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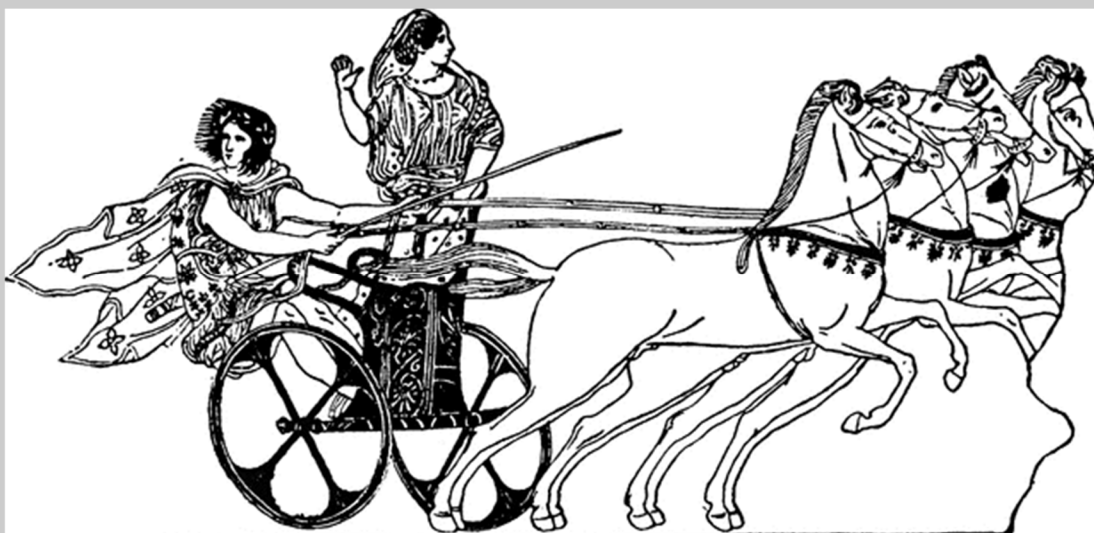
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In Hendersonville

Annual Dinner To Be Held Nov. 1

The annual CMC will hold its annual dinner on Saturday, Nov. 1, in Hendersonville at the Chariot Restaurant. The social hour starts at 5:30 p.m. The event usually ends about 9 p.m. The cost for the dinner is \$30 each.

To register for the dinner go to the club website: <http://www.carolinamountainclub.org/> and log in as a member and click on Annual Dinner on the right. Payment online by a credit card can be done until October 29.



Cameron Cox attended the CMC camporee.

Sixth Camporee Features Cowee Gem Region

By Ted Snyder

The sixth Mountain Treasures Camporee took place at the Kimsey Creek Group Campground, a loop in the larger Standing Indian Campground.

Standing Indian Mountain and the surrounding Southern Nantahala Wilderness are a part of the Cowee Gem Region. This geologically diverse zone provided a background that was unique to this camporee. Hikes visited an abandoned carborundum mine. Hikers searched for rubies, sapphires and garnets.

High elevation rock outcrops with long distance views were a feature of most hikes. Remnants of virgin forest and the unusual Buck Creek Pine Barrens were visited. Twenty campers were spread across the grassy group campground. Twenty-two participants ate at the standard barbecue supper on Saturday night. Weather had a major influence on attendance at this event. The weather was clear and sunny on Friday and Saturday. There was NO RAIN at the campground or on the hikes. Sunday was overcast with varying amounts of fog. There was NO RAIN. Before the camporee, registrants had topped out at 36. The weather prediction was for rain. Of the 14 last minute cancellations, most were due to the threat of rain. We had eight hikes planned. Because of the low attendance, we consolidated our numbers and actually ran six hikes, three on each day. The short hikes took the prize for popularity on both days. The emphasis on them was geological features. The Forest Service requests that campers who bring firewood burn it all before leaving. Our usual request that each camper bring two sticks of firewood was wildly oversubscribed. The result: our Saturday night campfire was the biggest and hottest we ever held, as we burned all the big pile of wood on hand. Cameron Cox (age 4) won the hearts of all of us. His exuberance was the flavoring that made this camporee the best. Norm Sharp, below, and Kathleen Hannigan were two of the attendees at the most recent camporee.

Camporees To Continue

By Kathy Kyle

The consensus at the most recent camporee held at Kimsey Creek Group Campground is to continue the camporees. The tentative plan is to redo the camporees held for the past three years. Ted Snyder, after he recovers from the planning of the most recent camporee, will investigate group camping at the Mortimer Campground. Snyder has been key in making these camporees a reality, planning, coordinating the hikes, providing a Saturday barbecue dinner and reserving the group camping.



Ted Snyder

One change is to have a registration fee of \$10 for those interested in attending. Kay Shurtleff volunteered to coordinate registration. The camporees were held to highlight the Mountain Treasures of WNC. The

treasures are areas identified as valuable recreation and conservation lands that would benefit from more protection. To read more click here. <http://www.ncmountaintreasures.org/> CMC has been working with the Wilderness Society on these camporees and protection project. To read more about the Wilderness Society click [here](#).



Max Patch

CMC Family Hike Set For Tomorrow, Sept. 27

CMC is partnering with ATC on National Public Lands Day for a Family Hike! Join us Saturday, September 27th for a fun day outside!

The hike will be an easy to moderate loop of 4 miles to Max Patch Bald. It is one of the most beautiful places on the AT including open meadow, shaded forest and 360 degree views (weather permitting).

Hikers are to meet at 8:45 at the Woodfin YMCA parking lot or 10:15 at Max Patch trailhead. RSVP to Jan Onan (CMC) at 606-5188. This hike will be in partnership with the Woodfin YMCA. Bring lunch, water.

Health Grant

Join Celebration At UNCA Today

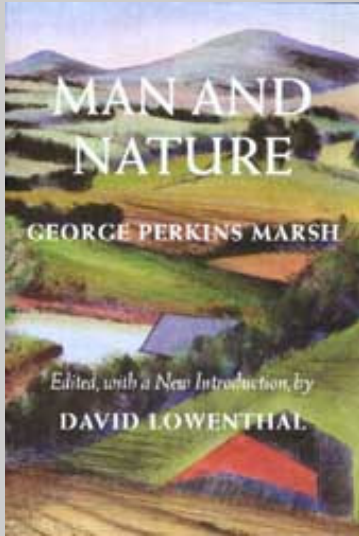
The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation recently announced that Buncombe County is a winner of the 2014 Culture of Health Prize! This prestigious recognition is for 6 communities across the US that have demonstrated the ability and commitment to work collaboratively with many partners, such as CMC to improve the health of all community members.



On September 26th, the Public Health Advisory Council will hold an event to celebrate and share this recognition with the broader community. This will be held in Kimmel Arena at UNC Asheville 4:00 - 6:00 PM. Community leaders, funders, representatives of partner organizations, and the general public are invited. Join us to learn about the many programs and initiatives that contributed to this recognition, enjoy food and entertainment and network with each other.

We strongly encourage you to register for this FREE event and share the invitation with your staff, colleagues, and boards: <http://cultureofhealthwnc.eventbrite.com>.

Snyder Shares Books That Have Influenced His Conservation Ethic



While Ted Snyder is a man of few spoken words, he is a man of thought and action. He recently shared books that have influenced his dedication to conservation.

"In order to have a perspective on my list of formative books, I need to relate the formative experience that focused the choice of books.

In 1966 my brother John asked me if I would consider going with him on a safari to Africa. I agreed. We engaged the services of Bob Lewis, a person who did not take hunters, but did take photographers. We spent three weeks in Kenya and Tanzania, on a loosely organized trip that we adjusted from day to day depending on what we would like to see. That trip to the African savanna which is so imbedded in our genes woke mine anew."

List of books, as close as I can remember in order of time of reading.

1. The White Nile. By Alan Moorehead. 1960. Harper & Brothers
2. A Glimpse of Eden. By Evelyn Ames. 1967. Houghton Mifflin
3. Man and Nature. By George Perkins Marsh. 1864. Reprinted 1965, The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press.
4. The Adapted Mind. Edited by Jerome H. Barkow, Leda Cosmides, and John Tooby. 1992. Oxford University Press.
5. Charles M. Russell. By Frederic G. Renner. Revised Edition 1974. Harry N. Abrams, Inc.

CMC Recognized For Trail Network Work In Upper Hickory Nut Gorge Trails

By Peter Barr

On August 27th, Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy (CMLC) and Henderson County

Parks & Recreation recognized the Carolina Mountain Club and several others partners and funders who contributed to the creation of the Upper Hickory Nut Gorge trail network. The trail network, located near the



community of Gerton in northeast Henderson County & southeast Buncombe County, has been an initiative of CMLC and CMC beginning four years ago. CMC trail crew volunteers have constructed about five miles of the network's trails to-date, including the Bearwallow Mountain Trail, Florence Nature Preserve access trail, and the recently completed Trombatore Trail.

These trails will become segments in the Upper Hickory Nut Gorge Trail, a 14-mile loop route that will link CMLC's many conserved lands. CMLC Trails & Outreach Coordinator and former Club Councilor Peter Barr, along with CMLC Executive Director Kieran Roe, expressed gratitude to the Club's tireless contributions to bringing the trail network to fruition. "CMC has put these trails on the ground. They wouldn't be here without the dedicated service of dozens of volunteers over the past several years," said Barr. CMC Councilor of Trail Maintenance Pete Petersen represented the Club by speaking at the ceremony which took place at the Upper Hickory Nut Gorge Trailhead. The Club was represented by several other members at the event including Ann Hendrickson, Skip Sheldon, Jack Fitzgerald, Tom Weaver, Chuck Ramsey, and Dwayne Stutzman. Read more about the recognition event here: <http://www.blueridgenow.com/article/20140827/ARTICLES/140829890>

Trail Maintenance

Wilderness



Conservation Corps Improves Trails In Shining Creek Area

Provided by Wilderness Society

The Wilderness Conservation Corps The Wilderness Conservation Corps (WCC) crew worked on the Shining

Creek and Fork Mountain Trails. Over the course of 4 days, the crew installed log steps on a steep 60 foot trail leading down to a creekside

campsite near the trailhead. The crew spent 5 days reestablishing tread and brushing on the Fork Mountain trail between the first and second mile points.

The Wilderness Conservation Corps (WCC) crew is a seasonal crew program of the Southern Appalachian Wilderness Stewards (SAWS), a program of The Wilderness Society. The WWC program offers hands-on work experience and training for individuals with interest in conservation and public lands protection. This year, the program features a crew of three crew members led by two crew leaders for a total of five staff. The 2014 WCC crew staff represent cities and universities from across the southeast, including such schools such as North Carolina State, Appalachian State, Western Carolina and Virginia Tech. During summer of 2014, the crew is scheduled to work on stewardship projects in five Wilderness areas on the Cherokee and Nantahala- Pisgah National Forests.

Read their stories at <http://www.trailcrews.org/category/blog/>



Send eNews articles to eNews@carolinamountainclub.org

The newsletter will normally go out the last Friday of every month. The deadline to submit news is the Friday before it goes out.

The next issue will come out on Friday, October 31, so send your news by Friday evening at 9 P.M. before the newsletter comes out, that is, by Friday evening October 24 to Kathy Kyle at eNews@carolinamountainclub.org. Include your email address at the end of your story. Thank you.

Westgate parking - Park in the northernmost part of the lot - past EarthFare, in the last row of parking spaces.

To join Carolina Mountain Club go to: www.carolinamountainclub.org. Click on "Join CMC" on the right side. Follow the instructions. Send all address and email changes to Gale O'Neal at gogalemail@gmail.com. Do not resubscribe yourself to the eNews. That will be done automatically. If you are a non-member subscriber, you need to go back to the eNews and make the change yourself.

Kathy Kyle

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