

# Georgia Canoeing Association

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Fort Loudoun, built by the British 20 years prior to the American Revolution and now restored, has a river landing and can be visited to see the Indian relics which have been found in the area.

The trip will begin at "Hoss" Holts Place on U.S. Hwy 129 near Chilhowee. Plan to leave Atlanta approximately 7 a.m. and travel via I-75 to Cartersville, U.S. 411 across the Little Tennessee River; then turn right on Tenn. Hwy 72 and continue along the north bank to reach "Hoss" Place. We plan to shuttle the cars down to the Hiwassee Land Company's huge pinetree nursery at Vornore, Tenn., before we start the trip.

Special added attractions are a fantastic source of fall color and beauty, plus an opportunity to canoe-camp without heavy shoals or portages. If you can arrange your affairs to lay-over another day, the Gatlinburg Crafts Festival starts on October 20 and is only 50 miles from the end of our trip. This festival is listed as one of the top 20 events in the eastern United States during October. The fall colors in the Smokies cannot be prettier than we will see on our canoe trip, but we will avoid the multitude of cars on the weekend; then Monday or Tuesday in the Smokies should not be crowded.

For further details, please register before Thursday evening, October 17, with Lin at 875-2906 in evenings or Charlie after 3:30 p.m. at 373-1526.

**CANOEING CLASS**  
October 19 and 26, November 2  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Stone Mountain, Georgia

Learn to canoe on beautiful Stone Mountain Lake by a qualified Red Cross Canoeing instructor and Georgia Canoeing Association member.

Open to anyone interested in advancing their canoeing ability if they are able to remain afloat comfortably and calmly for a minimum of 10 minutes--either by swimming or floating or by alternating the two. No age limit. (Continued)

**SAWY RIVER -- OCTOBER 12, 1968**  
**Leader: Claude Terry**  
**Co-Leader: Bronwyn Burks**  
This is a 4-hour river trip for the experienced white water canoeist only, as is Class II and Class IV rapids, mostly Class IV, with lots of portages. It is a gorgeous river, however--no civilization--and this is the last opportunity to run the river with the club, as it is being dammed up. Only two to a canoe. Bring equipment to essentials, which includes lunch, and remember an outfit of dry clothes to be left in the car.

We will take 3 hours or so from Atlanta to "Bob's Place," where we will meet. Go on I-85 to Liberty, S.C.; exit at Hwy 178. Go through Pickens and stay on 178 to Bob's Place where Hwy 11 joins 178. Have an old car if possible. The road to Bob's Place to the river is an unbelievably rough, dirt road and will not be passable if it has rained heavily.

Register with Claude Terry: 874-7494 or Bronwyn Burks: 457-8763 after 6:00 p.m.

**LITTLE TENNESSEE RIVER -- OCTOBER 19-20**

**Leader: Lin McKnight**  
**Co-Leader: Charlie Smith**

The early settlers of the Southeast were impressed with the beauty of the fertile valleys and magnificent views of distant hills, Snowbird, and Nantahala Mountain ranges in this area. The Cherokee Indians had at least six village sites including the sacred city of Chota and Taniguchi (from which the name Tennessee was derived) along the riverbanks. A large dam is located near our Saturday night site and can be thoroughly explored. A dam is being constructed and will cover the entire area.

Class (Continued)

class is being given by the Red in conjunction with the Georgia Association, a special section on water canoeing will be presented.

Completing the course satisfactorily receive a Red Cross Basic Canoeing.

Register with Ben Falmlen at Office: 874-1601, Ext. 256.

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MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER

ACTIVE BUSINESS WITH FUN

and Roy Wood have invited the Canoeing Association to their home buffet supper on Saturday, November 16, 7:00 p.m. The Woods will supply a bar and drinks; guests will bring their own "covered dish." It will be held at the "covered dish." It will be held at the home of the weather is good; indoors, Roy asks that folks bring 7 or 8 air favorite slides. Ray Eaton is invited too and it is hoped he can attend on the date.

consented to our holding a short meeting, and we will strive not to reach unduly on the "social hour" of the evening. Be prepared with questions for trips and leaders for next year. If it's possible to have a slate of officers nominated by then, an election of officers will be held.

U.S. 19 north to Roswell. In Roswell and north on Hwy 140 to Crabapple. At the Service Station turn left onto Peach Road. Proceed 2-1/2 miles to a house on hill on right -- next to Perry Community Clubhouse.

plan to attend, please call Mary at 355-6436 or Tom Maserson: 636-5194 on Thursday November 7.

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DECALS -- UP FOR DISCUSSION

Johnson and Smith have investigated having GCA decals made. Although they are expensive, if 500 were ordered and for 50¢ each, a slight profit would accrue for the club. Bill Close has been asked to donate the art work which has cut the cost of the estimate about \$25.

You are asked to consider the feasibility, size and color scheme. The above quotation is for a 3-color process, 4" - 5" emblem on pressure-sensitive rather than water-applied decals will adhere to almost any surface and are not water soluble. The printer recommends that a white edge be one of the three colors, as it adds to the effectiveness of the decal.

They are so reasonably priced that the individual will probably purchase in quantity. The decals could be used to decorate canoe, paddles, other boating and camping equipment and car windshield or bumpers. If you cannot attend the business meeting and yet would like to share your opinion or further ideas, please call Charlie Johnson at 255-9160.

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MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Novice to white-water canoeists are warmly welcomed to join the GCA. Activities are scheduled each year for all levels. It is planned to hold at least one canoeing workshop annually so that there will be a known standard of achievement on the part of the member for the leader's guidance in recommending his trip to an interested person.

Dues are: \$3 per single person; \$5 per family. Checks should be made payable to the Georgia Canoeing Association and mailed to the treasurer: Mr. Ross Wilson, 415 Wimbledon Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30324.

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NEW MEMBERS

Please add the following names to the Membership Supplement:

Mr. Clyde Woolsey (correction of address)  
4725 Silverdale Road  
College Park, Ga. 30337  
766-8771

Mr. W. T. McCollister, Jr.  
201 Hurt Building  
Atlanta, Ga. 30301  
522-5477

Mr. William S. Moore, Jr. \* \*  
300 The Prado, N.E.  
Atlanta 30309  
892-1367

Mr. William A. Dunlap  
c/o The Georgia Power Co.  
P.O. Box 4545  
Atlanta 30302  
521-3400

GCA RIVER TRIP  
October 21 - 22

First day of this trip was a genuine test to 18 canoeists, a number of whom spent overnight. Five indefatigable, stalwart members coursed another bruising 80 miles down the Number Four Section of this beautiful river on Sunday.

gauging station, the water read 9", is excellent but perhaps a little low. The trip started with 9 canoes, 2 and 1 inflatable (or deflatable) which fell victim about half way on the first day to some branches. It became the Holden's "emergency pack," as the owner hitchhiked with another canoe. It was marked about 10:40 and completed the long voyage by about 7:30.

Atrepid five who continued down to Tugaloo Sunday were: Aurelia & Payson; Lin McKnight, Claude Terry and Wilson. Their experiences have been described as tremendously marvelous fun. Big drops and good straight chutes navigated singly to avoid "digging" and swamping with a heavy bow. Aurelia Kennedy found this exciting and gratifying as finding "unakite" in the middle of the river. While making advance between the treacherous banks, a most unlikely scene appeared on the bank. Two inebriates, wearing ladies' hats invited our travelers to share a bottle. Though the invitation was declined, the gentleman of the riverbank imparted the knowledge that a canoe had been taken downstream in the canyon. At the bottom of the fifth falls in the canyon, broadside to the current with the canoe against a rock was a canoe. It promptly commandeered by Claude and was ridden the rest of the way laughing down the stern so that the canoe in the bow was above the water line. He had his name and address written on the canoe--a good practice.

Terry acquired a fine distinction that he completed the Number Four Section solo. "Guru" Wilson made many discoveries which he immediately shared with companions.

the Saturday trip were: Jody and Holden, Alice Chalmers, Clyde Terry, Claude Terry, Bill Eisenhauer, Dunlap, W. T., McCollister, Jr., McKnight, Ross Wilson, J. B. Tate, Wood, Ben Wood, Jere Wood, Aurelia Payson Kennedy, Billy Crawford and Close. Aurelia Kennedy and Bill reporting.

OCCONEE RIVER TRIP  
September 28

Fifteen canoeists responded to the call of the gentle wild on the golden September day of Saturday, the 28th, all electing to make the Oconee trip in one day. Ten paddled upstream to Scull Shoals and two of those afterward with three others walked up the path during the car shuttle to the deserted townsite. One of the party almost stepped on a beautiful moccasin stretched across the path, head raised at attention. Snake and people regarded one another a few moments while the decision was reached not to try to gather another trophy for Charlie Smith's hat (he had skinned a rattlesnake the night before). The hikers skirted the "beastie", alert from then on to every step that took them to the ruins of the town which had experienced one flood too many. They paid tribute to an old brick building which may have been a cotton gin (the State's first) or a paper mill. A low-arched stone bridge spans the years between the time that horse-drawn carts rattled across it and its present lonely vigil in the quiet shadows of the forest.

Returning to the picnic area, one could almost count the number of people who had walked up the path, disturbing the leaves into trails that would have probably afforded an accurate picture of the party to and Indian of long ago.

During the canoe trip, a visit with Charlie Smith's father who was fishing from a rock, gave an opportunity to stretch our legs. Here on a sandbar were noted bird and animal tracks; iridescent beetles; and at the water's edge, a school of fish so tiny they appeared to be mere shadows of themselves.

On this placid excursion the greatest excitement encountered was the gathering of scuppernongs from our canoes from vines hanging in festoons above the water. Though it had rained in Atlanta's environs, the breezes over the Oconee had showered only leaves upon the canoeists, and we debarked at the highway bridge relaxed and fortified for the coming week.

Those registering at Oconee State Park were: Roy Adams; Bill Bake; Anna Belle & Bill Close and guest Wishie Wyatt; Barbara & Ben Falmlen, Scott & Laurel; Carol & Mrs. Peggy Haman; Charlie & Kathie Johnson and Lee; Lyn Rice and Charlie Smith. Anna Belle Close, reporting.

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