



## KANSAS PRAIRIE PACKERS BASECAMP NEWSLETTER

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# MARCH, 2010

## MONTHLY MEETING

WHEN: **MARCH 10, 2010**

WHERE: Pizza Hut, 10th & Topeka Blvd, Topeka, KS  
Board Meeting 6:00 pm, Visit and Eat 6:15 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm

PROGRAM: Randy Billinger from KDOT, Research Geologist will give presentation on KS Geology

## ACTIVITIES

March 6 – First Saturday Walk – 9:00 am – Denise Myers 785.806.5666  
Governor's Mansion, lot behind mansion

March 17 – 21—Arkansas Backpack-Dave Dunford 234.4667  
Sylamore section of Ozark Highlands Trail, Spring Creek to Matney Knob. Russell and Dave will be leaving Topeka early Monday March 15 and plan to stay in an old CCC cabin Jerry has rented for Monday and Tuesday from Buffalo Point Concessions at Buffalo Point. This is close to where we plan to start hiking Wednesday afternoon, the 17th. We'll start from the Spring Creek Trail Head which is on the Ozarks Highlands Trail. If you want to go you could ride down with us Monday or meet us Wednesday at the trailhead. Be sure and let me know if you're driving down and plan to meet up with us Wednesday. I'll be at the March meeting to answer any questions you might have or give me a call. Dave Dunford 232-2576

March 27 – 28—Sand Hill Cranes, Minden, NB in planning

April 2 – Bicycle Topeka Art Walk – Teresa Stambaugh 862.6621  
Let's get together for the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Art Walk, April 2, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. Instead of walking we will ride our bikes between galleries to view great art by Kansas Artists. Meet at Warehouse 414, 414 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> St. After browsing the exhibits here and enjoying hors d' oeuvres we will ride to Tinkham TV Up/Down Gallery, 911 Kansas Ave. Next we are off to Brown vs. Board of Education located at 1515 SE Monroe. Completing this viewing we will return to 414 SE 2<sup>nd</sup> before 7:30 p.m. which is sunset. Questions: Call Teresa 862-6621.

## Activities

### April 3 – First Saturday Walk – 9:00 am – Denise Myers 785.806.5666

The First Saturday Walk for April will be at Lake Shawnee at 9:00a.m., meeting at the dam parking lot.

### April 9 – 11—Elk City Backpack- Dave Dunford 234.4667

Anyone who wants to drive down to Fredonia Friday can camp in Weldon's back yard, plenty of room, Friday night. We'll meet up with anyone driving down Saturday morning and shuttle vehicles and hopefully start hiking before noon. We'll hike 7 or 8 miles and camp for the night and do the last two or three miles Sunday morning and be on the road to the Pizza Hut before noon. If you haven't been to Elk City before you'll be amazed at how much it looks like Arkansas. Lots of rocky cliffs, not like the usual Kansas terrain. There will be more details and instructions on how to get to Weldon and Linda's house in the April newsletter. Dave Dunford 232-2576

### April 17 – Canoe Dragoon Creek – John Stambaugh 862.6621

Bring a picnic lunch. We will meet at the boat ramp at 10 AM and go upstream approximately 2 ½ miles to property that Teresa and I own, enjoy a picnic lunch, hike around if anyone is interested and then head back to the boat ramp. We should be out around 5 hours.

Dragoon Creek is a beautiful paddle with little noticeable current. Redbuds should be in bloom.

Directions: Drive south from Topeka on Highway 75 to the Dragoon Creek bridge. It is about 7 miles south of where the four lane turns into a two lane. Take the first left turn (Carbolyn Campground) after the bridge. About ¼ mile after the turn is another left turn to the boat ramp.

If Dragoon Creek is flooding we will shift to Osage County State Fishing Lake.

Please signup with a telephone number so I can let you know if there is a change to Osage County.

Any questions feel free to call.

John

862-6621

### April 30 – May 2 -- Alcove Springs, Weaver Hotel, Pony Express barns, Ray & Patty Jordan.

### May 1 – First Saturday Walk – 9:00 am – Denise Myers 785.806.5666

### May 15 – Landon Trail Bike ride – Jon Ware 266.2144

9:00 am at the parking lot 53<sup>rd</sup> & Adams.

### May 29-May 31 – Katy Trail Bike Trip - Denise Myers 785.806.5666

June 5 – First Saturday Walk – 7:30 PM – Denise Myers 785.806.5666  
Lake Shawnee.

June 12 – Weston Bend State Park Hike – Denise Myers 785.806.5666

June 26 – Moonlight Canoe – John Stambaugh 862.6621  
Delaware River below dam at Lake Perry.

July 30 – August 7 – Summer Backpack

September 17 – September 26 – Fall Backpack

Editor's note: If you are at a monthly meeting, do not be surprised if someone (Teresa) points a camera at you for a photo. These photos are for a new feature starting in this issue that gives a short profile of our members.

### **Prairie Packer member profiles**

Jeannie Cornelius has been a prairie packer member for one year. She has jumped right in and is very involved. Jeannie organized the ordering and distribution of our new prairie packer tee shirts. She is serving on the Board as our new Vice President. Congratulations and thank you Jeannie. Her favorite outdoor activity is Kayaking. She enjoyed the backpack to New Mexico and would like to see a prairie packer trip to Tuttle Creek. One trip she would like to take in her lifetime is a backpack in Hawaii!!



The Topeka Sierra Club has an event that might interest our PP members.

*Join Us!*

## TOPEKA SIERRA CLUB

March's program will be  
"Biking Trails and Cycling Opportunities"

Bill Lucero, a member of the Topeka Group and an avid cyclist, will present a program on biking trails and other biking activities in our area.

Members and Non Members Welcome!

Tuesday, March 23: Coffee and Conversation at 6:00  
(Light snacks will be served  
with donation request to cover cost)

Program presentation at 7:00 P.M.

NEW LOCATION: Topeka Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
4775 SW 21st Street – Topeka, KS

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

For more information, please contact:

Gary Anderson - 785-246-3229 or [gjanderson1963@hotmail.com](mailto:gjanderson1963@hotmail.com)

## Treasurer's Report

Feb. treasurer report:  
Beginning balance: \$1,652.13  
Income: \$85.00 dues  
    \$130.00 t-shirt sales  
Paid out: \$22.60 newsletter  
    \$120.00 Landon Trail donation  
    \$160.00 shelter house rent  
Balance 2/25/10 \$1,564.53

## Membership

41—Paid members  
31—Emailed newsletters  
10—Mailed newsletters  
11—Comps

## Welcome New Members

We are always happy to have new members in the Prairie Packers. Welcome! We are glad to have you. Soon you will know what a great group of people we have in Prairie Packers. We hope you will enjoy making new friends as you participate in our outdoor activities. We would like to remind all Prairie Packers to continue to invite people to come to an activity so they too can experience the fun we have together.

## It's dues time again.

It is time to give Dave your annual dues. If you can't make the meeting, please send Dave your dues. The address label on the newsletter indicates whether you are current or not. If it says 2010, you have paid for that year. Those getting the newsletter via e-mail don't have a label to look at. Just check with Dave or Mike to see if you have paid. Check the back page for the amount you owe.

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Deadline for Apr newsletter submissions—**24 Mar.**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Outdoor Interests \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Circle your membership level and send check to:

Dave Dunford  
2115 Harrison St  
Topeka, KS 66611-1127

Join the Prairie Packer listserve? Yes No

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership levels:

New members joining Jan thru Jun:

\$25.00 for mailed newsletter

\$20.00 for e-mailed newsletter

New member joining Jul thru Dec:

\$12.50 for mailed newsletter

\$10.00 for e-mailed newsletter

Renewals due **prior** to January 1.

\$25.00 for mailed newsletter

\$20.00 for e-mailed newsletter

Prairie Packers Basecamp  
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Overbrook, KS 66524

