummelstown, PA 17036-9258 Middletown, PA 17057-2122
Danelle F. McMinn Robin Reb Jennifer Schultz Sharon Shellenberger Layton Shoemaker		Highspire, PA 17034-1219 Harrisburg, PA 17112-3067 Harrisburg, PA 17112-2431 Carlisle, PA 17013-2618 Dillsburg, PA 17019-9419
Sandra Slonaker Linda J. Smith Arlene Taylor Brian G. Vooght Robert Williams		York, PA 17404-5316 New Cumberland, PA 17070-1505 Harrisburg, PA 17112-9289 Lititz, PA, 17543-9471 Harrisburg, PA 17102-2019

TRAINING SEMINARS

The Appalachian Trail Conference is offering a series of seminars in Trail Skills training in collaboration with the National Park Service to volunteers in the Mid Atlantic Region. It is the goal of the ATC-NPS partnership to provide a comprehensive schedule of opportunities each year, as they strive to improve Trail Standards.

Generally speaking, workshop attendance is open to all, although some age restrictions apply, but registration is required, with a deadline two weeks in advance of the workshop. No fees are charged, unless indicated. Those workshops held at the Scott Farm have a minimum requirement of six persons. Courses of less than this minimum will be cancelled.

For most sessions, wear clothing that you don't mind getting dirty; bring gloves and wear sturdy boots or shoes. In most cases bring your lunch. For more details check with the Mid-Atlantic Regional Office in Boiling Springs, or check the web site: www.appalachiantrail.org.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SEMINAR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>COST</u>
March 17	Basic Trail Maintenance	Scott Farm, Carlisle, PA	
March 19-23	LNT Master Trainer's Course	Blairstown, NJ	\$650
March 24 & 25	Winch Techniques	Worthington State Forest NJ	
March 30 & April 1	Advanced Winch & Rockwork	Blackburn Trail Center, VA	
April 7 & 8	Rock Work	Scott Farm, Carlisle, PA	
April 21 & 22	Rock Work	Worthington State Forest NJ	
April 21 & 22	Chainsaw Certification	Shenandoah National Park	
April 21 & 22	Chainsaw Certification	New York, To Be Announced	
May 5	Corridor Monitoring/Boundary Main	New York, To Be Announced	
May 12 & 13	Leave no Trace Trainer's Course	Blairstown, NJ	\$172
May 16-20	Volunteer Ridgerunner Training	Scott Farm, Carlisle, PA	
May 19 & 20	Wilderness First Aid Certification	New Jersey, To Be Announced	
May 25-27	Wilderness First Aid Certification	Blairstown, NJ	\$200
August 25 & 26	Leave no Trace Trainer's Course	Blairstown, NJ	\$172
September 7-9	Wilderness First Aid Certification	Blairstown, NJ	\$200
September 29 & 30	Chainsaw Certification	Morristown, NJ	
Oct. 30-Nov 7	Wilderness First Responder	Blairstown, NJ	\$600
November 3 & 4	Leave no Trace Trainer's Course.	Blairstown, NJ	\$172

TRAILMASTER'S REPORT

The big news is the new Darlington Trail relocation conceived, planned, and executed by club board member, Tom Scully. This relocation provides for a more remote, pleasant hiking experience on a more trail-like footpath versus the existing walk on dirt jeep roads on top of Blue Mountain. Currently, the Darlington Trail follows these roads at or near the crest of the mountain which straddles the Cumberland-Perry County line. Some of the trail is on State Game Lands and some on private lands. When completed, the entire trail will be located on the State Game Lands which will provide protection from future development.

Now a side trail to the Appalachian Trail, the Darlington Trail actually predates the Appalachian Trail and ran from Overview, overlooking the Susquehanna River south along Blue Mountain to a junction with the King's Trail, just west of Chambersburg. When the Appalachian Trail was constructed, the section between Overview and Lamb's Gap was incorporated into the Appalachian Trail. When our SATC was founded in 1954, the Darlington Trail was turned over to our club by the Pennsylvania Alpine Club, but the portion west of Sterritts Gap was too overgrown to be located.

Presently, the Darlington Trail heads east from its intersection with the Appalachian and Tuscarora Trails on an existing dirt road for a short distance before the new relocation takes it to the north flank of Blue Mountain, by-passing private land and recent development. After crossing Miller's Gap Road, the new trail will pass through land recently purchased by the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy to protect it from future development. It, then, follows the existing trail to Lamb's Gap before again straddling the north side of Blue Mountain and eventually descending that side down to Bryson Hollow and terminating at Tower Road.

According to Tom's wheeled measurements, there is 5.3 miles of "to be" newly designated trail and 2.4 miles of existing trail, for a total length of 7.7 miles between the A.T. and Tower Road. Approximately 95% is already cleared and blazed with some sidehill trail building remaining to be done.

A total of 171.5 volunteer hours were expended in the past year on the Darlington Trail, including building the new relocation and maintaining the existing route. Many of those hours were worked by longtime Darlington Trail maintainer Dick Barrick, who has faithfully cut out blowdowns along the trail

for many years. Of course, Tom Scully has put in his share with many hours of scouting, laying out the trail, and construction work. The following volunteers also contributed during a work trip:

Sam Barker	Craig Lambeth
Pete Fleszar	John Stein
Pat Harhi	

On the Appalachian Trail, this past year our club continued maintaining our section to high standards as evidenced by many complimentary comments by long distant and day hikers alike in the shelter register and in person along the trail to our volunteers. We did some erosion control work along the footpath in a few places, by building some rock waterbars, steps, and check dams as needed.

I encourage everyone to try and come out on a work trip this year and give something back to the trails we love to hike on. As an added incentive, the 2001 Appalachian Trail Conference is being held in nearby Shippensburg and some of the hikes will be on trails our club maintains. We'll want to have them in good shape for the multitude of hikers attending the Conference and hiking our trails.

Jeff Buehler
SATC Trailmaster

APPALACHIAN TRAIL VOLUNTEER WORK HOURS REPORT

It is the responsibility of our club to report volunteer work hours to the Appalachian Trail Conference [A.T.C.] each fiscal year so they may be tallied up with the other trail maintaining organizations and reported to our federal agency partner, the National Park Service. [N.P.S.]

The Volunteers in the Parks [VIP] is a program administered under an agreement between ATC and the N.P.S. The program was authorized by a federal act intended to enhance the abilities of volunteers to work in our nation's parks. The VIP agreement between A.T.C. and the N.P.S. protects A.T.C. and the individual trail clubs from personal and trail club liability and provides reimbursement for medical expenses for accidents resulting from certain trail management activities as long as participants are listed on a roster of work party members for any specific work trip.

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This VIP agreement requires us to report the total number of volunteers working on the Trail and the total number of volunteer work hours expended between Oct 1 and Sept 30 each year. All hours for field work, including maintenance and monitoring activities on the Appalachian Trail, can be reported, including hours of travel time to and from trail work sites. In addition, meeting time for A.T.-related planning sessions may also be tallied in our club's total.

For the fiscal year, Oct. 1, 1999, through Sept. 30, 2000, SATC contributed 737.5 hours from 38 volunteers on Appalachian Trail related work.

Jeff Buehler
SATC Trailmaster.

RECOGNIZING OUR VOLUNTEERS

The following is a list of volunteers who participated in SATC sponsored work trips on the Appalachian Trail for the past fiscal year, Oct 1, 1999 through Sept. 30, 2000. The number in parenthesis beside the name indicates the number of work trips that person participated in. I have used my trail maintenance logs to tally the figures. Apologies to anyone I may have missed or errors in the number of work trips.

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Eric Anderson (3)	Katie Jones (2)
Tim Bachmann (2)	Chuck Kumpas (5)
Sam Barker (1)	Gary LaBelle (3)
Frank Bohn (3)	Carl Lorence (1)
Leo Boyer (1)	Ed Mentzer (1)
Rachel Bryce (1)	Walt Natishyn (1)
Jeff Buehler (7)	Charlie Paul (1)
Ken Coughlin (1)	Steve Peddicord (1)
Gisselle Edwards (1)	Tom Scully (5)
Art Fisher (1)	Rob Shaw (2)
Clarence Fredlund (2)	Louise Sis (1)
Juliet Fuller (1)	Sophie Theys (1)
Sean Gimble (1)	Wanda Vierthaler (1)
Kelley Gould (1)	Will Webster (1)
Jane Greber (3)	Ryan Winslow (1)
Craig Haggitt (2)	John Zaia (1)
Vernon Heim (1)	Craig Zindler (3)
Mark Holmgren (2)	

Thank you everyone for volunteering to help maintain our club's section of the Appalachian Trail. Remember, participants are treated to ice cream after the work trip at 3B's when open.

HORSE-SHOE TRAIL IN DANGER

The Horse-Shoe Trail [HST] begins at the Valley Forge National Historic Park in southeastern Pennsylvania, and ends about 130 miles to the west, where, in the mountains north of Hershey, it meets the Appalachian Trail [AT]. Charles Hazlehurst, the seventh person to walk the entire Appalachian Trail, and Henry Woolman, an enthusiastic horseman, devised the hyphenated name "*Horse-Shoe*" to express both interests -- riding and walking. Thus, the Horse-Shoe Trail Club [HSTC] logo is a horseshoe with a moccasin across. The Horseshoe Trail Club was founded in ±935, with Woolman serving as president for the first 17 years.

Many of the iron furnaces and forges of the mid 1700s were connected by trails through the forest. Portions of these trails have survived to become today's Horse-Shoe Trail, and connect many beautiful and fascinating areas, including Hopewell Furnace, French Creek State Park, and Mt Gretna.

On limited sections, the Horse-Shoe Trail is shared with off-the-road motorized vehicles with a mutual cooperative but informal agreement, thus making it a multi-use trail, with a record of mutual respect. Since much of the trail is being forced from private land by developers, the trail seems destined to be more and more on public roads unless a strong effort is initiated to provide permanent easements and right-of-way.

Fourteen groups have assumed responsibility for maintaining specific sections of the trail. Our own Susquehanna Appalachian Trail Club in the Harrisburg area has been maintaining a section from Manada Gap to Stony Valley for many years.

Maps and Guide Book are available from the Horse-Shoe Trail Club, P O Box 182, Birchrunville, PA 19421-0182. Membership which includes their newsletter, "*The Blaze*," is \$10.00 for individual membership; \$15.00 family.

HIKE LEADERS VERY MUCH NEEDED

Dear Club Members:

As most of you know, SATC and other Pennsylvania AT clubs will be hosting the Biennial meeting of the Appalachian Trail Conference at Shippensburg University this summer. It has been mentioned in this newsletter that club members will be asked to lead hikes at the conference.

The time to volunteer has arrived!

Around 1,500 hikers from all over the east coast and beyond are expected to attend this week-long conference. Our club has planned a schedule of enjoyable hikes sufficient to keep these hikers on the trail.

The Hikes Committee has chosen 75 different hikes, most offered more than once, for a total of 183 hiking opportunities. All of these hikes must be led by an experienced hike leader. Most need a co-leader as well. We'll be soliciting hike leaders from all the AT-maintaining clubs that will be attending the Conference, but we must count on SATC members to lead a great many of these hikes. We have the most experience on most of these trails and we live close enough to scout them at our leisure.

There are two ways to sign up to lead a hike. You may either choose a specific hike by indicating its code number from the schedule (the schedule, codes and descriptions for these hikes may be obtained from SATC's web site <<http://www.libertynet.org/susqatc>>, from the Appalachian Trail Conference web site <www.appalachiantrail.org/about/biennial.html> and from the committee members listed below) or you may simply indicate a day and level of difficulty and let the Hikes Committee assign you to the hike for which you are most needed.

If you have experience with a particular hike

(many of SATC's favorite hikes are on the list) or part of the AT (we're hiking the AT in sections from Rausch Gap to southern Maryland), we'd like to assign you to that area.

The Hikes Committee will be putting together packets containing driving directions, driving maps and trail maps for each of the hikes and will provide them to you in advance.

Please fill out the Hike Leader Volunteer form, included on the reverse of this page, and send it in.

The Hikes Committee is counting on you!

Sincerely,

The 2001 Hikes Committee

Sam Barker
Carl Donmoyer
Susanne Donmoyer
Chris Firme (PATC North Chapter)
Peter Fleszar
Jane Greber
Randy Greber
Barbara Harvey
Katie Jones (Hikes Chair)
Bob Keyes
Dick Martin
Mark Press
Tom Scully
Rob Shaw
Thyra Sperry (Conference Chair)

P.S. While our greatest need is for hike leaders, volunteers are also needed in other areas. If you are able to help, please

contact Katie Jones, 717-243-6727

Would you like to be a landowner along the Appalachian Trail? and have a home in woods!

You can become a Conservation Buyer through the Appalachian Trail Conference Land Trust. Our program matches conservation buyers – people like you – with people who are selling land along the A.T.

You locate your home out of sight from the Trail, and all we ask is that you donate a conservation easement on the rest of the property. A conservation

easement "runs with the land." That is: no present nor future owner can develop it!

AND, because an easement is an irrevocable gift of a property right, you get a nice income tax deduction equal to the value of the easement. Contact Bob Williams, Director of Land Trust Programs, at bwilliams@appalachiantrail.org or call 304-535-6331, or write to P. O. Box 807, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425-0807.

Hike Leader Volunteer Form

Volunteers must have prior hike leading experience and be willing to scout the hike before leading it for the conference.

Name _____
 I wish to co-lead hikes with _____ (use separate form for co-leader)

Street address _____

City, state, zip _____

Phone number (____) _____ - _____ e-mail _____

Hiking club affiliation _____

Emergency contact name and phone number _____ (____) _____ - _____

For each day of the conference that you are able to lead a hike, circle your preferred difficulty level(s). E = easy (Under 6 miles with little elevation gain), M = moderate, S = strenuous (more than 8 miles and/or significant climbing), VS = very strenuous (more than 12 miles and/or multiple strenuous climbs). If you would like to lead a particular hike, please list the code numbers, in order of preference, below the date. If you are already familiar with the hike, please indicate this by circling the code number. Hike descriptions and code numbers may be found on SATC's web site <www.libertynet.org/susqatc>.

July 14 Saturday	July 15 Sunday	July 16 Monday	July 17 Tuesday	July 18 Wednes.	July 19 Thursday	July 20 Friday
E M S VS	E M S VS	E M S VS	E M S VS	E M S VS	E M S VS	E M S VS

Thank you for volunteering!
 You will be provided with complete information and instructions before the conference.
 Hike leaders will be provided with a first aid kit to carry during conference hikes.

Please return this form to <jonesk@dickinson.edu> or to
 Katie Jones, 504 Highland Court, Carlisle, PA 17013-3923

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