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WE GET VISITORS! *by Cheryl Landmark*

A group of single, senior RVers from the United States recently spent a few days in Sault Ste. Marie as a stop on their "Circle Tour" of Lake Superior. On behalf of the group, Carol Swatek contacted the VTA to request information on hiking in the area, and Mike, Misty and I agreed to accompany them on an outing on the Gros Cap Loop trail and part of the Tom Allinson Side Trail to the Prince Township Wind Farm. We set out on the morning of July 15th, which was sunny and warm. Eleven of the twenty or so seniors in the RV group went on the hike and there were two factions—the Clydesdales, who liked to hike at a leisurely, easygoing pace, and the Racehorses, who liked to walk briskly and lively along the trail. We spotted lots of bear, moose and deer tracks but no animals. The group seemed quite impressed by the spectacular scenery over Lake Superior at the many lookouts along the Gros Cap Loop Trail and by the huge size of the turbines on the Wind Farm, but not at all by the mosquitoes! The seniors informed us that they were plan-



ning on travelling to Wawa the next morning to spend a few days hiking and seeing the sights in that area and then would continue on along the north shore of Lake Superior to other communities along the way. Everyone seemed to have a great time and Mike and I certainly enjoyed showing them a part of the Voyageur trail system.

We hope they plan to make a return trip sometime in the future.



EVERYONE'S INVITED! *by Gayle Phillips*

Anyone in the vicinity of Sault Ste. Marie on Saturday, September 13th, 2008 is invited to the 2PM grand unveiling of the Trans Canada Trail (TCT) pavilion on the city's newest section of the waterfront boardwalk in Clergue Park (*next to the main branch of the city library and the Art Gallery of Algoma—on the corner of Bay and East Streets!*)

We will be welcoming Valerie Pringle, Chair of the Trans Canada Trail Board to speak as well as dignitaries from City Hall.

After the opening ceremony, the Saulteaux Voyageur Trail Club is hosting an event called "Signs, Signs, Everywhere A Sign". Participants will be asked to walk the boardwalk west towards Canal Drive and "fill in the blanks" on their entry form from the wording of various signs found along the way. Returned, signed entries will be used in draws for VTA guidebooks, memberships and swag from the TCT.

We will also host a geocache event for those who bring their GPS units.

All-in-all, it should be a lot of fun for the whole family. We have been waiting for this pavilion for a long time and it deserves a warm welcome!

The VTA Annual General meeting will take place at the pavilion site just before the festivities begin at 1:30PM. Come for the meeting and stay for the fun!

Call 705.942.1891 if you need more info.



MUSINGS *by Susan Graham*

I have been a member of the VTA for over 20 years now, and have lived in the Soo for nearly all of my life. You would think by now I would be getting tired of seeing the same scenery over the years. I have discovered, however, that with the different seasons, there are moments of pure magic to be had at any given time, and I continue to be awestruck by these events when they happen. The most amazing things seem to happen on days or trails that are not the greatest for even being there. You might be wishing you had stayed home instead of going out and then something remarkable happens.

Two such moments occurred this past winter along Crystal Creek in the Hiawatha Highlands here in the Soo. The area along the creek section I'm referring to is not particularly scenic. There are tag alders and other typical wetland vegetation along the edge of the creek as it meanders through a wide area before narrowing and forming the falls in Hiawatha Park. The fluctuating water levels have resulted in a number of dead trees in the wetland, and overall, I don't find this a particular beauty spot.

On a snowshoe outing one morning, however, the group I was with was amazed to see the whole area covered in a layer of ice. There was a brilliant winter sun and clear sky, so as we set off through the bush, we expected the ice layer to soon melt. It lasted the whole morning, however, and by the time we reached the open wetland area of the creek, the sun shining on the ice on the trees and shrubs was creating tiny prisms, making the vegetation sparkle in coloured light. The effect was breathtaking, even though we were looking at dead, scraggy trees and tag alders. By afternoon, the ice was gone.

My second "wow" moment along that same section came in late March, when my husband and I skied part of the same trail to Mabel Lake. The day was sunny and very windy, but

the bush protected us from the wind. The ski trail was very icy, so we had to work, especially on the hills. Since we were out for exercise, that was exactly what we were getting, but it was not the most enjoyable skiing. The creek was starting to open up just above where the trail crossed, so we were careful doing so. We came back to the creek on the return, and noticed ski tracks from the day before along the creek rather than following the trail along the edge. We decided to skate ski along the creek as far as we could, providing the ice was good. This meant, too, that we were exposed to the wind that I mentioned earlier.

I'm so glad we "seized the moment" and decided to go down the creek. Conditions were perfect for skating; the ice was good all the way to the end of the trail at Thayer's Acres. With the meandering of the creek, most of the time the wind was at our backs or sides. I don't know if I actually whooped with glee as we skied, but I certainly felt like doing so. Our mediocre skiing became absolutely fantastic skiing within the course of a few minutes. We finished feeling exhilarated, rather than pooped from a long ski. Ten days later, I was at the falls in Hiawatha Park looking at the creek in spring flood; not a scrap of ice to be found on the creek.

I have had other surprises along the trail in the form of a fabulous view of the fall colours or a spectacular display of spring flowers, or ice formations along a waterway; moments that grab you along trails you've been on numerous times before. It may be a sighting of wildlife - Peregrine falcons at Robertson Cliffs, a moose, deer or bear (hopefully running away from you!). Granted, it's a case of being in the right place at the right time, but if you're out there enough, you'll see some really great things. Enjoy the moment.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

A 2006 study found that the average Canadian walks about 900 miles a year.

Another study found that Canadians drink an average of 22 gallons of beer a year.

That means, on average, Canadians get about 41 miles per gallon on beer.

To go the recommended healthier route, a person should drink 8 cups of water per day or 190 gals per year.

This means for water we only get about 5 miles per gallon. Who said beer was bad for you?



MEMBERS:

Don't forget to check your newsletter envelope to see when your membership expires!



VTA Guidebooks are available for sale in the following locations: **Thunder Bay:** Chaltrek, Lakehead University; **Schreiber/Terrace Bay/Rosport:** Aguasabon Gorge Campground, Voyageur Circle Route Motel, Schreiber Tourism (Railway Coach), Serendipity Gardens, Terrace Bay Tourist Information Centre, Township of Terrace Bay; **Wawa & area:** Friends of Lake Superior Provincial Park, Naturally Superior Adventures, Wawa Tourism, Young's General Store; **Montreal River:** Northgate Restaurant & Service Centre; **Pancake Bay:** Agawa Indian Crafts; **Batchewana Bay:** Voyageur Lodge & Cookhouse; **Goulais River:** Bellevue Valley Lodge and B&B, Blueberry Hill Campground; **Sault Ste. Marie:** ACR Gift Store, Algoma's Water Tower Inn, Joe's Sports & Surplus, Bush Plane Museum, Airways General Store, Sault Ste. Marie Region Conservation Authority, Stamp 'N Win Postal Outlet (Churchill Plaza), Trading Post; **St. Joseph Island:** Fort St. Joseph National Historic Site; **Bruce Mines:** Jerry's Live Bait & Rock Shop; **Thessalon:** Forestland Clothing & Gifts; **Iron Bridge:** Red Top Inn; **Elliot Lake:** Elliot Lake Trading Post; **Barrie:** Sojourn; **London:** Novacks; **Toronto:** Taylor's Outdoor Gear; **Ottawa:** World of Maps; **Waterloo:** Adventure Guide.



BEARS, BEAVERS AND BOARDWALKS by Pierre the Bear

Bonjour! It is me, Pierre the Bear, back again to talk to you about the Voyageur trail. Remember back in 1999 when the VTA and the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) installed boardwalks on part of the Voyageur trail in the Goulais River area and the Goulais River Beavers, they took these boardwalks and used them as part of their dam? Funny, eh? My little friends thought it was very nice of the VTA to provide them with such handy building materials! Well, early this July, mon ami Mike Landmark asked me to negotiate with the Beavers to get these boardwalks back where they belong on the trail. As a Voyageur, I have beaucoup experience bartering with natives for furs and things, so I thought this should not be a big deal. And, I was right. For the price of a few pieces of poplar, the Beavers agreed to give back the sections of boardwalk to the VTA. Merveilleux! Mike Landmark, Mike Barker, Scott Toole and Susan Graham spent a few hours putting the boardwalks back where they belong and getting the rest of the trail cleaned up. Now, thanks to my successful negotiations with my beaver buddies, this part of the trail system is accessible once more and the Beavers are happy with their poplar munchies.



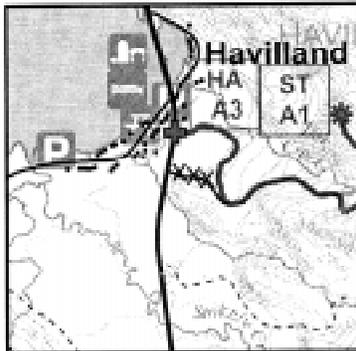
Photo – Pierre negotiating with the Goulais River Beavers.

VTA members are entitled to free ads in this newsletter when they sell their gently used outdoors equipment. T: 1-877-393-4003 E: cheryl.landmark@sympatico.ca

IMPORTANT TIDBITS...

Trail Updates

Please make note in your VTA Guidebooks on the Harmony 1 Map 17, and page 62 description of the Harmony trail, access A3 access has been moved 225 metres north of the original trailhead (or 25 metres north of the Motel/Store entrance.)



In the Thessalon section, map 33 on page 113 and description of trail on pages 110 and 114, the section of trail between A7 and A8 has been CLOSED. The landowner has withdrawn permission to cross this property. We are actively looking for a re-route at this time and will keep you updated as it progresses.

New on our web site...

GPS maps for the Voyageur Hiking Trail on CD are now available for sale from the VTA. The maps show the trail, lakes and roads within 10 km of the trail, and contours within 2 km of the trail. The trail has been broken into 4 maps and comes with a program to transfer the data to your GPS. (These maps

have only been tested on Garmin brand GPSs and may not work on other brands). Prices **for VTA Members** are: Full VTA trail (4 maps) \$25; Nipigon to Pukaskwa (\$10); Michipicoten and Lake Superior Park (\$10); Harmony to Tower Lake in Echo Ridges section (\$10); Mabel Lake (Echo Ridges section) to Coureurs des Bois section end (\$10). **Prices for non-members** are \$35 for full 4 maps and \$15 for individual sections. An order form is available on our web site (www.voyageurtrail.ca) for you to print, fill in, and mail, along with your cheque to: Bob Sinclair, 111 Dacey Road, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 5K9.

Discounts

Enterprise Car Rentals is offering a discount on car/van/truck rentals for VTA volunteers for up to 20% off the price of renting a vehicle. Just show them your VTA membership card and quote this Corporate Account Number (3cm0261).

VTA Memberships

...make great gifts! Consider giving a VTA membership or guidebook to your friends and family!



END-TO-END HIKING by Mike Landmark

How would you like to receive one of these wonderful Certificates of Achievement (see photo) to frame and hang on your wall as a testament to your impressive hiking accomplishments? The VTA has held a number of scheduled end-to-end outings in the past that enabled participants to receive this award. As well, individual hikers have completed end-to-ends on various sections of the trail on their own. Having people hike from one end of a trail section to another is an excellent way of not only keeping the hikers in good shape but also the trail itself. You don't have to complete the end-to-end hike all in one go. It can be done in stages. So, why not give it a try? Not only will you feel good about your accomplishment, but you will be helping the VTA to stay on top of trail conditions and schedule trail maintenance outings as required. If you have already completed an end-to-end hike, or are interested in doing one in the near future, just let the VTA executive know in writing and we will be glad to present you with your certificate.



LAST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations will **close on September 5th** for this year's annual Steve Taylor Volunteer Award. Steve Taylor was a long-time President of the VTA who, in 1995, passed away of cancer in his thirties. The Steve Taylor Volunteer Award was created in his memory to be awarded each year to honour an individual or individuals who, during the course of the previous year, contributed in an outstanding way to the goals of the Association, as Steve always had. So far, one nomination has been received from the Saulteaux Voyageur Trail Club for Bob Sinclair, who has been instrumental in our efforts to convert the VTA Guidebook into GPS/GIS programs for digital conversion, storage and sales. Previous Steve Taylor Award winners include:

- 2007 Doug Stefurak
- 2006 Patrick Capper
- 2005 Coureurs de Bois Club
- 2004 Alan Day
- 2003 Don McGorman
- 2002 Mike Landmark
- 2001 (and 2000) Don McGorman
- 2000 Andy Penikett
- 1999 Gayle Phillips
- 1998 and 1997 Mike Landmark
- 1996 Steve Dominy
- 1995 Gayle Phillips

Nominations should be emailed to: voyageur.trail@sympatico.ca
Please mention why you think this person or persons deserve the award.

This year's winner will be announced at the VTA Annual General meeting on Sat., September 13th in Sault Ste. Marie (see details on page 1).



VTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Annual General Meeting taking place on Saturday, September 13th at 1:30 PM in Clergue Park, Sault Ste. Marie (see details on page 1), members in attendance will vote on a by-law change to include Sudbury as a route to achieve in our mandate of building a hiking trail to link with the Bruce Trail in southern Ontario. Manitoulin Island is a fine objective, but with the abundance of private landowners on Manitoulin, in all reality it will likely be impossible to get permission to build a hiking trail across the Island. There is a possibility of joining with Sudbury and all of the hiking trails past Sudbury to work our way south and eventually join with trails in southern Ontario.

We would like to also remind VTA clubs that they should hand in their **Assumption of Risk Agreements** BEFORE the meeting on September 13th so they can be included in the draws for free memberships. Everyone who participates in a work party is eligible and also all those who either lead or sweep on an organized outing are eligible for free memberships drawn BEFORE the public Annual General Meeting taking place at 1:30PM. Winners will be announced. Mail your agreements c/o Gayle Phillips, 10 Lansdowne Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 1K3 to have them included in the draw.



FOR SALE:

Double kayak, Current Design Libra XT, Kevlar, like new, large capacity, ideal for longer trips on the Great Lakes, with or without accessories.

Call 705-942-9636 for details.

OUTING SCHEDULE

This schedule was put together early and may have last-minute changes. Please call the outing leader listed to check if any details of the outing have changed. This schedule is also on our web site

< www.voyageurtrail.ca/saulteaux.html > *Unless otherwise indicated, these outings are all a Level 2, slow (according to Hike Ontario recommended ratings.) Typical meeting locations: Goodlife building, 589 Second Line East (Second Line side); Market Mall 275 Second Line West (on Korah Road corner); Churchill Plaza near the Beer Store, 150 Churchill Blvd., (on Trunk Road between Lake and Wellington Streets); Wellington Square Mall near the now closed old restaurant, 625 Trunk Road.*

Saulteaux Club

(Sault Ste. Marie and area—outings marked with an asterisk () are outside Sault Ste. Marie.)*

For all outings, bring water, lunch, dress appropriately and be prepared to sign an Assumption of Risk Agreement.

Thurs., Sept. 4 - Work party with Susan (949-4105). Call for details.

***Sat., Sept. 6** - Hike to Tier lake with Ila (949-1097). Meet 10AM at Goodlife. Behaved pets welcome.

Thurs., Sept. 11 - Work party with Susan (949-4105). Call for details.

Sat., Sept. 13 - **VTA Annual General Meeting** (open to the public) at 1:30PM in Clergue Park. **PLUS-- Grand opening of Trans Canada Trail pavilion** at 2PM in Clergue Park with a hike along boardwalk as part of a "contest" afterwards. There will also be a geocache event. Call Gayle at 942-1891 for info.

***Sun., Sept. 14** - Hike in Goulais River area with Garry (949-1302). Meet 10AM at Goodlife. Behaved pets welcome.

Mon., Sept. 15th ~ *Saulteaux Club meeting is DELAYED one week. See Sept. 22nd listing.*

Thurs., Sept. 18 - Work party with

Susan (949-4105). Call for details.

***Sat., Sept. 20** - Hike in LSPP with Doris (942-9466). Meet Goodlife at 9AM. Capable pets welcome.

Mon., Sept. 22 - Saulteaux Club meeting at 7PM in the Civic Centre. Call Gayle at 942-1891.

Thurs., Sept. 25 - Work party with Susan (949-4105). Call for details.

Sun., Sept. 28 - Hike with Gayle (942-1891). Meet 10AM at Goodlife. Behaved pets welcome.

***Sun., Oct. 5** - Goulais River hike with Carol and a potluck afterwards. Meet Goodlife at 10AM. Behaved pets welcome. Bring a dish to share. Call Susan at 949-4105.

***Sat., Oct. 11** - Hike King Mountain with Ila (949-1097). Meet 10AM at Goodlife.

Sat., Oct. 18 - Hike with Doris (942-9466). Meet at Goodlife at 10AM. Call for more details.

Sun., Oct. 26 - Hike with Gayle (942-1891). Meet 10AM at Goodlife. Behaved pets welcome.

Sun., Nov. 2 - "Gales of November" hike with Gail (942-0768). Meet 10AM in

Market Mall.

Sun., Nov. 9 - Hike with Gayle (942-1891). Meet 10AM at Goodlife. Behaved pets welcome.

Sun., Nov. 16 - Hike the Hiawatha Highlands with Ila (949-1097). Meet 10AM at Goodlife.

Mon., Nov. 17 at 7PM Saulteaux Club meeting at the Civic Centre. We will plan our winter outing schedule. Call Gayle at 942-1891.

***Sat., Nov. 22** - Hike in the Tower Lake area with Garry (949-1302). Meet 10AM at Goodlife. Behaved pets welcome.

***Sun., Dec. 7** - Hike in the Tower Lake area with Ila (949-1097). Meet 10AM at Goodlife.

Fri., Dec. 26 (Boxing Day) Hike or snowshoe with Don (946-9599). Meet 10AM at Glenview Cottages. Behaved pets welcome. Social afterwards in Glenview's Social Room.

Thurs., January 1st, 2009 (New Year's Day) - Hike/Snowshoe with Ila (949-1097). Meet 10AM at Goodlife.

Sun., Jan. 4 - Hike/Snowshoe with Gayle (942-1891). Meet 10AM at Goodlife. Behaved pets okay.

Coueurs de Bois Outdoors Club

(Elliot Lake) For fun, fitness and friendship come and join us.

Meet at Sears parking lot.

For all outings bring water, lunch, dress appropriately and be prepared to sign an "Assumption of Risk Agreement". Make sure your fitness level corresponds to the outing level you wish to participate in. **Please contact hike leaders for more info.**

For the schedule and photos of outings check our blog at: www.coueursdeboiselliotlake.blogspot.com and/or The Elliot Lake Standard - Community Bulletin Board section.

***Sat., Sept. 13** - **VTA Annual General Meeting in Sault Ste. Marie:** 10AM for Coordinating Council meeting (location TBA) and 1:30PM for public meeting and festivities at Clergue Park. (See page 1 of this newsletter for details.)

Hike Levels

Easy 2 – 3 hours Level 1 Ontario

Intermediate 3 – 4 hours Level 2 Ontario

Advanced 4 – 6 hours Level 2 Ontario (Note the Coueurs de Bois have NO Level 3 hiking routes--our advanced level is relative to time on the trail only.)



HONOURING JOHN KOVALA

The Voyageur Trail Association has installed a bench and plaque on the new section of the Sault Ste. Marie waterfront boardwalk to honour the memory of John Kovala who passed away in a tragic accident in March of 2004. Mr. Kovala was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed the uniqueness of our northern landscape. We hope he would have approved of this scenic location in front of the Millennium Fountain



on the St. Mary's River. This visual monument to a good man will provide a peaceful spot to reflect on the beauty of the outdoors. We would again like to take this opportunity to thank John's family and friends who donated to the Voyageur Trail Association in his memory. We remember you, John.



YOU ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

Perhaps you are not an "outdoors" person... but do you enjoy doing "inside" jobs? If so, the Voyageur Trail Association can still use your help!

In addition to gathering enough volunteers to keep our trail system cleaned and ready for use, we can always use those who can take a nice photograph, or write a story for our newsletter.

If you have Internet skills, perhaps you can help us with our web site, or even take minutes or keep a bank account for your local club.

Those that do volunteer, even on a local level, meet new folks who are friendly, helpful and interested in the great outdoors. Anyone interested in joining to help us do the million little jobs that keep an organization like the Voyageur Trail Association running, can call our 1-877-393-4003 number and Mike will put you in touch with someone in your locality who is looking for you! You are always needed! Call today!



Be seen--be safe! Remember to be aware of hunting seasons and wear bright clothing in the bush.

ADVISORS WANTED

My wife (Kate Crowley) and I (Mike Link) are planning a hike around Lake Superior starting April 29, 2010. It is a hike to begin our retirement and to focus on Great Lakes issues, the role of seniors, and fresh water. After 39 years as the Director of the Audubon Center www.audubon-center.org where Kate also works, we want to move into retirement in a way that will help us to continue to speak out on behalf of the things we love. I will be 64 and Kate will be 60, when we start this walk, so we think that it will gain additional attention because of our age. We will be looking for sponsors and we will be trying to give talks as we travel through communities along the way. Hopefully other media might take an interest in what we are doing and we will maintain an active website throughout the journey.

We are writing you because we are looking for advisors from Ontario and the States we will be traveling through. We hope that when we are in the communities we can make presentations that will be a platform for the local NGO's to participate in as well. We will attempt to follow the shore as much as possible, although we are not adverse to taking some ridge lines like the Lake Superior Trail in Minnesota. There will be times we have to walk roads or railroad trails and that is fine. For example we intend to include the Keewenaw Peninsula which does not appear to be part of the North Country Trail and we will hike the Sibley Peninsula which does not have a complete trail connection, but seems like an important area to include.

Your organization is significant to our hike and what we believe in. We would love to have someone from your organization on our Advisory group. Hopefully with some sponsorships we will be able to get together and cover those costs, but if not, the web works. We currently have Lonnie and Kelly Dupre who have organized many arctic expeditions, Jerry Phillips, owner of the Rittenhouse Inn in Bayfield, WI, Steve Hoecker who directs the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland, WI and Beth and Bill Blank who ran Solbakken Resort near Lutsen, MN on the advisory team and we have asked people at Northland College as well.

We expect to take six months for the walk and to reach many people and many communities. We have begun a website - <http://www.fullcirclesuperior.org> that is under construction but still conveys a lot of information about what we are attempting to do. We feel that the information on the polar regions and the rainforests are important and significant, but we need to raise the level of concern about the most precious of our natural resources - fresh water and the Great Lakes.

Please consider joining us in this effort and helping us to make this transition in our career and life commitment.

~ Mike Link

Hike around Lake Superior - follow the planning: www.fullcirclesuperior.org



BELATED WELCOME!!!!

With the changeover of the database, some people who just joined were missed in the last newsletter.

The database operator has been duly reprimanded!!!

BELATED WELCOME to:

- Mike Barker
- Fran Barker
- Keith Davies
- Joan Doucette
- Leonor Hall
- Alison Lajeunesse
- Gerry Mueller
- Linda Mueller
- Rick Sutton
- Lila Sutton
- Donna DiAngelo
- Hellen Cameron
- Robert Thompson
- Susan Thompson
- Diane Boychuk
- Jan Poulin-Zurawinski
- Ed Schmidt
- Mark Ervin
- Janet Ervin
- Ryan Ervin
- Jason Ervin

Hope to see you on the trail!



FAREWELL *by Doris Welz*

On June 22nd, my loyal friend, avid hiker and all around companion, Max, passed away.

Most of you had met him on outings at one time or another. Over the last year, he really slowed down so I didn't come on many hikes any more, yet Max still got excited when I drove into the Market Mall parking lot, looking for his fellow hikers. He was a proud owner of the Saulteaux "End to End" badge. He loved playing 'leader of the pack', always way ahead of everybody and he reluctantly resigned to the "sweep" position as he became older.

One thing he didn't like was the 'leashing up' during lunch time, but he figured out fast that this also meant "cookie" time, especially when his good friend, Destiny was on the hike. One look at Mike and a cookie came flying his way. He loved the bush and Lake Superior as much as any of us. Max was a big part of my life and I miss him terribly. Farewell my good friend.



VTA landowners are entitled to free advertisements when they sell their property...

VOYAGEUR TRAIL ASSOCIATION YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FORM *(please print)*

*Name(s): _____

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MEMBERSHIP FEES:

- Individual ~ \$25..... = _____
- Family or Group (*please provide names) ~ \$30..... = _____
- Student (full-time) ~ \$10..... = _____
- Donations (tax receipt will be sent)..... = _____
- Charitable Reg. #119261923RR0001
- VTA Crest ~ \$3..... = _____
- 2007 Guidebook**: members \$25 / non-members \$35 = _____
- (**limit of 2/member)* Shipping re: MAILED Guidebooks \$ 8.00
- For topography maps, call Steve (705) 946-2484
- TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

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- Reminder to upload pdf from VTA web site
- My email is: _____
- Snail mail to my home address.

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(For information on any of these positions [especially the vacant ones], please contact us at our toll-free number 1-877-393-4003.)

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Deadline for the next issue is: December 1, 2008

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Voyageur Hiking Trail Users' Code

- Hike only along marked routes. Do not take short cuts.
• Do not climb fences.
• Carry out all garbage (if you can carry it in, you can carry it out).
• Light cooking fires at official campsites only. Drench fires after use (or better still, carry a lightweight hiker's stove).
• Leave flowers and plants for others to enjoy.
• Do not damage live trees or strip off bark.
• Protect and do not disturb wildlife.
• Keep dogs under control (leash if necessary) and follow your club's guidelines concerning dogs.
• Respect the privacy of people living along the trail. Walk around the edges of fields, not across them.
• Leave only your thanks and take nothing but photographs.

DECLARATION: I understand that the Voyageur Trail is a wilderness trail and some remote or little-used sections may be in poor condition due to fallen trees or regrowth of vegetation. I understand I hike it at my own risk. I have read and will abide by the Trail Users' Code.

(signature) _____

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH:

- Trail development, Trail maintenance, Newsletter, guidebook, photography, Hike leader, Landowner liaison, records, maps, Publicity committee, Organization--executive, directors, Special events, conference, dinners, Sorry, not at this time.

- Please add my membership to the membership list of the club closest to my home, OR consider me a member-at-large, OR consider me as a member of the following club _____

