



Chief Noonday Chapter

of southcentral Michigan, including Calhoun, Kalamazoo & Barry Counties

North Country Trail Association

March 2006

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. **Next meeting April 12.**

SAVE THE DATE:

May 6: Trail Adopter's Workshop.

May 20-Spring Wildflower Hike. Barb VanDyken is coordinating this hike.

Labor Day 2006 Fitness Festival in Battle Creek.

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

TRAIL CARE:

March 18. Construction of temporary bridges for Kimball Pines. Meet at McDonald's on East Michigan Ave. just outside Kimball Pines for breakfast at 8:00 AM, start work at 9:00 AM. **John Rudnicki** is responsible for design and planning. Directions: Follow Interstate 94 to Exit 104, go about a mile west on Michigan Avenue (which is the intersection south of the ramp) to the McDonalds on 1160 Michigan Avenue East

April 22. Kiosk building at Charles Krammin's Farm.

May 13, Finish and/or install kiosks.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

By Larry Hawkins: The winter hike was renamed the "Joe Higdon Winter Cardiac Stress Test." The day was gorgeous but very cold. Temperatures were in the single digits. Dr. Peter Forsberg, our host, had a fire in the fireplace and several heaters going at the Long Lake Lodge. Joe led the original group of nine and John Morgan went out a little later with a few more hearty individuals. Mick Hawkins and Ron Sootsman took photos, which are available on the web site.. The hike was a lot of fun, and for those of you who couldn't be there "we missed you!"

Thank you to Peter and Dee for being wonderful hosts.

WEB PAGE NEWS:

Check out the picture section, it is like a family photo album. Anyone that can identify people in the older photos please contact Mick Hawkins, he would like to add captions to the photos. Your help is appreciated.

Thank you to those businesses that support our chapter:

Lee's Adventure Sports

311 West Kilgore Rd.

Portage, MI 49002

Leesports.com

(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.

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

MSU's Kellogg Biological Station, Experimental Forest and W.K Manor House are offering numerous opportunities for fun and adventure. For information about upcoming events contact 269-671-2400 or e-mail conference@kbs.msu.edu Or bbaker@kbs.msu.edu

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