

# Tennes-Sierran

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## Data Show National Coal Corporation's Tennessee Mine Emits Toxic Selenium

The Sierra Club, Tennessee Clean Water Network (TCWN) and Save Our Cumberland Mountains (SOCM) last month put the National Coal Corporation on notice for allegedly dumping harmful amounts of toxic selenium pollution into Tennessee waterways from its Zeb Mountain coal mine.

Data show that the huge mountaintop removal coal mine, located in Campbell and Scott Counties, Tennessee, has been discharging unlawfully high levels of selenium into nearby bodies of water. Indeed, National's own most recent samples show that they are discharging selenium from 12 sediment basins in the permit area.

"Anyone who eats fish caught near this area risks exposure to toxic levels of selenium," said Ann League of Save Our Cumberland Mountains. "The Zeb Mountain mine's toxic dumping threatens our health and well-being; they need to be held accountable."

Selenium can be extremely toxic to people, causing hair and fingernail loss, kidney and liver damage, and damage to the nervous and circulatory systems. It also bioaccumulates in fish, causing severe impacts including reproductive failure, birth defects and damage to gills and internal organs.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) currently sets the standard for selenium at 5 micrograms per liter, although many experts recommend that the standard be set even lower. Studies have shown that concentrations of 10 micrograms per liter can cause complete reproductive failure in reservoirs and a 40% reduction in streams.

On April 29, 2008, Sierra Club and Save Our Cumberland Mountains obtained a water sample showing that one of the sediment basins on Zeb Mountain was discharging 47 micrograms per liter of selenium. National's own sample taken on June 12, 2008 shows a concentration of 100 micrograms per liter at the same basin.

The Sierra Club, TCWN and SOCM sent National Coal Corporation and National Coal Corp. a formal notice of intent to sue on July 9, 2008. The organizations are represented by Gena Lewis and Joe Lovett with the Appalachian Center for the Economy and the

Environment, Jim Hecker with Public Justice and attorney Mary Mastin.

National Coal Corp. also has applied for a NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), which has jurisdiction over water quality and pollutant discharges from mines.

TDEC must now decide whether to grant National Coal a permit that takes into consideration the selenium discharges, which exceed

Tennessee's water quality standards. TDEC can either force National Coal to treat its mine discharges to bring the selenium levels into compliance with state standards, with a compliance schedule; or decide to simply monitor the discharges; or deny the permit application.

"The ball is now in TDEC's court. What they decide to do about the permit application will determine our course of action in litigating this issue," said Axel Ringe, chair of the TN Chapter's Water Quality Committee.



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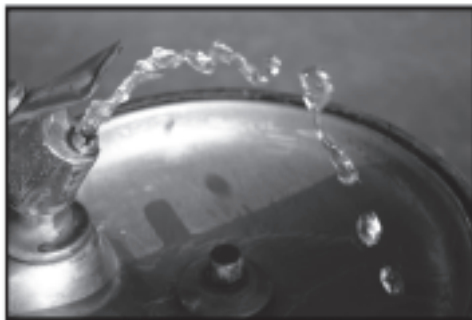
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## Middle Tennessee Group Offers Volunteer Opportunity

MTG has a great volunteer opportunity for someone who would like to help the Sierra Club through a specific task. Our program chair has retired from the position after two years, but she has already scheduled speakers through the end of the year! This means that a new volunteer could have time to ease into the responsibilities. Training provided. Contact Adelle Wood for more info. 665-1010, [adelleintn@juno.com](mailto:adelleintn@juno.com).



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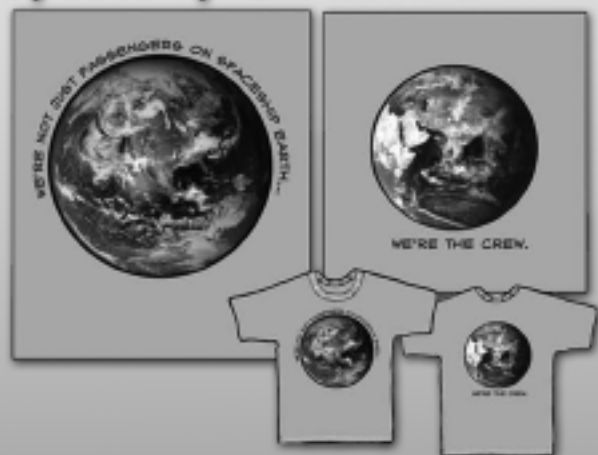
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# Wilderness First Aid Training October 17-19, 2008

The Tennessee Chapter Sierra Club is sponsoring a second wilderness first aid training (WFA) course on October 17-19, 2008 at Laurel Fork Lodge on the Appalachian Trail near Hampton, TN. Landmark Learning, LLC, our training provider for the previous five years, will provide the training again this year, teaching the National Outdoors Leadership School (NOLS) WFA curriculum. This educational weekend features top notch training in an outdoor setting by field experienced instructors.

**Course:** WFA - 16 hours / 2-yr certification.

Fast paced and hands-on, this two-day course covers a wide range of wilderness medicine topics for people who travel in the outdoors or who spend time in the backcountry as either a passion or profession. In this course you will learn to prepare for the unexpected. You will acquire knowledge and skills that will help you make sound decisions in emergency situations. This course is ideal for trip leaders, camp staff, outdoor enthusiasts and individuals in remote locations. This NOLS course is pre-approved by such organizations as the American Camping Association and the U.S. Forest Service. Visit the NOLS website <http://www.nols.edu/wmi/courses/outlines/wild-firstaidoutline.shtml> for course details.

**What is included:** Training by highly qualified instructors, indoor lodging, all meals including supper Friday night through lunch on Sunday and snacks.

**Not included:** Sierra Club membership, CPR certification

**Lodging:** Indoor cabins. Some cabins have shared bathrooms. There is also a bath house for women/men. Bring your own sleeping bag or bedding and a pillow. All cabins have a mini fridge and microwave.

**Cost: \$225 non-refundable**

Sierra Club commits to Landmark, you commit to Sierra Club. A reduced rate is available for those who live locally who will not stay overnight at the lodge.

**Payment due:** September 17

**Other Info:** 1 – Membership in Sierra is required. You can join online at <https://ww2.sierraclub.org/membership/> or Katherine can send you a membership form. Introductory memberships are \$25.

2 – Participant must have health insurance coverage and complete a health form.

3 – Participant must sign Sierra Club liability waiver.

4 – Participant must sign NOLS/Landmark Learning liability waiver.

**Enrollment:** Complete participant form and send with check to Katherine Pendleton

**Questions:** Contact Katherine Pendleton at 615/943-6877 or email at [Katherine.pendleton@sierraclub.org](mailto:Katherine.pendleton@sierraclub.org)

**Note:** This course is not for Wilderness First Responder recertification.

**Value:** Wilderness first aid classes of this caliber often cost up to twice this amount. Sierra's goal in providing this training is to help insure the safe enjoyment of the great outdoors, and we price this course accordingly for our members.

**Membership:** We require membership in return for the value pricing offered. By becoming a member, you will receive both the Chapter (state of Tennessee) newsletter and the national Sierra Club publication, Sierra Magazine. Each of these publications will help to keep you aware of challenges to the great outdoors and suggest actions that you can take to preserve the things about nature that we value.

**Guests:** You may bring a guest with you who will not attend the training. **Cost for guests is \$100/person** which includes lodging and all meals. Laurel Fork Lodge is situated on Doe Creek which is stocked with trout. October is peak leaf season in the Appalachian Mountain region. The Appalachian Trail is by the lodge. Your guest will have plenty to do or just sit back and relax!

## Know Nuclear in the TN Valley Saturday, 11:30am - 6pm, September 27 Keathley University Center MTSU Campus Murfreesboro, TN

Know Nuclear in the TN Valley is an opportunity for community leaders, environmental advocates and concerned citizens to learn more about nuclear waste and the nuclear industry in Tennessee. Registration for the half-day seminar begins 11:30am and the program begins at noon, Saturday September 27. It will be held in Room 322 of Keathley University Center on the MTSU campus in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. A \$10 registration fee payable at the door covers the cost of refreshments and seminar handouts. Students with ID cards are free.

The seminar will cover nuclear waste processing, burning and dumping in TN; the storage and transport of high level nuclear waste generated in our state; and the concerns for TVA's current nuclear power program. Its purpose is to inform concerned citizens about the need to stop generating nuclear wastes and to responsibly manage the nuclear wastes we already have.

Three panels of community, regional and national activists will speak to these concerns.

- The nuclear industry and the Department of Energy are using Tennessee as an unlicensed nuclear waste dump. A panel will describe the import of nuclear waste into Tennessee from across the nation and world; how nuclear waste is getting into our county and city landfills; what Nuclear Fuel Services is doing in Jonesborough, TN; and how Memphis continues to be a watchdog for low-income communities living near two companies that process so-called low-level nuclear waste, as well as their victory in stopping a nuclear waste incinerator from coming to downtown Memphis.

- The nuclear industry is allowed to continue to

make nuclear waste even when we have no way to manage it. A panel will describe why nuclear waste storage of irradiated fuel next to nuclear reactors poses such a serious threat to nearby communities and the risks of transporting high level nuclear waste.

- TVA has reentered a massive nuclear power plant construction campaign. A panel will describe the public health risks of TVA's current operating plants and the growing opposition to the proposed Bellefonte nuclear plant and new plant construction around the Southeast.

After each panel, small groups will identify what they have learned and next-step strategies.

Participants will be given a notebook of brief summaries of the panel presentations and other background information.

Confirmed sponsors for Know Nuclear in the TN Valley include MTSU Students for Environmental Action, Bellefonte Efficiency and Sustainability Team, Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, Defense Depot Memphis TN Concerned Citizens Committee, ENDIT (End Nuclear Dumping in TN), Erwin Citizens Awareness Network, Memphis Sierra Club Environmental Justice Program, National Sierra Club Radiation Committee, Nuclear Information and Resource Service, Solar Valley Coalition, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Southern Energy Network, TN Chapter Sierra Club, TN Environmental Council and We the People.

Google Keathley University Center, MTSU for map directions. The seminar is in room 322 of student center. For more information, please contact Louise Gorenflo at [lgorenflo@gmail.com](mailto:lgorenflo@gmail.com) or 931-484-2633.

*The Chair's Corner*

## Dear Tennessee Chapter Members,

Over the summer, I visited with many of you at group meetings. It has been a great privilege to have an opportunity getting to know individuals across our state and to hear about issues in greater detail than reading reports pertaining to local issues. During the month of August, I attended the Harvey Broome Group picnic, the Middle Tennessee Group's ice cream social, and a waterfall hike and potluck supper hosted by Cherokee Group. I met several new Sierra Club members and was reacquainted with long-time members whom I have not seen in a long while. I'd like to welcome back to the Tennessee Chapter Linda Smithyman, formerly living in Kentucky and now back in the Harvey Broome Group.

There's still time to sign up for two very important events being held at Laurel Fork Lodge near Hampton, TN, sponsored by the Tennessee Chapter. Outings Leader Training 101/201 will be taught by national Sierra Club outdoor activities staff on September 26-28, 2008. The cost is \$45/person including lodging and meals. This training is appropriate for anyone who is interested in becoming an outings leader. It is also a great opportunity to meet people from our region. Register online at [http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/training/brochures/2008\\_Tennessee.asp](http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/training/brochures/2008_Tennessee.asp) or contact the outdoor activities training manager at 1-415-977-5711 or email [outings.training@sierraclub.org](mailto:outings.training@sierraclub.org).

A second Wilderness First Aid course this year will be held at Laurel Fork Lodge October 17-19, 2008. This course is vital to anyone who spends time outdoors. The cost is \$225/person and includes the course, lodging and meals (Friday supper-Sunday lunch). Register by September 17 by contacting me at 615-943-6877 or [Katibug1959@aol.com](mailto:Katibug1959@aol.com).

The Political Action Committee Fund (PAC) still needs contributions. Our chapter political committee's work will not be as effective without funding from the PAC account. Any amount of contribution will be appreciated. Please make your check out to TN Chapter Sierra Club PAC and mail it to Rachel Floyd, Treasurer; 3223 Caldwell Road; Ashland City, TN 37215.

I will be traveling to California this month to visit Clair Tappaan Lodge near Truckee, California and attend the Sierra Club annual meeting and awards banquet in San Francisco. During the annual meeting, Clark Buchner (Chickasaw Group) and I will be attending the Council of Club Leaders meetings as alternate delegates. Additionally, I will be serving on the nominating committee for the board of directors. Look for highlights of the annual meeting in next month's newsletter.

Make plans NOW to attend the fall chapter meeting October 24-26 at Pickett State Park. Chickasaw Group will be hosting and I have heard that we are going to have a wicked good time!

**Enjoy the turning of the season into autumn,  
Katherine Pendleton, Chair  
Tennessee Chapter Sierra Club**



# Meetings

## HARVEY BROOME GROUP (Knoxville)

### SEPTEMBER PROGRAM MEETING: Tuesday, September 9, 7:30 p.m., Tennessee Valley Unitarian-Universalist Church, 2931 Kingston Pike.

Dawn Coppock, Knoxville attorney and legislative director of LEAF, the Lindquist Appalachian Environmental Fellowship, will discuss her work as a lobbyist against mountain-top removal coal mining during the last legislative session in Nashville. LEAF is a Christian creation care group started in Knoxville in 2005.

Dawn will discuss how LEAF has collaborated with environmental groups, including the Sierra Club, on the Tennessee Scenic Vistas Protection Act. She will suggest suitable public responses to the continuing degradation of our mountains. See [www.tnleaf.org](http://www.tnleaf.org) for general information on LEAF and the legislation. Everyone is welcome. For information call John Finger at (865) 573-5908.

### OCTOBER PROGRAM MEETING: Tuesday, October 14, 7:30 p.m., Tennessee Valley Unitarian-Universalist Church 2931 Kingston Pike.

Stephen Lyn Bales, marketing manager and naturalist for Ijams Nature Center, presents "Ijams: Past, Present and Future," an overview of Knoxville's foremost natural jewel during its nearly 100 years. "Lyn" is a native of Gatlinburg and in addition to working at the nature center, writes regular columns in the "Farragutpress" and bimonthly Hellbender Press. He is also author of *Natural Histories: Stories from the Tennessee Valley* (University of Tennessee Press, 2007). He will devote particular attention to the recent acquisition of and future plans for the so-called "Dry Quarry Area" near Meads Quarry, which brings the size of the nature center to about 278 acres. Everyone is welcome. For information call John Finger at (865) 573-5908.

## MIDDLE TENNESSEE GROUP (Nashville)

### PROGRAM MEETING: Thursday, September 11, 7:00 p.m. at Radnor Lake Visitor Center, 1160 Otter Creek Road, Nashville.

Solar energy is (forgive the pun) HOT! Our speaker this month is Steve Johnson, founder of LightWave Solar Electric. Steve has spent 30 years in the electrical industry and is the recipient of the Tennessee Million Solar Roofs "Solar Star" award for contributions in the solar electrical field in Tennessee. You can see some of his work in the solar panels he installed at the new Bells Bend Nature Center.

This presentation will give you some common-sense solutions to everyday energy problems and some less-expensive ways to reduce energy costs in your home. Even though you may not have the financial resources to go fully solar, alternatives such as solar powered attic fans can reduce energy expenditures, or a solar powered pump may keep your pond aerated without sending your dollars to the Middle East. A solar-powered garden cart or fountain might also fit your needs and budget.

This program will answer your questions about the practical applications of solar energy. Steve will also be stressing the overall advantages of solar over coal and nuclear power generation, which thermally pollute our rivers and entail other environmental harm.

Please bring your questions. The public is invited, as always.

### STRATEGY MEETING: Tuesday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the old St. Bernard's Academy Building, 2021 21st Avenue South, 4th floor.

Conservation issues are first on the agenda, and all

members are invited to attend this conservation and administrative meeting to get the news on what's happening in our Middle Tennessee Group. We welcome you to be with us to learn about the group's conservation initiatives and community activities. For more information regarding the meetings, send a message to Rachel Floyd at [rfloyd557@bellsouth.net](mailto:rfloyd557@bellsouth.net) or call 615-792-2590. If you come to the meeting and the building doors are locked, call Rachel's cell at 615-406-9204.

## STATE OF FRANKLIN GROUP (Tri-Cities)

### STRATEGY/PROGRAM MONTHLY MEETING: 6:00 p.m., at the "The Acoustic Coffee House- Next Door" at 450 West Walnut in Ole Town Johnson City.

Contact Tom Mozen at [mozenetc@yahoo.com](mailto:mozenetc@yahoo.com) or 423-232-0827 for more information.

## UPPER CUMBERLAND GROUP (Cookeville)

### MEETING: Every 4th Thursday at 7 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room of the Putnam County Library.

Alternating program meeting with planning meetings every other month. For more information, contact Mary Mastin at [marymastin@twlakes.net](mailto:marymastin@twlakes.net) or (931) 268-2938.

## CHEROKEE GROUP—UNDER RE-ORGANIZATION (Chattanooga)

### MEETING: The September 30 meeting will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. in Side B at the Hamilton YMCA, 7430 Shallowford Road in Chattanooga.

A business meeting will be held from 6-7 p.m. The ballot for the election of 2009-2011 group executive committee members will be finalized at this meeting. Contact Barbara Kelly for additional information at (423) 718-5009.

Tennessee Chapter Chair Katherine Pendleton will be attending these meetings.

## CHICKASAW GROUP (Memphis)

### Monthly First Thursday Members Gathering: September 4 & October 2, 5:30-7:00pm -- Otherlands, 641 South Cooper, Memphis

Join us for Chickasaw Group's "First Thursday" monthly gathering where Sierra Club members, activists and friends can meet in a casual setting to talk about issues and interests. Anyone interested in learning about the Sierra Club is invited. For more information, contact Juliet Jones at (901) 374-0582 or [juliet101@comcast.net](mailto:juliet101@comcast.net).

### Political Committee Meeting, Sept. 4, 7:00pm, Otherlands, 641 S Cooper St. Memphis. (After 1st Thursday gathering.)

Committee members must be members of the Sierra Club. Contact: Sue A. Williams, (901) 274-0524 or [z4cmv@juno.com](mailto:z4cmv@juno.com) for more information.

If you would like to make a difference in deciding who is elected to government positions, join the group political committee! The upcoming presidential, House of Representatives and Senate campaigns will be an opportunity to let our members know who the club has endorsed. The committee also works with the chapter (statewide) political committee regarding state legislature endorsements. Electing the right people makes a difference for all areas of the environment.

The Chickasaw group's political committee makes recommendations regarding endorsements of local candidates by the Sierra Club, based upon the

candidates' record or responses to our questionnaire. We will have an opportunity to endorse a candidate on the Memphis City Council due to the resignation of the incumbent.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** Must be a Sierra Club member. We need someone to monitor the Shelby County Commission committee and regular agendas. This requires email and will take about 2 hours per month. Contact: Sue A. Williams, (901) 274-0524 or [z4cmv@juno.com](mailto:z4cmv@juno.com) for more information. **Strategy Meeting: September 8 & October 13, 6:30pm - Prescott Memorial Baptist Church, 961 Getwell, Memphis**

This meeting of the Executive Committee is open to all members of the Sierra Club. Contact Nancy Ream by September 5 (September meeting) or October 10 (October meeting) to place items on the agenda: (901) 759-9416 or [njream@aol.com](mailto:njream@aol.com).

### Chickasaw Group Sierra Club Film Night – "King Corn", Wednesday, September 17, 7:30pm, Power House, 45 G.E. Patterson (between Main and Front).

In "King Corn," Ian Cheney and Curt Ellis, best friends from college on the East Coast, move to the heartland to learn where their food comes from. With the help of friendly neighbors, genetically modified seeds and powerful herbicides, they plant and grow a bumper crop of America's most-productive, most-subsidized grain on one acre of Iowa soil. But when they try to follow their pile of corn into the food system, what they find raises troubling questions about how we eat—and how we farm. Sierra Club film night is hosted by Power House Memphis. Admission is free (with donations accepted), and refreshments will be available. For more information contact Tom Lawrence at [bus@thecave.com](mailto:bus@thecave.com) or (901) 237-4819.

### In October there will be no Chickasaw Group Film Night

The Chickasaw Group Film Night will not be held in October due to the Indie Memphis Film Festival. In addition to the many independent films, there will be films on environmental and social justice issues of interest to Sierra Club members. For more information contact Indie Memphis at [festival@indiememphis.com](mailto:festival@indiememphis.com) or (901) 251-5171.

### Chickasaw Group Sierra Club Program Meeting – "Conservation Efforts at the Memphis Zoo," Thursday, September 25, 6:30-8:00pm, Benjamin Hooks Central Library, 3030 Poplar Ave.

The Zoological Society of Memphis is a non-profit organization that strives to enhance both wildlife conservation and education in the community. Founded in 2002, the conservation research department of the zoo is supported by a team of biologists operating in collaboration with local, national and international institutions. Projects are currently in progress on the giant panda, mammalian biodiversity in China, jaguar conservation in Brazil, Mariana Island conservation and amphibian decline. Rachel Hansen from the Memphis Zoo will speak about current conservation efforts. For more information contact Tom Lawrence at (901) 237-4819 or [bus@thecave.com](mailto:bus@thecave.com).

### TELEVISION PROGRAM: WPYL - Channel 18, Memphis, Tennessee, - Mondays at 1:30am, Tuesdays at 3:30am and 10:00pm, Wednesdays at 8:00pm, Thursdays at 5:30am and noon, Fridays at 11:30pm, and Sundays at 2:00am and 11:00pm.

"The Nature of Conservation" is the Sierra Club's Chickasaw Group TV program on cable channel 18. For complete schedule listings on cable channel 18, please see the website: [www.memphislibrary.org/tlc18/schedule](http://www.memphislibrary.org/tlc18/schedule). For more information about "The Nature of Conservation," or

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# Chickasaw Group News

## (Contributed by Various Members)

### Chickasaw Group July Program Meeting

Sandra Upchurch of the East Career and Technology Center gave a presentation on industrial chemistry and the environment at the program meeting on July 24 at the Central Library in Memphis.

Ms. Upchurch teaches her students how to do complex chemical analyses. They have performed real-life environmental research in Memphis along Cane, Cypress and Nonconnah Creeks. A number of their projects were featured on display boards at the meeting. Ms. Upchurch graphically presented some of the results of their research, discussed upcoming projects, and then took questions from the audience.

### Pre-Engineering Enrichment Students and Tennessee Water Sentinels

Hot, humid mid-July days mean that James Baker, project director of the Tennessee Water Sentinels, spends time partnering with the City of Memphis storm water program in providing learning experiences for 10 high school students in the Pre-Engineering Enrichment Program or PEEP.

This year, James again teamed up with Sharon Gordon of the storm water department for a week of activities that ranged from a litter clean-up, to marking storm drains, as well as testing streams for pollution, to learning about the plants and animals that inhabit the Meeman-Shelby Forest State Park, and observing the proceedings at Shelby County Environmental Court.

The PEEP students received a Sierra Club backpack and a Water Sentinels t-shirt. They also took with them a better knowledge of the techniques that professionals use to help protect the environment and a greater appreciation for the natural world.

For a short video of the week's activities, please copy this YouTube link into your web browser:<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Ad7PMbmBnw>

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if any groups or individuals in the community have a special concern and would like to see a program on it, please contact Judith Rutschman at (901) 767-5916 or [rutschman@rhodes.edu](mailto:rutschman@rhodes.edu).

#### A Yahoo News Group for the Sierra Club

Sierra Club-Chickasaw Group and Friends is a Yahoo group for members and friends of the Chickasaw Group of the Sierra Club (Memphis/West TN). It is an announcement-only email list to send notices of upcoming events and other "green" information of local interest. All announcements are accessible to the public, so you can look up the latest posts anytime! To view and/or join the Yahoo group, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sierraclub-chickasaw/>.

#### WATAUGA GROUP (North Eastern TN)

PROGRAM MEETINGS: Every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. Please contact Gloria Griffith at [gla4797@earthlink.net](mailto:gla4797@earthlink.net) or 423-727-4797 for more information.



Photo: James H. Baker

Sharon Gordon (far right), teaches PEEP students about water quality testing on Harrington Creek at W.J. Freeman Park in Bartlett."

## FALL FAMILY MEETING

### Friday-Sunday October 24 - 26

### Pickett State Park

*Enjoy beautiful autumn weather and fall colors without having to fight the crowds.  
Have we got a deal for you!*

#### FOR ONLY \$40, YOU CAN ENJOY:

Hiking - good food - pumpkin painting, face painting, an all ages Saturday night Halloween masquerade contest, and weather permitting, a bonfire with ghost stories and s'mores

#### PLUS,

A silent auction to benefit our chapter's lobbying and legislative program.

The executive committee will be meeting on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, but those not on the executive committee may join in the activities, strike out on your own on nearby trails, or just enjoy the peace and quiet of a fall weekend. Lodging is in cabins that accommodate about 20, and family cabins (accommodating more than one family) will be available. Camping among the surrounding trees is another popular option (the cost for the weekend is the same for camping as for staying in the cabins). Bring your own bedding, towels and lunches. If you want additional beverages, you need to bring your own. Breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday, and Saturday night dinner are provided. You are on your own for Friday dinner and Saturday lunch.

**Directions:** I-40 to Exit 317. Hwy. 127 north (46 miles). Turn right on Hwy. 154, travel 12 miles to the park entrance. OR, I-75 north from Knoxville to Exit 141. Hwy 63 to Huntsville. Right onto Hwy 27 north to Oneida. Left onto Hwy 297 through Big South Fork NRR. Right onto Hwy 154, follow to Pickett State Park. The park's office number is 931-879-5821.

### 2008 FALL FAMILY MEETING AT PICKETT STATE PARK

#### REGISTRATION FORM

To register, please clip out and mail this registration form by Saturday, October 11, to:

**Chickasaw Group-Sierra Club**  
**c/o Nancy Ream - Chair**  
**Post Office Box 111094**  
**Memphis, TN 38111**

If you know you will attend but are unable to mail your registration by the deadline, please contact Nancy at [njream@aol.com](mailto:njream@aol.com) by the deadline date in order to be assured of meals.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults @ \$40: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children under age 13 @ \$20 (what ages?): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of vegetarians \_\_\_\_\_ Number of omnivores \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ (Make check payable to Chickasaw Group - Sierra Club).



# Outings

All participants in Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver before you participate, please refer to: <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/SignInWaiver> PDF, or call 415-977-5630 for a printed version. Transportation to the outing, including carpooling, ride-sharing or anything similar, is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

## HARVEY BROOME GROUP (Knoxville)

### September 20-21. Backpack, Cataloochee section of GSMNP.

We are going to one of the most remote spots in the Smokies. Our adventure will begin by driving down the one-way, 14-mile-long Balsam Mt road and leaving our cars at the Palmer Creek trailhead and walking the 6/10's of a mile to the Balsam Mt. trail and spending our first night at the Laurel Gap shelter for a total of 4.9 miles the first day. On Sunday we will follow Mt Sterling Ridge trail to Pretty Hollow Trail to Palmer Creek trail and back to our car for a total of 11.2 miles the second day. Rated Difficult due to elevation gain the first day and the length of the hike on the second day. Pre-register with Steve Harvey: [sharvey86@aol.com](mailto:sharvey86@aol.com); phone 865-271-7227.

### October 4-5. Gourmet Backpack, Cherokee National Forest, along North Fork of Citico Creek.

This trip has become a Harvey Broome Group tradition, with everyone trying to make the most outrageous, non-backpacking type food that one can imagine. If you can dream it up, you can cook it in the backcountry. Frozen margaritas, Caesar salad, roasted Cornish game hens, seafood Newburg, hot fudge ice cream sundaes, cheesecake, blueberry pancakes—it has been done in the woods on this trip. (Limited to 12 hikers.) Mileage is less than 3.0-miles on a relatively flat trail, but involves several creek crossings, so you may want to bring your "creek shoes." Rated easy. Pre-register with Beverly Smith: [blsmith1300@comcast.net](mailto:blsmith1300@comcast.net) (preferred); 865-531-8480 (evenings).

### October 11. Day Hike, Bob's Bald (by way of Beech Gap).

Enjoy great views from this high elevation destination. This would also be a good opportunity to look for higher elevation early fall colors. Six miles round trip, but by starting at Beech Gap there is only an 800 foot elevation gain on the hike. Rated easy to moderate. Driving distance/time: 90 miles/2 hours. Preregister with Priscilla Watts: 865-966-4142; [sigmtngirl@earthlink.net](mailto:sigmtngirl@earthlink.net).

## STATE OF FRANKLIN GROUP (Tri-Cities)

Contact Tom Mozen, SOF Group chair, at (423) 232-0827 or [mozenetc@yahoo.com](mailto:mozenetc@yahoo.com).

## MIDDLE TENNESSEE GROUP (Nashville)

### September 22, Bike Ride—Stones River Greenway

After work, bike ride on one of the new greenways in Nashville. Meet at the parking lot of the Percy Priest Lake trailhead at 5:30 p.m. We will ride 6-8 miles. For driving directions contact Katherine Pendleton at [katibug1959@aol.com](mailto:katibug1959@aol.com) or 615-360-3481. Bring water, a snack and a bike in good condition. This outing is rated moderate due to several hills. Beginners welcome.

### September 26-28, Outings Leader 101/201 Training

The Tennessee Chapter Sierra Club will be sponsoring Outings Leader 101/201 training brought to us by the National Sierra Club Local Outings training staff during the weekend of Friday, September 26 through Sunday, September 28 at Laurel Fork Lodge near Hampton, Tennessee.

OLT 101 is required for certification to become a level 1 outings leader (front country trips). OLT 201 is required for certification to become a level 2

(backcountry trips) or higher outings leader.

Cost of the course is \$45/person and includes lodging and meals for the weekend.

To sign up for the course go to: [http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/training/brochures/2008\\_Tennessee.asp](http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/training/brochures/2008_Tennessee.asp)

For additional information contact Webb Griffith, Tennessee Chapter co-outing chair at 423-727-4797 or email [gla4797@earthlink.net](mailto:gla4797@earthlink.net).

### September 27, Canoe Float

Stones River—Percy Priest Dam to Cumberland River. Canoe or kayak in this joint Sierra/Stones River Watershed Association float from Percy Priest dam to the Cumberland River. Distance is 6 miles. Only basic canoe skills necessary: a relaxing float with no whitewater. Bring water and a snack. With luck we'll see some waterfowl. NOTE: date may move into October. Contact Diane Perschbacher at [Diane@propson.com](mailto:Diane@propson.com) or 615-895-1236 for start time, directions, and to register.

### September 29, Bike Ride—Stones River Greenway

After work, bike ride on one of the new greenways in Nashville. Meet at the parking lot of the Percy Priest Lake trailhead at 5:30 p.m. We will ride 6-8 miles. For driving directions contact Katherine Pendleton at [katibug1959@aol.com](mailto:katibug1959@aol.com) or 615-360-3481. Bring water, a snack and a bike in good condition. This outing is rated moderate due to several hills. Beginners welcome.

### October 4-5, Jack & Back Bike Ride

The Tennessee Chapter has a bike team to ride the Multiple Sclerosis "Jack & Back" from Franklin to Motlow College.

There are two routes available. One is 75 miles each way and the other is 60 miles each way. This is a fully supported ride. If you can't ride the entire route, transportation is available to take you to the finish line!

It is a fun event with refreshment stations and meals provided. Each participant is required to collect \$300 donations. Last year, the Tennessee Chapter bike team raised \$3,300 for this worthy cause.

For additional information contact Katherine Pendleton at 615-360-3481 or [Katibug1959@aol.com](mailto:Katibug1959@aol.com).

### October 17-19, Wilderness First Aid

The Tennessee Chapter will host a WFA course taught by NOLS Wilderness Medicine at Laurel Fork Lodge near Hampton, TN. The course will be taught on Saturday and Sunday from 8 AM-5 PM each day.

Indoor lodging and meals (supper Friday thru lunch on Sunday) are included in the cost of \$225/person.

For additional information and to register contact Katherine Pendleton at 615-943-6877 or email [katibug1959@aol.com](mailto:katibug1959@aol.com).

### October 31-Nov. 2, Outings Leader Retreat

There will be an outings leader retreat for all outings leaders and potential outings leaders of any group in the Tennessee chapter as well as the Nashville ICO Group on October 31-Nov. 2 at Foster Falls TVA campground near Tracy City, TN. Activities during the weekend include hiking on the Firey Gizzard Trail, evening campfires, fellowship and more. Please register by October 27 so we will know how many campsites to reserve. Contact Katherine Pendleton for more information at 615-360-3481 or email [katibug1959@aol.com](mailto:katibug1959@aol.com).

### February 28-March 7, 2009: 3rd Annual Clair Tappaan Lodge Ski Trip

Make your reservation now to go with the Tennessee Chapter to Sierra Club's Clair Tappaan Lodge for a week that you will never forget! This is the third year for the Tennessee Chapter to host a ski trip for its members.

Clair Tappaan Lodge is located 7,000 feet in California's Sierra Nevada, 45 minutes West of Reno, Nevada. Activities planned for our week at Clair Tappaan include cross-country skiing and exploring the Lake Tahoe area. Skiing classes are available at the lodge.

Accommodations are in bunk beds equipped with mattresses. Bring your own bedding and towel. Restroom and shower facilities are shared

## Ten Essentials for Hiking



Sierra Club outings offer a variety of wilderness and near-wilderness experiences. It is important to realize that while all trips are guided by a leader, it is ultimately the responsibility of the individual to operate in a safe manner. To this end, the following is a list of essential items which should be modified according to the particular type of outing. These are:

1. Adequate map
2. First aid kit
3. Compass
4. Rain gear
5. Extra clothing (it is a good idea to always have a wool hat)
6. Matches
7. Knife
8. Flashlight
9. Extra food, water
10. The tenth essential: You decide what is the most important thing to bring!

with two men's and two women's bathrooms. Meals are served family style.

Price for the trip is \$600 per person and includes lodging, all meals from supper on February 28 thru breakfast on March 7 and transportation from airport to lodge and back to airport. Trip price does not include airfare, ski rental, ski lessons, ski fees, incidentals, breakfast and lunch on February 28 and supper on March 7.

Reservations are limited to six participants. Non-refundable \$100 deposit due by January 1, 2009 made to TN Chapter Sierra Club Outings, P.O. Box 290306, Nashville, TN 37229. Remainder of fees due January 26, 2009.

Complete information regarding equipment rental rates, cross-country skiing activities planned, accommodations and any other inquiries may be directed to Katherine Pendleton at 615-943-6877 or [Katherine.pendleton@sierraclub.org](mailto:Katherine.pendleton@sierraclub.org). Payment by credit card is available. (Educational, Conservation)

## CHEROKEE GROUP (CHATTANOOGA)

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For additional information contact Webb Griffith, Tennessee Chapter co-outing chair, at 423-727-4797 or email [gla4797@earthlink.net](mailto:gla4797@earthlink.net).

### October 17-19, Wilderness First Aid Training

Laurel Fork Lodge near Hampton, TN. Cost is \$225/person, non-refundable. Course fee includes course tuition, lodging and meals (Friday supper-Sunday lunch). Contact Katherine Pendleton for additional information and to register at [katibug1959@aol.com](mailto:katibug1959@aol.com) or 615-943-6877.

## CHICKASAW GROUP (Memphis)

### Saturday, September 6, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Hummingbird Migration Celebration, Strawberry Plains Audubon Center, Holly Springs, MS

The annual Hummingbird Migration Celebration features the spectacular fall migration of the Ruby-throated hummingbird. Thousands of the tiny birds are drawn to the center's forests, gardens and feeders.

Experts from the Hummer/Bird Study Group band Ruby-throats during the event. Guests watch and learn during the banding, and many are given the opportunity to release a hummingbird back into the wild. The event also features many other educational programs, arts and crafts vendors, and history/nature walks.

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Admission: Adults and children over 12: \$10; seniors: \$7; children under 12: \$5; children under 3: \$3. 12-passenger vans and buses: \$7 per passenger (driver admitted free). Free parking is included in all admission prices. Please, no pets allowed. Food and beverages are available for purchase, but you may also bring your own lunch, snacks and/or water.

See <http://www.msaudubon.org/hummingin-fo08.php> for more detailed information.

To join the Sierra Club Chickasaw Group outing, meet at 9 am in Memphis at the Starbucks on 3586 Riverdale Road (old Super Kmart lot). For more information, contact Keith Hoover at [hooverkw@yahoo.com](mailto:hooverkw@yahoo.com) or (901) 363-8299.

**Chickasaw Group Tabling Event. Saturday, September 13, 9:00am-5:00pm. Cooper-Young Festival, Cooper Street and Young Avenue, Memphis, TN**

The Cooper-Young Festival, hosted by the Cooper-Young Business Association (CYBA), is Memphis' most anticipated outdoor celebration. Held in Memphis' largest historic district, the Cooper-Young Festival is scheduled for September 13 (rain date September 14). In its 21st year, this event has grown tremendously and is one of Memphis' most highly attended festivals. This year over 80,000 guests will enjoy an appealing mix of art, music and crafts presented by over 370 artisans from around the country. This festival is a true celebration of the arts, people, culture and Memphis heritage. **PLEASE NOTE: NO PETS.**

The Chickasaw Group of the Sierra Club will have a booth at this event (booth #A188 on the east side of Cooper Street between Evelyn and Elzey Avenues). To volunteer to help staff the booth, contact Keith Hoover at [hooverkw@yahoo.com](mailto:hooverkw@yahoo.com) or (901) 363-8299.

**Chickasaw Group Tabling Event. Saturday, September 27, 9:00am-5:00pm. Bartlett Festival and Car Show, W.J. Freeman Park, Bartlett, TN.**

Events include an amateur BBQ cooking contest, musical stages, arts and crafts, a car show, rides, children's activities, food and much more.

The Chickasaw Group of the Sierra Club will have a booth at this event. To volunteer to help staff the booth, contact Keith Hoover at [hooverkw@yahoo.com](mailto:hooverkw@yahoo.com) or (901) 363-8299.

### Chickasaw Group Call for Volunteers!

Volunteers are needed for two Chickasaw Group tabling events coming up in September: The Cooper-Young Festival on September 13 from 9:00am to 7:00pm (rain date is September 14) and the Bartlett Celebration on September 27 from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Contact Keith Hoover at [hooverkw@yahoo.com](mailto:hooverkw@yahoo.com) or (901) 363-8299.

**Visit to Shiloh National Military Park, Saturday, October 4, 9:00am-4:00pm, Shiloh, TN. Meet at Starbucks in Collierville.**

History buff Keith Hoover will lead an easy hike at scenic Shiloh National Military Park. Points of interest will include the Tennessee Monument, Rhea Springs, Shiloh Church and the Shiloh Indian Mounds National Historic Landmark. Admission to the park is \$5 per family and \$3 per individual. Please, no pets allowed. Bring your own snacks and water. We will eat lunch at a nearby restaurant afterward.

To join the Sierra Club Chickasaw Group outing from Memphis, meet at 9:00am and depart at 9:15am at Starbucks, located at 987 W. Poplar Avenue in Collierville (just west of Byhalia road). For more information or if you wish to meet us at the park visitor's center, contact Keith Hoover at [hooverkw@yahoo.com](mailto:hooverkw@yahoo.com) or (901) 363-8299.

## Recycling Coordinator Needed

Volunteer Coordinator needed for the recycle Drop-off Site in Nashville that is sponsored by the Sierra Club.

The Volunteer Coordinator will schedule volunteers to staff the Drop-off Site from 9:00 to 12:00 on Saturday mornings from a list of people who have expressed an interest in being there.

Interested people may contact Betsy Garber at [garberb@hotmail.com](mailto:garberb@hotmail.com)

# 2008 Legislative Scorecard

## A new release for Tennessee Conservation Voters

### Submitted by Bill Terry and Penny Brooks Chapter Legislative Committee Co-Chairs

Every year, the Tennessee Conservation Voters (TCV), a non-profit bipartisan organization of which the Sierra Club is a member, releases a scorecard on our Tennessee state legislators' environmental voting records. TCV selected a number of environmental bills that were introduced into the 2008 legislative session. During the session, the performance of each legislator on each bill is examined. A total score of their actions on all the bills is assigned.

In TCV's scorecard, legislators who sponsored or voted for a pro-environment bill or voted against an anti-environment bill or amendment at any time in this process received a "+1". Legislators who voted for or sponsored an anti-environment bill or voted against a pro-environment bill received a "-1." The numbers in the columns "Positive Environmental Actions" and "Negative Environmental Actions" in the scorecard refer to the numbers that were assigned to the bills in the bill description section. In order to see which bills your legislators had the chance to vote on, you must find the bills that are represented by the numbers in the columns. Bills that a legislator sponsored are noted by parentheses. Legislators' net scores are the number of positive actions minus the number of negative actions.

Important note: The opportunities for getting positive or negative points varies because not all legislators were on committees that considered environmental bills. Some legislators who might

well vote for pro-environment bills may not have the opportunity because the bills do not get out of committee. Also, when a good bill gets out of committee and reaches the floor, many will vote in favor because it seems likely to pass. While the scorecard gives a good general sense of how legislators support the environment, legislators' scores should not be directly compared unless they had an opportunity to vote on the same bills.

### Index of Actions

1. SB 116/HB 348 replaces current minimum energy conservation standards for new residential construction with the more recent 2003 Intl. Energy Conservation Code. Became law as Public Chapter 907. Positive points for House sponsorship. Positive or negative points for House Environment Subcommittee vote and full House vote.

2. SB 1408/HB 1829 would enact the TN Beverage Container Act to reduce litter and increase recycling. Bill was deferred in Senate Environment. Positive points for sponsorship. Positive or negative points for Senate & House Government Operations Committee vote.

3. SB 2671/HB 2895 would raise tax on coal products, establish an account for the assistance of counties affected by coal mining and reclamation of land/waters damaged by prior mining. Also would provide tax exemptions for renewable energy products. Bill taken off notice in Senate Finance and failed in House Budget Subcommittee due to lack of a motion. Positive points for sponsorship. Positive or negative points for Senate & House Finance Subcommittee votes.

4. SB 2716/HB 2794 authorizes low emission and energy-efficient vehicles to drive in high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes. Bill has been signed by Governor but hasn't been assigned Public Chapter as of 6/16/08. Positive points for sponsorship.

5. SB 2768/ HB 3424 would change venue for water quality appeals to home county of alleged polluter. Bill filed but no committee action was taken. Negative points for sponsorship.

6. SB 2873/HB 2816 would require energy impact assessments for newly filed legislation. Taken off notice in Senate

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## 2008 Scorecard State Senate

Senator	Party/ District	2008 (+) Positive Actions	2008 (-) Negative Actions	2008 Score
Speaker Ramsey	R-2	16	(15)	0
Beavers	R-17	16		1
Berke	D-10	(4),(7)	16	1
Black	R-18	16	21	0
Bunch	R-9	14,16	(5)	1
Burchett	R-7	(9),11,16	21	2
Burks	D-15	(7),(11)	16	1
Crowe	R-3	16		1
L. Finney	D-27	11	16	0
R. Finney	R-8	(8),(14),14,(16),16,(19)		6
Ford	D-29		16	-1
Harper	D-19	2,11	16	1
Haynes	D-20	3,11,21	16	2
Henry	D-21	3,(13),21		3
Herron	D-24	14	16	0
Jackson	D-25	(2),(3),(14),14,(18)		5
Johnson	R-23	16		1
Ketron	R-13	(6),(7),(13),(14),14,16		6
Kilby	D-12		14,16	-2
Kurita	D-22	(6),(7),(14),(16),16,21		6
Kyle	D-28	(18),21	16	1
Marrero	D-30	(2),2,(4),(13),(21)	16	4
McNally	R-5	(2),(16),16	21	2
Norris	R-32	(4),(7),(14),16	11	3
Roller	D-14	(2),11,(13),(14),14,(18)	16	5
Southerland	R-1	(8),(14),14,16	(17)	3
Stanley	R-31	16		1
Tate	D-33		16	-1
Tracy	R-16	16,(21)		2
Watson	R-11	16	11	0
Wilder	D-26		16	-1
Williams	I-4	(13),(14),14,16		4
Woodson	R-6	(10),16		2



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Finance and deferred by House Budget Subcommittee. Positive points for sponsorship.

7. SB 2874/HB 2817 requires participation in energy management programs by state agencies and universities. Became law as Public Chapter 718. Positive points for sponsorship.

8. SB 2979/HB 3482 will improve water quality testing on Pigeon River. Became law as Public Chapter 767. Positive points for sponsorship.

9. SB 3125/HB 3296 would improve protections related to harvesting of timber. Failed in House Agriculture Committee. Positive points for sponsorship. Positive or negative points for amendment vote in House Agriculture Committee.

10. SB 3235/HB 3368 would curtail development of new outdoor advertising. Bill filed but no committee action was taken. Positive points for sponsorship.

11. SB 3310/HB 3789 would implement energy conservation techniques for state building commission projects. Bill referred to Energy Task Force for review. Positive points for sponsorship. Positive or negative points for Senate State & Local Government vote.

12. SB 3565/HB 2615 as amended in the House, would require a study committee to examine the possibility of generating TWRA funding through oil & mineral leases. Sen. L. Finney successfully moved to strip the House amendment; bill passed to create study committee. Bill has been signed by Governor but hasn't been assigned Public Chapter as of 6/16/08. Positive or negative points for vote on amendment on House Floor.

13. SB 3651/HB 3521 would authorize TDEC to issue a stop work order for violations of the Water Quality Control Act. Bill was taken off notice in Senate Environment and failed in House Environment Subcommittee due to lack of a second. Positive points for sponsorship. Negative points for failure to move bill in House Environment Subcommittee.

14. SB 3822/HB 3348 would restrict issuance of coal mining permits relative to altering ridge lines above 2,000 ft. Bill passed Senate Environment and failed in House Environment Subcommittee. Positive points for sponsorship. Positive or negative points for Senate Environment and House Environment Subcommittee vote.

15. SB 3966/HB 2511 would prohibit TDEC from taking action to enforce penalties based on information from anonymous source. Bill filed but no committee action was taken.

Negative points for sponsorship.

16. SB 4039/HB 4039 creates the Energy Efficient Schools Initiative of 2008 to establish energy efficient design and technology guidelines for all K-12 facilities. Bill has been sent to Governor but hasn't been assigned Public Chapter as of 6/16/08. Positive points for sponsorship. Positive or negative points for Senate or House floor votes.

17. SB 4119/HB 4185 would remove intermittently flowing water from regulation under the Water Quality Control Act. Bill did not pass. Negative points for sponsorship. Positive or negative points for House Environment Subcommittee vote.

18. SB 4198/HB 4198 would restrict certain destructive rock harvesting practices. Bill taken off notice in Senate Environment Committee and deferred in the House. Positive points for sponsorship.

19. SJR 612 urged creation of a comprehensive state plan to address climate change and limit greenhouse gas emissions. Resolution taken off notice in Senate Finance. Positive points for sponsorship.

20. HJR 1185 would create the Tennessee Locally Grown and Organic Farming Impact Task Force. Deferred in House. Positive points for sponsorship.

21. SR 259/HR 349 urged Nuclear Regulatory Commission not to import radioactive waste from Italy due to possible environmental contaminants from transportation and storage. Resolution failed in Senate Finance, deferred in the House. Positive points for sponsorship. Positive or negative points for

Senate Finance vote.

22. HJR 938 urged TVA to approve construction of the Campbell County Lodge at Norris Dam State Park. Resolution passed House unanimously, referred to summer study in the Senate. Negative points for sponsorship.

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Representative	Party/ District	2008 (+) Positive Actions	2008 (-) Negative Actions	2008 Score
S. Jones	D-59	1,(2),16,(21)	12	3
U. Jones	D-98	1,16	12	1
Kelsey	R-83	1	12,16	-1
Kernell	D-93	1,1,(2),2,12,(13),14,16,17,(21)		10
Litz	D-10	1,(14),16,(20)	9,12	2
Lollar	R-99	1,16	9,12	0
Lundberg	R-1	1,(4),(9)	12,16	1
Lynn	R-57	1,2,(4),16	12	3
Maddox	D-76	1,12,(16)		3
Maggart	R-45	1,(4),16	12	2
Matheny	R-47	1,(2),16	12	2
Matlock	R-21	1	12,16	-1
McCord	R-8	1,1	12,13,14,16,(17),17	-4
McCormick	R-26	1,(4)	12,16	0
McDaniel	R-72	1,(16),16,(20)	3,9,12	1
McDonald	D-44	1,(3),(4),(6),(7),12,(13),(14),16,(18)		10
McManus	R-96	1,(2),16	12	2
Miller	D-88	1,(4),16,(21)	12	3
Montgomery	R-12	1	12,16	-1
Moore	D-50	(1),1,(2),(4),(11),(13),16	12	6
Mumpower	R-3	1,16	2,12,(15)	-1
Niceley	R-17	1	1,12,13,14,16,17	-5
Odom	D-55	1,2,(16),16,(18),(21)	3	5
Overbey	R-20	1,(16)	3,12	0
Pinion	D-77	1,12,16		3
Pitts	D-67	1,16	12	1
Pruitt	D-58	1,(4),16	12	2
Richardson	D-89	1,2,12,16,(21)		5
Rinks	D-71	1,2,(16),16	3,12	2
Roach	R-35	1,16	3,12	0
Rowland	R-34	1	12,16	-1
Sargent	R-61	1,(4)	12,16	0
Shaw	D-80	1,(4),16,(20)	3,9,12	1
Shepard	D-69	1,12,(13),16		4
Sontany	D-53	1,(4),16,(21)	12	3
Strader	R-14	(9)		1
Swafford	R-25	1,(2),2,(20)	9,12,16	1
Tidwell	D-74	1,1	12,13,14,16,17	-3
Tindell	D-13	1,16	3,12	0
Todd	R-95	1,(4)	12,16	0
Towns	D-84	1,12,16		3
L. Turner	D-85	1,16	12	1
M. Turner	D-51	1,(2),12,16,(21)		5
Vaughn	D-2	1,(9),16,(21)	12	3
E. Watson	R-22	1,12	16	1
West	D-60	1,(2),12,(16),16		5
K. Williams	R-4	1,16	12	1
Windle	D-41	1,(4),9,12,16,(20)		6
Winningham	D-38	1,(3),12,(16),16		5
Yokley	D-11	1,(8),(14),16	12	3

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Speaker J. Nafteh	D-81	1,(16),16	12	2
Armstrong	D-15	1,(4),(13),(16),16	3,12	3
Baird	R-36	1,(20)	1,9,12,13,14,16,17,(22)	-6
Bass	D-65	1	9,12	-1
Bell	R-23	1,(20)	2,(5),9,12,16	-3
Bibb	D-66	1,9,12,16,(20)		5
Bone	D-46	1,(4),(6),12,16,(20)	9	5
Borchert	D-75	1,1,16,(20)	9,12	2
Briley	D-52	1,16	12	1
H. Brooks	R-19	1,(8),16	12	2
K. Brooks	R-24	1,(4)	12,16	0
Brown	D-28	1,(4),(16),16	12	3
Buck	D-40	(1),1,1,(2),(13),14	12,16	4
Camper**	D-87	1,2,12,16		4
Campfield	R-18	2	12	0
Casada	R-63	1,2,16	12	2
C. Cobb	D-62	1,(21)	12	1
J. Cobb	R-31	1,(4),16	2,12	1
Coleman	D-49	1,(4),12,16,(21)		5
Coley	R-97	1,(2),16	12	2
Cooper	D-86	1,2,(16),16	12	3
Cridler	R-79	1,(2),9	12	2
Curtiss	D-43	(1),1,16	12	2
Dean	R-30	1	12,16	-1
J. Deberry	D-90	16		1
L. Deberry	D-91	1,2,16	3,12	1
Dubois	R-64	1,(4)	12	1
Dunn	R-16	1,(4),(14),16,(20)	9,12	3
Eldridge	R-73	1,16	12	1
Favors	D-29	1,(4),16,(21)	12	3
Ferguson	D-32	1,16	12	1
Fincher	D-42	1,12,(16),16,(21)		5
Fitzhugh	D-82	1,(16),16	3,12	1
Floyd	R-27	1,1,(18)	12,16	1
Ford	R-6	1,(4),9,16,(20)	12	4
Fraleigh	D-39	1,1,16	12,13,14,17	-1
Gilmore	D-54	1,1,(4),14,16,(21)	13	5
Gresham	R-94	1,(20)	9,12,16	-1
Hackworth	D-33	1,(4),(7),12,16		5
Hardaway	D-92	1,2,(4),(16),16	12	4
Harmon	D-37	1,16	12	1
Harrison	R-9	1	3,12,16	-2
Harwell	R-56	1,(4),(10),(13),16	12	4
Hawk	R-5	1,1,16	12,13,17	0
Hensley	R-70	1,(4)	12,16	0
Hill	R-7	1,(4)	12,16	0
Hood	D-48	1,12,16,(18),(21)		5
C. Johnson	R-68	1,16	12	1
P. Johnson	R-78	1,16	12	1

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