

TODB NEWS

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Tennessee Organization of the Deaf-Blind, Inc.

UPCOMING EVENTS



♦ ♦ ♦ **DATE: November 7, 2015** ♦ ♦ ♦

WHAT: Statewide Meeting

WHERE: Bridges – Multi-Purpose Room
935 Edgehill Avenue
Nashville, TN 37203

See map to Bridges elsewhere in this newsletter.

TIME: 10:00am till 11:00am CST Social Hour
11:00am till 11:45pm CST Lunch
12:00pm till 2:00pm CST Meeting

LUNCH: Pot Luck – bring vegetable dishes, desserts.
Meat will be furnished.

Recommend that dishes that must be heated, be microwavable.

MEETING TOPIC: Mystery Speaker.

INTERPRETERING SERVICES: Interpreters provided for meeting.

SSPs: Bring your own SSP; if unable to find one, call
Cathy Steger at 615-491-4917, at least a week ahead or email at:
cathy.steger@comcast.net



◆◆◆ **DATE: September 19, 2015** ◆◆◆

WHAT: Annual Sailing Day

**WHERE: Old Hickory Lake, Harbor Island Yacht Club
300 Harbor Drive
Old Hickory, TN 37138**

See map elsewhere in this newsletter.

TIME: 9:00am till 1:00pm, CDT

LUNCH: After the event we will all have lunch at the yacht club, to eat and socialize. Lunch is being provided by the Harbor Island Yacht Club.

ACTIVITY FORM: Due to the popularity of this event, reservations will now be required. The activity confirmation form included in this newsletter must be submitted and returned by Wednesday, September 9, 2015.

SSPs: SSPs are required for this event for your safety. If you cannot find one, call 615-491-4917 by Sept.9th, for arrangements.



◆ ◆ ◆ DATE: September 26, 2015 ◆ ◆ ◆

WHAT: Go!Fest

The Chattanooga TODB will have a booth set up at Go!Fest again this year. Go!Fest will be held at the Chattanooga Zoo, Saturday, September 26th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Guests are treated to a free day at the zoo for people of all ages and abilities. This is an event that celebrates the accessibility of the city, and takes away the stigma of the being disabled. It is an opportunity for people of all abilities to meet, greet, and play together. Along with being able to see and interact with the animals in the zoo, there will be adaptive athletics, including wheelchair basketball and cycling, live music and helicopter landings.

The Chattanooga Zoo is located at 1254 East 3rd Street. For directions, call: 423-697-1322.

For more information about Go!Fest, please contact the Mayor's Office at 423-425-7800 or email Phillip .Stevens at Stevens_P@Chattanooga.gov .

◆ ◆ ◆ DATE: October 25-28, 2015 ◆ ◆ ◆

**WHAT: Southeastern Regional Institute on Deafness
SERID 2015 Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
At Marriott Hotel**

Theme: "Making Waves For Success"
Find complete registration information online at:
<http://serid2015.org>

◆ ◆ ◆ DATE: JULY 10 - 17, 2016 ◆ ◆ ◆

WHAT: DEAF-BLIND CRUISE

Information about next year's DB cruise hosted by DNA Travels!!

**DBC 2016 - DEAFBLIND CRUISE 2016 - DBC 2016
THIRD ANNUAL DEAFBLIND CRUISE
WE'RE GOING TO ALASKA!!**

[7/10/2016 – 7/16/2016](#)

ALASKA CRUISE FOR DEAFBLIND, DEAF, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS FOR EIGHT DAYS AND SEVEN NIGHTS OF FUN AND ADVENTURE!

DEPART SEATTLE, WA. [ON SUNDAY JULY 10, 2016.](#)

RETURN SEATTLE, WA. [ON SUNDAY JULY 17, 2016.](#)

PRINCESS CRUISES – THE RUBY PRINCESS SHIP.

SEATTLE, KETCHIKAN, TRACY ARM FJORD, JUNEAU, SKAGWAY, VICTORIA, B.C.

ALASKA – THE FINAL FRONTIER, WE WANT TO SHARE THE BEAUTY AND ADVENTURE WITH THE DEAFBLIND COMMUNITY, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.

PRICES INCLUDE STATEROOM, MOST MEALS & BEVERAGES, ON BOARD ENTERTAINMENT AND ONE DBC 2016 BRAILED T-SHIRT.

PRICES START AT \$1,263.00 PER PERSON BASED ON A DOUBLE OCCUPANCY ROOM. \$350.00 CHECK DEPOSIT PER PERSON RESERVES YOUR STATEROOM.

CRUISE FARE MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY [MARCH 15, 2016.](#)
CANCELLATIONS WILL BE CHARGED A \$75.00 PROCESSING FEE.

THIS VERY SPECIAL AND EXCITING CRUISE IS HOSTED BY DnA TRAVELS, LLC. WWW.DNATRAVELS.ORG - CLICK ON THE DEAFBLIND CRUISE WEBPAGE.

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[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION FORM](#)

THE NATIONAL DEAF-BLIND EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM / iCAN Connect in TN

The National Deaf-Blind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP) is a federal program through the FCC intended to provide access to communication and the Internet for deaf-blind individuals with incomes under 400% of the state's low income level. The program provides equipment, warranties, and individualized training to use the equipment. A copy of the list of available equipment is available at:

www.icanconnect.org/Tennessee . The TN iCANConnect program "pilot" status will be upgraded to permanent status at end of the fiscal year. For further information contact Monique Brazelton by email at Monique.Brazelton@tn.gov . If you are Deaf-Blind and have the skills to be a trainer, contact Marilyn Trader at Marilyn.Trader@HKNC.org.

NEWS OF INTEREST

HADLEY TAKES THE LEAD IN TEACHING UEB

The Braille Authority of North America (BANA) recently adopted the Unified English Braille Code (known as UEB) and targeted January 2016 as the date of the transition. Taking a leadership role, Hadley is developing courses that teach the recent changes to the braille code to both visual and tactile braille users.

So, what is different about UEB? Braille letters and numbers stay the same in the current literary code. UEB makes changes to punctuation, but most of the rules remain the same. The major change occurs in the use of contractions (as in contracted braille). UEB eliminates nine contractions, and others are used more often.

Hadley has created a team of experts to develop new braille courses and revise existing ones. Led by braille instructor Judy Matsuoka and senior curriculum designer and BANA representative Ruth Rozen, Hadley activated a new course in January called “Transitioning to Unified English Braille.” The course provides a structured approach to learning the difference between EBAE (English Braille American Edition) and UEB. Examples and exercises help students progress easily and transition to the new code.

The transition course is currently available in braille and large print to students in Hadley’s Adult Continuing Education/High School Program and Family Education Program, free of charge, on an ongoing basis. Thanks to a generous gift from the American Printing House for the Blind, the course is also free of charge to professionals through the end of 2015. While an online version is in development, the course already has proven to be popular—more than 500 pre-enrollments were taken prior to activation in January.

“Hadley is proud to be at the forefront of providing training on UEB,” says Hadley President Chuck Young. “To this day, braille represents our most popular courses. Instruction in UEB is central to our mission and meets a critical need for both sighted and tactile learners.”

Hadley is currently updating two existing courses, “Braille Literacy 3” (for tactile users) and “Introduction to Braille” (for sighted users). In time for BANA’s implementation of UEB in 2016, Hadley will update “Braille Literacy 4” (for tactile users) and “Contracted Braille” (for sighted users).

THREE TODB MEMBERS ATTEND THE DEAF-BLIND CAMP OF MARYLAND

The West River Center was the gathering of 40 deaf-blind campers and 64 volunteer SSPs attending the 2015 DB Camp of MD held in June of this year. In attendance were three TODB members Ashley Jackson, Cathy Steger and John Forbes of Nashville, TN. The theme of the DB Camp was Bollywood. The camp program and activities was scheduled around the culture of the country of India. Workshops were arranged in four station groups. Campers were assigned to four different groups at scheduled times to rotate from one workshop to another during the day. Each one had different educational programs of the culture in India. One was the religions in that country. Wearing apparel was done with the actual clothing from the country. The cooking workshop consisted of learning the different spices used in preparing meals to eat which included tasting of samples provided by a deaf-blind chef! Reptiles made up the last workshop consisting of a toad, a turtle, a lizard, and believe it or not an albino python. The python was white with the usual pink eyes. (Campers were allowed to touch and feel the reptiles.)

Activities to experience living in India included the style of dancing and the Holi Celebration. In the dancing session campers learned how to dance with sticks held in one's hand and exchange the spirit of the dance by clicking the dancing partner's sticks. The Holi Celebration is a countrywide event held annually. The whole country of India shuts down. The people greet each other by sprinkling colored powder on each other. A group of deaf-blind campers participated in this activity. (See photo gallery page elsewhere in this newsletter for scenes of the fun they had.) This was the spirit of the pursuit of happiness.

Thanks is extended to the MSADA (Metro South Asia Deaf Association) of Baltimore, MD for their contribution of providing their service and time for the program and workshops to cover the culture of India. Their willingness to share this culture made the camp full of fun and experiences.

Other activities included Arts and Crafts, Boating, Bingo, Tactile Carnival, Field Trip to the Mall, and others. "Job well done thy good and faithful staff!" was the comment from camper John Forbes to the camp director.

FOCUS ON BLIND GOLFERS, BALLROOM DANCING & ZIPLING!

Have you ever heard of the United States Blind Golf Association? If you plan to attend the next TODB "Exploring the World of Deaf-Blindness" DB Camp, you are about to find out! Blind Golf is a team sport. When you play blind golf, you must have someone to line you up and tell you where your ball goes.

The United States Blind Golf Association (USBGA) was founded in 1953 by blind golfer, Attorney Bob Allman. Today the organization has over 60 blind and vision impaired members playing in three sight categories based on their sight acuity. The USBGA conducts one national championship and two regional tournaments. Annually, the USBGA holds more than a dozen clinics for blind and vision impaired youth through its Junior Blind Golf Program. Over the past 14 years, this program has introduced clinics and multiple session events to over 6,000 blind and vision impaired individuals to the game of golf. The USBGA also has a Hall of Fame that honors legendary players and contributing organizations.

In January of 2000, Jim Baker (National Champion of the USBGA in 2001 and 2007), Dan Dillon (TN Council of the Blind past president) and David Meador (Author, motivational speaker and winner of the USBGA National Championships in 1977, 2011 and 2012) who are all blind golfers, helped start a blind golf program. They worked with the Tennessee PGA, invited students from the Tennessee School for the Blind and Nashville area adults, and held a teaching opportunity for them to play golf. This program continues to meet twice monthly from April through October. Gaylord Springs Golf Links and Hermitage Golf Course donate the use of their golf ranges to help support this program.

Another first-time event at our next DB Camp experience will be Ballroom Dancing! Patricia Lefler will be our Ballroom Dance Instructor. Patricia feels that she has been called to bring the job of dancing to the blind, has been teaching the blind to dance throughout Tennessee.

The Zipline was popular at our 2012 DB Camp, and it's sure to make a big hit again at the next camp. If you haven't given much thought on attending this year's "Explore the World of Deaf-Blindness" DB Camp... now is the time to RE-THINK! Come... and be part of the FUN!

For more information on the next DB Camp, contact TODB at jc.forbes@comcast.net.

Shared Beauty: 'I call it Life and laugh with its delight, Though life itself be out of sound and sight.'"Helen Keller

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues for the Year 2014 are past due if you have not paid the dues for this year. Please do not wait until there is an activity you want to attend to pay your dues. Our activities are ongoing and we have expenses, including the newsletter, and insurance, whether you are participating or not. It is important to keep everyone informed, so everyone can have the opportunity to participate. The dues are \$10 per person or per family, per year from January to December. Remember, your dues must be paid in order to participate in activities. Please send your dues to John Forbes, TODB, 7229 Birch Bark Drive, Nashville, TN, 37221. Make checks payable to TODB. Use the membership form included with this newsletter.

EMAIL AND POSTAL MAILING ADDRESS

Please help us out to keep our costs down by sending email addresses and changes of email and postal mailing addresses to John at jc.forbes@comcast.net for both deaf-blind and interested parties who would like to receive our newsletter and keep up on our events. Also, please contact friends and colleagues who might be interested in being SSPs for our activities. Ask them to email John at jc.forbes@comcast.net.

If postal mail is preferred, send to TODB, 7229 Birch Bark Drive, Nashville, TN, 37221.

TODB Officers and Board Members

President – John Forbes

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Board Member at Large –Lori Wyke, TODB-CC

WHERE: Bridges – Multi-Purpose Room

BRIDGES

Directions to Bridges, 935 Edgehill Ave, Nashville, TN 37203:

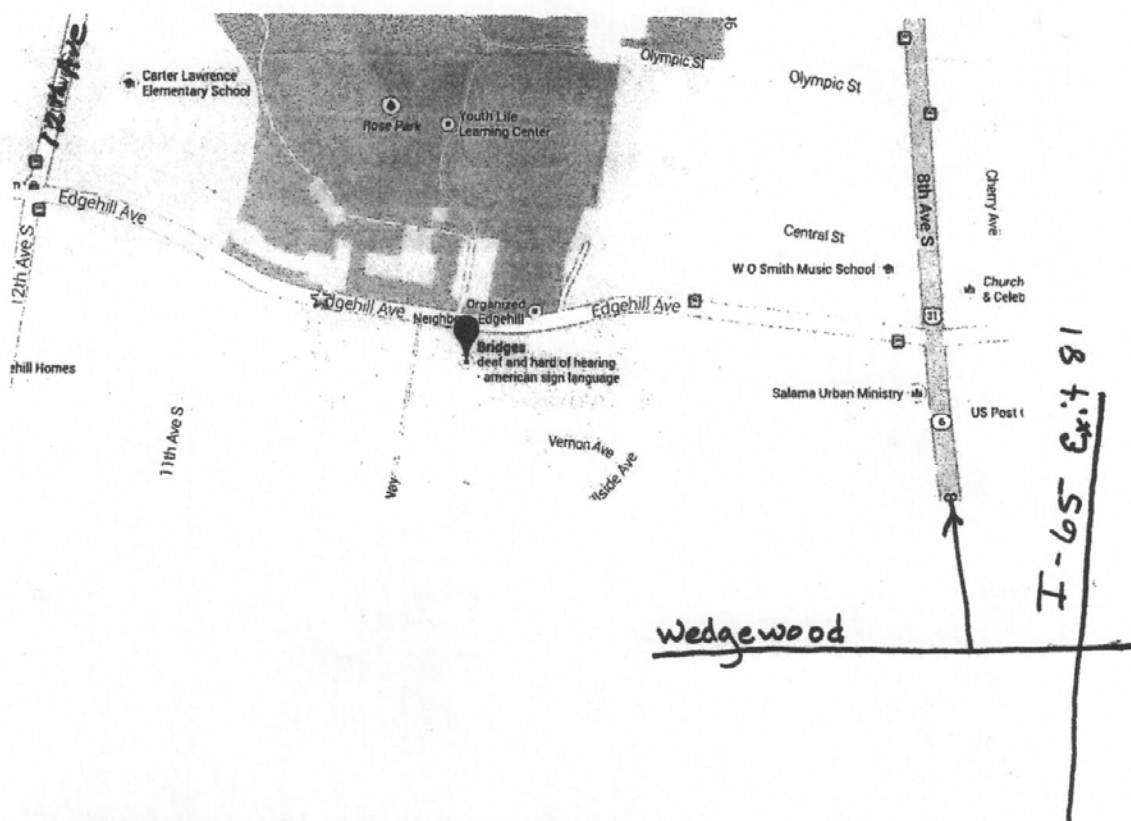
From I-65 SOUTH (from downtown): Take exit 81 for Wedgewood Avenue. Turn RIGHT onto Wedgewood Avenue. Turn RIGHT onto 8th Avenue South. Turn LEFT onto Edgehill Avenue. Bridges is on the LEFT on Edgehill Avenue.

From I-65 NORTH (towards downtown): Take exit 81 for Wedgewood Avenue. Turn LEFT onto Wedgewood Avenue. Turn RIGHT onto 8th Avenue South. Turn LEFT onto Edgehill Avenue. Bridges is on the LEFT on Edgehill Avenue.

Parking:

Parking is available at Bridges in the marked spaces only. Please do not park in the circle drive or along the grass (in front of the building). Additional parking is available at the church next door except Wednesday evenings and Sundays.

For more information go to Google Maps



Parking at the Nashville Sounds Stadium is for the WellFEST event. Do not confuse with any other event.

DEAF-BLIND CAMP OF MD PHOTO PAGE



Deaf-Blind Campers Pose After Holi Celebration Activity



Camper John Forbes
In Living Color



Camper Ashley Jackson
Wearing a Sari

TODB Application for Membership

To join, please complete this form and send with a \$10.00 check
(for dues) made payable to TODB and mail to:

TODB
7229 Birch Bark Drive
Nashville, TN 37221-3407

Please print information. Date: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (hm) _____ (wk) _____

VP: _____

FAX _____

Email: _____

Birthday(s) _____

Please check appropriate box(es):

Deaf-Blind Individual ☐ Parent ☐ Professional ☐ Other _____

Accommodation Needs:

Large print ☐ Braille ☐ ASL Interpreter ☐ Signed Eng. Interp. ☐

Close Interpreter ☐ Tactile Interpreter ☐ Cued Speech ☐ SSP ☐

Please call 1-615-491-4917 or e-mail jc.forbes@comcast.net if
you need assistance with transportation to meetings and we will
try to assist. Also let us know if you can assist with
transportation.

PLEASE note your interests (newspaper, camps, fundraising,
grant writing, surfing the internet for information, etc.):

ACTIVITY CONFIRMATION FORM

EVENT: SAILING DAY

WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015, 9:00AM - 1:00PM, CDT.

WHERE: OLD HICKORY LAKE

MEET: AT ENTRANCE GATE TO HARBOR ISLAND YACHT CLUB, 300 HARBOR DR., OLD HICKORY, TN 37138 BY 9:00AM.

NOTE: THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT ON THE BOAT AND SSPs ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT. MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT – SEE BELOW.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ **ZIP** _____

TELEPHONE: _____

VP / TTY: _____

E-MAIL: _____

MEMBER: ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ NOT SURE, PLEASE VERIFY

SSPs: ☐ YES, I WILL BRING MY OWN SSP

SSP's NAME: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

☐ NO, I DO NOT HAVE AN SSP AND WILL NEED ONE

COMPLETE THIS FORM AND MAIL TO:

JOHN FORBES, President

TODB

7229 Birch Bark Drive

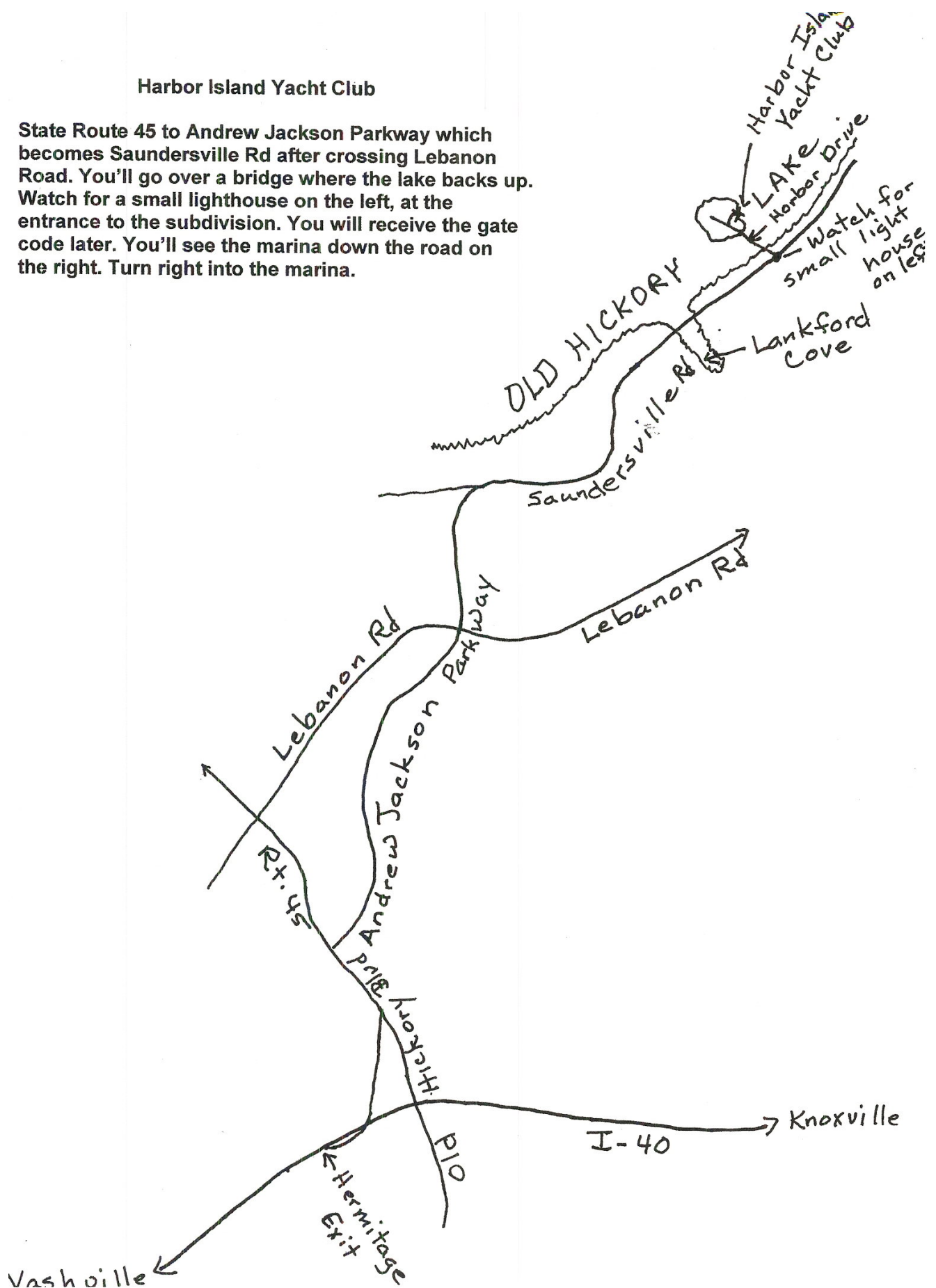
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FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, September 9, 2015

IF INTERESTED IN ANOTHER TYPE OF ACTIVITY, PLEASE INDICATE HERE:

Harbor Island Yacht Club

State Route 45 to Andrew Jackson Parkway which becomes Saundersville Rd after crossing Lebanon Road. You'll go over a bridge where the lake backs up. Watch for a small lighthouse on the left, at the entrance to the subdivision. You will receive the gate code later. You'll see the marina down the road on the right. Turn right into the marina.



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