



# BUSHWACK BULLETIN

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SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2003

## OUR OBJECTIVES: GROUP HIKING + TRAIL MAINTENANCE + OUTDOOR RECREATION

SEE END OF SCHEDULE FOR GENERAL HIKE INFORMATION and CODES FOR HIKES

### August 28

Thursday  
6:30-9:30PM

### Conservation Night and Minnow Race

At the New Gander Mountain store. See article on page 10.

### September 7

Sunday  
10:00 AM

C+

8 miles  
25 hwy miles

### Hawk Rock from the East Shore

Circuit hike on A.T. & other trails, sidewalks, pavement, over bridges, through Duncannon, then rocky significant climb to a natural view (free) and optional 2<sup>nd</sup> climb (\$1.50 admission) to a tower view. Optional refreshment stop on the way back. Bring lunch & water. Alternate meeting place: 10:15AM at Park & Ride lot, PA 147 exit from US 22/322 (a.k.a. "east end of Clarks Ferry Bridge"). Leaders: Peter Fleszar and Krista Cessna, 583-2093

### September 14

Sunday  
9:30 AM

B+

5 miles  
30 hwy miles

### Appalachian Trail—Lickdale

Some hills, one steep. Moderate pace. Bring lunch & water. No sneakers. Wear sturdy boots. Meet only at bus stop at Hershey Outlets near Dress Barn. Leader: Sylvia Miller, 533-5422, [hiker@paonline.com](mailto:hiker@paonline.com)

### September 20

Saturday  
10:00 AM

### Central Pennsylvania Conservancy's "Day on the Mountain"

See article on page 10.

### September 20

Saturday  
8:30 AM

C

9 miles  
1.5 hr drive

### Ft. Frederick – C&O Canal

Flat terrain; 2.25 mph pace; bring water, snacks, lunch. Leader: Karen Balaban, 234-3357 or [KMBalaban@BalabanLLC.com](mailto:KMBalaban@BalabanLLC.com)

### September 21

Sunday  
10:00 AM

C+

9.5 miles  
30 hwy miles

### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Pete Wilshausen Hike

A.T. Rte 850 to Duncannon. One climb to the crest of Cove Mountain. Geology stop. Easy walk to Hawk Rock, then steep, rocky descent to Duncannon. Bring lunch and water. Leaders: John Lenahan, 737-7675; Dick Martin, 258-5261

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<b><u>September 27</u></b>	<b>A</b>	<b><u>Conewago Trail Hike &amp; Tour of Alpaca and Llama Farm</u></b>
Saturday	5 miles	Midway through hike, a personalized tour of a large alpaca and llama farm will be hosted by Tom and Jesse Rohner. Snacks & beverages will be supplied during tour.
9:00 AM	14 hwy miles	Bring cameras – baby llamas are adorable. Meet at Giant Food Market in the Derrytown Mall, Rte 743/Cocoa Ave and Fishburn Road near Hershey.
<b><u>September 28</u></b>	<b>C+</b>	<b><u>Shade Mountain Circle Hike, Juniata County</u></b>
Sunday	7-8 miles	One moderate climb, good path and moderate pace. Bring water and lunch to eat at the top of the mountain overlooking valley to Jacks Mountain.
9:00 AM	90 hwy miles	Leader: Cynthia Iberg, 463-3102
<b><u>September 29</u></b>	<b>C+</b>	<b><u>Stone Tower Trail to Yellow Springs Trail to A.T., South to Rte 325</u></b>
Monday	8.2 miles	One steep uphill and one gradual downhill. Moderate pace. Bring lunch & water.
9:00 AM	24 hwy miles	Alternate meeting place: Rtes 225 & 325 parking lot. Leaders: Thyra Sperry & Dick Martin 258-5261
<b><u>September 30</u></b>		<b><u>SATC Board Meeting</u></b>
Tuesday		Annual budget meeting. Members are welcome to attend. Location: Cleve J. Fredericksen Library, 100 N. 19 <sup>th</sup> Street, Camp Hill.
6:00 PM		
<b><u>October 1</u></b>	<b>C+</b>	<b><u>Loop Hike – Cold Springs Trail to A.T.</u></b>
Wednesday	6.7 miles	Southeast to Yellow Springs Trail, south to Stony Creek Railroad Bed, west to Cold Springs Trail. One uphill and one downhill. Moderate pace. Bring lunch & water.
9:00 AM	24 hwy miles	Meeting Place: East Shore Rtes 81 & 39, Manada Hill Shell Gas Station. Leaders: Thyra Sperry & Dick Martin 258-5261
<b><u>October 3-5</u></b>		<b><u>Keystone Trails Weekend</u></b>
		See article on page 9.
<b><u>October 4</u></b>	<b>E+</b>	<b><u>A.T.: Wind Gap to Delaware Water Gap</u></b>
Saturday	16 miles	3-mile descent of 1500 feet. 2.5-3 mph pace; bring snacks, lunch & water.
Call Leader	156 hwy miles	Must call leader to register no later than October 1. Leader: Karen Balaban, 234-3357
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<b><u>October 7</u></b>	<b>B</b>	<b><u>Richard Nixon County Park – York</u></b>
Tuesday	5 miles	See the wonderful nature center. Bring lunch & water.
9:00 AM	60 hwy miles	Meeting Place: 1481 Simpson Ferry Road, New Cumberland Leader: Louse Sis, 774-0196
<b><u>October 11</u></b>	<b>A</b>	<b><u>Governor Stables Llama Hike</u></b>
Saturday	2.5-3 miles	A picnic lunch and beverages (cost: \$2.50) will be furnished and packed in by two llamas, “Lewis” and “Clark.” Meet at Olmsted Plaza on Rte 230 between Middletown and Highspire at M&T Bank. Photo opportunity—bring a camera.
9:00 AM	14 hwy miles	Leader: John E. Zerphey, 939-9082. Must call for participation.
<b><u>October 12</u></b>	<b>C+</b>	<b><u>Sunset Rocks Loop Hike</u></b>
Sunday	8 miles	Moderate pace with one strenuous climb and a stretch of large boulders to climb over. Copperhead habitat. Bring lunch & water.
9:30 AM	75 hwy miles	Alternate meeting place: the furnace stack at Pine Grove Furnace State Park, 10:30AM Leader: Frank Bohn, 234-5169
<b><u>October 14</u></b>		<b><u>Fall Meeting for All Members and Guests</u></b>
Tuesday		The evening will begin with a special reception for new, prospective & current members including refreshments, and hike scheduling for the December-January-February quarter. See article page 7.
7:00 PM		Program: Gil Herschel of the Susquehanna River Basin Commission will speak on the importance and conservation of water resources Location: West Shore Senior Citizens Center, 122 Geary Ave., New Cumberland

<b><u>October 15</u></b> Wednesday 9:00AM	<b>C</b> 8 miles 0 hwy miles	<b><u>Woods Trails Loop</u></b> Bring snacks, & water. Lunch at local restaurant. Meet at Bull Frog Valley Park behind Hershey Medical Center on Bull Frog Valley Road. Leader: John Stein, <a href="mailto:steinhike@cs.com">steinhike@cs.com</a>
<b><u>October 18</u></b> Saturday 8:00AM	<b>B+</b> 5 miles 120 hwy miles	<b><u>Hike, Eat &amp; Ride – An All-Day Event</u></b> Loop hike to Pulpit Rock on the A.T. for an extraordinary view. Trail is steep and rocky. Hiking boots and water advised. Easy downhill on road. Eat lunch at Kempton Hotel built in 1874 (good but not expensive). Ride the Hawk Mountain Line steam train (\$6). Optional dinner at the famous Shortlerville buffet. Meeting place: Rte 22 K-Mart parking lot behind Best Buy Leaders: Louise Sis, 774-0196, Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308
<b><u>October 19</u></b> Sunday 1:00PM	<b>B</b> 6 miles 20 hwy miles	<b><u>SATC Shelter Hike</u></b> Hike from Rte 225 to the club's shelter and return. Bring snacks & water. Leader Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308
<b><u>October 20</u></b> Monday 9:00AM	<b>B+</b> 4 miles 24 hwy miles	<b><u>Loop Hike – Cold Springs Trail to A.T.</u></b> North to Rausch Springs Gap and west on Stony Creek railroad bed to Cold Trail. Bring lunch or snacks & water. One uphill and one downhill. Moderate pace. Meeting place: East Shore, Rtes 81 & 39, Manada Hill Shell Gas Station. Leaders: Thyra Sperry & Dick Martin 258-5261 or <a href="mailto:hikesperry@aol.com">hikesperry@aol.com</a>
<b><u>October 25</u></b> Saturday 1:00PM		<b><u>Hike Leader Training and Picnic</u></b> See article on page 8. Leaders: Jane Webster 526-2127, Frank Bohn 234-5169
<b><u>October 26</u></b> Sunday 9:00 AM	<b>C+</b> 8.5 miles 105 hwy miles	<b><u>Pulpit Rock Circle Hike</u></b> Moderate pace, moderate climbs. Nice view at the top. Bring lunch & water. Leader: Pat Harhi, John Zinn, 697-0648
<b><u>October 29</u></b> Wednesday 9:00 AM	<b>B</b> 5 miles 60 hwy miles	<b><u>William H. Kain – York County Park</u></b> Relatively easy hike. Bring lunch & water. Meeting place: 1481 Simpson Ferry Road, New Cumberland. Leader Louise Sis, 774-0196
<b><u>November 6</u></b> Thursday 10:00 AM	<b>A</b> 5 miles 0 hwy miles	<b><u>Green Belt to Reservoir Park</u></b> Walk from Rte 441 to Reservoir Park and return. Optional lunch stop Meeting place: Green Belt parking lot on Rte 441. Leader: Susanne Donmoyer, 545-5308
<b><u>November 9</u></b> Sunday 8:00 AM	<b>E</b> 12 mile loop 0 hwy miles	<b><u>Horse-Shoe Trail near Mt. Gretna</u></b> Bring lunch & water. Meet at front parking lot of CocoaPlex Plaza on Rte 743 between Rtes 322 & 422 in Hershey. Leader: John Stein, <a href="mailto:steinhike@cs.com">steinhike@cs.com</a>
<b><u>November 12</u></b> Wednesday 9:00AM	<b>B</b> 6 mile loop 0 hwy miles	<b><u>Jon Eisenhaur Trail</u></b> Hike the Eisenhaur Trail and other trails. Bring snacks & water. Lunch at local restaurant. Meet at Bull Frog Valley Park behind Hershey Medical Center on Bull Frog Valley Road. Leader: John Stein, <a href="mailto:steinhike@cs.com">steinhike@cs.com</a>
<b><u>November 15</u></b> Saturday 8:00AM	<b>A</b> 4-5 miles 40 hwy miles	<b><u>Gettysburg Battlefield &amp; Remembrance Day Parade</u></b> Easy walk on paved roads. See thousands of soldiers and civilian men, women and children in period clothing at this special Civil War event. Bring trail lunch & water. Meet only at Camp Hill Shopping Center near Waypoint Bank. Leader: Louise Sis, 774-0196

<b>November 16</b> Sunday 9:00 AM	<b>C+</b> 8+ miles 40 hwy miles	<b><u>Stone Tower Trail</u></b> Two strenuous climbs, one over a rocky area. See the General. Bring lunch & water. Alternate meeting place: Intersection of Rtes 225 & 325 at 9:30 AM. Leader: Sharon Brumbaugh, 770-0705
<b>November 17</b> Monday 7:00PM	<b>BUSHWACK BULLETIN MAILING</b>	<b><u>Many Volunteers Needed to Assemble Bushwack Bulletin for Mailing</u></b> <b><u>NOTE: CHANGED LOCATION AND DAY</u></b> If you can help or have questions, please contact Susanne Donmoyer at 545-5308. Advance notice would be appreciated. Assembly will be done at the East Shore Area Library, 4501 Ethel Street, Harrisburg (behind Colonial Park Mall).

## GENERAL HIKE INFORMATION

### 1. MEETING LOCATION

Unless otherwise noted in the hike schedule, all hikes on weekends and holidays leave from **Fisher Plaza** (entrance to the State Library) behind the State Capitol Building. Should Fisher Plaza be closed, the alternate meeting site is the parking island in front of the East Gate Office Center on 7<sup>th</sup> Street, opposite the Herr Street underpass. Five additional minutes will be allowed at the alternate site.

### 2. TRANSPORTATION

If you ride with someone, you should give the driver **5 cents** times the highway mileage shown in the hike schedule to help defray the costs of transportation.

### 3. REGISTRATION

All hikers are asked to register with the hike leader at Fisher Plaza or at the trailhead before starting any scheduled hike. For safety reasons with **D and E grade** hikes, please register with the hike leader before arriving at the meeting location unless the leader has hiked with you previously and knows your abilities.

### 4. NO PETS ALLOWED

### 5. PACK IN, PACK OUT (LEAVE NOTHING BEHIND)

### 6. SMOKING GUIDELINES

SATC prefers that hikers refrain from the use of tobacco products during Club activities. Smokers are individually responsible for damage to the forests.

## CODES FOR THE HIKEs

Code	Short Description	Miles	Climbs
A	Easy (excellent for beginners)	Up to 6	Very little
B	Fairly easy (good for beginners)	Up to 6	Some easy
B+	Moderate	Up to 6	More difficult
C	Fairly moderate	7 to 9	Very little
C+	Strenuous	7 to 9	Several significant
D	More strenuous	10 to 12	Very little
D+	Very strenuous	10 to 12	Several significant
E	Difficult	Over 12	Very little
E+	Very difficult	Over 12	Very rugged

In addition to assigning a code, hike leaders should describe the pace and footing where this is essential. For example: "Easy with moderate to fast pace" or "Easy with nature stops" or "Good footpath" or "Rocky and rough".

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Dear SATC members,*

Here's news from the world of hiking:

### **Hike Leader Training**

New hike leaders, experienced hike leaders and hikers who are even just considering leading a hike should attend this fun and informative event, sponsored jointly with the Cumberland Valley Appalachian Trail Club. See the article on page 8 for all the information. Hikes have always been SATC's major activity and serve as a wonderful recruitment tool for potential trail maintainers. The more hikes we lead, the more hikers we get, and the more support we get for maintaining and preserving hiking trails. I encourage everyone to attend this event so that we can keep our hikes safe and enjoyable.

### **Special Events**

This fall will feature several special events of interest to hikers. The "One Book, Two Counties" program of the Dauphin and Cumberland County Libraries will feature an Appalachian Trail Book (title to be announced soon) as suggested reading for county residents, with many programs on the book and the Trail at local libraries. SATC will participate in some of these. Also, the Grand Opening of Gander Mountain's new store in Harrisburg comes soon – see article on page 10. And the Central Pennsylvanian Conservancy is sponsoring a special fund-raiser on Blue Mountain to help finance the purchase of an important trail property – also see page 10 for this one.

### **State Park Maps are On-Line**

A total of 83 of the 110 printed State Park maps now are online, with others being added regularly. Visitors can access the maps through DCNR's web page [www.dcnr.state.pa.us](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us) by simply clicking "State Parks," choosing a park, and clicking on "map". Additionally, there are 54 campground maps posted on the website, and all 19 of the bureau's cabin maps also can be found there.

### **Trail Maps and Directions**

The Harrisburg Patriot-News has been featuring PA hikes in its Tuesday editions. As the 20 hikes are featured in the Patriot-News, they will be posted on a Hike for Health website, located through the PA PowerPort at [www.state.pa.us](http://www.state.pa.us) PA Keyword "Hike for Health" or at [www.dcnr.state.pa.us/info/hikeforhealth/index.htm](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/info/hikeforhealth/index.htm). Visitors to the site will be able to print a take-along map on each suggested hike and get additional information about the destination. Of course if you like the hike, consider leading it for our Club!

### **Rt. 225 Appalachian Trail Pedestrian Bridge**

Construction should have started by now. We're keeping our fingers crossed!

### **Horse-Shoe Trail Volunteers Still Needed**

If you are interested in doing or organizing maintenance of the Horse-Shoe Trail, please contact Jeff Buehler (657-8281 or [athikerjb@aol.com](mailto:athikerjb@aol.com)) for more information. A maintenance coordinator and other volunteers are needed for SATC's section of trail.

### **SATC Picnic Report**

The SATC picnic was a lot of fun – two hikes, plus lots of games for everyone, including water balloons and hula-hoops! Many thanks go to the Club members who planned the games and to Mara Webster for creating the signs. Barb Harvey led both hikes and Sylvia Miller brought the meatball sandwiches and coordinated the food. And of course Club members brought many good things to eat! Luckily, no one came between Dick Martin and his helping of chocolate cake . . .

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### **KTA Receives Grant for Trail Care**

The Keystone Trails Association received a Pennsylvania Recreational Trails grant of \$13,800 dollars to purchase a trailer, accessories and trail maintenance equipment. The grant is part of DCNR's Community Conservation Partnership Program, an initiative that helps communities and nonprofit organizations conserve natural and cultural resources, provide outdoor recreation, enhance tourism, and foster community and economic development. Congratulations, KTA!

### **October Board Meeting to be Held in September**

The next quarterly board meeting will be held on the last Tuesday in September so that the board can meet before the October meeting of the Keystone Trails Association. The budget for the next fiscal year will be decided at this meeting and some crucial issues regarding the role of KTA in trail preservation will be discussed (see article on page 9). Club members are always welcome to attend board meetings or to give their opinions to board members in advance. Your input is encouraged! The October program meeting will be held on the second Tuesday in October, as usual.

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!**

The year 2004 will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of SATC. A committee has been formed (three members so far) to determine the best way to celebrate. Contact V.P. Barb Harvey at 766-7868 if you would like to help.

*Your president,*

*Katie Barker*

## **ABOVE THE TREE LINE**

SATC member Olga Murdock passed away on August 3rd. She was a special friend of long-time Club member Clarence Fredlund. A donation to the memorial fund of the Appalachian Trail Conference will be made in Olga's name.



## CLUB NOTICES



### Fall Meeting – West Shore Senior Citizens' Center – October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm – All Welcome!

The speaker for our fall meeting is Gil Hirschel, the Environmental Outreach Coordinator for the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. He has been with the Commission since 1982. The Commission is a regulatory, federal/interstate compact commission vested with the responsibility for management and control of the water resources of the 27,500 square mile Susquehanna River basin, which drains portions of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Mr. Hirschel's major work responsibilities include revising, developing and conducting outreach and training programs; coordinating SRBC's speakers' bureau; assisting with exhibit production and display; handling information requests; and maintaining SRBC's strategic plan. He holds an Associate of Applied Science degree from Northampton Community College in environmental science, a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kutztown State University in geography and a Master of Regional Planning degree from Penn State University.

He will discuss the importance of our water resources, factors affecting water availability, droughts in the basin, ways to use water efficiently, and some sources of conservation information. The presentation includes some educational handouts on how to conserve water.



### 50 YEARS OF SATC

Our fiftieth anniversary is coming up this spring. We wish to have a special recognition at the spring banquet. Anyone with pictures of the original members and/or some of the original hikes please loan them to the club to be shown at the banquet. Contact Barb Harvey with any suggestions at 766-7868.

#### **HIKING ABROAD**

Join me in 2004 from June 23 to July 2 for hiking and walking in the Snowdonia area of northern Wales. Our local guide will help us learn about local culture and the history of this unique area.

Price includes accommodations in two different B&Bs (double occupancy), airport transfers, excursions and walks, full British breakfast every day (also one lunch), plus the service of our local guide, who will be with us throughout the trip. Cost of trip: \$1,300 plus airfare (approx. \$600-650).

An informational meeting will be held in October. If you are interested in attending the meeting, or in receiving an itinerary and/or brochure about Snowdonia, please e-mail Bonnie at [footprints@paonline.com](mailto:footprints@paonline.com), or phone 838-3085.

#### **BACKPACK THE SMOKIES**

Hike the Appalachian Trail in the Smokies. This backpack trip will be September 1-9. This includes the two days it takes to drive there and back. Backpacking experience is required. This is a strenuous trip of 5 to 7 days on the trail and is not for beginners. You must be able to do a minimum of 10 miles a day and be able to stay with the group.

For more information contact Mary Domanski at [whiteeaglemz@yahoo.com](mailto:whiteeaglemz@yahoo.com)

#### **WINTER HIKING IN THE SOUTHWEST**

In the American Southwest, you can hike in your shirtsleeves during the winter. If you would be interested in a hiking trip to Arizona or Southern California in the early months of 2004, please contact Frank Bohn at 234-5169.

The group would probably spend about a week day-hiking in areas with mild winters, most likely including the red-rock areas near Sedona, Arizona. The exact timing and locations will be planned according to the interest of the participants. This announcement is being made to both SATC and CVATC.

## Hike Leader Orientation and Picnic – Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>

Location: ATC Mid-Atlantic Regional Office at Children's Lake in Boiling Springs  
Sponsors: The Susquehanna and Cumberland Valley Appalachian Trail Club.

This event is for new hike leaders and hikers who think they might be interested in leading. To make this event a success, we also need experienced leaders who are interested in acting as mentors, giving guidance and support as co-leaders with new hike leaders.

The program will begin with a short hike on the Appalachian Trail. After the hike, current leaders will present specific information about leading hikes, including hike planning, car pooling, screening new hikers on the phone, forms and resources. New and experienced leaders will pair up and plan hikes. Maps, trail guides and books will be available to help you plan your hike.

After the program there will be a cookout, with meat, rolls and place settings provided by the Clubs. Please bring a dish to share. A refrigerator is available.

Schedule of events:

1:00PM Meet at Fisher Plaza to carpool from Harrisburg

2:00PM Short hike from Boiling Springs

3:30PM Presentations about leading hikes followed by discussions between new and experienced leaders.

5:30PM Cookout and informal discussions.

For further information or to register please call Jane Webster at 526-2127 or Frank Bohn at 234-5169.

## NEW MEMBERS

*Please join us in welcoming these new members:*

Jordon Beasom	Harrisburg	William Graham	Hummelstown
Kimberly Morda	Harrisburg	Gunborg Hartstrand	New Cumberland
Phillip Cardi	Boiling Springs	Fred Kirch	Wilmington
Frank Cetera	New Cumberland	Karen & Greg Podniesinski	Camp Hill
Suzanne O'Donnell	New Cumberland	Maryellen Schenck	Harrisburg
Kimberly Cunningham	Camp Hill	Christopher Stine	Harrisburg
Kathy Dugan	Harrisburg	Mimi Swayze	Harrisburg
Beth Gallenz	Mechanicsburg	Chip Trautman	Lancaster
Juliet Geiger	New Cumberland		

## HIKE HUMOR – hiking through the WWW

**Contributed by SATC member Ed Evangelidi**

alt escape:	the way to go when a hungry bear is on the trail ahead
backspace:	where you go when you hear the rattler ahead
debug:	what you do before you put the lid back on the cook pot
download:	taking your 100 pound pack off your back <i>followed by</i> upload: putting your pack back on
keypad:	that new insert for your stiff new shoes
logon:	to step on the natural stream crossing <i>followed by</i> logoff: to fall off into the creek
memory:	what you rely on when hiking off the map
reboot:	what you do before going hiking
retrieve:	getting your lunch back from the raccoon
scroll down:	to tear off a few sheets of TP
search engine:	sending the least tired person up ahead to look for any familiar trail marking
website:	what the spiders think of your campsite location



# NOTICES FROM OTHER HIKING CLUBS & AROUND PA

## The Role of the Keystone Trails Association in Trail Preservation

- *Katie Barker*

Unlike the Appalachian Trail, many of Pennsylvania's hiking trails are in place due only to informal agreements with the owners of the land through which they pass. These agreements are subject to change at the owner's discretion and whenever the land changes hands. Our own Horse-Shoe Trail is one of the trails that have been affected this way, discouraging hikers who sometimes must hike on roads instead of pathways and discouraging maintainers who must frequently re-route the trail. The only way to permanently protect these trails is to purchase either the land itself or an easement that would protect the trail's route.

The Keystone Trails Association, due to its size and statewide reach, is the organization best suited to procure the funds, legislation and protections needed to accomplish this task in Pennsylvania. Until now, KTA's main foci have been trail maintenance, education, publication of trail books and maps, and the fostering of good relations with State Gamelands, State Parks and State Forest personnel. In these days of increasing rates of development of once-wild lands, however, new strategies for protecting trails are needed. KTA's Endangered Hiking Trails Committee has been studying these issues and will be making a motion at the October KTA meeting that will seek to make some important changes. They'll propose, for instance, that KTA hire a paid staff person who would apply for grants, be KTA's voice in our state's Capitol and perform other tasks too complex or time-consuming for volunteers to do on a regular basis. This and related motions will likely come to a vote at the meeting. Providing for this person's salary (perhaps the job will be part-time to start) may be a challenge, but a change like this is necessary to allow KTA to protect PA's endangered trails. SATC's board voted in July to support the work of this Committee and will discuss the details of the proposed motion at the next board meeting in September.

If you are a KTA member, and quite a few of us SATC members are, consider attending KTA's business meeting on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at Camp Kenbrook in Fredericksburg, PA. For a more complete discussion of the motions being proposed, contact me, preferably by e-mail, at [barkerk@dickinson.edu](mailto:barkerk@dickinson.edu), and I will send you more information.

Whether you're a KTA member or not, you are of course welcome and encouraged to attend the whole KTA weekend of activities at Camp Kenbrook including hikes on Saturday and Sunday, the program meeting and banquet on Saturday night and the company of other hikers. Information on the October 3,4,5 meeting will be posted on KTA's web page as the date draws closer. Please see [www.kta-hike.org](http://www.kta-hike.org) for all the information on the weekend.

### ***KTA Trail Care Crew Schedule***

Below is a list of coming trail workweeks and weekends sponsored by the Keystone Trails Association. Call the trip leader for details. No experience or special skills necessary!

Dates	Location	Trip Leader	
September 12-14	North Country Trail	Bob Tait	(724) 287-3382
October 24-26	Mid State Trail Southern Extension	John Stein	(717) 533-3679
November 7-9	Quehanna Trail	Ralph Seeley	(814) 692-8223

## OTHER EVENTS

### “A DAY ON THE MOUNTAIN”

The Central Pennsylvania Conservancy is planning a “Day on the Mountain” featuring the 7 Lively Artists of Harrisburg on Saturday, September 20, 2003 at Hocker Park on Blue Mountain Parkway above Linglestown. Starting at 10:00AM the artists will be painting the fall foliage and you will be able to bid on these original works of art. There will be food, music, led hikes and lots of other activities for kids. Proceeds from this event will be used to help pay the mortgage on the 79-acre tract lying just west of the Park that was saved from development by CPC last year. This is the tract of land on Blue Mountain through which the Darlington Trail and the former route of the Appalachian Trail once passed. SATC has donated to this project from our funds, and would like to encourage SATC members to attend this special event.

### New Gander Mountain

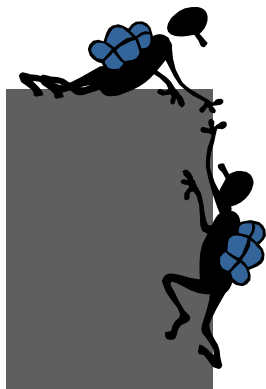
Be sure to check out the new Gander Mountain outdoor store in Harrisburg on Route 22 across from Best Buy near Devonshire Road. Conservation Night at Gander Mountain is scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30PM to 9:00PM. The store will open early for local clubs and any purchase made that evening can result in a 10% donation to the organization of your choice – SATC of course! You apparently just take your cash register receipt to the conservation table and let them know where you want your 10% to go. There will also be a minnow race with a \$1000 cash prize for the club whose fish wins. There must be at least 10 members from a club present to enter, so please plan to attend!

They'll have, among other attractions, a 20' x 40' in-ground pool for testing kayaks and canoes. The Grand Opening for the general public is September 5th. Sales Manager Jim Sharpe is former manager of the Len Foote Hike Inn at the southern end of the A.T. and assures us that the store plans to promote the A.T. as much as possible.

## COURSES

### Wilderness First Aid

An eighteen-hour class in Wilderness First Aid will be conducted in Harrisburg, PA on November 1-2. The course includes classroom study, hands-on practice, and results in a two-year certification.



Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost is \$140. For additional information phone (703) 836-8905, e-mail [chris@wfa.net](mailto:chris@wfa.net) or visit <http://wfa.net>

Course schedule:

November 1-2 Harrisburg, PA  
November 8-9 Palisades, NJ  
December 6-7 Philadelphia, PA

Wilderness First Aid is a program of the Wilderness Safety Council and meets ACA standards for 60 minutes or more from definitive medical treatment.