



Chief Noonday Chapter

of southcentral Michigan, including Calhoun, Kalamazoo & Barry Counties
North Country Trail Association

CHAPTER MEETINGS

Meetings are at 7:00 PM at the Barry Township Hall on Orchard Street in Delton the second Wednesday of each month, and are open to the public.

At our next meeting on **February 8**, **Bud Leonard** will present a program on early Native American activity around the Wall Lake area. Bud will also have artifacts. **Please join us for this exciting presentation.**

WINTER HIKE! February 18.

Our winter hike this year is part of the **Gun Lake Winterfest**. Meet at 9AM at the Long Lake Campground Lodge (located on Gun Lake Road west of the southwest end of Hall Lake about 1.5 miles west of Yankee Springs Road). We will convoy to the M-179 trailhead parking lot (aka Chief Noonday Road) 0.3 miles west of Yankee Springs Road and hike back to the lodge. Hot drinks will be available at the lodge after the hike.

Spring Wildflower Hike May 20.

Barb VanDyken is coordinating our spring wildflower hike to be held on May 20. More information later.

Labor Day 2006.

The Chief Noonday Chapter has been invited to participate in a **Fitness Festival** in Battle Creek. We will be hosting a Family Hike. **Tom Garnett** and **John Rudnicki** are coordinating this project.

Remember: The next annual conference is in Clarion, PA on **August 10-13, 2006**.

"A nation that destroys its soils destroys itself.
Forests are the lungs of our land, purifying the
air and giving fresh strength to our people."

— **Franklin Delano Roosevelt**

TRAIL CARE:

Our **February 4**, work day has been canceled due to the hard work of our great crew on the January workday. We completed our temporary bridge project. See our web page for pictures.

TRAIL CARE (cont):

March 18. Construction of temporary bridges for Kimball Pines. **John Rudnicki** will get measurements and propose designs at the February meeting.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Mick Hawkins has updated the web page. **Mick has dramatically changed the look of the web page.** Mick is asking for input on the page, particularly from anyone with a small screen or anyone having browser problems. The new web page looks great on a 17-inch screen?

Tom Garnett is completing the South CNC Brochure, and it is about ready for publishing.

Tom Momenee has agreed to inventory the condition and contents of our many kiosks. Larry Hawkins will put an updated list of needs together. Then the Chapter will begin fixing the kiosks before the spring hiking season.



Be a Field Tester:

BackpackGearTest.org is an international volunteer organization dedicated to testing gear. It is NON-commercial and there are NO fees. More testers are needed. For more information go to **BackpackGearTest.org**.

Newsletter available by email!

We mail out over 150 newsletters each month. If you are able, please help us save postage (and effort), by agreeing to take your newsletter "email only". Let us know by emailing Larry Pio at nalcoman1@aol.com. (Only if you are receiving this by snail mail.)

Thank you to those businesses that support our chapter:

Lee's Sports & Sportswear

311 W. Kilgore
Kalamazoo
(269) 381-7700

Sandhill Marketing Communications

1715 Glendale Blvd.
Kalamazoo
(269) 382-2561

Mid-Lakes Mini Storage

11235 S. Wall Lake Rd., Delton
269-623-5005
Provide storage for the Chief Noonday Tool Crib.

Yankee Springs Outdoor Center

Long Lake and Chief Noonday Outdoor Centers
269-795-3856 Provide use of lodge for scheduled
Chapter winter hikes

Katies & Christy's. Midlakes Screen-Printing,
Monogramming Active Wear and Tanning Salon
Delton, MI. Carrying NCT Logo wears.

Web sites:

The web site for the North Country Trail Association
is: <http://www.northcountrytrail.org/index.htm>.

The web site for the Chief Noonday Chapter is:
<http://www.northcountrytrail.org/cnd/>

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Events of Interest

Tea's Feb. 14, March 21, May 23, June 20

Valentine's Day Dinner offered at W.K Manor House
Feb. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday Brunch offered W.K. Manor House Feb. 26,
March 26, April 16, May 14, June 18, July 31, Aug.
27, Sept 24 And Oct. 22. For more information contact
269-671-2400 or e-mail conference@kbs.msu.edu

Maple Syrup Days

Celebrate the return of spring during Maple Syrup
Days at MSU's W.K. Kellogg Experimental Forest on
Saturday, March 18 and Sunday, March 19. Kellogg
Forest is located at 7060 N. 42nd St., north of
Augusta, Mich.

Kellogg Forest and Kellogg Biological Station (KBS)
Volunteers will host special activities each day from
noon until 4 p.m. Visitors can try their hand at tapping
a maple tree, watch sap collection, visit Maple Manor
and taste a fresh syrup sample. They can also see a
presentation about the history behind making maple
syrup.

Summer Adventure offered at Kellogg Bird Sanctuary

This summer venture outside to become a steward of
nature. MSU Kellogg Biological Station's (KBS) Youth
Exploring Science! (YES!) program offers six one-
week summer camp sessions focusing on
ornithology, entomology and ecology at the Kellogg
Bird Sanctuary near Augusta, Mich.

Additional information on KBS special events can be
found on the web at: www.kbs.msu.edu. Portions of
our trail traverse KBS properties.