

SHAWNEE TRAILS

Shawnee Group, Sierra Club

MAY 1999



General Meeting

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The May General Meeting of the Shawnee Group will take place at the Unitarian Fellowship building, at 7:30 PM, on May 13, 1999.

The Unitarian Fellowship is located at the corner of University Avenue and Elm Street, in Carbondale, Illinois.

This month's program on **Natural Areas in the Shawnee**, will be presented by **Beth Schimp**.

Hope to see you there!

Dinner Before Meeting

Join some of the Executive Committee, the speaker(s) for the evening's program, and other members for dinner at Murphy's Bar and Grill at 5:45 PM before the meeting. Murphy's is located at 501 E. Walnut in Carbondale.

EXCOM MEETING

Our next ExCom meeting will be at Clara McClure's house Thursday, May 17, at 5:30 pm. All members are welcome to attend. For directions call Clara at 457-2026.

Update about reforestation in La Costa del Balsamo in El Salvador.

By **Nadia Navarrete**

The Peace Coalition in Carbondale and Amigos del Arbol (AMAR) in El Salvador wish to thank all of you who have donated money to help support the reforestation project in the small community Acachapa in El Salvador. Special thanks to John A. Logan students who had a Plant Sale to support this effort and to many other individuals who have sent us donations.

As you read in our last newsletter, Acachapa is a small community that lost 400 trees from their river banks during Hurricane Mitch and erosion of the watershed is imminent. Acachapa needs to replant trees with native fast-growing trees. In order to protect the land from further erosion, the whole community is scheduling to plant 1400 trees and to set up a tree nursery during the rainy season starting in May. Our goal is to help them cover most of their expenses this year by collecting \$5000. Acachapa subsists on the sustainable use of their river by collecting shrimp and crab and by taping balsamo trees for resin. Let's help them recover from this devastating hurricane.

Georgeann Hartzog's report on Nadia's fundraising talk at the Fellowship last April follows:

Nadia Navarrete's program on the balsam tree tappers of Acachapa, El Salvador, co-sponsored by the Sierra Club, was a moving account of how she became involved with this small community in hopes of developing projects to enhance their livelihood and protect the long term health of their sustainable use of the forest. When Hurricane Mitch's flooding hit, the priority shifted to recovery of their severely damaged watershed. The fundraising campaign has benefited from the generous support of Sierra Clubmembers and others. So far nearly \$800 has been collected. Each replanted tree will cost \$3; fundraising is ongoing if you would like to help.

HELP REFOREST AFTER HURRICANE MITCH

A fundraising project to aid the community of Acachapa, El Salvador to recover their watershed.

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DONATIONS MAY BE SENT: c/o the Peace Coalition, 1702 Taylor Dr., Carbondale, 62901. FMI call G. Hartzog, 893-4973