

Tweetsie Trail Historic Quiz - Answer Sheet Sequoyah Council

Please have each Scout complete this and include with your award application:

1. How did the "Tweetsie" get its name?
The sound that the horn made as the train traveled through the mountains
2. What year did the ET&WNC Railroad complete its line into Cranberry, NC?
1882
3. What was the main reason for building the ET&WNC (Tweetsie) Railroad?
To carry iron ore from the Cranberry NC Mine
4. How long was the ET&WNC Railroad?
65 Miles
5. What does the term Narrow Gauge refer to?
The distance between the rails, anything less than 4 foot 8.5 inches. - Tweetsie was 36 inches.
6. What city gave credit to the Narrow Gauge for its growth?
Johnson City, TN
7. Why were narrow gauge railroads used?
They were cheaper and made it easier to wind through the mountains.
8. What is the number of the last working steam locomotive from the ET&WNC?
12
9. What famous landmark in Johnson City was founded during the Boom of the 1880s because of the railroad?
The Carnegie Hotel in Johnson City, TN
10. What major event in 1940 started the demise of the ET&WNC Railroad?
A large flood in Boone, NC
11. What year did the ET&WNC Railroad Narrow Gauge close for good?
1950
12. What movie star is associated with the Tweetsie Railroad?
Gene Autry
13. What historic mansion is located on the Tweetsie trail?
Carter Mansion
14. What were the two things ET&WNC Railroad were known for doing to help the people of the communities it served during the depression?
They would shop for them in Johnson City
Would let passengers ride for free because they were going there anyway.
15. When referring to a steam locomotive, What does each of the three numbers in the wheel formation stand for?
Pilot Wheels Drive Wheels Trailing Wheels