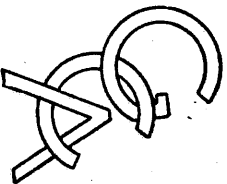


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CANOEING LETTER

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MARCH 15, 1969

SMOKY MOUNTAIN TRIP, RAVENFORK-OCONALUFTEE RIVERS — APRIL 4-5, 1969. This trip starts with a dinner meeting at the Hemlock Inn just North of Bryson City, N. C., off Highway No. 19, at 6:00 P.M. Friday Evening. Please plan to check in by 5:00 P.M. — allow 4-4½ hours to drive from Atlanta. The meeting will involve an excellent family style meal, planning the Natihala race plus a thorough critique by Horace Holden of the rivers to be run Saturday, the 5th.

In order that we may notify the Hemlock Inn by March 22nd, it will be necessary for you to call Bill Crawford (Home 993-2940, Office 237-1671), by Wednesday, March 20th, if you wish to make reservations. The prices below cover a comfortable room and a family style dinner; and breakfast:

TWIN BED	1	2	3	4	5	6	
DOUBLE		\$14.50	18.00	24.00	29.00	33.50	38.00
FAMILY*							

*Deduct \$2.00 for each child under 10 years.

Add \$2.00 for foldaway bed.

Check out time is 11:00 A.M. Saturday, but most of you will either be on the river or observing the mountain scenery, long before that time. Details as follows:

RAVEN FORK RIVER. The first part of the trip is for advanced canoeist only, predominantly class 3 and 4 with several class 5 rapids. It is a very fast river over a twisting dropping course with many boulders and ledges, with an average drop of 40 feet per mile and hardly wider than a canoe in places.

Canoeist will leave at 8:30 A.M. from the Hemlock Inn, where most canoeist will be spending Friday night. The trip will start on the Raven Fork River and go on to the Oconalufee River. The advanced trip will be 8 miles and take from three to four hours.

Some families may wish to join the advanced group about 1:30 P.M. for lunch on the banks of the Oconalufee River opposite the Indian Agency Headquarters. The afternoon trip will begin at 2:00 P.M., at this spot and continue down the Oconalufee River for three hours of less difficult canoeing. The trip will end at the junction of Highway 19 and A-19, near the intersection of the Oconalufee and Tuckasegoe.

Dress warmly and be prepared to get wet in extremely cold water if you make these trips. To register call Horace Holden, Trip Leader, by Wednesday, April 16, 1969, at 993-9644 or 993-6601.

SATURDAY-ON-THE-RIVER AND BUSINESS MEETING — APRIL 19, 1969.

For a real thrill meet at 10:00 A.M. on the Chattahoochee at Jones Bridge with a picnic lunch and cruise all the way to Jody and Horace Holland's Place (about a 5 hour float & slow paddle pace on Class II water).

If time is valuable meet at 2:00 P.M. on the northside of the Chattahoochee about two miles each of the Roswell Road Bridge to practice shooting some Class III rapids for an hour and then float on to the Holden's. As a final offering take your canoe to the Holden's Lake and practice strokes until 5:00 P.M. for the family style supper.

Dinner will be at 6:00 P.M. and will include all the trimmings — if you bring them —

and all the food you can eat — if you bring enough. Usually a wide variety is available since most families have a favorite or special dish and wish to share it with the other association members and friends. Just pack up your food, utensils such as spoons, plates, and cups, then spread it with us for a fine dinner. Prior to the business session, Last of all we need your vote on several important matters to be brought before the Association. Such amendments to the By-Laws and future plans for the summer activities.

For Jones Bridge information call Iln McKnight at 875-2906 or 526-5181 or 5370. Charlie Smith can advise on rapids practice details at 373-1526 or 5370. Use your imagination for the dinner menu and wait for a surprise — if anyone brings it.

OKFENOKKE SWAMP AND SUWANEE RIVER — MARCH 8-9, 1969.

The National Wildlife refuge gates closed shut 20 minutes before 10:00 P.M. Friday night, and four cars loaded with canoes, camp gear and GCAers slept on the roadway 10 miles east of the little town of Fargo, Ga., and deep in the swamp. It was nearly five miles further to the others who were comfortable at the campsites within Stephen C. Foster State Park. The gate opened — automatically at 4:40 A.M. (the timer was about 20 minutes fast) Saturday morning and the late-arrivals rushed in to await a bright sunshine day of canoeing with the early birds that arrived Friday evening. Three more cars arrived about noontime Saturday.

Four canoes went in approximately 10 miles and back for a total of about 20 miles of paddling in one day. Most went as far as Floyd Island Prairie after eating lunch at the Minnie Lake Rest Shelter.

Saturday night the coons sat around the edge of our campfire and heard the fine songs of Aurelia Kennedy, Bill Crawford, and Claude Terry on their Guitars, Charlie Smith's harmonica, and the voices of the GCA Choir.

Sunday morning the stouthearted put in near Lem Griffith's Camp on the Suwanee River and made the 15 mile float trip into Fargo by 3:00 P.M.

Highlights of the trip were hearing and almost seeing an alligator being mauled by a colony of beavers, forty people waiting to use the rest room at Minnie Lake Shelter, bright sunshine on moss and water. Don Shedd and Jeff Chidlaw working as official representatives of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and not relaxing as canoeists, deer roaming through the campground and eating from a feedbox like calves; and everyone with big smiles and a cheerful greeting as the sleek canoes passed rustic swamp fishermen. The trip was fantastic.

Guest Leader: Dr. Fred Menger. Co-Leader: Rodger Lozier.

Those in attendance were:
Karen Baldwin, Charles Benton, Walter and Jeff Burton, Sarah and Robert Cooper, Alice Chalmers, Jeff Chidlaw, Anna Belle and Bill Close, Bill, Becky and Benson Crawford, Jack Hunter and Dick Jennings, Laura Ann Jones, Aurelia, John, Cathy, Frances, John, Jr., and Stewart Kennedy, Rodger Lozier, Burdett and Fred Menger, Albert Miller, Bob Milton, Sarah, Al, Kay, Nanette, Irene and Vann Munn, Don Shedd, Charlie Smith, Claude, Betty, Mike, Butch and Denise Terry, George Weatherhold, Tilley and Roy Wood, Clyde and Charles Woolsey, Charles E. Smith, reporting.

GCA'ers received quite a bit of publicity since the last Newsletter. We were allowed to share in a booth at the Boat Show by Ben Falmolen, Dr. Claude Terry and Roy Adams appeared on Channel 17 **Inside Outdoors** with John Martin, and Dr. Claude Terry was presented the W S B Sport Scroll by Phil Schaefer.

FLINT RIVER TRIP, MARCH 22, 1969. Reminder, see your February 10 newsletter for details.

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