

Forked River Mountain Views

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Coalition Incorporates

It's official, on October 19, 1994 the Forked River Mountain Coalition was listed by the New Jersey Secretary of State as a non-profit corporation. The next step for the Coalition is to receive tax-exempt status from the IRS. We are currently in the process of filing the necessary forms (. . . and forms . . . and forms) to accomplish this monumental task.

Once the Coalition receives tax-exempt status most contributions will be tax-deductible. In most cases for a new organization, tax-exempt status is applied retroactively, meaning that any contributions made to the Coalition since last October will also be tax-deductible. More importantly however, the Coalition will be able to apply for grants to continue our educational projects and to further land preservation efforts around the mountains.

Membership Drive A Success

A special **Thank You** to the dozens of individuals who recently joined the Coalition as members. Your support will enable the Coalition to continue our grass-roots initiative so we can all realize our goal of preserving the Forked River Mountains and the vast wilderness that surrounds them.

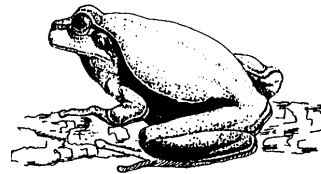
Members of the Coalition will be able to participate in the first Annual Meeting and election of members to the Board of Directors. The Annual Meeting is currently scheduled for May. If you are a member of the Coalition, you will receive a written notice of the election about a month before the Annual Meeting.

If you are not currently a member of the Coalition but would like to join, simply complete the registration form in this newsletter. Be sure to mark the appropriate box and return the form along with your \$15 membership dues for 1995.

The Forked River Mountain Coalition greatly acknowledges generous contributions from the following:

**Burlington County
Natural Sciences Club**

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Pine Barrens Treefrog

Treefrog Hunt

If you are a member of the Forked River Mountain Coalition and would like to try your luck at discovering an endangered Pine Barrens Treefrog join us on the evening of Friday, June 9, 1995. We will meet at the Bamber Village Store at 7:30 p.m. and return around 9:30 p.m. The Bamber Village Store is located at the intersection of Lacey Road and Dover Road about 5 3/4 miles west of Parkway exit 74.

This activity is free for members and their guest. You must provide your own transportation. Long pants and boots recommended, bring insect repellent. Members who are interested in attending should complete and return the registration form in this newsletter or call (609) 971-1635 for more information.

Pine Barrens treefrog illustration from A Field Guide to the Pine Barrens of New Jersey, by Howard Boyd, Plexus Publishing Inc, Medford, NJ

Speakers Available

Speakers are available to give a presentation and slide show on the Forked River Mountains and the Coalition's grass roots initiative to preserve this unique wilderness.

**For more information please
call (609) 971-1635**

Canoe Trip

You know the old saying about all work and no play . . .

Well, the Forked River Mountain Coalition in cooperation with the Ocean County Parks Department will sponsor our first canoe trip down Cedar Creek on May 29, 1995 (Memorial Day). We will depart Double Trouble State Park at 10:00 AM and return approximately 3:00 PM. The cost is \$5 per person. There is a three (3) person limit per canoe.

Bring lunch, drink, insect repellent, sun tan lotion, hat or visor and sun glasses. Long pants and sneakers are recommended. No alcohol.

We will provide canoes, life preservers and transportation back to Double Trouble Park.

Members who are interested in attending should complete and return the registration form in this newsletter or call (609) 971-1635 for more information.