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We have been struggling with trying to arrange interesting and fun field trips. It seems like we are always running into issues with people not being available, people getting sick, weather issues, and just plain idea issues. So, we are going to try and take some of the field trip burden off of our field trip coordinator and all pitch in with ideas. Going forward, ANY MEMBER can identify a field trip and suggest it to our field trip coordinator Dennis Guffey. Dennis G will be responsible for coordinating all of the suggestions and getting the word out to our membership. It should also be noted that any member can HOST/Lead a field trip, not just Dennis Guffey. Here is how it will work:

1. As stated, we will continue to have Dennis G. be the field trip coordinator, but his responsibility is not necessarily to find, plan, and lead every field trip. His duty becomes one of coordinating multiple field trips suggested by club members.
2. Any and all club members can suggest a field trip destination. S/he sends the suggestion via a FIELD TRIP SUGGESTION FORM to Dennis G at [ldennisg65@gmail.com](mailto:ldennisg65@gmail.com) and he coordinates all of the suggestions.
3. Along with the suggested field trip location, s/he can volunteer to lead the trip. If one elects to lead a trip, the trip leader's responsibility would be:
  - a. Provide instructions to get to the destination
  - b. Arrange a specific meetup point
  - c. Wait at the meetup point and get everybody's signed release form or have them sign a master form for the field trip provided by the leader
  - d. Suggest a for a mid-trip or end-of-trip food and mingle location. The clubs field trips are a great way to interact with fellow members over lunch, dinner, or even breakfast.
  - e. S/he does not need to do any more than that.
4. A good example of this might just be a field trip to DT Asheville. This month's GYBS is cityscapes. So why not Asheville, or Greenville, or Hendersonville, or (your city here). I would lead a trip to Hendo or Asheville (David A may be better at Asheville?). But Brevard, Black Mountain, Saluda, Tryon, Landrum, etc etc etc are all doable.
5. PLEASE consider suggesting a field trip for the club. An interesting venue, taking pictures with your club members and even trading a little "how to" knowledge is a fun time for most. If you have an idea and do not wish lead the trip, we will endeavor to have it led by someone other than you!

The FIELD TRIP SUGGESTION FORM is attached to this email. As well as this letter.

Thanks,

Dennis Stefani