

NATIONAL CAMPING TRAVELERS, INC.

FACT SHEET

We are a ***Masonic Family Camping Club*** composed of Master Masons, their families, and the widows of our deceased Brethren who died while they were active NCT members. There are approximately 130 Chapters throughout the United States and Canada.

The basic unit of NCT is the ***Chapter***. Each Chapter is led by a Master of Travel, assisted by a Wagon Master, Secretary-Treasurer, Chaplain, Safety Director and the Chapter Trustees. Between the Chapter Officers and the National Officers, we have, in many cases, a State or Provincial Director and a District Director. A District is usually composed of about four States and/or Provinces.

There are two categories of regular members - ***those belonging to a Chapter and the Members-at-large***. If there is a Chapter to which a member can belong, he is, in all probability, going to derive more from his membership by belonging to and participating in the activities of that Chapter. A member may have associate membership in as many Chapters as he desires. He is only required to pay his National dues one time annually; the Chapter through which he pays his National dues is considered his HOME Chapter.

Our fiscal year is from July 1 through June 30. ***Dues and fees are: New Member Initiation Fee \$10.00, Annual National Dues \$30.00, and the Annual Member-At-Large fee \$10.00.*** (The annual National dues are pro-rated to \$10.00 for those new members joining between January 1 - June 30.) In accordance with the National By-Laws, each Chapter establishes its own dues. The member-at-large fee is charged in lieu of Chapter dues to help defray the cost of mailing those items which are normally sent in bulk to the Chapter Secretary for issuance. We do not use a billing system. Members belonging to a Chapter pay their National and Chapter dues to the Chapter Secretary. The National dues are in turn sent to the National Secretary-Treasurer. Members-at-large send their annual National dues and annual member-at-large fee direct to the National Secretary-Treasurer.

We have an annual ***National Rally*** each year which is normally held Saturday through Thursday of the 4th week of July. Our official publication, ***NEWS TO CAMPERS***, is printed quarterly in March, June, September and December. Through this, we try to keep the membership apprised of what is going on in NCT, including planned activities at the District and State/Provincial level and special functions planned by the Chapters. Many of the Chapters also publish a monthly newsletter.

For members with young children, we have our Youth Organization called YNCT. They have their own elected officers and have an enjoyable time at the National Rallies under the direction of the National Youth Director(s).

Check out our web page at: www.gonct.org