We’re going Bi-monthly!

By: Rachel Floyd, Chapter Communications Chair
and Lynne Baker, Tennes-Sierran Editor

Yes, the Tennessee Chapter is making a move to a bi-monthly Tennes-Sierran format effective with the new January/February 2009 issue. You ask why? Well, a number of reasons; foremost being the desire to conserve impact on our natural resources, and lessen our carbon footprint on the earth’s environment.

As we all are aware, 2008 has given us all new challenges, and brought promising change. U.S. Postal Service rates have substantially increased, along with the costs of paper, and other elements which put a strain on our Tennessee Chapter budget; however, we persevered, as in years gone past, wanting to stay ever present for our membership. It is evident that with the growing popularity of the Internet and email alert services that there are now smarter ways to communicate regularly with our membership while maximizing our hard earned dollars in the process. The result will be a new, more educational bi-monthly format for the Tennes-Sierran in 2009, and an increase in electronic communications via webpage announcements and email alerts. These new formats will save literally thousands of dollars to put back into the Tennessee Chapter treasury to work in other areas of conservation. Our quest to protect our earth’s environment is so important! And we are faced with some hard decisions in our troubled economic times. Cutting our dependence on paper and carbon consuming methods of delivery by converting to a bi-monthly format for the Tennes-Sierran is highly desired from a cost and conservation view, however; the bright skinny of this is that we may be able to also achieve effective high speed communications of hot topic concerns to our membership, and this just may be our key to our success in the near future!

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Now you can receive your Tennes-Sierran via email

Subscribe simply by going to

http://tennessee.sierraclub.org/mtg/subscribe.htm

How does it work? Monthly you will receive an email notification and download link for your new Tennes-Sierran in a special email alert. All you will have to do is click on the link and presto, your Tennes-Sierran will appear in an Adobe Acrobat PDF format. View it, download it, save it but whatever you will be saving trees, and freeing Tennessee Chapter club funding to work for other conservation efforts. A double whammy win situation!

So Join the Crowd and Go Paperless Today!

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Article submission deadline of the new bi-monthly format will remain the 10th of the month preceding the new edition. For example, the deadline for the March-April issue is February, 10th. And, of course if you have any questions, you can contact Lynne Baker, Tennes-Sierran Editor - lbaker@usw.org or (615) 828-6169.
**Middle Tennessee Group Forming Program Committee**

Programs are a huge part of MTG’s environmental education and outreach to the community. The program chair invites you to join a new committee to plan programs for 2009. A small commitment of time is required with big rewards for you and the group. Please contact Adelle Wood for more info. 665-1010, adelletinn@juno.com.

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**Tennes-Sierran**

The monthly newsletter of the Tennessee Chapter of the Sierra Club.

SEND CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO: *Email: address_changes@sierrachar.org*

Small Mail: clip the Moving? coupon below and mail

*Address changes are processed much faster if you include your Sierra Club membership number. To find your membership number, look on the address label of this newsletter.*

SEND ARTICLES TO: Email: Bakere@uw.org

Send Mail: Lynne Baker, Tennes-Sierran Editor

108 Pepper Ridge Circle, Antioch, TN 37013

(615) 828-6169

ARTICLE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES: Submission DEADLINE is the 10th of the month preceding the new month’s issue. 1. Email and email attached files are preferred. Send to bakere@uw.org either with embedded text messages, or attached files in PC-based formats. Attached files are preferred. Mac users should embed text in body of an email message only. 2. Photographs should be scanned in a .jpg or .tif file format then either attached to email or mailed via US Postal Service (USPS) on a 3½ diskette or CD Rom. Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you would like your diskette or photo prints returned. 3. Hard-copy handwritten or typewritten articles may be accepted; however, pre-approval from the Editor is required. 4. Any materials submitted via USPS mail cannot be returned unless a stamped, self-addressed envelope is provided.

The opinions expressed in the Tennes-Sierran are those of the contributors and do not necessarily reflect the official views or policies of the Tennessee Chapter, or the Sierra Club.
All participants in Sierra Club outings are required to sign a liability waiver before participating. 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 or mozenetc@yahoo.com. Payment by check or money order is accepted. Reservations are limited to six participants.

STATE OF FRANKLIN GROUP (Memphis)

PROGRAM MEETINGS: Every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room of the Putnam County Library. Alternating program meeting and potluck meal places in the Fall and every other month. For more information, contact Mary Maasin at marymamartin@skylink.net (or 931) 268-2938.

CHICKASAW GROUP (Memphis)

Monthly First Thursday Members Gathering: December 4, 5:30-7:00pm – Otherlands, 641 South Cooper, Memphis, TN – 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 about this meeting, including address, call Ray Payne at 901-767-5916 or rutschman@rhodes.edu

MIDDLE TENNESSEE GROUP (Nashville)

PROGRAM MEETING: LOOK! There will be no program meeting in December. Instead, the Middle Tennessee Group invites you to their annual holiday party on Saturday, December 13, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at 4641 Villa Green Drive (7 Hills area south of Green Hills).

December 6. Day Hike. Greenbrier section, GSMNP. This hike will ascend Rhododendron Creek to the Grapeyard Ridge and will include a 2.1 mile round trip hike to Beech Gap. Contact Tom Muoen at mozenetc@yahoo.com or 423-232-0827 for the date and more information.

CHICKASAW GROUP (Memphis)

February 28-March 7, 2009: 3rd Annual Clair Tappan Lodge Ski Trip. Make your reservations now with the Tennessee Chapter to Clair Tappan 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 Tappan Lodge is located 7,000 feet in California’s Sierra Nevada, 45 minutes West of Reno, Nevada. Activities planned for our visit to Clair Tappan 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 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 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, PO Box 293036, 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 Kathryn Pendleton at 615-943-6877 or kathrine@sierraclub.org. Payment by credit card is available (Educational, Conservation)

CHICKASAW GROUP (Memphis)

Outing to Tamioca River Park and Museum Saturday, December 6, Meet at Museum parking lot at 2:00 p.m. for a 1 3/4 mile round trip hike on a 3.9 mile round trip trailboardwalk and visit the outstanding museum—a one-of-a-kind interactive, interpretive center that showcases the life of the river and in history. Enjoy a Mississippi River sunset, too. See www.tunicariverpark.com to reach the Museum. From the North—Highway 61 south to Casino Center. Turn right and drive 2.3 miles, then turn left on Casino Way. Turn right on Fitzgerald’s Boulevard, then left on RiverPark Drive. From the South: Highway 61 north to Hwy 304 (Casino Strip Drive). Turn left and drive 1.8 miles, then turn right on Fitzgerald’s Boulevard, then left on RiverPark Drive. For assistance with directions, please call the museum at 662-357-0050 or 866-517-4837 (866-51-RIVER). Museum cost: $5, $4 for 65 and over, $3 for 6-12 yrs. For complete schedule listings on cable channel 18, please see the website: www.memphislibrary.org/tlc18/schedule. For more information about “The Nature of Conservation,” or if any of 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

A Yahoo 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 announcements-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/sierrachickasaw-chickasaw

WATAUGA GROUP (North Eastern TN)

PROGRAM MEETINGS: Every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. Please contact Gloria Griffis at gla@7978@earthlink.net or 423-727-4797 for more information.

Ray Payne, Barbara Allen, Kim Robinette, Lance McCold, and Ray Payne of the Chickasaw Group will be there to talk about their experiences: the Boundary Waters Canoe Area in northern Minnesota and the 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.

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Sierra Club Film Night

Wednesday, December 17, 7:30pm

Power House Memphis, 45 E. Patterson (between Main and Front)

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@theb cave.com or (901) 237-4819.
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Dear Tennessee Chapter Members,

This year has been an active one for me as your chapter chair. I have traveled extensively throughout the state of Tennessee visiting our groups. I represented our chapter at two conferences in the spring. The Cherokee Group has re-organized under my leadership. There is still much work to be accomplished in our chapter and I am depending on you to contribute your part in helping our chapter meet our strategic goals.

Our chapter's Defenders campaign is underway. Our Defenders contributions help compensate our state lobbyist, Mike Murphy. A fund-raising wine tasting party will be held January 10, 2009 from 6-10 p.m. for Defenders. The party will be hosted by Keith Romig and me at our home in Nashville. I hope you will plan on attending this important event. Please email me at Katibug1959@aol.com for directions.

As you are making end of year contributions, please don't forget the Tennessee Chapter. It isn't too late to send in your 2008 March Window contribution. Please make your check to TN Chapter Sierra Club and mail to P.O. Box 290306, Nashville, TN 37229.

Mark your calendar now and plan on attending the winter chapter meeting at Cedars of Lebanon State Park the last weekend in January 2009. I look forward to seeing you there!

Wishing you a joyous and safe holiday season!

Katherine Pendleton, Chair
Tennessee Chapter Sierra Club

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TN Chapter Winter Meeting
Friday-January 30 to February 1, 2009
Cedars of Lebanon State Park

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Have we got a deal for you!
FOR ONLY $40, YOU CAN ENJOY:
Hiking - good food - PLUS the Executive Committee meeting, which will meet Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.
Lodging is in a modern group lodge that has a total sleeping capacity of 80 people.
There are two dorms with 20 bunk-beds in each that provide private restrooms and showers.
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Breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday, and Saturday night dinner are provided. You are on your own for Friday dinner and Saturday lunch.
Other rates apply for partial attendance.

Directions: Cedars of Lebanon State Park is located approximately 31 miles east of Nashville in Wilson County. It is 6 miles south of I-40 on U.S. Highway 231 (State Route 10). The park sign is on the right side of the road and the entrance is on the left side.

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13th ANNUAL DEFENDERS OF TENNESSEE CAMPAIGN

The Sierra Club’s Defenders of Tennessee campaign celebrates its 13th year as the funding vehicle for our legislative program. Because the Sierra Club is a volunteer organization with no paid staff in Tennessee, we very much need your help in ensuring that we continue to have a strong voice in the state legislature. Although we have a large number of faithful contributors, for whom we are very grateful, we have lost some of our longtime supporters through attrition, and that is why we are asking you to join the Defenders so that we can continue with this critical work.

As always, we must continue to be vigilant to identify and work against bills that damage or restrict the application of our state’s environmental regulations. We can’t do this alone. We need your help! You can give a little or a lot, and each contribution is very important to us. The Defender campaign brings in only a part of the funds that we need to carry out our legislative/lobbying activities, and we must make up the balance out of our diminishing reserves.

Please join or renew today as your holiday gift to Tennessee’s environment. Your contribution is not tax-deductible, but it is critical in enabling us to continue to have an advocate on “the hill.” Remember that if we don’t have a lobbyist, we don’t have a voice.

We urge you to send your donation, with a check made out to “Sierra Club Defenders” to Sierra Club Defenders, c/o Adelle Wood, 4641 Villa Green Drive, Nashville, TN 37215. Ask your friends who care about Tennessee’s environment to contribute, too! This program benefits all Tennesseans, including those who are not Sierra members!

Thank you.
Bill Terry and Penny Brooks, Co-Chairs
Sierra Club Legislative Committee

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Harvey Broome Fund-raiser
Buy a Sierra Club Wilderness Calendar or Engagement Calendar for the discount price of $9.95 for either calendar. To Order, go online to: www.disexchange.com and click on the Sierra Club calendar. To Order by Phone, call (865) 573-5710.

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