SATURDAY MORNING

FIELD TRIPS

Morning field trips will be organized at 8:00 A.M. for departure from the Front Lawn of the Spike Camp at Konnarock.

BIRDS — Join Marsha Davis, member of the Tennessee Ornithological Society from Knoxville, and Dr. Steven Hopp, Emory and Henry College, Emory, for sight and bird song identification of morning migrants and resident species of the Mt. Rogers area. Don’t forget your binoculars.

WILDFLOWERS AND FERNS — Fred First, Wytheville Community College, Wytheville, will introduce participants to the wonderful spring flora and early ferns of the lower elevations.

MAMMALS — The small mammals such as shrews and voles are often missed by the casual observer. Join Dr. John Pagels, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, as he checks his live traps for a closer look at some of these animals.

FLOWER IDENTIFICATION FOR BEGINNERS — Field trip leader Charles Owens, Virginia Highlands Community College, Abingdon, will introduce the group to the use of basic flower identification guides and keys. Bring notepads and hand lens (if possible) to learn basic flower structure. If you possess a field guide bring it, too. Some field guides and hand lenses will be available.

MEDICINAL AND EDIBLE PLANTS — Join Doug Ogle, Virginia Highlands Community College, Abingdon, to discover often unknown facts about many common plants. Also included is some folklore and pioneer uses of plants.

ALL-DAY HIKE TO THE TOP OF MT. ROGERS — This field trip is recommended for the hardy. Dr. Phil Shelton, Clinch Valley College, Wise, will include a detailed look at the Flora and Fauna during this eight-mile round-trip hike to Virginia’s highest peak. Hikers should carry food and drink.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

FIELD TRIPS

Afternoon field trips will be organized at 1:00 P.M. for departure from the Front Lawn of the Spike Camp at Konnarock.

FOREST FLOOR ECOLOGY — One of the country’s leading authorities, Dr. Richard Hoffman, Radford University, Radford, will focus on many of the forest floor inhabitants such as salamanders, beetles, spiders, millipedes, and centipedes. Various collecting and trapping techniques will be described.

BEAVERS — The beaver population at Beartree provides an opportunity to find out what goes on in a beaver-occupied community. Find out about beaver ecology from John Baker, District Wildlife Biologist, with the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries.

WILDFLOWERS AND MOSSES — A wonderful diversity of wildflowers and mosses exists in the Mt. Rogers area. The field trip leaders, Dr. Marie Hicks, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina, and Dr. David Brei!, Longwood College, Farmville, will also include ferns.

PLANT ECOLOGY — Consider the very unique and very different plant communities as you travel from lower elevations to higher elevations with Dr. Terry Sharik and Dr. Duncan Porter, both from VPI, Blacksburg. The leaders will stop at variously selected sites for identification of trees, shrubs and flowers.

GEOLOGY — This rock and mineral study will be led by Tony Scales, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The unique geological history of the Southern Appalachians is well represented by the rock formations of the Mt. Rogers-White Top areas.

BIRDS — Richard Davis, Division of Mined Land Reclamation, Big Stone Gap, will identify birds. A variety of habitats will be visited in the Mt. Rogers Area.
THE NATURALIST RALLY

This year's Friday evening rally program will get underway at the Konnarock Community Center, located at the intersection of Virginia Route 600 and Route 603, northeast of Damascus in Washington County, Virginia.

The Eleventh annual naturalist event, known as the Mount Rogers Naturalist Rally, is sponsored again this year by the Mount Rogers Citizen Development Corporation and the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area, Jefferson National Forest of the U.S. Forest Service.

Whether you are an experienced student naturalist, novice or just getting started, the rally committee welcomes you to this exciting weekend.

Mount Rogers, along with sister peaks of Pine Mountain and Whitetop Mountain, form Virginia's highest land masses with intermingled woods and pastures which have been extremely popular among naturalists for many years.

We hope you will enjoy your visit and learn much about the human and natural history of this beautiful area.

The 1986 Rally will be held May 9th and 10th.

PAST SPEAKERS

1978 .......................... Dr. Fred Alsop, III
East Tennessee State University

1978 .......................... Dr. Douglas Boyce
Emory and Henry College

1979 .......................... Dr. Aaron Sharp
University of Tennessee

1980 .......................... Dr. Charles Handly
Smithsonian Institute

1981 .......................... Dr. James Huey
University of Maryland

1982 .......................... Dr. Warren Wagner
University of Michigan

1983 .......................... Dr. Ritchie Bell
University of North Carolina

1984 .......................... Dr. Tom Cade
Cornell University

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Dr. Carroll J. Perkins, retired Professor of Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation, received his Ph.D. in Wildlife Ecology from Mississippi State University. He served seventeen years with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, leaving them as Assistant Director. As industry became interested in multiple forest uses, he researched compatibility of forestry practices and outdoor recreation with International Paper Company at their Southland's Experiment Forest. Later Dr. Perkins joined Mississippi State University's faculty where he retired as Professor of Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation.

Dr. Perkins is well versed in the field of natural history. He has conducted research for the U.S. Forest Service on Sitka Deer in Alaska, prepared surveys of songbird populations for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Mississippi, and studied Peregrine Falcons on Kenai Peninsula, Alaska. His interest in Outdoor Recreation has taken him to Europe, Canada, Hawaii, New Zealand, and Australia.

Academically, Dr. Perkins has repeatedly been awarded for his research and teaching ability. He has received the Conservation Educator of the Year (1975) from the Mississippi Wildlife Federation and the National Wildlife Federation. He has also received the Clarence W. Watson Award (1976) for outstanding contributions to fish and wildlife management.

The research of Dr. Perkins has been widely published, appearing in the Journal of Wildlife Management, the Journal of Forestry, and the Tall Timbers Fire Ecology Conference Proceedings, just to name a few.

He and his wife, Gwen, are still active in natural history, recording and photographing the sights and sounds of out of doors.

Our program for Friday evening promises to be one of interest as Dr. Perkins shares his views of Wildlife Ecology, Outdoor Recreation, and Nongame Species with us!

1985 RALLY COMMITTEE

Chairman ...................... Kenneth Hale
Field Trip Coordinator ............... Gail Turner
Registration ...................... Genie Hambright
Wallace Coffey ...................... Marge Pedigo
Larry Grimes ...................... Roger Pedigo
Doug Ogle ...................... Bea Simpson
Charlie Owens ...................... Jerry Waters

FRIDAY'S AGENDA

5:00 P.M. — Registration at the Konnarock Community Center. All evening activities will be conducted in this building. Registration fee will be $2.50 for all persons twelve years of age or older.

6:30 P.M. — DINNER — Dinner served in the dining room of the Konnarock Community Center by members of the Konnarock Community Association. The price of the meal will be $4.75 per person and should be paid in advance reservation and registration.

8:00 P.M. — Dr. Carroll Perkins, retired Professor of Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation, Mississippi State University, will be the featured speaker in the Konnarock Community Center.

SATURDAY'S AGENDA

7:00 A.M. — Continued registration for late arrivals and those who did not participate in the Friday evening activities. Registration will be conducted on the front porch of the Spike Camp building.

8:00 A.M. — All morning field trips will meet on the front lawn of the Spike Camp at Konnarock and depart for various areas of the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area and other field sites.

12:00 NOON — Morning field trips conclude and rally participants break for lunch. Be sure and make arrangements for your own noon meal.

Call for Papers

If you have publications of natural history concerning Virginia, please bring them to share with us during our Saturday lunch. Please do not forget to include the source of the article and the publication date.

1:00 P.M. — Afternoon field trips will meet on the lawn of the Spike Camp at Konnarock and depart for various areas. Registration will continue for those arriving for the afternoon trips and who have not previously paid. Trips conclude by 5:00 P.M.

All trips will be held regardless of weather conditions unless the safety of rally participants is endangered by the weather. Persons interested in field trip activities should consider the weather.

SATURDAY MEALS — You may bring a sack lunch and drink or make purchases at nearby stores.

LODGING

Two U.S. Forest Service campgrounds are available near the Rally site. You may contact the Forest Service at (703) 783-5196 for more information. Motels are available in the nearby towns of Chilhowie and Marion.

You may contact the Chamber of Commerce of Smyth County at (703) 783-3161 for details.