



News and Events June 23

The Outdoor Chattanooga Bicycle Valet and Pedal Power will come to Pops on the River July 4. Look for the lightning bolt ⚡ to see new events and activities.

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Sign up for the City of Chattanooga's Parks and Recreation Newsletter [here](#).

Touring Kayak Clinic June 28

Outdoor Chattanooga OutVenture and the Tennessee Aquarium will host a beginner [touring kayak clinic](#) on Sun., June 14, from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Participants will learn proper paddling techniques, how to adjust, enter and exit a boat, safety guidelines and what to do if the boat turns over. Students should dress in clothing that may get wet and bring dry ones in case they want to experience a wet exit first-hand. The class is appropriate for adults and kids ages 14 and older when accompanied by an adult. Class limit is 12. Cost is \$25 or \$20 for Aquarium members.

⚡ Bike2Work July 3

Join Chattanooga's bicycle commuters for free coffee and traffic tales at the monthly [Bike2Work](#) breakfast, Fri., July 3, from 7 to 8:30 a.m., on the south end of the Walnut St. Bridge. Experienced commuters, first-timers, or people interested in trying bicycle commuting are welcome. Contact Minya James at (423) 643-6888 or via email at minya@outdoorchattanooga.com for more information.

⚡ Bicycle Valet and Pedal Power at Pops on the River July 4

Outdoor Chattanooga will provide our free bicycle valet service during the [Pops on the River](#) concert on Sat., July 4, from 6 to 11 p.m. at our facility, 200 River St., in Coolidge Park. We will also be accepting donations for Pedal Power, a partnership by the City of Chattanooga's Art of Change program and the Chattanooga Community Kitchen to provide new and gently used bicycles and helmets to homeless individuals working to improve their lives. Concert-goers who ride their bicycles to the concert or donate a roadworthy bicycle with minimal repair needs to Pedal Power will receive exclusive use of the Outdoor

Chattanooga facility during the concert and fireworks. For more information about the Bicycle Valet and Pedal Power, call (423) 643-6888 or email ppugliese@outdoorchattanooga.com

Online Registration Now Open for Downtown Kayak Tours

Online credit card [registration](#) is now open for Outdoor Chattanooga's [Downtown Kayak Tours](#), happening every Thurs.-Sat., 9:30 a.m. through Aug. 15. The beginner-friendly excursions include basic kayaking instruction and tours of Chattanooga's downtown landmarks, such as Maclellan Island, the museum bluffs, the Passage, and Ross' Landing. For more information, [email Outdoor Chattanooga](#) or call (423) 643-6888.

Correction:

We goofed on the place for Hamilton County Parks' Kids Time Activities below. Our apologies if this has caused any inconvenience.

✓ Kids Time at Hamilton County Parks June & July

[Hamilton County Parks](#) will host a free, weekly "Kids Time" every Thurs., from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at **Shelter 4 at the Tennessee Riverpark**, June 11 through July 23, for grade school children ages 5 and up. A new activity each week will include presentations on farming, endangered species, and swamp creatures, as well as a nature walk, an ice cream making session. The events are first-come, first-served, except for groups of eight or more, who should make a reservation at (423) 842-6748.

Events

✓ Friends of the Cumberland Trail Benefit June 27

The [Friends of the Cumberland Trail](#) will present the music of Lookout Mountain fiddle hero James Bryan and his daughter Rachel Bryan for a benefit concert on Sat., June 27, 7:30 p.m., at the Mountain Opry, 2501 Fairmount Pk., in Signal Mountain, TN. Leah Gardner and Cruz Contreras will also present a set of ballads and songs. A suggested donation of \$10 benefits the Friends of the Cumberland Trail. For more information, call (423) 802-7774 or email jodeco@gmail.com.

National Park Night at the Lookouts June 29

[Chattanooga Lookouts](#) vs. Carolina Mudcats at 7:15 p.m. (gates open at 5:30) at downtown Chattanooga's AT&T Field. Tickets are \$4 and 100% of ticket purchases support the Friends of the Park in their efforts to preserve, promote and enhance [Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park](#). The evening will include free hot dogs and drinks for the kids, a Civil War living history encampment at the stadium, special prizes and activities, and Park Superintendent Shawn Benge will throw out the first pitch. To benefit the Park, all tickets must be purchased in advance at any Northwest Ga. Bank, online at the Friends of the Park [Website](#), or at Outdoor Chattanooga, 200 River St. For more information, [email](#) or call Kay Parish at (423) 400-2738.

Long Range Transportation Plan Meetings June 29 & 30

The [Chattanooga-Hamilton County-North Georgia Transportation Planning Organization](#) will hold public input meetings for the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan on Mon., June 29 and Tues., June 30, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.:
Mon., June 29 – Soddy-Daisy Municipal Building Court Room and Collegedale Municipal Building West Room
Tues., June 30 – Development Resource Center, room 1A, Chattanooga and Constitution Hall, Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga.
For more information, email or call [David Baird](#) at (423) 757-5216.

Adventures

✓ Alum Gap and Greeter Falls Hike June 27

The [Soddy-Daisy Chapter](#) of the Tennessee Trails Association (TTA) will host 3.5-mile hike in the Savage Gulf natural Area on Sat, June 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Most of the hike will be on relatively easy terrain except for an approximate 1/2 mile segment near Greeter Falls which is rocky and rugged. To pre-register and get more information, email hike leader Don Deakins at don.deakins@gmail.com. See calendar for more details.

✓ Piney River Hike July 4

Celebrate Independence Day with the [Soddy-Daisy Chapter](#) of the Tennessee Trails Association (TTA) on Sat., July 4, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., when they host an 8-mile hike along the Piney River. The hike is rated moderate. For more information and to pre-register, email hike leader Don Deakins at don.deakins@gmail.com.

News

✓ New Dragon Boat Club Seeks Members

A new dragon boat club is forming in Chattanooga. The first meeting will take place on Wed., July 1, 6:30 p.m., at Erwin Marina. Anyone interested in learning the sport of dragon boating is welcome to attend. The club will hold weekly practice sessions in July, Aug., and Sept. Membership dues will cost \$20 per month, or \$50 for all three months. For more information, email [Kathy Payne](#) or [Phaedra Richmond](#).

✓ TVA Reservoir Info for Mobile Devices

The [Tennessee Valley Authority](#) has a new [mobile device site](#), which allows users to check key recreation information from their cell phones or other mobile devices. The initial version of the site has links to information on reservoir levels, recreation release schedules, and stream flows in a format that loads quickly and displays neatly on mobile devices. New information will be added as it becomes available.

✓ Take Root Chattanooga Wins Governor's Award

City of Chattanooga Forester Gene Hyde and Take Root Chattanooga Director

Preston Roberts went to Nashville on June 12 to receive Governor Bredesen's 2009 Environmental Stewardship Award for Excellence in Agriculture or Forestry. Congrats, guys! Nice [picture](#).

Riverpark Data Report

In Fall, 2008 – Spring, 2009, Chattanooga Bicycle Coordinator Philip Pugliese and students at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga conducted a Riverwalk Usage Data Project, which surveyed bicycle and pedestrian users of the Tennessee Riverpark. The report was presented this month to both the Hamilton County Commission and the Chattanooga City Council. [Read the report here](#).

Take a Stand for Chattanooga

[Stand](#) is a citizen-led visioning effort for the Chattanooga region. If you haven't already done so, please share your ideas about the community's future through a [simple survey](#), which will take only five minutes of your time. The deadline for participation is June 26.

Rock/Creek and Patagonia Donate \$1,000 to Lula Lake

On Mon., June 15, [Rock/Creek](#) and Patagonia announced a \$1,000 donation to the [Lula Lake Land Trust \(LLLT\)](#), to aid in the completion of a long awaited connector trail to Georgia's Cloudland Canyon State Park. The trust is a non-profit organization that maintains a former mining area as an environmental preserve. Lula Lake is open to the public on the first and last Saturday of each month for hiking, mountain biking, and picnicking.

Design a Livable Street Contest

This spring, "Good" Magazine hosted a ["Design a Livable Street"](#) contest. They challenged people to take a photo of a street or intersection that they knew and hated, and then edit the image to make changes that they would like to see implemented. We could live on any one of the winning streets.

[Classes and Clinics and Camps](#)

Free Bicycle Maintenance Clinic June 25

The Trek Store on Manufacturer's Rd. will offer a free bicycle maintenance class on Thurs., June 25, 7:30 p.m. at the store. The clinic will cover basic bicycle maintenance and flat tire changing. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (423) 648-2100 or email mike@trekstorechattanooga.com.

Kids Clean Water Workshop June 30

[Hamilton Co. Parks](#) and the [Tennessee Student Environmental Alliance](#) will also co-host a special Kids Clean Water workshop on Tues., June 30, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, for kids in 5th through 8th grades. Cost is \$2 per student. For more information, call (423) 842-6748.

[Website of the Week](#)

[Bike Friendly.com](http://BikeFriendly.com) asks people from around the world to rate employers, restaurants, hotels, cities, parks, and other entities on their accommodations for cyclists.

Last Week's WebSite:

The [Outdoor Parent](#) contains daily inspiration, advice and resources for people who don't let a small matter like having kids keep them from their outdoor passions.

Coming Up . . .

July

- 9 [Women on the Water](#)
- 12 [BMW of Chattanooga Waterfront Triathlon](#)
- 18 [Chickamauga Battlefield Bicycle Ride](#)
[TN River Gorge Paddle](#)
[Women in the Outdoors](#)
- 24 [Sunset Kayak Trip](#)

August

- 1 [Nickajack Bat Cave Kayak Trip](#)
- 6 [Full Moon Paddle](#)
- 7 [Bike2Work](#)
- 8 [Greenway 5-Mile Trail Race](#)
[Missionary Ridge Road Race](#)
- 15 [Touring Kayak Clinic](#)
[YMCA Strong Adventure Race](#)
- 19 [Women on the Water](#)
- 22 [Chickamauga Battlefield Bicycle Ride](#)
[Booker T. Adult and Youth Triathlons](#)
- 29 [Raccoon Mtn. 5K and 10K](#)

September

- 4 [Bike2Work](#)
- 5 [Raisin' Hope Ride](#)
- 12 [Open Arms Bike Challenge](#)
- 19 [Chickamauga Battlefield Bicycle Ride](#)
[TN River Gorge Overnight Kayak Trip](#)
- 26 [TN River Blueway Canoe and Kayak Race](#)
- 27 [Komen Race for the Cure](#)

October

- 2 [Bike2Work](#)
- 3 [Rock/Creek Stump Jump 50K](#)
[Sequatchie Valley Century](#)
[Tennessee River Rescue](#)
[Chattanooga Classic Prostate Cancer Walk](#)
- 6 [The Adoption Tour](#)

- 10 [Chattanooga Head Race](#)
[Joe Johnson Run for Mental Health 10K](#)
- 17 [Chickamauga Battlefield Bicycle Ride](#)
[Signal Mtn. Road Race and Pie Run](#)
- 24/25 [Dam to Dam Paddle](#)
- 29/30 [Southeastern Water Trails Forum](#)

November

- 6 [Upchuck 50K Trail Race](#)
[Chickamauga Battlefield Marathon, ½ Marathon & Jr. Marathon](#)
- 7/8 [Head of the Hooch Rowing Regatta](#)

December

- 12 [Wauhatchie Trail Run](#)
- 19 [Lookout 100K & 10K Trail Race](#)