

Big Canoe Clubs & Organizations

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<p>Al-Anon. An anonymous fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope, in order to solve their common problems. Al-Anon has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics. New members are always welcome.</p>	<p>Wednesday night at 8 p.m. at Trinity Evangelical Church on Steve Tate Highway.</p>	<p>Diana Woodson mamadeebc@yahoo.com 706-268-3482</p>	11/09
<p>Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). Closed meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous.</p>	<p>Meets in the lower level (Teen Room) of the Broyles Community Center from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays.</p>	<p>John Lipkowitz lipkowitz@windstream.net 706-579-1771</p>	10/09
<p>Ballroom Dancing. Designed for the new or the experienced dancer. Each session focuses on a different dance. Contact for specific session information and cost.</p>	<p>Meets at the Fitness Center on Friday evenings, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.</p>	<p>Gregory West gfwest@mindspring.com 678-984-8455</p>	4/10
<p>Big Canoe Acoustic Jam. Musicians playing acoustic instruments welcome. Sessions also open to those wishing to listen.</p>	<p>Meets first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Big Canoe Lodge.</p>	<p>Vince Ciliberto vj3537@windstream.net 706-579-2603</p>	3/10
<p>Big Canoe Animal Rescue. BCAR was founded by several kind-hearted couples and individuals who hated to see starving dogs and cats wandering around through Big Canoe The BCAR mission is to provide aid and comfort to animals in distress and to find them good homes. Volunteers always welcome.</p>	<p>Volunteers can opt for a weekly kennel shift, adoption duty at PetsMart (4 x year), or substitute duty.</p>	<p>Jane Galvin janecoats@aol.com 706- 579-1026</p>	10/09
<p>Big Canoe Artists. A group of Big Canoe fine artists who promote the arts, share information and help one another in our creative efforts.</p>	<p>Meets every other month beginning in January on the first Thursday at 10 a.m. downstairs in the Broyles Community Center.</p>	<p>Sarah Lindkrantz slindkrantz@windstream.net 706-579-3109 Martha Nix skylineart@windstream.net 706-579-0100</p>	3/10
<p>Big Canoe Car Club. Enjoy rallies and learn rally basics.</p>	<p>Contact Karen/Lauren for rally and rally school information.</p>	<p>Karen Lowe lowekc@aol.com 706-579-1464 Lauren Grant laurengrant@windstream.net 706-579-2402</p>	10/09
<p>Big Canoe Emergency Response Team. (BCERT) is a large group of property owners whose sole purpose is to aid and assist our local security and fire departments. BCERT is a part of the Big Canoe Volunteer Fire Department (BCVFD). BCERT members direct fire personnel to fire scenes, supply food and water, and provide other assistance to firefighters. Many BCERT members assist in search and rescue when requested.</p>	<p>Meets second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. lower level of Broyles Community Center at Big Canoe Chapel.</p>	<p>Chuck Dressler ckd3@windstream.net 706- 579-2574</p>	6/10

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<p>Big Canoe Hikers. Guided hikes for adults. Events vary in level of difficulty. Trail distances vary between 3 and 6 miles. Lunch stops and overnight events are sometimes planned.</p>	<p>Meets monthly. Membership fee \$15 per year.</p>	<p>Joyce Raley jrraley@windstream.net 706-579-1873</p>	10/09
<p>Big Canoe Photographic Society. A supportive group which shares images, stimulates creativity, and learns techniques. Beginners to advanced photographers encouraged to attend. We learn from each other as well as occasional presenters. Field trips planned throughout the year.</p>	<p>Meets informally. Contact Sara Lindkrantz via email to get meeting details.</p>	<p>Sara Lindkrantz - 579-3109 slindkrantz@windstream.net 706-579-3109</p>	10/09
<p>Big Canoe Volunteer Department (BCVFD). Assists Big Canoe Public Safety Department by providing emergency response including fire protections/prevention, search and rescue, and medical assistance. Members must be in good physical shape and willing to become state-certified firefighters.</p>	<p>Training required. Usually Thursday 6 - 8 p.m. Plus annual state-required agility testing.</p>	<p>Eric Lindblom lindblom.s@tds.net</p>	6/10
<p>Big Canoe Women's Golf Association. A nine-hole and 18-hole group. Open to new members.</p>	<p>Monday mornings, April through October. Membership apps at BC postal facility. E-mail Cae Jackson for more information.</p>	<p>Cae Jackson caedonj@aol.com 706-579-1001</p>	10/09
<p>Big Canoe Writers Club. This group serves the writers or aspiring community writers. Presenters and hosts are determined quarterly. Presenters may bring a work for critique, provide the members with a writing exercise or host a guest speaker.</p>	<p>Meets every 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7 - 9 p.m. Up to 3 critiques on 2nd Thursday; un-critiqued reading on 4th Thursday.</p>	<p>Harris Green hrgreen@windstream.net 706-579-1774</p>	10/09
<p>Bocce. An amateur league which plays a fall and a spring season.</p>	<p>Call for team openings and substitute positions.</p>	<p>Marcia Captan mcaptan@windstream.net 706-579-3346</p>	10/09
<p>Boy Scouts. Sponsored by the Big Canoe Chapel, Troop 20 and Cub Scout Pack 20 are part of the Cherokee-Pickens District of the Atlanta Area Council.</p>	<p>Meet every Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Scout Hut in Meditation Park.</p>	<p>David Peagler, Scoutmaster davidpeagler@tds.net 706- 268-1367</p>	10/09
<p>Bridge - Monday Night Bridge.</p>	<p>Meets Monday night at the Canoe Lodge at 7 o'clock. New members are always welcome</p>	<p>Annette & Mike Fibich afibich@tds.net 706-268-1251</p>	10/09
<p>Bridge - Monday Men's Bridge.</p>	<p>Meets every Monday at 9:00 a.m. to noon at the POA Canoe Lodge</p>	<p>David Gray dcbc@tds.net 706-268-3935 Don Summers Dondawg56@tds.net 706-268-3096</p>	10/09

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Bridge - Thursday Men's Bridge.	Meets every Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at the POA Canoe Lodge	Rich Andersen Rv09bc@tds.net 706-268-1514	10/09
Bridge - Ridgerunners Party Bridge. Participants must belong to Ridgerunners.	Meets the 1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays of each month at 9:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Dogwood Room at the Clubhouse. New players welcome.	Nancy McCall 706-268-1987 Carol Call callbigcanoe@windstream.net 706-579-1568	10/09
Bridge - Ridgerunners Duplicate Bridge. This women's bridge group meets twice a month. New members are always welcome.	Meets on the 2 nd and 4 th Thursdays of each month at the Canoe Lodge at 12:30 p.m.	Donna Bernstein 579-7354 donnacb@mindspring.com	10/09
Chapel Men's Fellowship. An organization of the Big Canoe Chapel men which plans and implements a variety of men's ministries throughout the year.	Usually fourth Saturday of the month September through May. Call Chapel Office to confirm at 706-268-3203.	Dick Girdler rgirdler@windstream.net Bill Weagley wweagley@tds.net	10/09
Chapel Prayer Group. Big Canoe Chapel women meet for thanksgiving, praise, prayer and petition where concerns of the chapel, Big Canoe and beyond the gates are lifted before the Lord. All women are welcome.	Meets every Wednesday at 8:30-9:30 a.m. preceding the Chapel Guild Bible Study.	Glenda Mitchell 706-268-1020	10/08
Chapel Women's Guild. All women in Big Canoe are invited to be a part of the Guild activities.	Weekly for Bible study; monthly for Guild meeting. Call contacts for information on meetings.	Polly Mills 706-579-1849 ellismills@windstream.net Anne Youmans 706-268-1944 ayoumans@tds.net	7/10
Chapel Women's Guild Bible Study. All women in the Big Canoe community are welcome to participate in a special time for fellowship, Bible Study, and spiritual renewal.	The Bible study group meets every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in McCormick Hall at the Broyles Center.	Janet Larsen pianolady12@windstream.net 706-579-2061 Nancy Shirah 706-268-1426	10/09
Chess Club. Students and adults are welcome.	Meets Friday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. upstairs at the Swim Club.	Jenny Martin 706-268-3362 Carolyn DeJarnett 706-268-1181	7/10
Court Appointed Special Advocates of Pickens, Gilmer & Fannin Counties. (CASA). CASA provides trained courtroom and supervised volunteers to advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children in juvenile court proceedings.	Training is required: 30 hours classroom and 10 hours courtroom observation.	Joy Brasch, Advocacy Coordinator info@appalachiancasa.com 706-515-2700	12/09

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<p>Creative Stitching. Meet for lunch followed by a work session on any hand craft including but not limited to needlepoint, knitting, crocheting, cross stitch, felting, sewing, etc. Sewing machines are available for use at the Chapel.</p>	<p>Lunch every Wednesday at 11 a.m. (2nd Wednesday at the Mountains Grille) followed by a work session at the Chapel.</p>	<p>Linda Gelardon 706-579-1763</p>	4/10
<p>Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Sequoyah Chapter of the National Society. A genealogical society welcoming new members from Pickens, Dawson, Gilmer and Fannin counties who can document descent from a man or woman who demonstrated loyalty to the American cause from April 19, 1775 (Battle of Lexington) to November 26, 1783 (withdrawal of British troops from New York).</p>	<p>Meets monthly September through May at The Clubhouse. Contact either Amanda or Emily for more information about this group and its service in the community.</p>	<p>Amanda Warhead 706-579-1087 Emily Beals 706-579-1094</p>	1/10
<p>Dawson County Mentoring Program. Individual and group mentoring for students from second through twelfth grades.</p>	<p>Announced periodic training meetings for mentors.</p>	<p>Bindi Auvermann 706-265-1981 Bea_mentor@windstream.net Brian Roberts blprincef@windstream.net 706-579-1512</p>	10/09
<p>Dinner 8. A dinner club for Big Canoe property owners. Groups of eight form in January, May & September for dinner. Terrific way to meet new friends in Big Canoe.</p>	<p>Notice 30 days in advance at Postal Facility bulletin board, Chapel bulletin and/or contacts.</p>	<p>Richard and Martha Elkins richardelkins@tds.net marthaelkins@tds.net 706-268-2061</p>	1/10
<p>Friendship Force of Big Canoe/North Georgia. Friendship Force International was originated by the late Rev. Wayne Smith of Big Canoe to form friendships among people of different nations and cultures.</p>	<p>Meets third Sunday of each month. New members are welcome.</p>	<p>Ray Bowyer Raybowyer@earthlink.com 770-366-3736</p>	10/09
<p>Friends of Amicalola Falls State Park and Lodge. A chapter of the Friends of Georgia State Parks & Historic Sites, Inc. dedicated to preserving, protecting, & promoting Amicalola Falls State Park through a volunteer organization. The website is http://www.friendsofamicolalafalls.org/aboutus.html</p>	<p>Last Saturday of the month at 4 p.m. at the Discovery Room in the Visitors' Center at AFSP.</p>	<p>Kathy Brigman angelwings-9@myway.com 706-579-1575</p>	1/10
<p>Georgia Mountains Auburn Club. A chartered alumni club of Auburn University open to alumni and friends residing in the north Georgia mountains area. Awards scholarships to students in north Georgia area attending Auburn.</p>	<p>Four - five annual meetings including a spring picnic, tailgate party, holiday mixer and more.</p>	<p>Howard Valentine pnuttech@windstream.net 706-579-1753</p>	7/10
<p>Georgia Mountains Business Women's Network. A networking organization of women from Big Canoe and also Pickens and Dawson counties whose purpose is to provide a supportive network for women in various businesses</p>	<p>Meets every month, third Wednesday. Locations and times vary. New members are welcome.</p>	<p>Donna Smeltz summit2580@tds.net 706-268-1445</p>	4/10

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<p>Good Samaritan Health & Wellness Center. Located at 175 Samaritan Drive, Jasper, this not-for-profit health and wellness center's mission is to provide the medically underserved in our community with compassionate and individualized health care and related services in an atmosphere of respect and dignity.</p>	<p>Services are offered M-F, from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Contact to arrange an interview and discussion of open volunteer positions.</p>	<p>Jobeth Yarbrough, Volunteer Director hyarbrough@tds.net 706-268-1012 1/10</p>
<p>Good Shepherd Clinic of Dawson County. Located at Grace Presbyterian Church, 170 Hwy. 9, N. Dawsonville, this not-for-profit non-emergent medical clinic provides free individual medical care with respect and dignity for qualifying adults living/working in Dawson County.</p>	<p>Services offered Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Advance qualification and scheduling required; Thursdays 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Alycia Volk, Director of Volunteers dawsonFREEclinic@gmail.com 7/10</p>
<p>Grand-parenting Club. Organized to share information and support with those who are or have been actively involved on a daily basis in the life of a grandchild(ren) including grandparents raising a grandchild(ren); grandparents having an adult child living with them with a child(ren); grandparents looking after a grandchild(ren) while the parents work; or individuals who have been raised by a grandparent.</p>	<p>Third Wednesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in Room 102 a the Big Canoe Chapel. Meetings feature a guest speaker.</p>	<p>Linda Travis lindatravis@dltravis.com 706-268-3011 4/10</p>
<p>Home Owners Association, The HOA promotes the health, safety, welfare, and interests of Big Canoe property owners while preserving and enhancing community property values and quality of life. New members are welcome.</p>	<p>The HOA board meets on the third Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the Broyles Community Center board room. Members meet annually in July.</p>	<p>For further information and contacts, go online at www.bigcanoehoa.org 10/09</p>
<p>Knit Wits. A group devoted to knitting, chatting, and helping each other with knitting projects.</p>	<p>Meets every Wednesday, year around, rain or shine, at the Swim club, upstairs, from 2-4 p.m.</p>	<p>Carmen Gordon clgordon@windstream.net 706-579-2513 10/09</p>
<p>League of Women Voters of Dawson and Pickens Counties. LWVDP promotes political responsibility through informed and active participation in government. Must be a US citizen 18 years or older to join.</p>	<p>Check LWVDP website (www.dawsonpickenslwv.org) for meeting and membership information or call Kat Alikhan.</p>	<p>Kat Alikhan katalikhan@earthlink.net 706-268-1225 12/09</p>
<p>Mah Jongg Club. An old Chinese game played with tiles. New players are welcome.</p>	<p>Meets every Tuesday at the Canoe Lodge, starting at 10 a.m. and playing until 2:00 p.m. with a break for lunch.</p>	<p>Eileen Eurek ejeurek@tds.net 706- 268-3992 10/09</p>
<p>Men's Golf Association. This group promotes good fellowship and sportsmanship in the active participation of playing golf and taking part in golf tournaments conducted in accordance with the rules of the USGA as modified by local rules of the courses.</p>	<p>Periodically as announced.</p>	<p>Wally Walsh wdwalsh@windstream.net 706-579-2043 10/09</p>

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Men's Pool Shooters Group. An 8-Ball format at the homes of members.	Every Monday night from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. as scheduled by the "Pool Commish."	Fred Williams watricia@hotmail.com 706-268-1239	10/09
Mothers Morning Out. A planned program of developmentally appropriate childcare for members of the Big Canoe Chapel and friends in the community. Our purpose is to provide an environment that fosters loving care and learning as well as personal growth for children.	Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, September through May. View Community Calendar for details.	Holly Moranos hollymoranos@tds.net 706-268-3568	10/09
Ohio Connection. A group of Big Canoe residents who share a connection to the state of Ohio having lived in Ohio. Events planned throughout the year include bocce practices and tournaments, football parties and regular meetings.	Call or e-mail contacts for current schedule of events.	Lonnie Pugh 706-268-3918 Patti Waschak 706-268-6399 Mike Curk 706-268-1575 mcurk@tds.net	11/09
Pine Needle Quilters. An informal guild of quilters of all levels of experience and ability who share quilting techniques, experiences, news, advice and assistance.	First Tuesday of every month at 2:30 p.m. in the Chapel Sewing Room.	Carole English cabbo@tds.net 706-268-1447	10/09
Ridgerunners. A social organization with a focus on fun, friendship and education open to all women of Big Canoe. New members welcome.	Meets every 2 nd Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Dogwood Room at the Clubhouse at Lake Sconti. Field trips usually third Tuesday of the month.	Sylvia Harnesburger 706-268-2688 sylharnes@aol.com Peggy Howe 706-268-1613 pjhowe01@gmail.com	7/10
Ridgerunners Book Clubs. Independent reading groups of 10-13 women coming together to critique books in order to promote stimulating conversation and social interaction. One must be a member of Ridgerunners to join.	Meets 4 th Tuesday of the month in members' homes in the morning or afternoon depending on the group's preference. Two evening groups meet on the 4 th Monday.	Kaaren Arthurs kaarenarthurs@gmail.com 706-268-3460/770-337-8863	10/09
Scrapbooking Club. Members share scrapbooking techniques in a social atmosphere. New members always welcome, including novices.	First Saturday of every month 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Sewing Room in McCormick Hall.	Marilyn Zember mzember@windstream.net 706-579-0405	11/09
Solo Club. A social organization for singles. New members welcome.	Meets every 2 nd Friday at the Big Canoe Lodge from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Barbara Milligan 706-268-1566	10/09
Squires & Stags. A men's breakfast group. Its purpose is to provide a forum for open communication through monthly breakfast meetings featuring stimulating current topics and interesting speakers. New members and guests are welcome.	Meets every first Friday in the Dogwood Room at the Clubhouse. 7:15 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. \$10 cash at the door.	Bob Littell boblittell@aol.com 706-268-1989	10/09

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Tate Mentoring and Tutoring Program. Mentors and tutors for Tate Elementary School to serve children in grades K - 5. Only requirements are a love for children and the enthusiasm to encourage them to dream big and succeed.]	No scheduled meetings.	Laura Link lauralink@windstream.net 706-579-1690 or Tate Elementary School 706-253-5010	10/09
Texas Hold 'Em. Popular version of Poker. Game is open to the experienced and the new player.	Meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at The Clubhouse.	Thomas Smith tsmith@bigcanoepoa.org 706-268-3326	4/10
Trivia Club. Team competition; weekly prizes.	Meets every Tuesday evening at the Clubhouse. Come at 5 p.m. for dinner; game starts at 7 p.m.	Call Becca/Kim/Clubhouse Staff 706-268-3326	10/09
Weight Watchers. Lose weight in a fun and supportive manner. Call contact for session start and fee information.	Meets Mondays at 5 p.m. at the Broyles Center.	Corinne Brennan corinne_bren@yahoo.com 770-882-8436	4/10
Wildflower Bunch Garden Club. Promotes the preservation and protection of Big Canoe's woodland setting, the development of home grounds using native plants, and the exchange of information through entertaining and educational monthly programs and periodic trips to nurseries and gardens.	Meets 1st Wednesday of March through December at 1 p.m. at the Broyles Center unless otherwise specified. Field trips announced separately.	Cindy Bonner cindybonner@msn.com 706-579-1740	10/09
Women of Oar. In season, kayaks and canoes go afloat Friday mornings at 9 a.m. (8 a.m. as the weather warms) on Lake Petit. Men are also invited to join in the fun.	Friday mornings at the North Marina. 8 a.m. or 9 a.m. depending on the season.	Suzanne Cronk suzscronk@yahoo.com 706-579-2511	4/10