



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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Happiness - A Step at a Time

SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2005 AND JANUARY 2006

(PLEASE --- NO PETS ON HIKES)

(49 YEARS OF SPONSORING OUTDOORS ACTIVITIES IN THE FORM OF HIKES AND OUTINGS)

HIKE RATING SYSTEM - Shown in parentheses at the end of each hike.

	<u>TERRAIN</u>		<u>SURFACE</u>	<u>SPEED</u>
H (Hilly)	Continuously	NS (Natural)	Primarily Soft	Walking Speed in MPH
M (Mixed)	Hilly & Flat	HS (Hard)	Packed Dirt or Gravel	not including breaks
F (Flat)	Few Hills	PS (Paved)	Concrete or Blacktop	(e.g., 3.0 means 3 MPH or 20 minutes per mile)

Hikers should arrive at the meeting area at least 15 minutes early. This will enable the leader to complete sign-ups and start the hike on time. When adverse weather conditions prevail, the leader may reroute, shorten or cancel a hike. It is a good idea to check with the leader ahead of time if the weather is inclement.

Interested in leading a hike? Contact pathfinders: Jean Ballinger (276-2050 daytime) jbballinger@lilly.com for weekend hikes or Ed Wright (578-9026) ewright@indyhike.org for weekday hikes.

DUES REMINDER: If you have not already sent in your annual dues, please do so soon and save the Club the cost and effort of sending out reminder letters. Call Mary Ann Layman at 881-8416 if you have any questions. Thank you.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Indianapolis Hiking Club has begun our 49th year. As we move closer to an incredible 50 years of hiking, I ask you to continue to step forward as hike leaders, participants and welcome guests joining our hikes.

Recently, several guests discovered the Club through Governor Daniels' INShape Indiana program. Hoosiers on their way to a healthier lifestyle have discovered us as part of their Physical Activity program. You may have an opportunity to welcome a guest as they journey to better health. Governor Daniels hopes to identify Indiana's fittest organizations at a special celebration. Let's be one of these organizations.

Pat Lawler is leading the Club's 50th Anniversary committee for our big celebration in 2007. Committee members include Bill Larrison, Jean Ballinger, Cherie Voege, Ed Wright, Ron Mutzl and Narcisso Povinelli. If you have any ideas for the Club's 50th anniversary celebration, please contact one of the committee members.

On November 2nd, 24 IHC members were interviewed on a hike in Eagle Creek Park by the Weather Channel. They found us through our Club web site and thought we would be an interesting organization to talk with during their two-day visit to Indy. Hopefully, you were able to catch the interview, which aired on the Weather Channel several times on November 17 and 19. Also on November 2nd, several members were interviewed by radio commentator Big John Gillis. The interview aired on WIBC's Noon News the same day.

We would like to congratulate eight hikers - Frank and Rita Bymaster, Cindy West, Allan Roberts, Sukhbir Singh, Bonnie O'Connor, Cathy Bridge and Rory Wyss - who established a new Club single day distance record of 50 miles on October 29. Attributes toward finishing this milestone, the hikers reported a very caring bond in working together as a team, partaking in interesting conversations and overall concern for each other's well being. Impressive statistics include: total hike time was 14 hr 23 min; walking time was 13 hr 17 min; break time was 66 min, net walking pace was 15 min 49 sec/mile; and a whopping 4,230 calories were burned.

On December 4th at 2:00 P.M., please join us for lots of fun at the Holiday Party. Check the hike schedule for directions and party details. We'll have our traditional tacky gift exchange, too. I hope to see you all there!

Happy Hiking, Michelle Buchanan

(SUN 2:00 PM) **HOLIDAY PARTY** Once again, our annual holiday celebration for members and invited guests will be held at the Lion's Club facility in Clermont. Bring your favorite meat, vegetable, salad or desert pitch-in dish and be prepared for good food, cheerful singing and great company. The Club will provide paper goods, eating utensils, coffee, tea and lemonade. The facility has a liquor license so BYOB. We will have our 3rd annual "Tacky Gift Exchange". Your gift - the tackier the better - should cost no more than \$3 and everyone who brings a gift, gets a gift. The Lion's Club is located on the west side of Indianapolis. From I-465 take the Speedway exit (16A) and immediately turn right at the first light onto 136 (Crawfordsville Road) heading west. Go to the fourth stoplight (Tansel Road) and turn left. Go 1/3 of a mile and turn into the park on your left. If you have suggestions or questions call Joanne Applegate (733-1533), Rita Bymaster (852-7216) or Donna Chastain (347-0107).

DEC 5 (MON 9:00 AM) **MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL** Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St. entrance for a 6-mile road hike. Repeats on January 2. (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Kate Curtiss (247-0283)

(MON 9:00 AM) **PARK, HIKE AND RIDE** Park at the new White River Park Visitors' Center located on West Washington St. across from Victory Field. We will *hike* up to Methodist Hospital where we will board the People Mover and *ride* to IU Medical Ctr. with a fabulous aerial view of Papa John's and Taco Bell. The remainder of the hike will be spent making our way back to the Visitors' Center. This will be a 5-6 mile hike. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779 cell)

(MON 6:00 PM) **BROAD RIPPLE** Meet in free parking lot that is ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave. on Carrollton Ave. for a hike of 5-6 miles. This hike is not self-guided. Repeats December 12 & 19. (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Jean Ballinger (276-2050 daytime)

DEC 6 (TUE 9:00 AM) **BROAD RIPPLE** Meet in free parking lot that is ½ block south of Broad Ripple Avenue on Carrollton Avenue for a 6 or 10-mile hike. Hike repeats on December 20, January 10 and 24. (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Tom Patterson (849-9528)

(TUE 9:30 AM) **PLAINFIELD** Take I-70 west to Plainfield exit. Turn right off the exit ramp. Turn left at the second traffic signal and again at the "T". Hummel Park is a short distance on the right. Meet at the west parking area near restrooms for a 5-6 mile hike. **Please call if the weather is inclement to insure the hike is not cancelled.** Repeats on December 20. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leaders: JC & Shirley Overton (831-5135)

(TUE 4:30 PM) **BETTER THAN THERAPY** Meet at the Monon Trail parking area just behind First Indiana Bank on 86th St. in Nora (next to Marsh supermarket) for a 6-mile self guided* hike with shorter options. Repeats each Tuesday in December and January. (F,PS) Leaders: Ashley Kinney (946-2455), Donna Maurer (413-5709 cell) and Swati Gunale (251-1039 or 847-0684 cell)

(TUE 6:00 PM) **SOUTHPORT & HOMECROFT** Meet behind (north side) Walgreen's at the NE corner of Southport Road and Madison Avenue for a 5-mile self-guided* hike. Repeats each Tuesday in December. (F,PS) Leader: Ricki Jo Hoffmann (782-8147)

DEC 7 (WED 9:00 AM) **EAGLE CREEK ROADS AND TRAILS** This is a great mid-week 8-mile workout on roads and trails. Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th Street entrance. Hike repeats each Wednesday in December and January. (M,NS/PS,3.5-4) Leader: Rich Peck (291-4873)

(WED 9:00 AM) **PRESIDENTS' PROMENADE/WASHINGTON SQUARE** Sign-in sheet for this self-guided* hike will be at the Mall Information Desk. Take as many one-mile laps as you wish. Repeats each Wednesday in December. (F,PS) Leader: Genie Waltz (897-6493)

(WED 9:30 AM) **GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL** Meet at the parking lot by the swimming pool in Garfield Park, 2450 Shelby Street for a 5-6 mile hike on the Pleasant Run Trail. Visit the Conservatory at the park to see the Poinsettias. Restroom break at beginning and half way through hike. Eat lunch at the Shelby Street Café and Bristo, 1105 Shelby Street. Repeats each Wednesday in December and January. (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leaders: Reba Wooden (Home: 885-1612, Cell: 797-5892) and Marthene Kohlmeyer (Cell: 850-1291)

(WED 4:30 PM) **EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE** From I-465N exit at Michigan Rd. and go north. Turn left on 116th St. and drive to downtown Zionsville and take SR 334 west. Meet in the parking lot of the new Zionsville Town Hall at 1100 W. Oak St. (SR 334), across from McDonalds. This will be a 6-mile hike through quaint neighborhoods, the Zionsville Rail Trail and possibly Starkey Park.

* SELF-GUIDED HIKES: Self-guided hikes are intended to allow you to walk at your own speed. Your leader is obligated only to sign you up & furnish you a map or instructions. If you do not wish to walk alone, plan for a partner ahead of time.

- DEC 13 (TUE 9:30 AM) NOBLESVILLE ALONG THE WHITE RIVER From I-465 on the north-side take I-69 north to Rt. 37 North. Follow Rt. 37 to 186th St. Turn left onto 186th St. (Field Dr.). Follow Field Dr. past Cumberland Rd. and 10th St. (Allisonville Rd) and cross the bridge over the White River. At the end of the bridge, cross Rt. 19 and go into Forest Park. Take the first driveway on the right and park in the first parking lot. This will be a 6-mile hike through Forest Park, around the town square in Noblesville and along the White River walking path to Potters Bridge. Join us for lunch afterwards at a local restaurant. (F,PS,3) Leader: Bob Hackenberg (773-2934)
(TUE 4:30 PM) BETTER THAN THERAPY See December 6.
(TUE 6:00 PM) SOUTHPORT & HOMECROFT See December 6.
- DEC 14 (WED 9:00 AM) EAGLE CREEK ROADS AND TRAILS See December 7.
(WED 9:00 AM) PRESIDENTS' PROMENADE/WASHINGTON SQUARE See December 7.
(WED 9:30 AM) GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 7.
(WED 4:30 PM) EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 7. Call if weather is inclement.
(WED 6:00 PM) DOWNTOWN O'MALIA'S See December 7.
- DEC 15 (THU 9:30 AM) EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See December 1.
(THU 6:00 PM) SPEEDWAY NIGHTS See December 1.
- DEC 16 (FRI 8:00 AM) CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 2.
(FRI 9:00 AM) BRISK ROAD HIKE - EAGLE CREEK See December 2.
(FRI 9:30 AM) HUMMEL PARK Take I-70 west to the Plainfield exit (SR 267). Go right (north) to the first stoplight (Hadley Road) and turn left (west). At Center Street (4-way stop), turn right (north). Go to the second (main) entrance to Hummel Park and turn left (west) into the park. Continue west to the parking lot at the rear of the park. This will be a 5-mile hike. Repeats on December 23. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leaders: Len and Gay Behling (839-3002)
(FRI 6:00 PM) OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See December 2.
- DEC 17 (SAT 8:30 AM) PARKS AT THE FORT Meet at the NE corner of the Fort Harrison Commissary parking lot on 56th street, one stoplight east of Post Road for a 11-12 mile hike through Lawrence Park and Ft. Harrison State Park (\$1 walk-in fee). Many shorter options available. M,PS/NS,3.5-4) Leader: Swati Gunale (251-1039 or 847-0684 cell)
(SAT 9:00 AM) CHRISTMAS VOLKSMARCH & CONCERT Meet in the lobby of the Hyatt Regency (One South Capitol Avenue between Washington and Maryland Street – Indianapolis) for a 6 or 12-mile self-guided hike. Each hiker must have a walk card (free) to be stamped at the checkpoints and turned in at the starting desk when the hike is completed. After the hike plan to go to the Circle Center Arts Garden for a Holiday concert by the Indianapolis Municipal Band at 11:30 AM. The concert is free. The Club's own Jane Hilaire will be playing the flute. (F,PS) Leader: Marti Applegate (784-3721)
- DEC 18 (SUN 9:00 AM) WALK AND WORSHIP See December 4.
(SUN 9:30 AM) McCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK Take SR 67 southwest to Spencer and SR 46 east to the park (fee). Meet in the Inn parking lot for an 8-mile hike. (M,NS,3) Leader: Jean Ballinger (276-2050-days)
(SUN 1:00 PM) FALL CREEK PLACE See December 11.
- DEC 19 (MON 9:00 AM) DOWNTOWN O'MALIA'S Meet in the northeast corner of O'Malia's parking lot at 320 N. New Jersey for a hike of 6-7 miles. (F,PS, 3-3.5) Leader: Ellen Mutzl (852-5846 or cell 490-5478)
(MON 6:00 PM) BROAD RIPPLE See December 5.
- DEC 20 (TUE 9:00 AM) BROAD RIPPLE See December 6.
(TUE 9:30 AM) PLAINFIELD See December 6. **Call if weather is inclement.**
(TUE 4:30 PM) BETTER THAN THERAPY See December 6.
(TUE 6:00 PM) SOUTHPORT & HOMECROFT See December 6.

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(FRI 9:00 AM) BRISK ROAD HIKE - EAGLE CREEK See December 2.
 (FRI 6:00 PM) OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See December 2.

DEC 31 (SAT 1:00 PM) CARMEL-WHITE RIVER GREENWAY From the intersection of Keystone and 131st Street (Main Street) in Carmel, proceed east through roundabout intersection of 131st Street and Hazel Dell Parkway for approximately 1/2 mile to Lawrence Inlow Park (north side of 131st street). This is a 6-mile hike from the park on greenway footpath with overlooks of the White River. (F,PS,3) Leader: Cheryl Smolecki (575-8819)
 (SAT 1:30 PM) FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See December 24.
 (SAT 7:00 PM) LAST CHANCE OF THE YEAR Meet in the northeast corner of O'Malia's parking lot at 320 N. New Jersey St. to celebrate the end of the year by doing a hike of 6-7 miles with good company. Possibly eat dinner afterwards. Be home before midnight. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leaders: Ellen Mutzl (852-5846 or cell 490-5478) and Donna Chastain (347-0107)

JAN 1 *HAPPY NEW YEAR!*
 (SUN 7:00 AM) ELLENBERGER NEW YEAR'S HIKE Meet in lot near swimming pool at Ellenberger Park (5400 E. St. Clair & 800 N. Ritter) for an 8-10 mile hike to start the New Year right. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (861-3979)
 (SUN 9:00 AM) WALK AND WORSHIP See December 4.

JAN 2 (MON 9:00 AM) INSIDE INDY Although some of this hike will be outside, the goal is to beat the icy winter weather by seeking out tunnels, malls, sky bridges and other indoor routes throughout downtown Indy. Enjoy Christmas decorations along the way. Park at White River State Park on West Washington Street across from Victory field. (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779 cell)
 (MON 9:00 AM) MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See December 5.
 (MON 6:00 PM) BROAD RIPPLE Meet in free parking lot that is 1/2 block south of Broad Ripple Ave. on Carrollton Ave. for a hike of 5-6 miles. This hike is not self-guided. Repeats January 16 & 30. (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Mary Bruss (254-8026)

JAN 3 (TUE 10:00 AM) BRADFORD WOODS This is a wonderful place to hike in the winter. Take SR 67 southwest about 8 miles past Gray's Cafeteria in Mooresville. Watch for sign for Bradford Woods. Turn right at entrance and follow signs up a one-way hill to the office parking lot. Hike will be 5-6 miles with shorter options. Repeats each Tuesday in January. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Bill Larrison (388-0498) and Mary Ann Layman (881-8416)
 (TUE 4:30 PM) BETTER THAN THERAPY See December 6.
 (TUE 6:00 PM) GREENWOOD Meet in the parking lot by the softball field at Westside Park in Greenwood. Westside Park is 1/2 mile west of Highway 31 on Main St. Entrance is on the right side (north side) of Main St. 6-mile hike repeats each Tuesday in November. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Reba Wooden (885-1612)

JAN 4 (WED 9:00 AM) EAGLE CREEK ROADS AND TRAILS See December 7.
 (WED 9:00 AM) PRESIDENTS' PROMENADE/WASHINGTON SQUARE Sign-in sheet for this self-guided* hike will be at the Mall Information Desk. Take as many one-mile laps as you wish. Repeats each Wednesday in January. (F,PS) Leader: Bob Pedigo (891-1943)
 (WED 9:30 AM) GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 7.
 (WED 4:30 PM) EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 7. Call if weather is inclement.
 (WED 6:00 PM) DOWNTOWN O'MALIA'S Meet in the northeast corner of O'Malia's parking lot at 320 N. New Jersey for a 5-7 mile self-guided* hike. Repeats each Wednesday in January. (F,PS) Leader: Michelle Buchanan (277-4008 work & 255-0588 home)

JAN 5 (THU 9:30 AM) EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See December 1.
 (THU 4:30 PM) CHAPEL HILL This is a revival of a hike that Avis Shipman used to lead. Park in Northwest corner of Chapel Hill Shopping Center lot at Girl's School Road and West 10th Street for a 5-mile hike. Repeats each Thursday in January. (F,3-3.5,PS) Leader: Jill McFall (291-6454)

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- JAN 14 (SAT 1:00 PM) CARMEL FLOWING WELL From the intersection of Keystone and 106th street proceed east one block to Lake Shore Drive West (Fire Station on corner). Turn north one block to Forest Dale Elementary, on the right. Park in north lot. Seven-mile hike through variety of Carmel neighborhoods and winding through the Flowing Well Park. (F,PS/NS/3) Leader: Cheryl Smoleckii (575-8819)
(SAT 1:30 PM) HOLLIDAY PARK & BEYOND Enter the park via north entrance located at 64th and Spring Mill Road. Meet at north end of Nature Center lot for a hike of 5-6 miles with shorter options. Repeats January 28. (M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078)
- JAN 15 (SUN 8:00 AM) FORT HARRISON STATE PARK TO McCORMICK ROCK Turn north on Post Rd. from Eastbound 56th Street. Meet at 7:30 AM in the Government Center at the southeast corner of T-junction of Post Rd. & 59th St. (Shafter Rd). We will then shuttle to the Delaware Lake parking lot inside the state park (fee). Or meet inside Fort Harrison State Park at Delaware Lake parking lot for hike beginning at 8:00 AM. This is a 32-mile hike to the confluence of Fall Creek and White River, site of new Indiana state capital selected in June 1820. Hike has 14, 22 and 28 mile options. (F,PS,3.5-4) Leader: Sukhbir Singh (842-5739)
(SUN 9:00 AM) WALK AND WORSHIP See December 4.
(SUN 9:30 AM) GREENWOOD – CRAIG PARK Take I-65 South to the Greenwood exit. Turn right (west) onto Main Street. Go to the railroad tracks. Just after crossing the tracks, take the first left (Washington Street). Follow this around to the large parking lot near Craig Park (on the south side of the little league diamonds). There are restrooms at the Community Center. This will be a 5-6 mile hike. Plan on lunch at the Oaken Barrel afterwards. (F,PS,3) Leader: Kathy Burch (782-3702 or cell 625-3486)
- JAN 16 (MON 8:30 AM) ZOO AND CANAL See December 26.
(MON 6:00 PM) BROAD RIPPLE See January 2.
- JAN 17 (TUE 10:00 AM) BRADFORD WOODS See January 3.
(TUE 4:30 PM) BETTER THAN THERAPY See December 6.
(TUE 6:00 PM) GREENWOOD See January 3.
- JAN 18 (WED 9:00 AM) EAGLE CREEK ROADS AND TRAILS See December 7.
(WED 9:00 AM) PRESIDENTS' PROMENADE/WASHINGTON SQUARE See January 4.
(WED 9:30 AM) GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 7.
(WED 4:30 PM) EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 7. Call if weather is inclement.
(WED 6:00 PM) DOWNTOWN O'MALIA'S See January 4.
- JAN 19 (THU 9:30 AM) EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See December 1.
(THU 4:30 PM) CHAPEL HILL See January 5.
- JAN 20 (FRI 8:00 AM) CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 2.
(FRI 9:00 AM) BRISK ROAD HIKE - EAGLE CREEK See December 2.
(FRI 2:00 PM) HISTORIC FRANKLIN GREENWAY TRAIL See January 6.
(FRI 6:00 PM) OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See December 2.
- JAN 21 (SAT 9:30 AM) NEWCOMERS' HIKE Park in the Gene B. Glick Junior Achievement Center parking lot, northwest of the Super Wal-Mart, at the intersection of 74th and Keystone Avenue. This will be a 5-mile hike with a 3-mile option. Restrooms available. (F,PS,3) Leader: Betty Steed (251-8210)
(SAT 1:00 PM) MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST Allow about 1½ hours travel time from I-465 on the south side. Take SR 37 south to about 4 miles south of Martinsville and turn left at the sign for Morgan-Monroe State Forest. Go about 4 miles to forest entrance which will be on your left and follow the main forest road for about 5 miles to the Fire Tower parking lot, which is at the Mason Ridge Campground. This is a hike of 7-9 miles. Plan to join us for dinner after the hike at Gray Brothers in Mooresville. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Mary Ann and Bob Layman (881-8416)
- JAN 22 (SUN 9:00 AM) WALK AND WORSHIP See December 4.

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JAN 30 (MON 8:30 AM) ZOO AND CANAL See December 26.
(MON 6:00 PM) BROAD RIPPLE See January 2.

JAN 31 (TUE 10:00 AM) BRADFORD WOODS See January 3.
(TUE 4:30 PM) BETTER THAN THERAPY See December 6.
(TUE 6:00 PM) GREENWOOD See January 3.

PLAN FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS: Contact a pathfinder if you would like to preview a future event.

WINTER WEEKEND, March 17-19 The Club winter weekend will be held at Spring Mill State Park. A reservations supplement has been included with this schedule.

CALIFORNIA HERE WE COME AGAIN – April 2-8 Following a recent planning meeting at Pat Lawler's house, this exciting trip is really shaping up. Planned hikes and sightseeing activities include: Pasadena and the Rose Bowl, Monrovia Canyon, Eaton Canyon, visit to Jay Leno show, day trip to Catalina Island, Santa Anita Canyon, sightseeing in Hollywood, night hike in Griffith Park, Joshua Tree National Monument, Palm Springs, Sam Merrill Trail, Topanga Canyon and Santa Monica Beach. We plan to travel together by van(s) and split the cost of rental and gas. Look for a hotel recommendation in Pasadena in the next schedule. Make your own air travel arrangements. If you are interested in joining this exciting trip to sunny southern California please call Pat Lawler at 329-2779 or 652-2779 cell.

9th ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS WEEKEND - April 20-22 It's time to make your room reservations for the annual Club trip to the Smokies. Some suggestions are Riverhouse at the Park (865-436-2070), Riverhouse Motor Lodge (865-436-7821) and Rainbow Motel (800-422-8922). Jean Ballinger ((882-4760)

C&O CANAL ONE DAY HIKE – April 29 Note, date change from last schedule. Here is your chance to set a new Club distance record. Join us for the mid-Atlantic region's oldest long-distance day hike – 100K (yes, that's 62.14 miles) from Washington DC to Harpers Ferry, MD. The hike is an annual event sponsored by the Sierra Club. There are 80K (49.7 miles) and 50K (31 miles) options. Check www.onedayhike.org for details. Cindy West (299-7829 or e-mail cwest@binghammchale.com)

MINI-MARATHON – May 6 There still may be time to register for the 2006 Mini. The 2005 Mini sold-out in December, so don't delay. Register at www.500festival.com and click on 2006 Mini-Marathon registration.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND – September 2-4 Mark your calendar for next year's Club labor day weekend, which will be held at Greenbo Lake State Resort in eastern Kentucky.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK, ESTES PARK, CO – September 26-October 1 Note, date change from the previous schedule. Hikes are planned beginning Tuesday, 9/26 through Saturday, 9/30, with an optional hike on October 1 for those staying through the weekend. Most hikes will be moderate distance (5-7 miles) with modest altitude gain (usually under 1,000 feet). Shorter and more challenging options will be available on most hikes, making the trip suitable for just about everyone. All hikes will offer beautiful mountain vistas, flowing streams, pristine lakes and golden aspens. You are guaranteed to see many elk this time of year. Since most hikes will ascend from over 9,000 feet, give yourself at least 24 hours (preferably two full days) to adjust to the altitude before you start to hike. Make your own flight (to Denver), hotel and car reservations. Because of the high altitude, we suggest a six-cylinder car or SUV. There are many accommodations in Estes Park to choose from - elegant to modest. Here are a few suggestions. Valhalla Resort (where Narcisso and about 30 other club members plan to stay) offers nicely appointed vacation homes with living room, equipped kitchen, fireplace, cable TV, deck, BBQ and 1-3 bedrooms. Linens and towels are included. Each unit is different and so are the rates. Units book early, so call soon if you are interested. Check www.Valhallaresort.com or call 1-800-522-3284. Mention you are with the Hiking Club and ask for a senior discount if you are over 62. Other hotel possibilities include Comfort Inn (800-228-5150), Best Western Silver Saddle (800-528-1234) and All Budget Inn (800-628-3438). Also, check out www.estesparkresort.com or www.estes-park.com for many more accommodations and information about the area. More details will be provided in future schedules and a special web page with full details will be constructed for this exciting trip. If you plan to attend this trip, please call me with the names of the members and guests in your party so we can get a count and plan appropriate hikes. Narcisso Povinelli (784-9381 or narcisso_povinelli@sbcglobal.net)

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