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Big Ivy Community Center

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Join us for a special Club Program to approve new bylaws and visit the programs and projects accomplished in 2010

Big Ivy Speaks Video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aL0o97D_STs

We are truly blessed here in Big Ivy by the generosity of our neighbors and friends. This holiday season we have had a wonderful outpouring of support for children and families. Each day we continue to receive food, presents and contributions to help those less fortunate than many of us. Thank you for all you do to make this community the best of all possible places to live and raise a family.

WNC Community Foundation has also taken note of our "Community spirit" and awarded us the 2011 Community of Promise award. This on the heels of the Buncombe Extension Service award for the best Community Center in our classification has again affirmed that we are a blessed community, have a excellent board of directors, leadership and have the support of all the great folks in Big Ivy. THANK YOU!

Early Head Start

Early Head Start is a free program for low-income pregnant women and families with children under three. The home-based program serves families throughout Buncombe County with weekly visits convenient to your schedule. You are your child's most important teacher! Our in-home educators bring tools, ideas, information and activities to support parents in that role. For women, we offer information and support for pregnancy, labor & delivery, and the postpartum period. For all families, we also provide assistance in accessing community resources, and regular Play & Learn events where you can connect with other families and see your child interact and learn with peers. Transportation is provided for the Play & Learn groups! Call Laurian at 828-298-0808 to apply. Se habla español.

Would you like to become a Blogger for the Big Ivy Community? To learn more contact Bob at

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For Immediate Release

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aAPPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY Announces 2011 NOrth Carolina GRANTS

Asheville, NC, Dec. 10, 2010 -- Volunteers, educators, researchers, trailside communities and Appalachian Trail (A.T.) enthusiasts interested in promoting, protecting and preserving this National Scenic Trail are eligible to apply towards the \$35,000 available in grants announced today from the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC).

The grant cycle is made possible from the special Appalachian Trail License Plate in North Carolina . Of the \$30 fee needed to obtain the plate (\$60 for a personalized), \$20 is returned to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy to provide educational materials, preservation programs, trail maintenance, land protection as well as capital improvements for the portions of the A.T. that are located in North Carolina and along the border with Tennessee.

This is the sixth year the NC A.T. Tag grants have been available, and significant projects and improvements have been accomplished. Projects funded have included:

- Trail rehabilitation and relocations,
- supplies and equipment for A.T. shelters, kiosks and signage,
- research and monitoring on rare and invasive-exotic plants along the Trail,
- volunteer program development,
- and development of school trails that replicate the A.T. to enhance the implementation of place-based education in school curriculum, and for use by students, parents and members of the community.

For further examples of grant projects, please go to <http://www.appalachiantrail.org/ncatlpgrant>

The Southern Regional Office of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy views the tag program as one of the most significant positive actions affecting the Appalachian National Scenic Trail in North Carolina since the Trail's inception.

The ATC has sweetened the pot for tag holders interested in purchasing a plate by throwing in some nice perks, like a free annual ATC membership (for a first time A.T. tag purchase) that includes quarterly magazines about the A.T., discounts at the Ultimate Appalachian Trail Store, and a decal, patch and membership card.

To view the grant application and guidelines, go to <http://www.appalachiantrail.org/ncatlpgrant>

If you'd like to purchase an A.T. license plate, visit any DMV office, or order it online at www.ncdot.org/dmv and look in the specialty plates section under "F" for *Friends of the Appalachian Trail*.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONSERVANCY PUTS NEW OFFICIAL LENGTH OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL AT 2,181.0 MILES

Harpers Ferry, WV (December 14, 2010)—The Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) has recently announced in the 2011 *Appalachian Trail Data Book* that the new official length of the Appalachian Trail is 2,181.0 miles. Relocations and re-measurements in 2010 meant an additional 1.9 miles for the legendary Appalachian Trail (A.T.).

Every December, the latest mileage and shelter information for the 11 official guides is updated from volunteers who are constantly improving the trail, with volunteer Daniel D. Chazin of Teaneck, N.J., pulling it all together since 1983. This year, increases were reported for Massachusetts–Connecticut (0.2 mile), New York–New Jersey (0.9 mile), central Virginia (0.1 mile), and Tennessee–North Carolina (0.9 mile), while the southwest Virginia mileage was reduced by 0.1 mile.

“The Appalachian Trail Conservancy’s 2011 *Data Book* is an essential planning resource for any Appalachian Trail hiker; whether they are out for a day hike or hiking the entire length from Maine to Georgia,” stated Brian B. King, Publisher of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

Each year, the \$6.95 *Appalachian Trail Data Book* is a top-selling official guide to the longest continuously marked footpath in the world—it condenses into 96 pages the high points of the series of guidebooks and maps. Information is presented at a glance in the same geographic units as the guides, with elevations for major points. Shelters, campsites, water sources, road crossings, supply sources, off-trail lodging, eateries, and post offices are all easy to identify in the *Data Book*.

For more information about the 33rd edition of the *Appalachian Trail Data Book* or to purchase a copy, please visit www.atctrailstore.org or call (888) 287-8673.

Mountain Light Sanctuary

Here at the Sanctuary our lifestyle is much the same. Without TV's, radio's, VCR's & cell phones, winter is a quiet time. Winter at Mountain Light is a time and place for personal reflection; for reading, writing, meditation, hiking the mountain trails and reconnecting with the healing power of nature. And there is something special about sitting around the wood stove on a winter evening

and sharing tea or cider and some good conversation. It brings one back to simpler times when the fireplace and front porch were the center of family life and relationships were more important than material possessions. It's still that way here at Mountain Light.

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Food & Nutrition Services (FNS) is the new name for the Food Stamp Program in North Carolina.

FNS benefits help individuals and families with little or no income buy food. FNS benefits come on a plastic "Electronic Benefits Transfer" (EBT) card that can be used at most grocery stores and some farmers' markets. The EBT card is like a credit or debit card and is now used instead of paper food stamps. FNS benefits are put onto the EBT card each month. The card is swiped at the grocery store checkout.

If you are eligible, the amount of benefits you get will depend on the number of people in your household and your household's income. The most you can get, if you have no income, is listed in the table below.

People in Household	Maximum Monthly Allotment
1	\$200
2	\$367
3	\$526
4	\$668
5	\$793
6	\$952
7	\$1052

Beginning July 1, 2010, North Carolina will no longer use the resource limit test for most households. A FNS caseworker will tell you if your household has to meet a resource limit. You may be able to get FNS benefits even if you own a home, car, land, property, or have a retirement plan or money in the bank.

What can I buy?

Food & Nutrition Services (FNS) benefits can be used to buy food items at most grocery stores and some farmers' markets. FNS benefits can also be used to buy seeds to grow fruits and vegetables. FNS benefits cannot be used to buy tobacco, pet food, paper products, soap products, or alcohol.

How do I use the EBT card?

The "Electronic Benefits Transfer" (EBT) card is like a credit or debit card and is now used instead of paper food stamps. FNS benefits are put onto the EBT card each month. The EBT card is swiped at the checkout.

How soon will I start getting my benefits?

If you are able to get FNS benefits, you should get your EBT card within 30 calendar days of returning your application to your local Department of Social Services (DSS) office. Households that are able to get emergency benefits should get their EBT card within 7 calendar days of returning their application.

How do I get emergency benefits?

A household may be able to get emergency benefits if:

- Gross monthly income (income before taxes and other subtractions) of the household is less than \$150/month and the household's cash or money in the bank is less than \$100,
or
- Rent/mortgage and utilities is more than the household's gross monthly income and cash or money in the bank,
or
- At least one member of the household is a seasonal/migrant farmworker

What if I don't use all of my benefits each month?

Benefits not used by the end of the month can be used the next month. Benefits not used for 12 months will expire.

Do I need a Social Security number?

Yes. Everyone in your household must have or apply for a Social Security number to get FNS benefits. People in your household who do not want to get FNS benefits do not have to give their Social Security number. They will still be asked to give their income and other information. People in your household who do not have a Social Security number will also be asked to give their income information.

I wasn't born in the United States. Am I able to get FNS benefits?

Maybe. Some immigrants must live in the United States for a certain amount of time before getting FNS benefits. Click [here](#) to learn more. Even if you or someone else in your household can't get benefits, other household members born in this country may be able to.

It is against the law for DSS to tell U.S. Citizen & Immigration Services (USCIS) about undocumented immigrants.

I don't have an address. Can I apply for FNS benefits?

Yes. The DSS office will still need an address where mail can be sent to you. This could be a shelter, church, friend's house, or other address where you can get mail.

I work. Can I apply for FNS benefits?

Yes. If your household meets the [income limits](#), you may be able to get FNS benefits.

I'm not working. Can I apply for FNS benefits?

Yes. If your household meets the [income limits](#), you may be able to get FNS benefits.

I own a home, car, land, and/or property. Can I apply for FNS benefits?

Yes. You may be able to get FNS benefits even if you own a home, car, land, and/or property. Beginning July 1, 2010, North Carolina will no longer use the resource limit test for most households. A FNS caseworker will tell you if your household has to meet a resource limit.

I have a retirement account and/or money in the bank. Can I apply for FNS benefits?

Yes. You may be able to get FNS benefits even if you have a retirement account and/or money in the bank. Beginning July 1, 2010, North Carolina will no longer use the resource limit test for most households. A FNS caseworker will tell you if your household has to meet a resource limit.

What if I can't go to the interview with the FNS caseworker?

Call the DSS office and ask if the interview could be on a different day or at a different time. If you're not able to go to the interview because of lack of transportation, work schedule, or other hardship, please call your county's DSS office and ask for a phone interview. You can also send an authorized representative to the interview. An authorized representative is someone you know and trust to help you.

I applied for FNS benefits and was told I wasn't able to get them. What if I don't agree with the decision?

If you believe the decision was wrong, please call your county's DSS office and ask for a fair hearing trial. You can also call the [CARE-LINE](tel:1-800-662-7030) at 1-800-662-7030, or call [Legal Aid](#).

Who do I call if I have other questions?

Call your county's DSS office. Click [here](#) to find the phone number for your county's DSS office. You can also call the [CARE-LINE](tel:1-800-662-7030) at 1-800-662-7030

Please bookmark the new Big Ivy Website!
www.bigivy.org



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Seniors Lunch at the Big Ivy Community Center

2nd Thursday each Month

Time: 12:00-2:00 pm.

Lunch is Pot Luck with Bingo and other activities after lunch.

Age Limit: NONE! All seniors invited no matter how young or old!

If you need transportation, call 626-3438

Big Ivy Book Club

Book Club Meetings at the Big Ivy Community Center, 4th Saturday of each month, 10:00 am. For more information please email Nancy Dillingham at nandilly@earthlink.net

Thrift Store - Saturdays 10 am - 3 pm and Tuesdays from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

The Thrift Store is the white building next to the picnic shelter at the back of the this property. If you have articles to donate, please bring them to the store during the hours of operation on Tuesday or Saturday. If you have large items to donate, please call 626-3438 first. We can only accept things that are clean and in working order. Computers, TV's and automobile tires need to be recycled elsewhere.

Angel Ministry foodbuying program.

This program allows anyone to purchase high quality, nutritional food . Please visit www.barnardsville.com or www.bigivy.org – and then click on the link for Angel Food Ministry for the monthly menu. Orders must be placed and paid for at the Community Club on Tuesday or Thursdays. The deadline each month to order and pay for the food is the 2nd Friday (a week before food distribution). Distribution date is the 3rd Friday of each month (except November and December when it will be the 2nd Friday due to the holiday schedule) at the Community Club. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact the Community Club at 626-3438 or Marcella Morgan at 231-8823.
dates,

Barnardsville Fire Department quarterly Board Meetings

Held at the Fire Department., 3rd Monday in Jan., April, July, Oct., 7:30 pm. All community members are invited to attend. 100 Dillingham RD. More Information please call 626-2222

TDS - Broadband, Phone & TV

A very special thanks to TDS for the High-Speed DSL they provide for the Big Ivy Community Center. This contribution not only saves us money but allows us to send out this e-Newsletter, provide a computer lab for the community and a library connection to the Asheville Buncombe Library system where you may reserve books for pickup at the Weaverville Library. You can find out more about TDS Services by going to www.tdstelecom.com

Directions to the Big Ivy Community Center: Only 25 Min. from Asheville! From Asheville take I-26 N, exit #15, turn RT, 7 miles, RT Dillingham, 3 miles on left: 540 Dillingham RD, Barnardsville, NC (828)626-3438 bicc@barnardsville.com

To promote the Growth and Development of the Community

Please forward this to your neighbors and friends and encourage them to join our mail list by forwarding their email address to bicc@barnardsville.com

If you have a community announcement please send to bicc@barnardsville.com.

If you do not wish to receive these emails from the Big Ivy Community Center please send an email with your name, the email address that was used to receive this correspondence and the words "unsubscribe" in the subject line.

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