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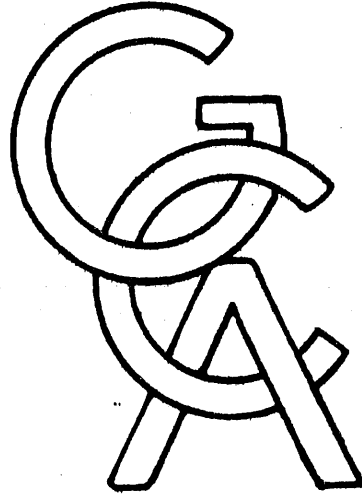
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NEWSLETTER

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

1970 dues are payable as of April 1. This will be the last Newsletter mailed to 1969 members. The next Newsletter will go out only to those on the 1970 membership list and to prospects for membership. Make your check for \$5.00 (single or family) payable to the Georgia Canoeing Association and mail to: George Wetherhold, Treasurer, Fair Oaks Apartments, 28-D, 1565 Crider Road, Marietta, Georgia 30060.



BE SEEING YOU ON THE RIVERS IN '70!

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SPECIAL MESSAGE TO TRAINING SESSION REGISTRANTS

1. You must notify us for each training session in which you plan to participate. This is because we must be able to get in touch with you whenever there is an emergency change of plans. Be sure to leave your telephone number when you register. Call the home of Claude Terry: 874-7494 or the home of the Closes: 373-3945.
2. You must provide for canoes for yourself. You may be able to rent one from a club member, Camp Chattahoochee (Horace Holden), or from Peco Camping Center in Decatur.
3. Be sure to carry your canoe on a well-secured rack.

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SECOND TRAINING SESSION -- Roswell Shoals, Chattahoochee River, Sunday
April 5

Details for this session may be found in the March 1970 Newsletter. As most of you have already registered, this is just a reminder to the rest of you who are planning to take part to call the home of Claude Terry or the home of the Closes.

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THE CHESTATEE -- Saturday, April 11

The upper Chestatee River is a beautiful little mountain stream just outside Dahlonega. The water is clear and swift, though usually low. By

running in the spring, we hope there will be enough water to avoid walking down the river bed with canoes in tow. If water is sufficient, Mother Nature has guaranteed several Class 3 rapids.

So assess your skill, and if you feel a match for this difficult river, join us "on the Square" in Dahlonga at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, April 11. If the water level is too low, we will have to switch to the upper Chattahoochee, so it is mandatory that all participants preregister with leader Frank Hatfield: (home) 872-6963; (office) 377-2411, ext. 7844.

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THIRD TRAINING SESSION -- Upper Chattahoochee, Sunday, April 12

This trip will be as outlined on a postcard mailed to registrants when we thought we would take the run in mid-March. Except--we will meet at the Red Top Restaurant on highway 23 in Lula rather than at Bellton Church. TIME -- 9:30; BE PROMPT. Be sure to preregister.

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LITTLE RIVER CANYON -- April 25 & 26

Leader: Payson Kennedy -- 457-1362

This is spectacular white water through a magnificent canyon. Only advanced canoeists in good physical condition should undertake this trip.

Saturday we will canoe 7 miles from Eberhart's Point to the Little River Canyon Mouth Park. This is Class 3 to 5 water. A $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile carry, with about 500 feet of descent, is required to get the canoes into the gorge. Several short but difficult portages are required on the trip. We will camp Saturday night at Little River Canyon Mouth Park. The park has good camping facilities, including a shower-house with hot water.

Sunday we will make a 13-mile trip from River Park on the west fork to the highway 35 bridge. The first 5 miles to the junction of the west and east forks will be on a small narrow river with continuous Class 2 to 4 rapids. The 8 miles from the junction to the bridge is relatively easy Class 1 and 2.

We will meet Saturday at 9:30 (Atlanta time) at Eberhart's Point. From Rome, Georgia, go west on Georgia 20. This road becomes Alabama 9 at the State Line. Turn right on Alabama 35 about 21 miles west of Rome. Go north on Alabama 35 about 15 miles to Lookout Mountain. Soon after climbing the mountain, highway 35 crosses Little River. Just beyond the bridge turn left on the Little River Canyon Scenic Highway and go about 11 miles along the canyon rim to Eberhart's Point. Just beyond Eberhart's Point, the road goes under a skylift. Driving time from Atlanta is $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 hours.

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ETOWAH and/or CHESTATEE -- May 2 and 3

Participants have three alternatives for this weekend. It can be a two-day trip, spending the night at one of the motels in Dahlonega or camping at Blackburn State Park; a one-day trip on Saturday; or a one-day trip on Sunday.

On Saturday there will be a training session on the Etowah River followed by a get-together in the auditorium at Blackburn State Park after dinner. On Sunday there will be a somewhat difficult trip, Class 3, at least, on the Chestatee River.

THIRD TRAINING SESSION - Saturday, May 2

The Etowah can be considered a Class 2 river and quite appropriate for beginners. We are to assemble Saturday morning at 9 a.m. at the Refreshment Center in Blackburn State Park. Departure on the trip will occur very promptly after that time.

Those who desire to travel I-85 should leave it at the Norcross-Tucker Road and take Route 141 to Cumming. At Cumming, take Route 19 North, and about 6 miles out take Route 9E. Blackburn State Park's entrance is on the left about 2 miles north of Cumming on 9E. Those in the Peachtree-Northside area would naturally prefer to go to Cumming through Roswell on Route 19. Total driving distance one way is about 60 miles.

Members of families who are not canoeing will find ample entertainment in Blackburn State Park, where there can be panning for gold and exploring of the old gold mines. Auraria, the first gold mining town in this nation, is 10 miles from the park, and there are points of interest in Dahlonega.

CHESTATEE -- Sunday, May 3

Another run of this challenging little river; more members may now be sufficiently skilled to take this trip. Those coming up for Sunday only will meet in the Square at Dahlonega at 9:30 a.m.

Make all reservations with Clyde Woolsey, 766-8771; or the Closes, 373-3945.

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REPORT OF CONASAUGA TRIP, March 14 & 15

The weekend of March 14-15 was cold in the Georgia-Tennessee mountains; nevertheless, stalwarts from five different outdoor groups met at Taylor's Camp on the Conasauga for an early season run. The Tennessee Valley Canoe Club, Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning, Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association, East Tennessee White Water Club and the GCA all had people in attendance, totaling about forty canoes.