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Al-Anon. An anonymous fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who sharing their experience, strength, and hope. Al-Anon's mission is to help families of alcoholics.	Call contact for information.	Diana Woodson mamadeebc@yahoo.com 706-268-3482	9/11
Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). Closed meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous.	Meets in the lower level (Teen Room) of the Broyles Community Center Saturdays from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.	John Lipkowitz lipkowitz@windstream.net 706-579-1771	9/11
Authors Club of Big Canoe. This group, like its parent BC Writers Club, serves 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.	Meets every 2nd and 4th Friday from 7 pm. Call contact to see if accepting new members.	Ardsley Ames 706-579-1005 aeames3@windstream.net	9/11
Ballroom Dancing. Designed for the new or the experienced dancer. Each session focuses on a different dance. Contact for specific session information and cost.	Fitness Center on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. Individual lessons available.	Gregory West gfwest@mindspring.com 678-984-8455	9/11
Big Canoe Acoustic Jam. Musicians playing acoustic instruments welcome. Sessions also open to those wishing to listen.	Meets first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Big Canoe Lodge.	Vince Ciliberto vj3537@windstream.net 706-579-2603	9/11
Big Canoe Animal Rescue. The BCAR mission is to provide the resources and the environment necessary to prepare stray and homeless animals for a loving "forever" home.	Volunteers are needed in a variety of areas from working directly with the dogs to community relations.	Carol Monroe carolsmonroe@yahoo.com 706-268-3772	9/11
Big Canoe Artists Club. A group of Big Canoe fine artists who promote the arts, share information and help one another in creative efforts.	Every month beginning in January on the first Thursday at 10 a.m. downstairs in the Broyles Center.	Sue Ellen Falvey psfalvey@windstream.net Claude Marsh Martyem158@yahoo.com	9/11
Big Canoe Car Club. Social activities, rallies and rally school.	Contact for event information.	Marty and Debby Marsell Betterpizza@aol.com Lauren Grant laurengrant@windstream.net Karen Lowe lowekc@aol.com	9/11
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.	Meets second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. lower level of Broyles Community Center at Big Canoe Chapel.	Al Hindel aheindel@tds.net 706- 268-2980	9/11
Big Canoe Hikers. Guided hikes for adults in varying levels of difficulty with distances between 3 and 6 miles. Lunch stops/overnight events are sometimes planned.	Meets monthly. Membership fee $15 per year.	Joyce Raley jrraley@windstream.net 706-579-1873	95/11

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Big Canoe Volunteer Fire 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.	120 hours of training required. Usually Thursday 6 – 8 p.m. Plus annual state-required agility testing. Other testing required according to level of competency desired.	Eric Lindblom lindblom.s@tds.net 9/11
Big Canoe Women's Golf Association. A nine-hole and 18-hole group. Open to new members.	Monday mornings, April through October. Membership apps at BC postal facility or the Pro Shop.	Shellie Pierce Golf4shel@tds.net 706-268-1630 Rhonda Stock Rhonda1223@aol.com 706- 579-2051 9/11
Big Canoe Writers Club. This group serves 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.	Meets every 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7 – 9 p.m. Up to 3 critiques on 2nd Thursday; un-critiqued reading on 4th Thursday. Call contact to see if accepting new members.	Harris Green hrgreen@windstream.net 706-579-1774 http://bigcanoewriters.org 9/11
Bocce. An amateur league which plays a fall and a spring season.	Call for team openings and substitute positions.	Mimi Zentgraf mzentgraf6182@hotmail.com 706-579-1979 Marcia Captan mcaptan@windstream.net 706-579-3346 9/11
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.	Meet every Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Scout Hut in Meditation Park.	David Peagler, Scoutmaster davidpeagler@tds.net 706- 268-1367 9/11
Bridge – Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge. ACBL Sanctioned Duplicate Bridge competing for Master points. All levels of play and hew Members welcome. Some fees. Call to confirm schedule.	Meet two Fridays a month 12:15 to 3+ p.m. at The Clubhouse Sconti Room for lesson, lunch and play.	Bob Crouch 706- 579-3375 rfcrouc@aol.com Denny Hansell 706-268-1767 hanselld@tds.net Dottie Nix for scores Nix2003@tds.net 9/11
Bridge – Monday Men's Bridge. Chicago-style bridge for experienced and beginning players. New members welcome; please call so appropriate number of tables can be arranged.	Meets Monday 9:00 a.m. to noon at Swim Club.	David Gray 706-268-3935 dcbc@tds.net Don Summers 706-268-3096 Dondawg56@tds.net 9/11
Bridge – Monday Night Bridge. Chicago-style bridge for men and women, couples or singles. New members welcome; please call contact so that appropriate number of tables can be arranged.	Meets Monday night at the Lodge at 7 p.m.	Annette & Mike Fibich afibich@tds.net 706-268-1251 9/11
Bridge – Ridgerunners Duplicate Bridge. Participants must belong to Ridgerunners. New members welcome; please call contact so appropriate number of tables can be arranged. There is an eight table limit.	Meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month (except no 4th Thursday in November and December) at 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Swim Club.	Donna Bernstein 706-579-7354 donnacb@mindspring.com 9/11

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Bridge – Ridgerunners Party Bridge. Participants must belong to Ridgerunners. New members welcome; please call contact so appropriate number of tables can be arranged.	Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 9:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse.	Nancy McCall ndmccall@tds.net 706-268-1987 Carol Call callbigcanoe@windstream.net 706-579-1568 9/11
Bridge - Thursday Men's Bridge. Chicago-style bridge. New members welcome; please call contact so appropriate number of tables can be arranged.	Meets Thursday at 8:30 a.m. at the Lodge	Bruce Toups toupsm@earthlink.net 404-849-9651 9/11
Chapel Men's Fellowship. An organization of Big Canoe Chapel men which plans and implements a variety of men's ministries throughout the year.	Usually fourth Saturday of the month September though May. Call Chapel Office to confirm at 706-268-3203.	Paul Renick 706-268-3203 mensfellowship@bigcanoechapel.org 9/11
Chapel Women's Guild. All women in Big Canoe are invited to be a part of the Guild activities.	2nd Thursday of month for Guild meeting. Call contacts for information on meetings.	Sandi Keel 706-579-1938 sandikeel@windstream.net Verna Rauschenberg 706-579-2249 vrauschenberg@windstream.net 9/11
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.	Lynda Case 706-579-1674 lyndac@windstream.net 9/11
Chicks At The Flicks - Fun evenings for Big Canoe chicks to enjoy dinner and a girl-movie together. Following a social hour, a buffet dinner is served with the movie following.	The last Wednesday of each month (except November) at 5:30 p.m. in the Dogwood Room at the Clubhouse at Lake Sconti. Call Becca at the Clubhouse 706-268-3326 to reserve your place.	Alice Eachus chewey2@windstream.net 706-579-2531 9/11
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 9/11
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.	Lunch every Wednesday at 11 a.m. 1st Week – Fuego, 2nd Week – Club 3rd Week – Mexicali Joe's, 4th Week - Club	Linda Gelardon 706-579-1763 linda@riskmasters.com 9/11
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).	Meets monthly September through May at the Clubhouse. Contact for more information about this group and its service in the community.	Carol Haas 706-268-1260 ch4814@gmail.com Emily Beals 706-579-1094 nobiz@windstream.net 9/11

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Dawson County Mentoring Program. Individual and group mentoring for students from second through twelfth grades.	Announced periodic training meetings for mentors. Every other month meeting for mentors	Bindy Auvermann 706-265-1981 Bea_mentor@windstream.net Pat Connelly 706-579-1470	9/11
Dinner 8. A dinner club for Big Canoe property owners. Groups of eight form in December, April and August to meet in January, May & September for dinner. Terrific way to meet new friends in Big Canoe.	Notice 30 days in advance at Postal Facility bulletin board, Chapel bulletin and/or contacts.	Susan Willson 706-579-2640 Eliz8190@yahoo.com	9/11
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. New members are welcome.	Meets third Sunday of each month.	Ches Tredway tredway@tds.net 706-268-1714	9/11
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.	Last Saturday of the month at 4 p.m. at the Discovery Room in the Visitors' Center at AFSP.	Kathy Brigman khbfriends@gmail.com 706-579-1575 www.friendsofamicalolafalls.org	9/11
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.	Four - five annual meetings including a spring picnic, tailgate party, holiday mixer and more.	Jerrel Little 706-579-2667 jerrellittle@windstream.net	9/11
Georgia Mountains Business Women's Network. An organization of women from Big Canoe, Pickens County and Dawson County whose purpose is to provide a supportive network for women in businesses.	Meets every month, third Wednesday. Locations and times vary. New members are welcome.	Donna Smeltz summit2580@tds.net 706-268-1445 June Lewis 706-268-1856 fashions@junelewis.com	9/11
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.	Services are offered Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Contact to learn about volunteer positions.	Jobeth Yarbrough, Volunteer Director hyarbrough@tds.net 706-268-1012	9/11
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.	Services offered Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Advance qualification and scheduling required - Thursdays 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Alycia Volk, Director of Volunteers dawsonFREEclinic@gmail.com 706-429-9914	9/11
***Grand*-parenting Club.** Share information and support with those who are/have been actively involved 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	Monthly meeting on Monday	Linda Travis lindatravis@dltravis.com 706-268-3011	9/11

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individuals raised by a grandparent.		
Home Owners Association, (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.	The HOA board meets on the third Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. in the Smoke Signals Office at the Foothills. Members meet annually in July.	For further information and contacts, go online at www.bigcanoehoa.org 9/11
Knit2gether. A group devoted to knitting, chatting, and helping each other with knitting projects.	Meets every Wednesday, year around, rain or shine, at the Swim club, upstairs, from 2-4 p.m.	Mimi Zentgraf mzentgraf6182@hotmail.com 706-579-1979 Linda Brashear 706-579-5083 9/11
Mah Jongg Club. An old Chinese game played with tiles. New players are welcome.	Tuesdays at the Lodge 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a break for lunch.	Pam Schoonmaker pschoonie925@yahoo.com 706-268-1766 Peggy Dickey 706-579-2290 dickeypd@aol.com 11/11
Men's Golf Association. 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.	Periodically as announced.	Richard Ziegler RZiegler3103@aol.com 678-409-4159 Roland Rodriguez Rolandrodr@yahoo.com 706-669-4781 1/11
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."	Ron Brashear rlbrashear@windstream.net 706-579-5086 9/11
Mothers Morning Out. An enrolled 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, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel Sunday School room. View Chapel Calendar for details.	Toni Hicks tonihicks1@windstream.net 770-330-9578 9/11
North Georgia Veterans. A fraternal organization open to all honorably discharged veterans. Special events include Annual Meeting in November for Veterans Day Dinner and Army-Navy Game in December.	January through October at The Clubhouse on the 2nd Wednesday at noon for lunch.	Fred Gregg fmgregg2@gmail.com Helen Buckelew hbuckelew@windstream.net Bill Saling billsaling@windstream.net www.NGVets.org 4/11

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Ohio Connection. A group of Big Canoe residents who share a connection to the state of Ohio by having lived in Ohio. Events planned throughout the year include bocce practices and tournaments, football parties and regular meetings.	Call or e-mail contact for current schedule of events.	Patti Waschak 706-268-6399 waschak1@tds.net	9/11
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 1 p.m. downstairs in the Broyles Center.	Lynn Brazen lbrazen@windstream.net 706-579-5093	9/11
Ridgerunners. A social organization with a focus on fun, friendship and education open to all women of Big Canoe. New members welcome.	Monthly on 2nd Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Dogwood Room at the Clubhouse. Occasional field trips usually 3rd Tuesday of the month. Club runs September through April.	Janie Block 706-268-1208 janeblock10@gmail.com Susan Willson 706-579-2640 eliz8190@yahoo.com	9/11
Ridgerunners Book Clubs. Independent reading groups of 10-13 women coming together to critique books in order to promote stimulating conversation and social interaction. Must be a member of Ridgerunners.	Monthly on the 4th Tuesday in members' homes in the morning or afternoon depending on the group's preference. Two evening groups meet on the 4th Monday.	Kaaren Arthurs kaarenarthurs@gmail.com 706-268-3460/770-337-8863	9/11
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 Swim Club.	Marilyn Zember mzember@windstream.net 706-579-0405	9/11
Solo Club. A social organization for singles. New members welcome.	Monthly on 2nd Friday at the Lodge from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Louise Morgan 706-579-2279	9/11
Squires & Stags. A men's group whose purpose is to provide a forum for open communication through monthly breakfast meetings featuring interesting speakers on stimulating topics. New members and guests are welcome.	Meets first Friday in the Dogwood Room at the Clubhouse, 7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. $12 cash at the door. ($12 beg 1/12)	Bob Littell chiefnetweaver@gmail.com 706-268-1989 Bennett Whipple 706-579-4920 bennettwhipple@windstream.net	9/11
Texas Hold 'Em. Popular version of Poker. Game is open to the experienced and the new player.	Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Clubhouse.	Thomas Smith tsmith@bigcanoepoa.org 706-268-3326	9/11
Trivia Club. Team competition; weekly prizes.	Tuesday evenings at the Clubhouse. Dinner at 5 p.m.; game at 7 p.m.	Becca/Clubhouse Staff 706-268-3326	9/11
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.	First Wednesday of the month, March through December, at 1 p.m. at the Broyles Center unless otherwise specified. Luncheons in March and December begin at 11:30 a.m. Field trips announced separately.	John Lomax 706-268-1396 www.wildflowerbunch.com	10/11