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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Thanks to our outgoing ExCom members Mary Jane Mearthy, Alice Swalm and Bob Wyckoff for their many fine contributions.
 Welcome to new ExComers Aase Berling, Bette Walker and Margaret Wyckoff.
 Program Chairman Ray McKinley reports that he is kneeling beside himself trying to find new places to hold club meetings. If you would volunteer your own home or someone else's for future meetings the club, and especially Ray, would be most appreciative.

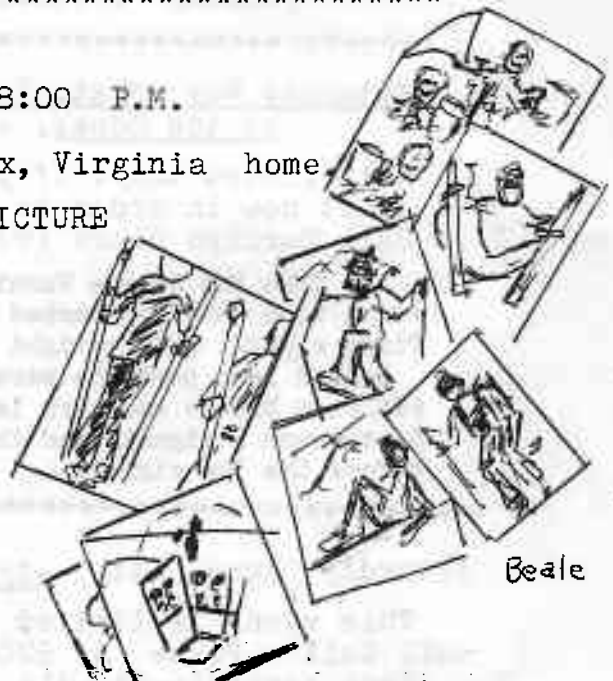
Shel

Sheldon Drews, President

MAY MONTHLY MEETING--Tuesday, May 20th. 8:00 P.M.

Where: Charlotte Eddy's Fairfax, Virginia home

BRING YOUR TRIP SLIDES AND PICTURE ALBUMS. IT WILL BE A SHOW-AND-TELL PARTY AS WE RELIVE THE VICTORIES AND DISASTERS OF THE PAST SKI SEASON.
 THERE WILL BE A BACKUP MOVIE PLUS SNACKS PLUS LIQUID REFRESHMENTS



Beale

Directions: From Beltway #495, go West on Rte. 50 to Fairfax Circle - (approximately 3 miles). Go three quarters of way around circle and go West on Rte 237 pass shopping center to first street - ("Great Oaks" sign) - where you go right and continue one block to a right on Great Oaks Way. Continue one block to right on White Oaks Court to No 3413 - Charlotte's abode!

Coming Events

SATURDAY MAY 17 OLD RAG CLIMB

Date: Saturday May 17th. (Rain date: Sunday May 18th)

Time: 8:00 A.M.

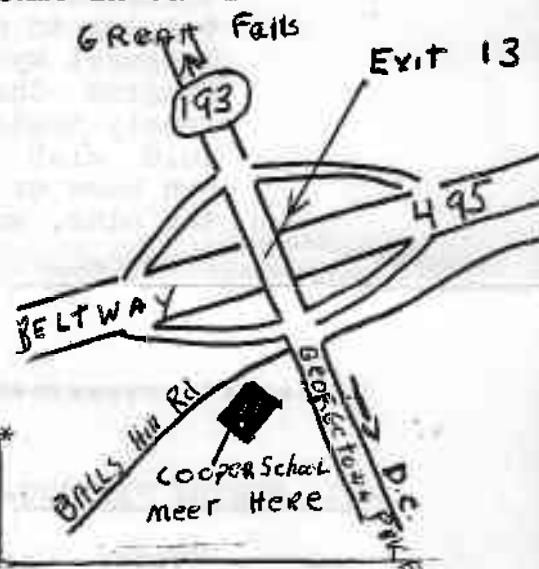
What: Climb wonderful Old Rag Mountain in Shenandoah National Park. Rated strenuous, this 8 mile circuit hike is for the fit and agile and stout hearted. It's an unforgettable experience and well worth the effort.

Place: Meet at the Cooper School just inside the Beltway at Exit 13, Rte. 193 (Georgetown Pike). Leaving the beltway, go towards the city. The school is on the corner of Balls Hill Road and Rte. 193. See map below. An early departure (8:00 a.m.) is desirable to allow for the 85 mile drive and an unpressured climb. You might want to bring coffee and danish to consume in car if you don't have time for breakfast.

Wear: Sturdy shoes! Loose fitting pants.

Bring: Lunch. Trail food. Lots of water. Bug repellent. Also, snacks and liquid refreshments on ice in your car for a tailgate get-together at trail's end.

Reservations: Call Lu Beale (363-3521) by Thursday May 15 so that car pooling can be arranged and trail head parking determined.



Saturday May 31st. International Dinner at the Copes. 6 P.M.

Wait-listed only. If you must cancel please do it now in order to give someone else your place. Call Marilyn Clark (978-9435). Directions to the Copes:

Take the George Washington Parkway past the sailing marina to the first right turn which is marked Slaters Lane, to the parallel service road. At the first signal, make a right turn onto Slaters Lane. Follow Slaters Lane through an angled left past the warehouses and make the first right turn. Go over the railroad bridge and turn left onto Monroe Ave. (The Monroe Ave bridge is Rt. 1). Go through 2 signals and the Cope home is the big, white house on the right ; before the 3rd signal.

Saturday June 14th -SAIL and SWIM AT HADLER'S BAYSIDE COTTAGE

This event is limited to 40 people. To reserve a place call Gail Pease H: 620-4573. O: 248-2100.

Each participant will bring salad or dessert to share at the ~~cock~~out beginning at 4:30 P.M. Hamburgers and hot dogs, beverages and munchies will be provided. Cost: approximately \$4.50. Special rate for children under twelve.

Early birds may bring their own lunch and arrive as early as 10:00 A.M.

Directions in June TOOT.

Other Coming EVENTS

Saturday June 28/ Sunday June 29 - RAFTING ON THE YOUGHIOGHENY

A limited number of spaces have been reserved for this event and they are being filled quickly. For more information read the flier included in this issue of TOOT.

If you are interested in this annual fun weeked which includes white water rafting on the famous "Yough", act now and send your check to Dina Taylor, 8403 Stonehouse Road, Frederick, MD 21701. If you have any questions call Dina. H: 301-663-6089. O: 301-363-0301 X2650.

TENNIS - BIKING - FISHING

Gorman Young invites anyone who would care to do some biking in the Washington area either midweek or weekend to call him at 244-2319. Impromptu trips can be made at most any time.

Charlie Gordon is still hoping for a PVS tennis party this summer if anyone is interested. If you cannot reach Charlie because he is out of town for a few weeks, call Charlie Huggins at 424-5725. It takes only two to tango but a few more than that are needed for a tennis round robin. C'mon! Call one of the Charlies.

Also, remember, when Charlie Gordon is in town, he is always available to lead you to where the fish are biting. Or should be biting.

July 12 - Picnic at the Kuffs' Annapolis home. Limited to 30. Call coordinator Reg Heitchue(860-9190). No children under 12.

Saturday, July 19 - Steak & Swim at the Elrods
Dot Mills coordinating. (527-5036).

SKI RESORT



FROM A Pease
Cocktail napkin

"BOY! SOME SKI RESORT,
YOU'VE GOT HERE!"

The Knee

by

Ray McKinley



The annual meeting is over. We have our new officers. I trust you were as shocked by the results as I was.

But even at half past April (the 15th) some were still looking ahead to skiing. At the end of April, trip leaders were checking out areas for future trips - Jim Wingrove at Whistler and Norm Engelman at Snowbird.

Charles Farwell was the only PVSer to follow instructions and inform Membership Chairman Marilyn Clark that the applicant he sponsored, Sally Finan, had met all requirements for full membership. Have you kept track of the applicants you sponsored?

Could it be that the reason we haven't seen Jim Slack and Mary Ward recently is that they have defected to the Reston Ski Club? They were observed on some RSC Wisp Trips.

Dot Mills had a busy ski season. A week at Mt Sutton with Jack Peoples. Two and a half weeks in St Anton, ending with the flu. She recovered just in time to head to Cortina with Dina Taylor. Dot ended the trip with a black eye which Aase Berling claims came while drinking at lunch.

While skiing in Europe, Tony Soler turned around suddenly and knocked over a young boy. Tony apologized profusely. The kid replied, "That's okay. I'm a beginner, too." Right.

Parking at the annual meeting, I noticed several cubic yards of pine bark in the Engelman's driveway. I didn't know they were into gardening that mulch.

With over 80 PVSers in attendance, there weren't enough election ballots to go around. So Marilyn Clark cleverly instituted a new practice - sharing secret ballots. Where was she when Ferdinand Marcos really kneed her?

Rosy Soler, Gail Pease and hostess Mary Engelman all were dazzling in new short haircuts. (Have you noticed that no one ever gets a new, longer haircut?)

Phil Ufholz, seen beardless for the first time, was voted full membership in the club. But Eugenia didn't even apply. Can she be just a ski bunknee at heart?

Bill Anderson confessed that he has not skied for two years. Can we vote members out?

It was a pleasure to see Dorothy Madsen back after several years in the Windknee City. She came back because Chicago was "too cold." Sometimes, I guess, it was even three cold.

Former SCWDC Membership Chairman Bob Hendricks was also back in town for a visit.

Veep Jan Marx won a prize while skiing with the Burns in Canada during Easter holidays. She won the Best Costume Award for being dressed as an easter bunknee. (Eugenia Ufholz, take note.)

The Macho Maidens (Pat Crescenti, Sally Philbrook and Jane Restanti) skied together in Utah this season. While in the Salt Lake City hotel jacuzzi relaxing after a hard day, they ended up next to John Pulos and Charlie Huggins.

This was certainly the year for PVS to ski Utah.

Adele Waggaman claimed she had seen no other PVSer while at Snowbird in early April. However, Gail and Larry Pease and Greg were only five miles away in Park City while Greg attended a ski patrol jamboree.

Dick Comerford was wonderful "roasting" PVSers at the Wyckoff post trip party ably assisted by Huey Roberts and Irene Farrell. Among the roastknees, Nancy Lewis received a boxer's helmet to protect her in future collisions. Kirk Burns received a year's supply of dancing lessons. And club Secretary Irene Farrell received the "Dingbat" award for walking off with the five pound hotel key.

PAST EVENTS

ANNUAL MEETING by Lu Beale

A record number of PVSers turned out for the April 15th Annual Meeting at Mary and Norm Engelman's. We stopped counting noses after 70 but Mary declared there were about 90 - and this despite the stormy evening.

Guests filled the kitchen first (naturally), spread to the dining room, then the living room, and finally, the stairs. They munched on Mary's cheeses, crudités, cherry/chocolate cake, pizella, etc., washed down with generous drafts of soft drinks, wine and beer (two cases of beer went down the hatches). Also, an astonishing amount of coffee!

Making the social circuit, we spotted Reg Heitchue wearing a thumb cast - an unwanted memento from Keystone; Gorman Young's son Jim visiting from New Hampshire and renewing ski friendships; Dorothy Madsen recently relocated here from Illinois; Jack Peoples enjoying the chocolate cake; Bob Wyckoff describing the Wyckoff European trip plans for '87. Plus innumerable friends we failed to recognize because they had 1. changed their hairdos or 2. shaved (or failed to shave) their beards. Whoever they were, they all looked beautiful.

At 9 p.m. Sheldon Drews banged the gavel and the main business of the evening was quickly disposed of: the election of officers. Shel himself, being unopposed, was returned to office for another year. Aase Berling, Bette Walker and Margaret Wyckoff, also unopposed, were elected to the Executive Committee. Seventeen applicants were unanimously voted full membership. Following other brief business matters, the Marx's set up a screen for a showing of "Moebius Flip".

Then, it was once again out into the stormy night for the homeward trek. Another year gone, another party for the memory books. Thanks, Engelmans, for the blast!

BILLY GOAT TRAIL HIKE by Bette Walker

On a most perfect spring day 47 (read it again -- 47!) PVSers gathered for the annual Billy Goat Trail Hike. With Josie Beale leading, Lu Beale following, Frank Shelburne sweeping, the sun shining, the temperature balmy, and beds of wild flowers in full bloom, nothing was amiss -- that is, until the ultimate goal was reached. The beer garden at Anglers' Inn. Alas and alack, there was a garden, but there was no beer!

However -- when it comes to food and/or drink, PVS always goes to Plan B. Eugenia and Phil Ufholz invited all to their handsome Bethesda home. Huey Roberts and Phil made the beer run, and thirsts were thoroughly quenched on the azalea and tulip-bedecked patio. Who needs Anglers' Inn? If word gets around, there may be 87 for next year's hike!

P.S. Tip for future Billy Goats: Knox Felker in knickers didn't meet a rock he couldn't climb.

CORTINA?? "COURSE!!! by Nancy Helmig

Undismayed by the TWA strike just before our scheduled departure for Milan and Cortina, "Shleppers Unanimous" descended upon the Hotel Savoia Grand a mere six and a half hours after deplaning at Malpensa airport on the outskirts of Milan. (Jim Arnold speculated on the attitude of an airfield named "Bad Idea"!) The flight over had been calm once Judy Miller and Dina Taylor transferred us to New York Air out of the chaos at Dulles.

Sunday, March 8 was our first day in the dolomites. The less than friendly greeting of heavy clouds rarely returned for the remainder of our two weeks of skiing. After mastering the intricacies of the "beep-beep" ski passes and getting basic instruction in feints and foils for the "aggressive" lift lines from Norm Engelman, we settled in to enjoy the dramatic dolomite scenery. The daily choice was whether to ski Falloria or Tofana with some intrepid souls switching at mid-day. One not-to-be-forgotten thrill was mounting and dismounting the Ovovia lift to the top of Cristallo. Hearing the number of skiers lost yearly, Mary Jane McCarthy suggested the cross at the summit was there for a reason. Nevertheless, Jim Arnold and Burf Schuler descended safely. While all this was going on, Paul Brewbaker was discovering the far southeast corner of Socrepes, a great place to retreat to during snow falls.

Meanwhile, our image got a definite lift in the dining room when Charlotte Eddy's daughter and Aase Berling's niece joined the group for several days. Speaking of dining room, the food was outstanding. As was the spirit of Roberto, our waiter. His good natured slalom runs to the dessert table (Shirley Duncan holds the record with five) won our admiration.

Dot Mills and Shirley Rettig were early cold/flu victims but soon responded to the warm Italian sun. Alice Swalm, skiing her new 5500's, held off to the end of our tour before succumbing to the bug.

A side trip to Venice for the day returned Svava Vernhards with a jaunty gondolier straw hat. (We couldn't persuade her to wear it on the slopes.) Our "bella figura" on the slopes was improved when Carla Perez-Colon joined Mom and Dad Loli and Julio after her ski lessons.

Dina kept us "au-courant" with a fine lunch (there are no other kind, we found) at Rifugio Rio Gere (replete with swarms of sun bathing Italians with bambini) and with a room party where we all compared notes. Karen and Knox Felker arrived from St Anton and were a delightful addition to the group, bringing our total strength to 22.

The town of Cortina was on its toes with best foot forward, but not for us, we discovered. Our visit coincided with that of the Olympic site committee. It was kind of fun to think that if we're watching the Olympics in '92, the down hill just might look familiar.

Byoung Schuler and Emile Sherrard were among those who trekked to Passo Falzarego and Cinque Torri the day the rest of us skied Marmolada. Norm Engelman's arrangements earned the appreciation of all of us who made the trip to Italy's highest glacier. Despite the curvy road - ever heard of mal-de-neige? Anyway, that was our St Patrick's Day celebration!!

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CORTINA TRIP (Continued)

On another day trip, Nancy and Walt Helmig spent the day before departure, which happened to be the first day of spring, in Romeo and Julie's town of Verona.

Lucky Alice Swalm enjoyed a performance of Bellini's "La Somnabulist" at the famous La Scala in Milan.

Lest the memories of pasta, krappen (hot donuts sans hole, con cream), "wreck fish" (translation of rock fish on the hotel menu), and zuppa ingles~~e~~ lead one to think the "shleppers" were more in to suppers than skiing, let me assure you, as a first time tripper with this group, I now have many role models for fitness, fun and vorlage!

Pink Mink
Cortina
D'AMPEZZO

SAVOIA
GRAND
HOTEL

DOLOMITI - ITALIA

MILANO

Teatro alla Scala

CORTINA TRIP March, 1966.

We meet at Dulles for our flight,
Twenty skiers led by Dina,
Travelling all through the night,
Off for 2 weeks in Cortina.

Lovely bus-ride from Milan
Into mountains white with snow:
Here we find no lengthy lift-lines,
Farnas, chairlifts, up we go.

Slopes well-groomed in brilliant sunshine,
(One day foggy, couldn't see),
Mount Tofano, steep Cristallo,
Runs of great variety.

All around us, peaks so splendid,
Cable cars to dizzy heights,
Rugged rocks and cliffs, pink-tinted,
Beauty of the Dolomites.

Evenings strolling through the village,
Charming church in rich Baroque,
Furs and fashions, window-shopping,
Prices mostly are a shock.

Meals superb served by Roberto,
Unforgettable deserts,
Pasta lunches on the mountain,
We'll diet later till it hurts.

Drawbacks - waiting for the ski-bus
(Either that or climb the hill);
Some group-members nearly fainted
When they saw their laundry bill.

For some of ^{us} a day in Venice
City fair of sea and smiles,
And a trip to Marmalada -
Glaciers, we ski for miles.

A final night in old Milano
To the Duomo roof we climb,
Then fly home on Alitalia,
Weary from our trip sublime.

Memories of joyous skiing,
Good hotels and food the best,
Side-trips, parties, loved Cortina
With our friends in P.V.S.

Shirley Duncan.

NEW MEMBERS: The following applicant members were elected to full membership in the club at the April Annual Meeting: Liane Atlas, Karen and George Devorshak, Myra and Ken Evans, Sally Finan, Stan Lichtmann, Ek and Sui Lu, Julio Perez-Colon, Susannah and Don Swaby, Katherine Reynolds, Fumike and Myron Marquardt, Phil Ufholz and Paul Yessler.

ROSTER CORRECTION: Ray McKinley's new office phone number is 482-9587. Call him. He's waiting for Knee Knews from you.

!! SKI TRIPS !!

WHISTLER/BLACKCOMB and LAKE LOUISE - February 28 - March 14, 1987

Dina Taylor is leading this club sponsored trip. Participants may sign up for two weeks or just one week. Watch upcoming TOOTS for more details and flier.

PVS FRANCE - January 30 - February 16, 1987

Plans for this Wyckoff led trip are firming up and reservations are now being accepted.

The first week will be at La Berengère Hotel in Les Deux Alpes, France near Grenoble. The second week will be at the Christiana Hotel in Val d'Isere. The last two nights will be spent in Paris.

Les Deux Alpes, with skiing over 10,000 feet is new to PVS. The Wyckoffs, with Nancy and Joe Lewis, checked it out two years ago and were greatly impressed. PVSers at Val d'Isere two years ago were taken with both the ski area and the Christiana.

The estimated price of \$1,696 includes travel from Dulles by Air France, 4-star level hotels with two meals a day in the ski areas and breakfast in Paris. Lift tickets are not included.

A \$50 check made out to PVS France will reserve one of the 40 spaces for you. This is fully refundable until a detailed flier is issued. Mail check to the Wyckoffs, at 8100 Park Crest Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

CALENDAR

- May 17 ... Old Rag Climb. See page 2.
- May 20 ... Monthly Meeting at Charlotte Eddy's. 8:00 P.M.
- May 27 ... ExCom Meeting at Dot Mill's home. 7:30 P.M.
- May 31 ... International Dinner at the Copes. See page 2.
- June 14 ... Picnic Swim at Jacques Hadler's bayside house.
- June 17 ... Monthly Meeting at Sheldon Drews' abode. 7:30 P.M.
- June 24 ... ExCom Meeting at the Huggins. 7:30 P.M.
- June 28/29. "Yough" River Weekend. See flier.
- July 12 ... Picnic at the Kuffs' Annapolis Home.
- July 19 ... Steak & Swim at the Elrods.

Potomac Valley Skiers, Inc.

WASHINGTON

MARYLAND

VIRGINIA

4/16/86

WHITE WATER RAFTING ON THE YOUGHIOGHENY RIVER, PENNA.

JOIN IN THE FUN AND ADVENTURE OF WHITE WATER RAFTING AND PADDLE WITH OTHER PVS FRIENDS SEVEN MILES DOWN THE FAMOUS "YOUGH" THROUGH THE SCENIC BEAUTY OF THE LAUREL MOUNTAINS. THE ONLY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS ARE TO BE 12 YEARS OF AGE AND TO SIGN UP BEFORE MAY 28.

WHEN: SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 1986 AT 8:30 AM - RAIN OR SHINE

COST: \$ 37.00 FOR RAFT TRIP LEAD BY EXPERIENCED GUIDES. IF AN INDIVIDUAL GUIDE TO BE PRESENT WITHIN A RAFT IS DESIRED, PLEASE INDICATE IN THE SPACE PROVIDED ON THE APPLICATION ON THE BOTTOM PART OF THIS FLYER. THE PAYMENT COVERS ALL EQUIPMENT USE, RIDE BACK TO THE PARKING LOT AND SMORGASBOARD TYPE LUNCH ON SHORE DURING TRIP.

WHERE TO MEET FOR RAFTING: PARKING AND CHECK-IN AREA ON DINNER BELL ROAD, OPPOSITE PARK OFFICE, OHIOPLYE, PA. ROUTE 381 WILL TAKE YOU THERE. WATCH FOR SIGN "RAFT TRIPS".

WHAT TO WEAR: ON WARM SUMMER DAYS YOU CAN PADDLE IN T-SHIRT AND SHORTS OR BATHING SUIT. TENNIS SHOES ARE A MUST! THE SHOESTRING TYPE ARE BEST. SINCE THE TRIP WILL LAST MANY HOURS, PROTECT AGAINST SUNBURN. ALSO, YOU MAY GET WET (YOUR FRIENDS WILL SEE TO THAT). THEREFORE, BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHING TO GET INTO AFTER THE TRIP.

REFUNDS: IF CANCELLATIONS ARE RECEIVED BY MAY 28, REFUND CAN BE MADE IN FULL.

SUGGESTION FOR SATURDAY JUNE 28: SINCE IT TAKES ABOUT FOUR HOURS TO DRIVE FROM THE WASHINGTON AREA TO OHIOPLYE, IT IS ADVISABLE TO DRIVE TO GRANTSVILLE, MD (APPROX. 3½ HRS) THE DAY BEFORE AND STAY AT THE HOLIDAY INN. DIRECTIONS ARE ATTACHED. ACCOMMODATIONS ARE REASONABLY PRICED, APPROX. \$ 26 PLUS TAX P.P. DOUBLE OCCUPANCY. SENIORS MAY GET DISCOUNTS. COME EARLY BECAUSE THERE IS LOTS TO DO IN THIS AREA. VISIT THE MANSION "FALLINGWATER", BUILT IN 1936 BY FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT OVER A WATERFALL. TAKE PART IN A MINI-HIKE TO SEE THE PICTURESQE SWALLOW FALLS AND EAT LUNCH IN THE PARK. BRING A PACKED LUNCH FOR THIS PURPOSE AND BE AT THE HOLIDAY INN AT 12:30 PM. DINNER IS PLANNED FOR 6:30 PM.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DINA TAYLOR, 8403 STONEHOUSE ROAD, FREDERICK, MD 21701
PHONE: HOME 301-663-6089, OFFICE 301-363-0301 EXT 2650

COMPLETE THIS PORTION AND MAIL WITH YOUR DEPOSIT OF \$37, CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
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NAME: _____ MALE _____ FEMALE _____ CHECK ENCL. \$ _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: HOME _____ WORK _____ AGE IF OVER 60 _____

HOTEL RESERVATION REQUESTED: YES _____ NO _____ SMOKER: YES _____ NO _____ ROOM MATE _____

Credit Card # _____

REQUEST GUIDE IN RAFT: YES _____ NO _____ I WANT TO TAKE PART IN MINI-HIKE: YES _____ NO _____

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE TRIP COORDINATOR IS ACTING AS AGENT IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ABOVE EVENT AND ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBLITY FOR ANY INJURIES NOR FOR ANY ADDITIONAL EXPENSES CAUSED BY EVENTS BEYOND HER CONTROL.

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE _____

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