

Coker Creek G.P.A.A. Newsletter

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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. We are well on our way with about 100 members strong now!

I have some great news for you in this issue! Please read, and you won't be disappointed

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

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

My prospecting store is off to a great start, and I would like to thank all the members and non members, who have come in and helped support the store. Without any outside advertising as of yet, we are already past breaking even each month.

Thank you all!

Next Meetings: June 21st, and July 19th!

BE THERE!

WE HAVE NEWS ABOUT A NEW G.P.A.A. PROPERTY!!!!

Financial Report

Our chapter funds are now up to: \$679.48

This is a great step towards our kids day fund. We are working towards funds for property improvements also.

We brought in \$161 at our last meeting.

Thank you for your support!

Property Report

GREAT NEWS!!!

We now have a property owner that has said YES, to a G.P.A.A., Lease!

It could take a month to 3 months to get things finalized, but we have at least one property on the way!

This is a smaller property, but has a rental cabin on it, some hook ups for RV's, and plenty of room for tent camping.

We will need to work something out with the owners to make better access to the creek for prospecting, it has high banks through their land.

We have a large 60 acer property in the works!

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NEW G.P.A.A. Property !

Yes, you read correctly!

We have a property owner that has said YES to a GPAA lease!

The original Tennessee property: Rooster Ridge, is willing to sign back up with the GPAA and give us a new place to camp and prospect!

Rooster Ridge has a decent amount of **coker creek** to prospect, and a ton of room to camp. There are several RV Hook up spots that they will be getting up and running again, as well as a rental cabin that is real nice inside.

The down side is that creek access for prospecting is pretty hard at the moment. Hopefully we can get them to allow us to carve in a few (3 or 4) ramps to the creek, so we can put in and out dredges, and make walking in and out of the creek more accessible for all of us.

I am not sure how long it will take for the GPAA paperwork to go through, but we are getting things rolling now. Brian, our state director needs to go have a meeting with the property owners, and get the paper work filled out from them, then send it in to the GPAA main office. Hopefully it won't take too long. However, keep in mind that the main people are all up in Alaska for their big summer activities at Cripple River.

We hope that there will be a 4 inch dredge nozzle and hose limit for the property, so others don't come in and suck up all the gold with a larger dredge.

As I have mentioned at the meetings, we also have a 60 acer property that is going to be leasing to us soon. The owner is out of the country right now, but when he gets back, we should be able to do the lease paperwork fairly quick.

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KIDS DAY!

We have our kids day, annual even planned for July 19th. This year, it will be held at the Beaty property. We want to get a large community turn out. Please print out a flyer and post it up in your town. The flyer is the last page of this issue.

We will have printed flyers at our June Meeting on the 21st at the ruitan club, and I have them available at the store right now. Come to the meeting so we can see who has what equipment we can use for the kids. Let's make this a great kids day. Happy Panning!

Do Your Part!

Doing your part means a lot to the chapter.

As a club member, it is up to all of us.

When we have a meeting, **please show up**, support the chapter with the raffles, and **make friends**. **Find a buddy to hit those remote areas with so your not going out alone**. See what is needed to get our new property ready to prospect.

On work days, show up! Bring your gear to prospect, but we will have set work hours for work days.

We will have at least one mandatory work day per year. We will set up a few, then you will need to be at one of them. We wont work you to death, but if we want more properties then we have to take care of them to keep the land owner happy. That way we can get more in the future.

Now that we have a property on the way, we will need to set up some time for us to go in and get it ready, once we get the signed lease. We will keep you informed at the monthly meetings.

Also, if you have an item, that you think could help the club in the raffle, you can bring it in to the meeting. We can always use things for the raffles. Anything that can be used for camping or prospecting usually do well. Thank you for your support!

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Watch the web site

I would like to thank Robert and Dawn Harvey for continuing to host and edit the chapter web site. They have done a great job with the recent re-design of it.

We will be posting newsletters on the site now, and more things may follow later.

Our website is at: <http://tnchapter.rdcss.com>

Thank you again to the Harvey's for their support!

NEWBIES CORNER

Welcome to you all! I would like very much to meet every one of our new members at our meetings. I feel that with all that is going on lately, that I have dropped the ball just a bit, in that area. Don't be shy, walk up to me and say hello!

I want to meet you, and answer any questions you may have personally.

Remember, if you need any information at all, please email or call. Ask on the forum, ask at meetings. We are all here to have a great time, so let's have a great year! Find people to prospect with and learn from. You will be glad you did.

Remember, do not use a sluice box in the National forest without the dredge permit. It is needed for a sluice box, rocker box, and dredge. The permit is free, just call the Tellico ranger station and they will gladly mail it to you.

There is some great gold being found. Get out to the creeks and do some prospecting!

Advertise with us.

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.

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 8pm, please. Or at the store at 423-261-2060



**12309 New Hwy 68. Right across from the Welcome Center in Coker Creek.
At the intersection of Hwy 68, and Joe Brown Hwy.**

Advertise your bussiness with us, in our news letters. Currently we have about 100 members, and with the newsletter on line, it is being read by many more, each month.

Prices begin at just \$20.00 per issue.

The funds from advertising will help us print and mail out the newsletter, and get it in the home of all of our members.

Contact Tim LeGrand at 423-261-2060 , Weds. Through Sunday, from 9am to 6pm for rates.

Thank you,
Tim LeGrand
Coker Creek, GPAA Chapter President

THE COKER CREEK CHAPTER OF THE G.P.A.A.

Presents

KIDS DAY ON THE CREEK!

The Coker Creek, Tn. chapter of the Gold Prospectors Association of America, are having their annual:

Kids Day!

Saturday, July 19th, 2008 at 9:AM

Registration is from 8:30 am to 9:00 am.

Come on out, bring the kids, and some friends!

They will have a great time!

Must be between the ages of 5 and 17.

We will have a drawing for prizes at the end of the day.

parent or Guardian must be present.

NO COST to participate!

That's right, It's FREE !!!

Children will learn how to prospect for gold, using gold pans, high bankers, dredges, and sluice boxes, and if time allows, metal detectors too.

At the end of the day, all the gold found will be divided between all the children.

While prospecting, you should expect the children to be in the water, and getting **wet and dirty**. You may want to bring a change of cloths for them.

Lunch will be provided for the children at no cost.

Cost for adults will be very reasonable, at \$5.00 or less.

MENU: Hamburgers, hot dogs, Chips, and soft drinks.

Directions:

It will be held at the Beaty property, in Coker Creek, Tn., on Coker Creek.

From I-75, take Hwy 68 east through Tellico plains and follow south 9 miles, to County Road 616. Turn Left, and go a short distance to gravel entrance.

Signs will be marking the way in from Hwy 68, to our main gate.