

Hiking Special Interest Group



Agenda

- ▶ Why a SIG?
- ▶ Formation
- ▶ Leadership Team
- ▶ Member Guidelines
- ▶ Hike Leader Guidelines
- ▶ Administrative Operations
- ▶ Quarterly SIG Meetings
- ▶ Q & A
- ▶ Individual Assistance as Needed



Why Are We Doing This?

- ▶ Popularity of hiking classes (2015 - present)
- ▶ Unable to meet demand
- ▶ Members asking for SIG
- ▶ Augment and Supplement
- ▶ OLLI only
- ▶ Some concerns about duplicating what is already available

Why?

Why? How? Why? How? Why? How? Why? How? Why? How? Why? How?



Formation



- ▶ Committee of 4-5 and meetings for several months
- ▶ Concerns
 - ▶ Infrastructure for many manual processes (email, excel files, etc.)
 - ▶ Many moving parts!
 - ▶ Leadership team with succession planning
 - ▶ Sufficient number of hike leaders and hikes to meet the demand
- ▶ SIG Charter

OLLI Asheville
Hiking Special Interest Group
Charter

Purpose: The purpose of the Hiking Special Interest Group (SIG) is to
Foster the enjoyment of hiking in the greater Asheville area
Provide varied levels of hikes to meet the needs of group members
Introduce a variety of hiking locations which can be replicated by others
Provide a social outlet to interact with other members

Leadership: The Hiking SIG is run under the auspices of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UNCA and the Executive Director of that program.

In order to provide a leadership structure for hiking operations, the following positions have been determined:

Organizational Meeting

- ▶ Frequency
- ▶ Timing
- ▶ Levels
- ▶ Operations
- ▶ Suggestions
- ▶ Feedback
- ▶ Recommendations and direction
- ▶ Leadership team formed

Leadership Team

▶ Coordinator

- ▶ Lead: Judi Edelman
- ▶ Backup: Barbara Binder

▶ Communicator

- ▶ Lead: Marcia Markowitz
- ▶ Backup: Glenn Peterson

▶ Scheduler

- ▶ Lead: Rei Fuller
- ▶ Backup: Rebecca Banner

▶ Hike Leader Liaison

- ▶ Lead: Lee Orowitz
- ▶ Backup: Lori Postal



Next Steps

- ▶ Guidelines for members, hike leaders
- ▶ <http://ollihikingsig.org/> (Glenn)
- ▶ Communication: ollihikingsig@gmail.com (Marcia and Glenn)

Levels

- ▶ Level 1: Half day, < 4 miles, < 700 feet elevation, little technical difficulty
 - ▶ Pre-requisite: Walk 3 miles on uneven terrain
- ▶ Level 2: Half day, < 5 miles, < 1000 feet elevation, some technical difficulty
 - ▶ Pre-requisite: Previous hiking experience, walk 3-4 miles
- ▶ Level 3: Full day, 5-7 miles, < 1500 elevation, moderate technical difficulty
 - ▶ Pre-requisite: Previous hiking experience, walk >4 miles and up to 1000 feet elevation

All Hikers - How Does This Work?



OLLI Hiking SIG

Welcome!

Join the OLLI Hiking SIG

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SIG Documents

-  [SIG Charter](#)
-  [Member Guide](#)
-  [Hike Leader Guide](#)
-  [Tips for Successful Hiking](#)

Upcoming Hikes

Rattlesnake Lodge Trail

Tuesday , Feb 27, 2018

[Join to View Details](#)

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Friday , Mar 16, 2018

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First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

Phone:

Password:

Confirm Password:



I am a current member of OLLI.

I'm interested in leading hikes.

Remember me on this computer.

[Submit](#)



Liability Release and Waiver Form

HIKING SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

1. For and in consideration of the right to be, and acceptance by The University of North Carolina at Asheville, as a participating member in the activities of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) and with all the privileges as a member of OLLI, I, **Test Hiker** hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless The University of North Carolina Asheville, any University affiliated organizations, the Board of Trustees, officers, agents, employees, and other members of said OLLI (hereafter referred to as RELEASEES) from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation in this activity or my use of UNC Asheville's and the OLLI's equipment or facilities, **including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of UNC Asheville and OLLI.**

2. Further, I understand that participation in the activities of OLLI is purely voluntary and I am fully aware of risks and hazards connected with participation in the said activity which include, but are not limited to: slips and fall, sprains, strains, joint dislocations and broken bones.

I am fully aware that there may also be risks and hazards unknown to me in connection with participation in the said activities, and I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in such activity knowing that conditions may be hazardous, or may become hazardous or dangerous to me or my property. **I take full responsibility for all of these risks.** I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless UNC Asheville, OLLI and their employees agents and Trustees from any and all claims, demands, or causes of action, which are in any way connected with my participation in this activity or my use of UNC Asheville's and OLLI's equipment or facilities, **including any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of UNC Asheville and OLLI.**

3. Further when transportation is furnished voluntarily by me for the purpose of participating in OLLI's activities, it is expressly understood that I will be solely responsible for any personal injury to myself, to passengers in my privately-owned vehicle, or to other person, or damage to my personal property or the property of passengers or other person incident to such transportation in

traveling to and from any location as is necessary to participate in the activities of OLLI. I understand that when my privately-



Welcome, test !

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Fri, Mar 16, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

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Lady Slipper Alley: Hiking the Florence Preserve

Limit: 14 (3 openings)

Fri, Apr 20, 2018, 1:30 p.m.

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Hiking Resources



[SIG Charter](#)



[Member Guide](#)



[Hike Leader Guide](#)



[Tips for Successful Hiking](#)



OLLI Hiking SIG

To attend this hike, click on Attend this hike below.

Lady Slipper Alley: Hiking the Florence Preserve

Friday, April 20, 2018, 1:30 p.m.

Limit: 14 (3 openings)

Hike Leader: Herb Gunn (email: herbgunn@charter.net - phone: (828) 337-7166)

Length: 6 miles

Elevation Change: 1,100 ft.

Difficulty: [Level 3](#)

Meeting Place:  [Food Lion on 74A in Fairview](#)

Description: After meeting at the Food Lion on 74A in Fairview, NC and consolidating in a few cars, we will drive east to Gerton and park at the trail head for the Florence Preserve. The hike is a six-mile loop with a very steady incline along a bubbling brook to the Little Mount Pisgah Trail. Switchbacks and creek beds draw you up the rock face through beautiful patches of rhododendron and spring wildflowers in abundance. Trillium and bloodroot dot the woodlands with an alley of Lady Slipper that leads to an outcropping called Rattlesnake Knob—a nice spot for vistas of Bearwallow Mountain to the west and a rest stop on the rocks. Descending past a beautiful little waterfall, the hike is completed in about three hours.

[Attend this hike](#)

Hike Registration Confirmation: Lady Slipper Alley: Hiking the Florence Preserve

OLLI Hiking SIG

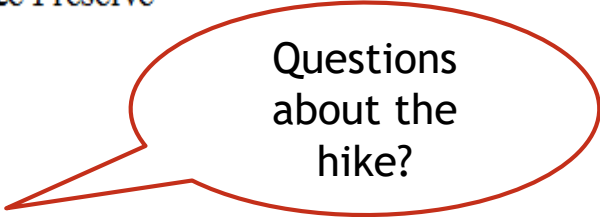
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To: glennpmn@yahoo.com;

You're going hiking!

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Leader email: herbgunn@charter.net
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You do not have any hikes in the system.

Other Upcoming Hikes

Rattlesnake Lodge Trail

Tue, Feb 27, 2018, 2:00-5:30pm

[View details](#)

Limit: 15 (hike is full, waiting list)

Raven Cliff Falls - South Carolina

Thu, Mar 1, 2018, 9:30am

[View details](#)

Limit: 15 (11 openings)

Billie Ledford Loop in Bent Creek

Fri, Mar 16, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

[Cancel Reservation](#)

(you are attending)

Lady Slipper Alley: Hiking the Florence Preserve

Fri, Apr 20, 2018, 1:30 p.m.

[View details](#)

Limit: 14 (1 opening)

[Proposed] Folk Art Center / Lunch Rock

Sat, Apr 28, 2018, 9:30 AM

[View details](#)

Limit: 15 (14 openings)



Hiking Resources

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Rattlesnake Lodge Trail

Tuesday, February 27, 2018, 2:00-5:30pm

Sorry, this hike is currently full. A waiting list is available.

Hike Leader: Rebecca Banner (email: beccabanner@gmail.com - phone: 8287134660)

Length: 4 mi.

Elevation Change: 600 ft.

Difficulty: Level 1

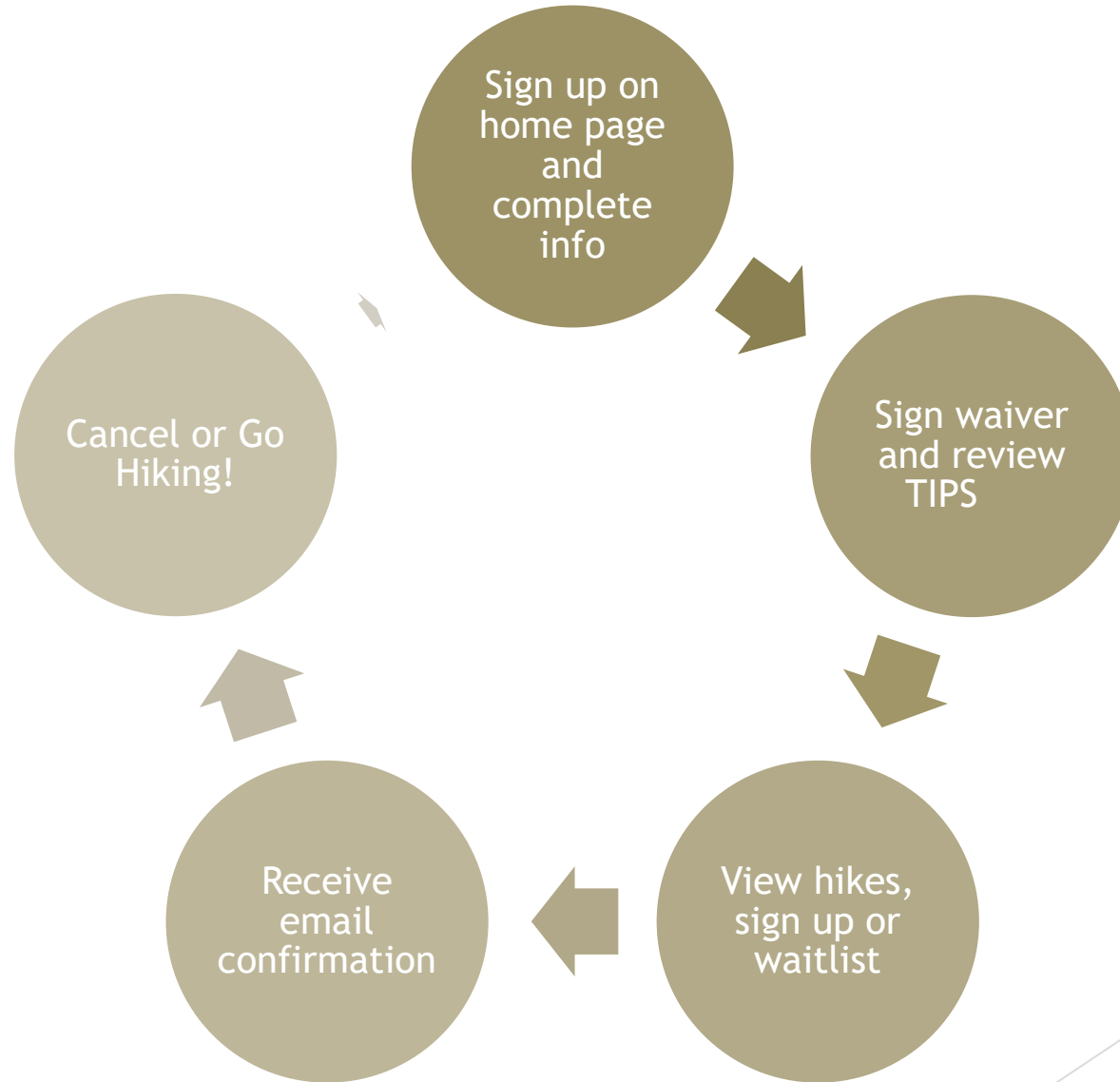
Meeting Place:  [Karpen Soccer Field 207 Reems Creek Road Weaverville, NC 28787](#)

Description: This pleasant hike takes you to the ruins of a historic private lodge along a section of the Mountains to Sea Trail. A well-designed trail goes through a multitude of switchbacks, following an old wagon road which was built to reach the lodge. Explore the old toolshed, the tennis courts, or the water supply pond, now long since grown over with thick, lush, Appalachian forests. We will add a loop trail to this in and out trail. We will carpool from Karpen Soccer Field, about 15 minutes to trailhead which has very limited parking.

[Join waiting list](#)

Hiker List

Name	Phone	Email
Rebecca Banner (leader)	828-713-4660	beccabanner@gmail.com
Marcia Markowitz	631-987-7451	Marciaj.markowitz@gmail.com



Hike Leaders - How Does It Work?

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Remember me on this computer.

Submit



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Thank you for joining the OLLI Hiking SIG!

You have expressed an interest in leading hikes. Please tell us about your hiking experience (including any experience leading hikes). You will receive a response within 48 hours.

Submit

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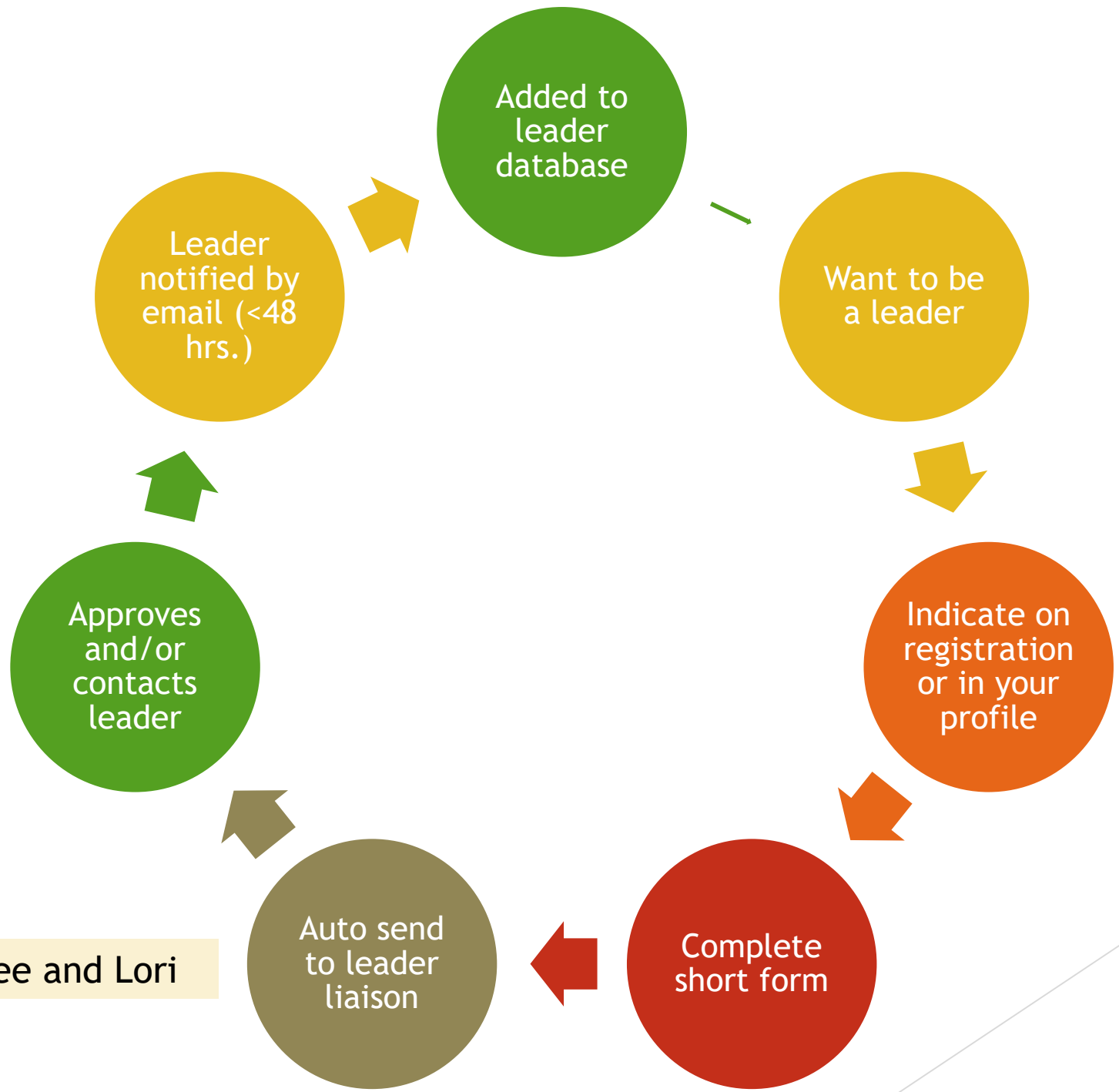
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Lee and Lori





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Hike Leader Portal

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Lady Slipper Alley: Hiking the Florence Preserve

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Fri, Apr 20, 2018, 1:30 p.m.

[View details](#)

My Past Hikes

Craven Gap to Rattlesnake Lodge

Wed, Jan 24, 2018, 10 am.

[View details](#)

[Clone hike](#)



Hike Leader Portal

Propose a hike

Complete the form below to propose a hike. Your proposal will be forwarded to the SIG Hike Scheduler who will contact you to finalize the details.

Hike Name:

Date:

Time:

Length: (mi.)

Elevation
change: (ft.)

Difficulty Level:

Meeting Place:

Attendee limit:
(optional)

Description:



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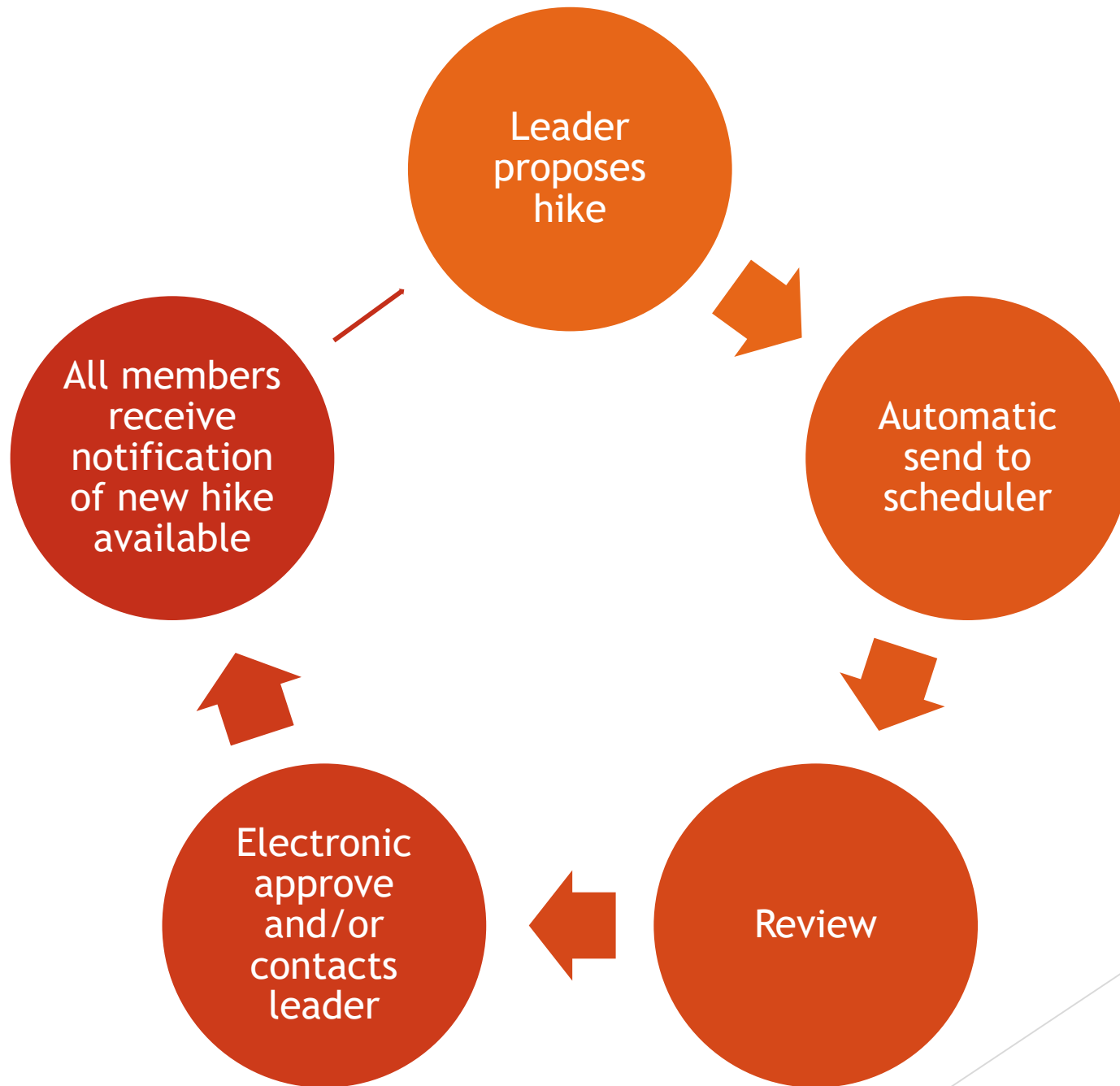
Hike Leader Portal

Please review the information below and click on Confirm to submit the hike to the Scheduler.

Hike Name:	test hike
Date/Time:	Feb 3, 2018, 1:30pm - 4:00pm
Length:	5
Elevation Change:	890
Difficulty Level:	2
Meeting Place:	Ingles on Long Shoals Rd
Limit:	12
Description:	test only - no need to approve
Leader's notes:	

[Confirm](#)

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Rei and Rebecca



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Hike Leader Portal

Propose a hike



Upcoming Hikes I'm Leading

Billie Ledford Loop in Bent Creek

Fri, Mar 16, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

Edit Cancel Submit report

View hiker list Full (4 waiting)

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Hike Leader Portal

Billie Ledford Loop in Bent Creek

March 16, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

Please indicate which hikers attended the hike. Use the box below the list to add the names of any members who attended but did not register.

Name	Attended
Orowitz, Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Valeche, Stephanie	<input type="checkbox"/>
ONeil, Kathleen	<input type="checkbox"/>
Botie, Neal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Callahan, Daren	<input type="checkbox"/>
Penn, Lois	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frank, Wendy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frank, Maurice	<input type="checkbox"/>
Griswold, Ron	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brown, Jo	<input type="checkbox"/>

Lerner, Susan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Berti, Barbara	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staatz, John	<input type="checkbox"/>
Auge, Benita	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grivich, Norma	<input type="checkbox"/>
Miller, Meridith	<input type="checkbox"/>
Infield, Patricia	<input type="checkbox"/>
Postal, Lori	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pierson, Harry	<input type="checkbox"/>

Include the names of any additional hikers, separated by comm

Please write a brief report on how the hike went.

Report:

Submit attendance and hike report

Administrative Functions

- ▶ Coordinators (Judi and Barbara)
 - ▶ Receive and review feedback and attendance after the hike
 - ▶ Prepare and present hiking history at SIG meetings
 - ▶ Liaison with OLLI leadership
 - ▶ Attend OLLI SIG Coordinator meetings
- ▶ All leadership
 - ▶ Membership list with contact information
 - ▶ Registrations for each hike
 - ▶ Email all members
 - ▶ Email all hike leaders
 - ▶ Downtime procedures to be developed

Question for the group

- ▶ Should you be able to see the names of people signed up for a hike?
 - ▶ Before you register?
 - ▶ After you register?
 - ▶ Are there privacy issues? Meetup allows

Future SIG Meetings

- ▶ Frequency
- ▶ Time
- ▶ Purpose: First half of the meeting:
 - ▶ Review hikes during the last time period (# attended, #no show, #wait listed, feedback)
 - ▶ Capacity vs. demand
 - ▶ Issues, What's Working What's Not, Q & A
- ▶ 2nd Half of the meeting:
 - ▶ Dedicated time for potential or current hike leaders
- ▶ Other ideas?

Open Forum/Q & A

