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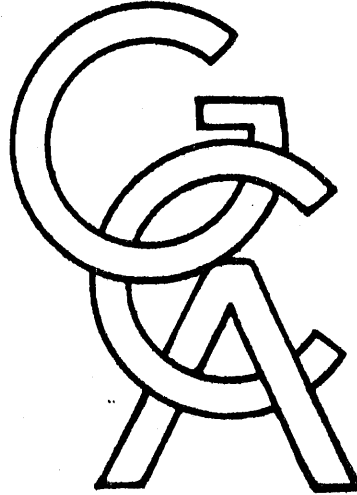
April 12 - Upper Chattahoochee

FOUND - 1 new, child's life jacket.
Call: Claude Terry: 874-7494

LOST - 1 adult life jacket, patched.
Call: Bob Milton: 427-3959

LOST - 1 paddle.
Call: Jerry Davy: 938-8059

WHAT A TRIP!!



CHEROKEE SWAMP - May 9 and 10

This trip was so popular last year that it has been re-scheduled for 1970-- an opportunity to "escape" to the wilderness, to the home of the alligator, racoon and otter, for some quiet camping and fireside fellowship and some "change of pace" FLAT water canoeing. On Saturday, depending upon the wishes of the group, we can explore the interior of the swamp, with trips either to Billy's Island, or Big Water, or go over the sill and down the lazy, meandering Suwanee River. Sunday we will plan shorter excursions before the drive home.

Drive down Friday if you can, or Saturday, BUT remember that the Park gates are closed and LOCKED at 10 p.m. (official time) or 9:30 p.m. (the version of those who were locked out last year). Camping will be on a first-come-first-served basis, but there is room for all, with a camping fee of \$2.50 per night for a campsite. Cottages are also available for \$12 for 2 people per night (check-in time, 2:00 p.m.; check-out time, 12 noon) and can be reserved by writing to: Superintendent Lawrence Day, Stephen C. Foster State Park, Fargo, Georgia 31631.

If you plan to attend, contact the trip leader Margaret Drummond by Thursday night, May 7th (home: 872-4626 or better still, office: 377-2411, ext. 7841).

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OBED RIVER, Tennessee - May 16 and 17

We have been invited to join the Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association on the Obed River this week-end. Unfortunately, as this letter goes to press, we have few details. The river is approximately 230 miles from Atlanta. It is Class 3 and 4--difficult for the inexperienced. Call for more information between May 10 and 13. Trip leader--Clyde Woolsey: 766-8771; Co-leader John Payson Kennedy: 457-1362.

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CHATTOOGA RIVER - May 23 and 24

There will be a two-day series of trips down the Chattooga River (potential U.S. wild river) on Saturday and Sunday, May 23 - 24. We will run the section between Earl's Ford (Whetstone Road - War Woman Creek junction) and U.S. 76 (Class 4) on Saturday with two runs on Sunday--S.C. 28 to Earl's Ford (Class 2 and 3) and a run on the wild, wild U.S. 76 to Tugaloo Lake (Class 5) on Sunday.

This river is easily the best in the Southeast, but we would recommend that only canoeists with extensive experience and in good condition consider the lower (76-Tuagloo) Sunday trip. The Earl's Ford to 76 stretch on Saturday can be run by moderately experienced canoeists, but bring bailers, perhaps put in flotation of some sort, wear life jackets and be prepared to portage. Also, tie down gear and put in waterproof bags.

Saturday, May 23

The Saturday meeting place is U.S. 76 on the Chattooga (Ga.-S.C. border) at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 24

The Sunday trips will meet at 76 bridge for the lower trip and SC 28 bridge for the easy trip. Starting times will be 9:00 a.m. for both trips.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL, since water variations may cause changes in plans. Contact either trip leader Claude Terry: 874-7494, or Co-leader Clyde Woolsey: 766-8771 for the Saturday and difficult Sunday trips; and the Cluses: 373-3945 for the easy Sunday trip.

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HIAWASSEE--TENNESSEE VALLEY CANOE CLUB TRAINING SESSION - May 29, 30, 31

This is a training session for basic or intermediate river canoeing and will begin at 6:00 p.m. May 29, and run until 3:00 p.m. May 31. It will be on the Hiwassee River in Tennessee, approximately 120 miles from Atlanta. Cost: \$6 for first family member and \$3 for each additional family member. Canoes will probably be available for rental. Deadline for enrollment is May 23, but enrollment is limited so we would advise early action if you are interested. For complete information and application blank write to: Don Bodley or Mr. Lavone Lambert, Chairmen, Training Committee, c/o TVCC, P.O. Box 11125, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37401.

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WATERPROOF

WATERPROOF CONTAINERS

There were an insufficient number of brochures concerning the waterproof (CAM-PAK) container to enclose with every Newsletter last month. Anyone having a brochure and order blank he doesn't plan to use is asked to let the Newsletter editor have it. Those who are interested and did not receive the enclosure may, in turn, inquire of the editor for a "second hand" blank. The editor will be happy to assist in effecting such swaps.

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Again, if you have canoes to rent or know of any rental places not already mentioned in the Newsletter, please contact the Closes: 373-3945.

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Contributions for the next Newsletter should be in writing and in the hands of the editor by Monday, May 18. Write to: Mrs. W. H. Close, 225 Forkner Drive, Decatur, Georgia 30030.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership is open to individuals 18 years and older, although younger individuals can readily join through the family unit. Dues are \$5.00 per family. Make checks payable to Georgia Canoeing Association and mail to George Wetherhold, Treasurer, GCA, Fair Oaks Apartments, 28-D, 1565 Crider Road, Marietta, Georgia 30060.

GCA ETTIQUETTE

When we beached for lunch on a recent GCA trip, we were welcomed to the bank of the river by a delicate clump of spring bluets. When we left, they were not only crushed by a careless step but also had a stick stabbed down through the center of the bouquet. Let's be careful to leave the woods and stream as we found them; let's even carry out a previous picknickers trash in our own litter bags.

Let us also resolve to be prompt in appearance at the "meeting place." The fifteen minutes lost at the beginning of a trip while waiting for a late arriver may be needed to get an entire group off the river before dark.

By all means pre-register. Change of plans at the last minute may leave the unregistered "waiting at the church." Too, as a matter of courtesy to the leader, you should pre-register, as he must arrange for the shuttle and needs to know how many drivers to plan for.

At the beginning of the trip, make it your responsibility to register you with the leader. He has too many people milling about with equipment and to be asked to contact everyone. Remember, too, the leader is, in all probability, going to give you some riverside instructions about the general character of the water, the lunch rendez-vous, etc. Be ready to give him your attention. The leader will appoint a "sweep" canoe to bring up the rear. Stay back of the leader and in front of the sweep. If you are appointed sweep, it is your duty to encourage the stragglers to keep up with the others to the best of their ability. Again, there are hazards in being on a river at night, you would not want to be the cause of a group's camping out without proper and preparations for an overnight bivouac.

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1970 MEMBERSHIP LIST

GCA members will receive a copy of the 1970 Membership List with this issue of the Newsletter. Please contact either the Treasurer or the Newsletter Editor to have corrections made. If your telephone number does not appear on the list, we would appreciate your sending it to us. Also let us have your office phone number if you care to be called there for any last-minute trip-change information. Zip codes will speed your mail to you, too. Thanks.

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SHERRY SELLARS TO RECEIVE AWARD

Word has come from the Fulton County Physical Fitness YWCA Supervisor that one of our youngest members of this spring's Training Session, Sherry Sellars, has been canoeing exactly four times, rescued a 26-year old woman who had received a compound leg fracture when her fiber glass canoe broke in fragments against a rock on the wild S.C. French Broad (Class 3, 4 and 5). Sherry will be presented a merit award May 7 by Representative Dick Lane of the Fulton County Congress. We hasten to add our congratulations to Sherry who is reported to be recommended to anyone undertaking this treacherous stretch of water "to take plenty of band aids and to be sure to use Kayot Canoes which can be purchased from Frank Hatfield."

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