

Coker Creek G.P.A.A. Newsletter

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Our chapter funds
are now up to:
\$804.04 !

**Thank you for
your support!**

Presidents Report

By Tim LeGrand, President – Coker Creek GPAA

Since I have been elected as the president of the chapter, I have made my first priority to get this chapter back on it's feet, and being an active and growing chapter. There are now 125 members in the Coker Creek G.P.A.A. Chapter !

My goal is to see over 100 people at the meetings. That looks possible at this point. Well, at least eventually.

I can't do it without your help – Please, BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

Next Meeting: September 20th!
BE THERE!

The chapter is doing great, except nobody seems to want to help out.

**Read the newsletter for full details.
Ok, I am stepping up to the podium...**

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Important Announcement!!!

The Coker Creek Tn Chapter is about to be an
unchartered chapter.

That means we no longer meet the requirements of an authorized chapter of the G.P.A.A.

We had a very small turn out this month, for the August meeting. . I had a lot of important topics to cover. We needed to elect a new Vice President, and appoint other positions. I posted meeting info in the forum, but the website never got updated on the front page. I should have reminded the guy that works on the website, but I didn't. That's my fault.

We need to elect a new Vice President. **Yesterday!**

We need other members to help with the chapter.

Per G.P.A.A. rules , we need to have 3 elected officers minimum, to be a chapter.

We now have 2.

We have a **President**, and a **Treasurer/ secretary**. We have got to have another elected officer at the next meeting.

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On the upside, Kids day was a huge success!

I want to thank everyone that brought equipment and helped show the kids a great time. We had 69 kids show up. I have received many emails and phone calls thanking us for a great time. We have had people post in our forum about it. Some others have joined the GPAA and the chapter. I had another family come in just today to sign up for the GPAA because they were at kids day, and had a great time.

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However - The gold recovered on Kids day was supposed to be turned in to the chapter, to help with the upcoming gold festival in October.

**?????????????WHERE ARE THE CONCENTRATES OR THE GOLD??????????????
WE HAD 1/2 GRAM TURNED IN. WHERE IS THE REST?**

I know there wasn't a lot of gold found, but every little bit will help in the gold festival.

If you were running equipment on Kids day, the chapter was supposed to get the gold. We didn't get hardly any. Please turn in your concentrates or the gold to me, at the store, so we can get it written down, and weighed.

Thank you for your help with Kids day – The kids had a blast !

Pre Kids day, WORK DAY:

We had a great turn out for our workday. Thank you to everyone that came out, and especially Bradly, for bringing his tractor, and bush hogging. It was greatly appreciated. We had 5 or 6 come in with weed eaters, and a few came with no tools and helped with some of the other peoples tools. We got the work down before noon. Thank you all for showing up, and working hard. It really looked great when we got done.

The Coker Creek Tn Chapter is about to be an unchartered chapter.

We were supposed to have an election this month, and send in new paperwork with the new officers name. There is a deadline, and now we missed it. I will have to ask for an extension, and hope we can get it.

That did not happen.

Too few showed up, and nobody present wanted to be the V.P.

It isn't hard work... Please, I need others to help manage the chapter.

We need your help to make this chapter run correctly. We have asked several people about doing the vice president job, and nobody seems like they are interested. This is the kind of response I have been seeing from the chapter in general – not just one person. It takes a group to make a chapter work – not one or two people.

Having a place to prospect is a great thing.

Having a property 4 times larger on a creek that hasn't been dredged in 150 years would be even BETTER! We have that chance. As the chapter grows, we could even get more land to lease.

The GPAA has already promised a second property.

However -

It will not come here, if we don't have an organized and sanctioned chapter.

We do not currently have enough elected officers to maintain our GPAA Charter. I was

supposed to mail in the forms after this months meeting. Now I can't.

Why?

Because we have too many people that want to enjoy the benefits of the club, but don't want to invest a couple of hours a month to help run the club.

It takes a group effort to make clubs work.

You want to see the chapter grow and get more properties don't you?

If you want the second property, then we have got to have some people step up and help out. No question about it.

I want NEW members to take over a few positions to help the chapter.

If you can help in the following ways, or some other way, please send me an email, or call me during the week at the store. I don't want someone that just kinda will do it, because nobody else will. We need people that are excited about prospecting to take a role in the chapter and help us as we continue to grow. I want to make this a club that makes people want to join, because of the fun things we will be doing.

The last several years, this club has been held together by a very small group. **They are tired of pulling all the weight, and rightfully so.**

It is time for new faces to step up and get involved.

You may even find it fun, make new friends, and learn things. I am really enjoying being President, and having a blast helping the chapter grow. Sure, it's a little work, but it's not all work. There is a lot of fun, and adventure with it too.

I stepped up last November. I have spent countless hours on line promoting the chapter.

One person can make a difference - Several people can move mountains!

I need your Help, and I need it now!

You don't have to be a seasoned prospector. Just enjoy prospecting, learning, and help this chapter grow any way you can. We are too big for just me to try doing it all.

URGENT:

We need a Vice President ,, Yesterday!!!!

The vice president currently runs the raffles at the meeting. Helps with club decision , and takes over the meeting if the President can't make it.

The current VP had held office for the last 3 or 4 years. He asked to step down - 2 or 3 months ago.

Nobody has stepped up to say they will take the position.

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It's not hard, and not time consuming. **We need people to ask for this position before the September meeting.**

We MUST have an election.

I thought we had someone that would do the job, and he didn't show up to the meeting. I asked at the meeting, and nobody wanted the position. I know there is someone out there that really would like the position. Step up and volunteer.

If you are willing to put in a couple of hours of your time each month, please call me. We can discuss it further. One needs to be appointed before it is too late.

We MUST have 3 elected officers or we have NO GPAA STATUS! That means no more properties.

Since the chapter is so large, we need to have a group of people to serve as board members. Board members will meet and discuss chapter needs, events, outings, fund raisers, etc... We are growing fast, let's catch up with the growth, and get some member input and support on chapter happenings.

Outings and Events Chairman, and committee: (board members)

We need one person, or a team of people to help set up outings and events. This should be a committee with one chairperson, and 3 to 5 other members.

Step up and help the chapter. We need you all to make this work.

Please, come to the September meeting and get involved. We need everyone that can possibly make it, to show up to this meeting.

Properties:

On the new property, I have been told of several copperhead sightings. Watch your surroundings, and your step! Just this last 2 weeks, I know of 3 such encounters at the water. Oh, that is by 1 person. There were a few others over the last month.

We need members to look out for the properties.

If you see someone that is not known to you - Stop, ask them if they are a member, have them show you their membership card, or their pink receipt if they are a new member from the store. If they are not a current member (Card Expired, or not a GPAA member at all) ask them to please leave. Tell them they can come up and join, or renew at the store, and come back and prospect. We would love to have them as a member, but they can't prospect on club property if they are not one.

If they refuse to leave, please come see me at the store, and the sheriff and I will ask them a little firmer. **It is criminal trespass.** It is well marked..

We have the opportunity to have a booth at the Coker Creek Gold Festival this October.

We MUST have 15 names willing to work a 3 hour shift, Saturday and/ Or/ Sunday that weekend.

If we do not obtain enough on the list, we will NOT do the show. We need people to man the booth selling panning bags and letting people pan out the gold, at the booth. Not hard work. We will have a canopy so you will not be standing in the sun.

The date is: October 11th and 12th. 9am to 5 pm Sat, 10am to 5pm Sunday.

This is a great chance for the chapter to earn a great deal of funds to help with chapter needs.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Email me directly at: tim@tngold.com and sign up.

Or Call me at the store, Weds, through Sunday : 423-261-2060

Without enough people to man the booth, we will cancel and let someone else do it.

Chapter Needs:

The chapter needs YOUR IDEAS!

We had a great idea brought up after the August meeting.

An Auction.

At the September meeting, bring things you don't need anymore.

Donate them to the chapter so we can auction things off. Prospecting extras, camping supplies, cakes, shovels,, what ever.

The chapter needs to raise about \$900 more than we have, to cover the expense of buying gold, dirt, and bags for the gold festival.

This is a great idea and we will be having this at next months meeting, so **bring your old items, and bring some cash** to buy things you may want.

We have well over 100 members. **Actually it is now at 125 members.** We need about \$10 bucks each to make this work.

I am now setting things up and asking for donations to the chapter.

Cash donations. Small Gold donations.

Gold can be brought into the store, weighed, and written down. A gram or less from a lot of members will go a long ways in helping us make this a great gold festival. I am not asking for multi gram donations. Just a little from everyone that can.

We are now accepting cash donations too.

We will have a bucket set up at the meetings for now on. We can also now take PayPal donations on line. Send paypal to: chapterfund@tngold.com .

Mail a check out to the store, and put "**CC Chapter Donation**" on the notes line, and the chapter will get 100% of it.

Tn Gold
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We must raise about \$900 to \$1,200 bucks to make this work. We must also have members support and sign up for the event to work a few hours, one or both days.

This must all happen at the September Meeting!

I know it is a lot to ask, in a short time, but this is a great chance for the chapter to really get the ball rolling and introduce prospecting to even more people. People don't realize there is a club in the area. We can show them a great way to have fun!

The chapter will come out way ahead if we can do this festival.

With a few fund raisers like this, we may be able to even lease a new property for the local members to use. We have to keep moving forward though. **We need everyone's support.**

Make it happen, or let it slip away. It is up to you.

Ok, I will step off the podium and see what happens next.

Happy prospecting, and please don't forget to welcome any new members you see out there. Help them learn the ropes. If you don't know the ropes, PLEASE - Ask for help! There are so many that enjoy helping others learn to prospect for gold.

Thank you for your time,
Tim LeGrand - Coker Creek Chapter President.

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You can buy advertising space in the newsletter for your business. Selling advertising to local shops and businesses will make it possible to print and mail out our newsletter without having to come from the chapters funds. Advertising starting at \$20.00 per issue.

Space was sold in the newsletter for years, then it all vanished. The news letter is back, so we need advertising revenue to get it back in print and the mail. If you, or someone you know is interested, please call; Tim LeGrand at 423-310-4445 10am to 7pm, please.