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WELCOME

Darren Bush | Owner

Welcome to Canoecopia!

A personal greeting from Rutabaga's Chief Paddling Evangelist



for being shown such kindness, you're expected to do the same for those coming to your house.

Canoecopia is, for three days, our house. We welcome all, and all are welcome. If you're a complete novice to paddling or an expert with more experience and

knowledge than me (i.e., many of you), it doesn't matter. You are a stranger-friend.

No one understands this better than Mei, the six year-old daughter of a friend from North Carolina, who asked her mother, on the way to the put-in, "Are we paddling with friends, or friends we haven't met yet?" Out of the mouth of babes.

If ever there was a time for ξενία, this would be the time. Let's enjoy a weekend together, with both old friends and friends we haven't met yet.

Dear ξένοι, thank you for being our guest for the weekend. Let us no more be strangers. Let the biggest division between us be an argument about which is better, canoes or kayaks? Then, let us agree that the answer is "yes."

With all gratitude,

"EVERY night we stopped in a cabin where wood had been stacked, matches left, and canned goods laid out for the chance traveler. All the unknown host received in return was a scribbled note giving our thanks, any news we could think of, and our names. This whole system of northern hospitality was a gigantic chain, for while we were eating this man's beans, he was undoubtedly farther up the trail, eating somebody else's." -- Benedict Freedman

Dear friends,

You'll have to excuse me, I'm going to be a Greek nerd for a minute or so.

The Ancient Greek concept of xenia (ξενία) is a beautiful one. The English translation is hospitality, but if you Google hospitality, you'll get pages on the Hospitality Industry™. For heaven's sake, we've industrialized being nice!

That's thin sauce for a guy who loves ancient languages. Xenia holds that we are all "stranger-friends," and if you show up at my house, you will be welcome, no matter what the circumstances. In exchange



THE Josh Kestelman Scholarship Fund helps Rutabaga partner with local community centers to get kids out on the water. Josh was a youth and adult instructor for Rutabaga and was loved and admired for his deep commitment to teaching everyone how to be comfortable and secure out on the water. When he passed away at age 23 from brain cancer, we created a scholarship in his honor. The fund has helped thousands of underprivileged kids get out and learn to paddle in the Madison area.

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Canoecopia procedures & policies

So how does this work for you, the consumer?

Boats (canoes, kayaks, SUP boards, trailers)

- Go to one of the two large **Boat Check-Out** areas **inside the hall** to make your purchase.
- If we have your boat in stock, you can take it home that day. Proceed to the **Boat Pick Up** area at the back of the hall after making your purchase.
- **Special ordering a boat** (or a boat not in stock)? A Rutabaga Staffer at boat check-out will explain the timeline for your boat arriving at Rutabaga and test paddling in late Spring.
- Need a **roof rack** or **trailer**? Go to the Malone, Thule and/or Yakima booths. Racks can be installed at the show *if you are taking a boat home*. Start this process early. It can take a while.
- **General Boat Deposit**? You can pay \$500 (fully refundable) per boat and get Canoecopia pricing until May 31. This lets you test paddle before you buy.

Buying Accessories (everything else)

- If you don't need a **rack** to get your boat home from Canoecopia, we're happy to install it for you when you return to Rutabaga.
- Purchase **accessories outside the hall**. Check-out is by the Customer Service area.
- We have shopping totes available. If you

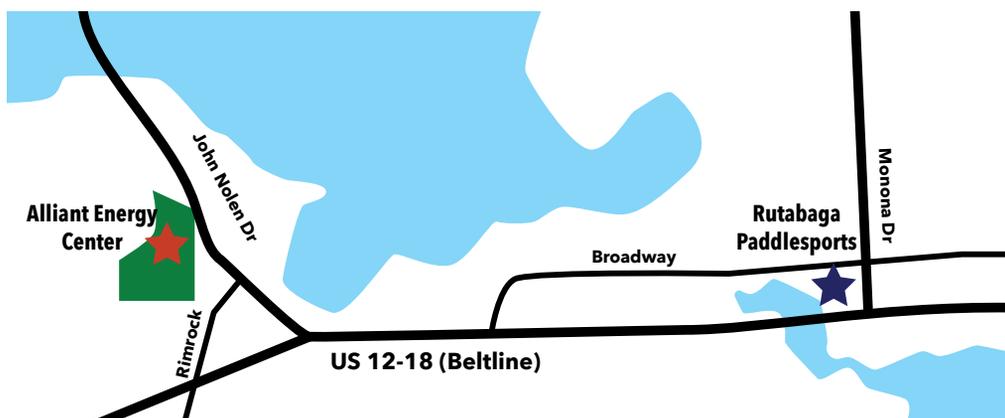


want to go see a speaker, leave your bags at the Tote Check area.

- **Shopping totes are emptied each night.** Buy your stuff before you leave that day.
- **Special Orders?** People in the vendor booths will fill out a form for you (make sure your contact information is complete). Bring the completed form with all of the rest of your accessory purchases to

the check-out near Customer Service.

- **Check-out lines move fast.** Last year's line *at peak* was about 4 minutes. Those of you who remember the old days can breathe a sigh of relief. Also, the line time peaks just a little during the speaker changes. If you want to walk through the line, check out while the sessions are on.
- If you have anything that needs to be **returned/exchanged**, please keep it in "like-new, sellable condition," with its tags, packaging, and receipt.
- **All returns must be made by May 31, 2019 at Rutabaga.**
- **Questions?** Look for any of the over 100 people wearing a staff shirt. They can give you an answer or direct you to the proper place to find it.



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Getting the most out of Canoecopia

Tips & tricks for navigating the World's Largest Paddlesport Expo compiled by the **'Baga Staff**

Come all three days

There's just so much to see and hear at Canoecopia. I don't know how one could take it in with just one or two days. You could spend the entire time listening to new and interesting speakers discuss everything from paddling in Oregon to the Ozarks and tips on paddling with the very young to paddling in your later years.

Talk to everyone

Speakers, authors, exhibitors, and Baga staff are here to help answer questions and try to find solutions that work. We're all paddlers which means the cool factor is exceptionally high. Take advantage of that.

Take care of your body

For some reason, the concrete floor of the Alliant Energy Center is the hardest, least-giving substance ever known to feet. The water coolers are inconveniently located along the west wall. So listen to your body. Take a break as needed. Maybe bring a hydration pack. A few of the Rutabaga staffers do, and they swear by them.

See at least one presentation

This is partly related to the point above. Sitting down and hearing a presentation is informative and restorative. Plus, the presenters we bring in from all around the country are top-notch.

Sunday is Fun-day

This year a number of vendors will be raffling off items on Sunday afternoon. The raffle will only be open on Sunday and you must be present to win. Sunday is often the best day to see the show. We try to put some of the best, most compelling presentations on Sunday and the crowds are often a little less.

Special ordering things you didn't find

So if you really wanted that specific thing, you can special order it at the boat registers (if it is a boat or trailer) and the accessory registers (if it isn't). Blank special order forms are held by each vendor and need to be filled out before entering a queue. Present the form to the cashier at the register and we'll take it from there. You may hear rumors that orders are always in stock and ship instantly. These are as reliable as the latest Abraham Lincoln meme/quote about the Internet. Assume **Special Orders take 6-8 weeks**, and if they come sooner that's great.

Buying A Boat?

Sit in a lot of boats

Canoecopia offers an opportunity to sit in hundreds of models under one roof. Make sure to adjust the seat properly and take your time.

Think about how you're getting your boat home

If you're taking a boat home, we can install your roof rack purchases.

You can put down a General Boat Deposit if you're not sure

The General Deposit is a great option for the "sure, but not sure" customer. We take a (fully-refundable) deposit of \$500 at a Boat Check-Out. That deposit guarantees you Canoecopia pricing on a boat at Rutabaga until 5/31. We highly recommend getting your accessories at the show, because you'll get the best prices and the best selection.



Didn't plan on taking a boat home but want one anyway?

We'll put your boat on Layaway and you can pick it up at the shop until May 31st. We just need a third of the purchase price or \$500, whichever is greater.

Trying out boats

Rutabaga's Layaway or General Boat Deposit gives you an opportunity to test paddle. Rutabaga's test paddling begins mid-April, depending on the weather. Check our website www.rutabaga.com.

Used Boat trade-ins

Trade in your boat at Canoecopia. Please ask for details at the Boat Pick Up booth or call us at Rutabaga prior to Canoecopia.

PROBLEMS? QUESTIONS?

If something goes awry, we want to know about it. **Go to the Customer Service Desk**, or ask a person wearing a staff shirt. We're never too busy to listen, learn, and improve. Or e-mail: customerservice@rutabaga.com.

WHAT'S NEW

EVERY YEAR our product buyers attend trade shows all over the country to see what's the newest, best, and coolest. It's an exciting time, and we have a hard time keeping our enthusiasm to ourselves. This is the first chance we get to showcase some of the stuff we saw last summer and fall. This is by no means an exhaustive list, but here's a good sampling. We think you'll like what's new, too.

Sanborn Canoe Co.

Gillis Paddle

First, this is an absolutely beautiful paddle. It's hard to tell from this photo of the very first production paddle that Jim took in the Baga basement, but it's just drop-dead gorgeous... Assuming you think paddles can be gorgeous. Then again, you're reading the Canoeecopia Show Guide, so the odds are in our favor. The Gillis paddle is a fiberglass-wrapped mix of cedar and aspen, with a bit of walnut for added durability. It has a scalloped epoxy edge that really catches the eye. It's smaller than the Gunflint for a more relaxed paddle and features an uncoiled grip.



Northstar Canoe

B16

Following on the success of last year's B17, Northstar developed the B16. It's plenty stable and predictable in moving water due to its symmetrical rocker. 32 inches wide at the water line for good performance, and 35.5 inches wide max for great stability and heavy

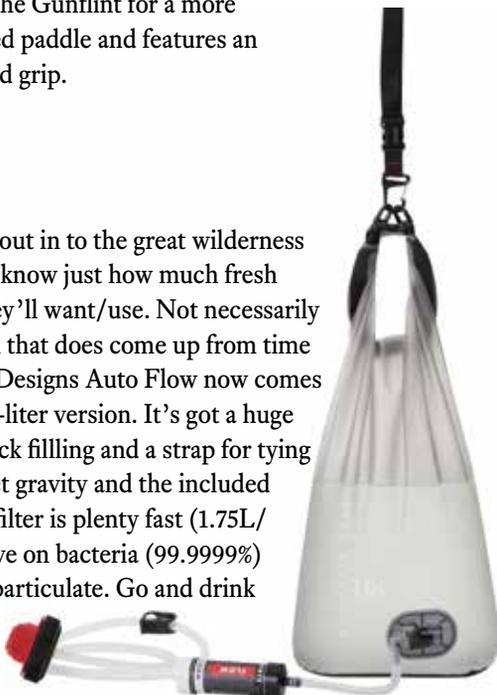
load-carrying ability. Since it is smaller than the B17, Northstar dropped the thwart behind the front seat and allowed it to work as a solo (or solo plus a dog, kid, etc.) boat with the paddler sitting on the front seat facing 'backwards.'



MSR

AutoFlow 10L

If taking a large group out in to the great wilderness is your cup of tea, you know just how much fresh microbe-free water they'll want/use. Not necessarily for making tea, though that does come up from time to time. The Cascade Designs Auto Flow now comes in a crowd-pleasing 10-liter version. It's got a huge foldable mouth for quick filling and a strap for tying to a vertical mount. Let gravity and the included filter do the rest. The filter is plenty fast (1.75L/min) and super effective on bacteria (99.9999%) protozoa (99.9%) and particulate. Go and drink bad water no more.



Astral Designs

Layla XS

Close readers of this section may feel an eyebrow twitching and wondering if they are experiencing deja vu. Yes, the Layla vest was featured in the 2016 Show Guide. (I put in a purple vest, not a blue one. So this is obviously different..?) Well, yes. For 2019, Astral Designs is making an Extra Small version. This PFD is for that body who is too big for a Youth fit, but too small for Smalls. There weren't a lot of options out there, and the body-contouring princess-seam pattern does a great job with a lot of the torsos it sees. We think it will be a huge hit for those it does fit.



Thule Evo Rack System

The past few years have seen great strides made in transportation systems. Just a few years back, Thule debuted their wing-style bars for reduced travel noise, and then mount systems became a lot less brand-specific. It's been terrific for our customers.

The good news keeps coming. Thule has introduced their 'Evo' wing bars. The old 'Aero Bars' did a good job of reducing noise but it had a 90 decibel spike around 315 Hertz. The new Evo WingBars are loaded with WindDiffuser technology. They gently break up air flow over the top and use TrailEdge to cleanly separate the air at the back. Result? A 13 dB reduction* with a much smoother frequency curve. What does that mean to you, dear reader? 90% less sound energy than their AeroBar. Less noise means you can listen to your music, podcasts, or... I dunno, maybe even converse the next time you've got to roll down the highway.



Evo Clamp Tower

Three new towers debut along with the new bars. The Evo Clamp (to your left) as well as the Edge Clamp and Evo Raised Rail (other column). Edge Clamp and Raised Rail towers are good up to 100 kg/220 lbs. Evo Clamp is good to 75 kg/165

lbs. Please check the individual fit as the recommended maximum load may be less.

Tower connects from below, accessories from above

As with the AeroBar, there's a channel in the top for more flexible accessory attachment. You're no longer required to snap something around the bar.

The venerable square bar got some love as well. Since the new towers attach from below (rather than using a clamp from above) they cut a slot for the new Evo Clamp and Evo Raised Rail towers. If you still want/need the old style, they've got you covered.

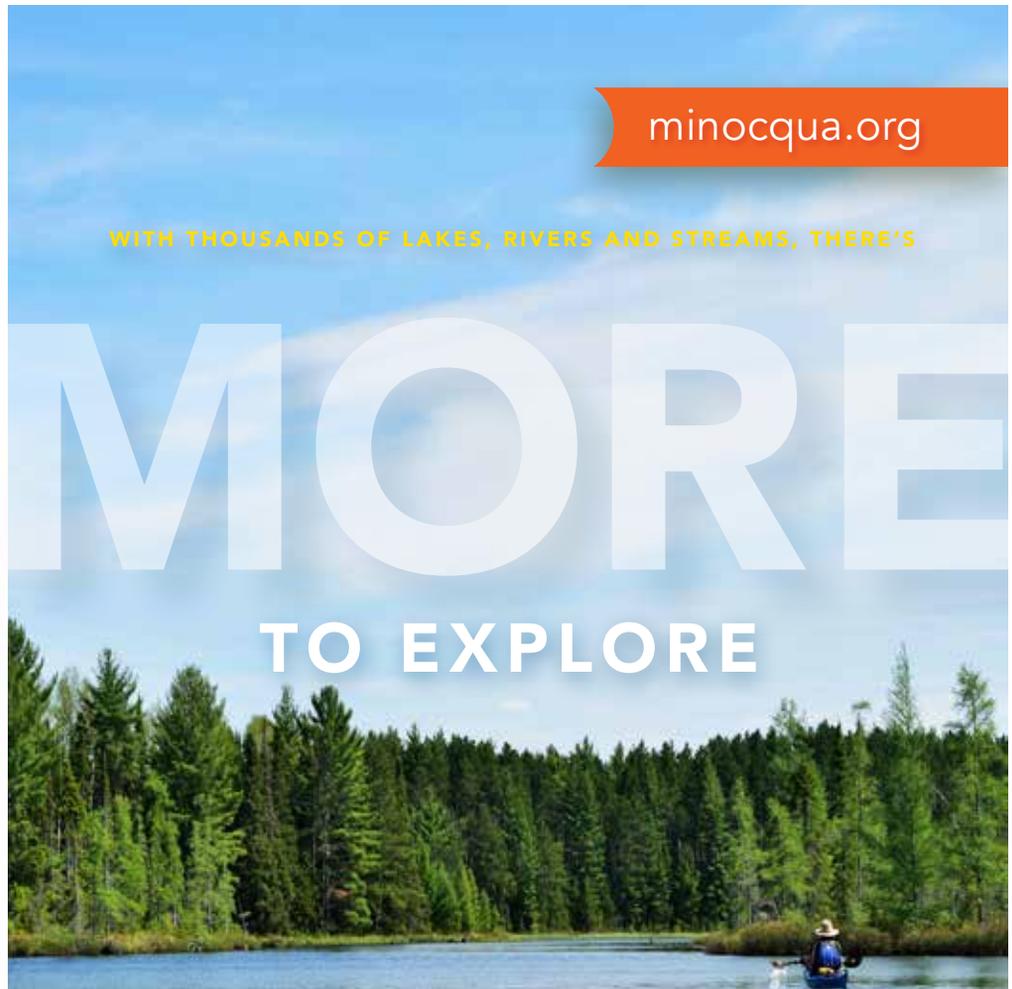
** Remember—decibels aren't linear. A 3db increase represents twice the sound energy.*



Evo Raised Rail with Silver Alum. Wingbar

Dagger Stratos 12.5 L & Stratos 12.5 S

We love the Stratos 12.5 kayaks. We think they'll make great small to medium lake cruisers with enough maneuverability for our twisty smaller streams and rivers. Dagger put a nifty little drop skeg on it to firm up the tracking when you need to make some straight line distance. Dagger also included an unusual (for this class) bulkhead footbrace which makes for a more comfortable resting place for your feet. We're tickled that they made it in two sizes to fit a wider range of paddlers.



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WHAT'S NEW

SealLine

Black Canyon Boundary Pack & ProPack

We've loved the Black Canyon packs ever since they were introduced. It's made with an incredibly strong PVC-free material that does a great job of keeping water out of the inside. The Boundary Pack has a fancier hip belt with pretty good padding for those longer portages, and reinforced upper attachments with D-ring clips. The ProPack takes the Boundary Pack all the way to a Nigel Tufnel approved '11.' The lower part is beefed way up with extra material to keep abrasion concerns totally at bay. The mounts on the sides are beefier, and there are 2 additional D-rings at the bottom.



Black Canyon



Pro Pack

Gator Guard

Gator Patch

So you're out somewhere, maybe deep in the wilderness and something mildly traumatic happens to your gear. Maybe there's a leak from one too many hard landings or a crack from an unseen rock. In years past, maybe this was a time for duct tape and a prayer. The Gator Patch offers a no-longer-faith-required more permanent fix. Just abrade the area and clean with isopropyl alcohol, then open the patch kit, apply, and with just minutes of UV-carrying sunlight (depending on the intensity of the sun or UV light) you are good to go. It's a fiberglass-impregnated polyester resin, so it sticks to most everything you're likely to need:

aluminum, plastic, fiberglass, wood, ABS plastic... (The only material it doesn't work on is polypropylene.)



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Canadian Canine Tundra Boots

We have two Lab mixes who demand their daily walkies. One has very tender paws that are affected by all of the salt and other snowmelt chemicals. Of course, each day she forgets about the pitiful paw-lift and mournful look directed at us the day before, and insists on another stroll about the neighborhood. I can't wait to have her try on the Tundra Boots. The anti-slip sole stays where it should be thanks to the hook and loop closure. Soft neoprene keeps the dog's tender feet warm and dry. They're sold in pairs to help you find the front-paw/back-paw size that's just right for your dog.



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Pyranha Fusion Duo

Do you ever want to take someone new to kayaking to somewhere really beautiful and cool, but they're burdened by a lot of "I don't know's" and "what if's"? Sure, *you're* sure they can handle it, but *they* aren't. Or maybe you're a part of a strong paddler/weak paddler duo and keeping the gang together is a constant struggle? The Fusion Duo can be a catalyst that solves your problems. With its retractable skeg you can cover long distances, and with the generous rocker you can go lots of gnarly places. It's well-outfitted with deck lines, so you can travel with style. The rear compartment has a huge hatch and a bulkhead behind the aft paddler. It carries a full quarter ton (ok, technically 507 lbs) of paddlers and gear, so you can load it up for long adventures if that's your thing. Or delightful afternoons down the Brule with nervous newbies. Or both.



Wilderness Systems

Pungo 105, 120, 125

If memory serves, Wilderness Systems has been rolling the iconic Pungo out the door since 1998. The original design heritage (wide open cockpit for easy in/out, integrated fin for improved tracking, comfortable seat for hours in the boat, and friendly hull for beginners) is still flowing through the redesigned Pungos of today. 20+ years on, they've now got better grab handles, improved hatch covers, and some barcalounger-like comfort in the seat thanks to their Phase 3 AirPro design, and a dashboard for carrying darn near everything. No really, *everything*. The 2019 version of the dashboard features a removable drybox, two cup holders, SlideTrax to hold mounts for phones, fishing rods and other accessories, and two customizable mounting platforms. Oh, and if you need power-on-the-go, check out the lithium battery (sold separately, naturally) to keep everything juiced up. If that isn't everything, I don't want to know what is. The 105 model is the do-everything, fits-most-people version, while the 120 and 125 are higher-performance craft for smaller and larger people, respectively.



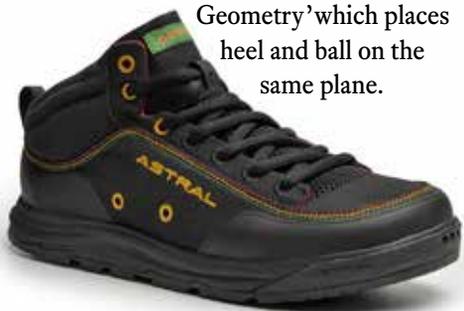
Pungo 105



Astral Designs

Rassler 2.0

Astral's Rassler shoes (they call them 'boots' BTW) have been a hit since they came out in 2013. Whether you're paddling, fly fishing, canyoning and/or traveling, they're awesome shoes. The 2.0 version is even beefier, with stronger ankle and heel counter. The toe counter got some love to protect your foot. The wet grip is incredible and it drains fast too. The uppers are quick-dry canvas for even more wet-to-dry comfort. And they're not just "water shoes," they're comfortable on hikes thanks to their 'Balanced Geometry' which places heel and ball on the same plane.



Werner

Bandito Paddle

What's smaller than a Bandit? Werner suggests a Bandito. For smaller paddlers, or those who found the Bandit a bit too fatiguing, Werner crafted this new paddle, drawing heavily on the old. They retained the aggressive spooned blade for catch and power, with plenty of dihedral for smooth and stable paddling. Blade length was reduced from 19.25 to 18 inches. That reduces the blade area down to a much more manageable 105 square inches. If being a Bandit isn't quite your thing, try being a Bandito.



NRS

LoLo Skort (and Shorts)

The skort has an interesting history. The word (not the garment) appears to have been coined by the old mega-retailer Montgomery Ward in a catalog in 1958. The combination of freedom of movement from shorts along with the lines of a skirt proved incredibly popular, though it took a long time before it was accepted for anything other than sportswear. The new NRS Skort (seen here) and LoLo Shorts are made with a quick-drying nylon/spandex blend that moves with you rather than against you. They're all-day comfortable, and pretty darn stylish too. Even for non-sports activities.



Swift Canoe Cruiser 12.6

Pack canoes are really coming on strong as paddlers age (us included). It's not that a pack canoe is a new thing. There's a pack canoe from 1887 in the Smithsonian's Museum of American History that weighs under twenty pounds.

The new Cruiser 12.6 is a great alternative for the folks who want to use a



double-bladed paddle but don't want the weight of a decked kayak. We think of the Cruiser 12.6 as a very nice kayak with half the weight (the deck) removed. That, and pack canoes like the 12.6 are easier to load and unload than a kayak. No hatches to deal with; just drop in your packs ago.

Downside? You might get some water on you from the paddle dripping. The solution

is a) don't mind it and b) get some paddle pants. We'd say a little dampness is worth having a boat that weighs under 22 lbs.

Chota Tundra Hippie

Imagine if Chota's Hippie adjustable waders just got run through a Marvel movie montage (*Editor- Less alliteration*) and are now bigger, badder, and buffer than before (*Ed- Really? Knock it off!*). Because that's what's happened! They're now made with 150 Denier outer fabric for greater abrasion and snag resistance, but still sporting 100% breathable and waterproof nylon polyester. At the bottom (hidden by the boot) you've got a 3mm neoprene stocking foot to keep you dry and comfortable.

Designed with input from Alaskan hunting guides who wanted a Hippie that could handle the

demands of long treks through the varied environment of the Tundra.



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Stohlquist Glide and Cadence PFD

The Glide (women's*) and Cadence (men's*) vests are super comfortable thin-back vests with Stohlquist's most pliable foam yet. No matter what backrest your boat has, these will give all-day comfort. They use their Graded Sizing so the vests are shaped appropriate to your body size. The Glide's sculpted bust area increases comfort by laying flatter. The vests have 2 zippered pockets and a quick-access pocket for things like tethered cameras or phones. They also have chest cinch straps that really help keep the PFD locked in place. Sweet!



** Get the PFD that fits best. Feel free to ignore the gender.*

P&H Kayaks Volan with Superior Kevlar Layup

Take the essential goodness of the 17+ foot long Cetus and shorten it up to 16 feet and you've got the Volan. A shallow-v hull with gently rounded chines gives great feedback in any conditions. The smaller length should make it particularly sporty in surf or wherever

maximum maneuverability is a must. The large hatches make it easy to pack for an overnight or weekend trip and the full deck lines are just what the instructor ordered when it's time for practicing rescues. The Superior Kevlar layup is P&H's stiffest composite yet, while being exceptionally durable. (Instructors may opt for the Expedition layup, but we think that the vast majority of paddlers will be better served by the Superior construction.) In fact, it's about 1 kg/2.2 lbs lighter than their Lightweight Carbon layup. Progress!



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MSR

Zoic Tent 2 & 3

MSR's new Zoic tent series are all about lightweight comfort. They're only 4lb. 6oz. and 5lb. 7oz. for the 2- and 3-person tent. The upper portion is all micro-mesh for excellent stargazing and ventilation. They're easier to enter with two doors, two vestibules and two gear lofts. The slightly enlarged footprint accommodates wider, more comfortable 25-inch mattresses plus a little more head and shoulders space. Steep walls give more room to move around inside. The hubbed pole system means that setup takes no time at all. They also incorporate MSR's Xtreme Shield System, an ultra-durable waterproof coating that lasts up to 3x longer than standard coatings to keep you comfy when it's raining.



Therm-a-Rest ProLite Apex

Have you ever had the thought while trying to get to sleep, "you know, this trip would be a lot more pleasant if my hips and shoulders were colder." No? Well, me neither. In fact, I often think the opposite. Looks like it's time to upgrade to the ProLite Apex. It's the warmest ProLite ever with an R-value of 4. The StrataCore construction (continuous thermal foam layer, alternating between ridges of air and foam) compresses down to a roll smaller than a roll of paper towels and weighs only 1lb. 6oz.

Yakima

Overhaul HD & HD Bars

The Overhaul HD is Yakima's new truck-bed-mounted rack system. The BedGrip clamp fits most truck beds quickly and easily, some even with a tonneau cover. It's fully height-adjustable (from 19 to 30 inches) so your boat can clear the roof and then sneak down below the flowing wind. It carries a huge load (500 lbs. on paved roads and up to 300 lbs. off-road). That's a lot of weight for a normal cross bar, probably more than any engineer would approve of. So they built new bars that would. The HD bars are internally reinforced with slots above and below for secure, quick mounting. They even put a rubber bumper in the upper slot for a slick look and reduced wind noise.



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Level Six Shoreline Boot

The Shoreline boot is a boot that you'll really appreciate at the shoreline. *[Editor - Ought to revise that, no? JP-No.]* It's got a medium foot bed, neither too firm nor too floppy, with plenty of tread to keep you from slipping on wet slimy surfaces during long portages. It's great protection for the drysuit footies, and is flexible enough to kneel in. It folds down into an improbably small roll when you'd rather not be incommoded by extra bulk. And looks pretty good at the shoreline too.



Council Tools Camp Carver Axe

Axes don't get the love they deserve. They don't check e-mail, they don't update your Instagram. And yet, in their natural element, they're pretty darn amazing things. The Camp Carver has a hardened poll and won't mushroom when pounding in tent stakes, the 26 oz. head is just about Goldilocks right and the 25 degree flat grind is easy to keep sharp. Oh, and it clears wood from camp? Ask your fancy phone to do that!



Werner New colors: Abyss & Blaze

We've come a long way from when the only color was white. Werner's new colors for 2019 are Abyss (touring) and Blaze (whitewater).



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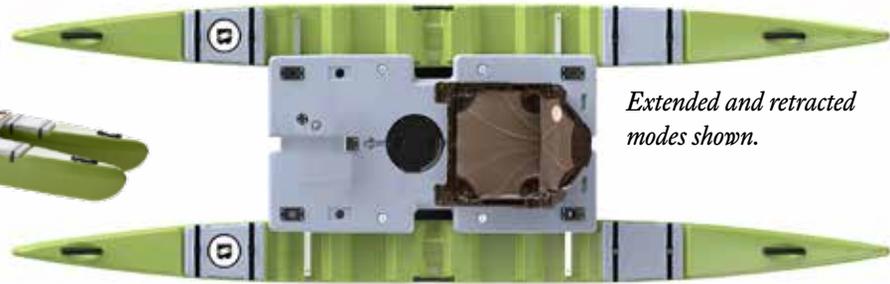
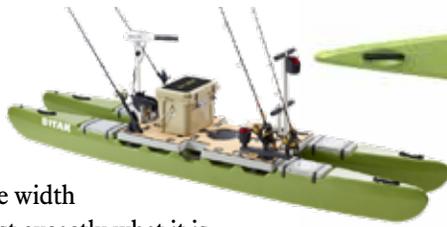
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WHAT'S NEW- KAYAK FISHING

Native Watersports

Biyak

Think of the Biyak as an adjustable width fishing catamaran, 'cause that's just exactly what it is. The fully-extended, 50-inch beam that you see to the right redefines stability.* The "I can't believe it is so easy to paddle" 30-inch beam (where the hulls are flush with the center platform) makes paddling a breeze. As befits a modern fishing kayak (biyak?), it's loaded with goodies: 7 Scottie deck-mount ports and 2 vertical receivers.



Extended and retracted modes shown.

Old Town Topwater PDL Angler

The Topwater PDL is a 10.5-foot double-U designed hull, with a beamy 36-inch waterline for reassuring stability.* The easily-retractable pedal drive allows for forward and reverse thrust to get you to your favorite hole. Thoughtful rod and tackle management will delight you. Revolutionary universal transducer mounting system makes mounting your favorite fish finder easier than ever before. It's a movable 100 lbs. (fully outfitted) too.



Yakima Big Catch

Most of the modern fishing kayaks & sit-on-tops are not exactly light weight. Sure, compared to a bass boat, they're a feather, but compared to a plain Jane 12-foot boat, all of the attachments, drives, mounting rails, rod holders, etc. add a lot of mass. Those extra pounds put a heavy stress on the saddles. So the Yakima engineers rolled up their sleeves, inserted their pocket-protectors, warmed up the mainframe, and came up with the Big Catch. Now able to hold up to 150 lbs., the new saddles are wider with rubber padding to mold around the hull. Felt pads are in the box to help the boat slide in to place. Also included:



bow & stern straps for safe transporting. The universal mounting system should fit almost every rack out there.

*Note: Stability is not an absolute. It's relative. We've all seen people fall off a pier, right? All watercraft, even the most stable, require judgment and experience, ok?

Sea-Lect

Track Mount Paddle Clip Extension

Kayak fishing paddlecraft are a lot like touring motorcycles. Everyone tweaks them to their taste. So sometimes your setup might make the default paddle management tricky. That's where this beauty comes in. Drop the guides in the boat's track, and then you can clip your paddle anywhere you like. Nice!



Bonafide RS117

RS does *not* mean Rally Sport, at least in this context. Which is a shame as I think having a fishing-centric rally sport kayaking series would make for interesting television, if nothing else. For Bonafide, the RS stands for RISE Series. If you want to rise up in amenities while keeping the budget under control, you'll love this 33.5-inch wide kayak. It's loaded with a YakAttack MightyMount XL track, centralized storage pod, Shield Frontwell Cover with integrated Paddle Pouch, and forward transducer-friendly scupper. All while checking in at an honest 77 lbs. (Extra options shown in picture.)



NRS Chinook and Shenook

The 2019 Chinook is a thoughtful redesign of the high-back 2017 version. The biggest change is an addition of shoulder strap keepers so that everything stays flat and out of the way. They removed the left upper pocket and moved the rod holder to the vacated spot, which left the knife lash tab useable when a rod was strapped in place. A tool holster is sewn into the outer part of the left pocket. Exterior attachment points are sewn in all over. The Shenook takes all of the design upgrades in the Chinook and adds women-specific cut and sizing. The PlushFit foam panels reduce bulk and mold to the female bust. Comfort, function, and fun. Sounds like a winner to me.



Jackson Kayak Bite

“Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler.” – Albert Einstein.

That about sums up the Bite. By making a simple open-deck design along with trimmable framed seating, they came up with an inexpensive, light weight (<68 lbs.) fishing craft that still has placeholders for standard-sized tackle boxes; cup holders; track mounts for whatever gear you want, where you want it; fully adjustable footbraces; and built-in flush rod holders right behind the seat. It’s 11’3” long and 35” wide for a good compromise between maneuverability, speed, and stability. Though Albert is not currently available for comment, I think he’d approve.



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Werner Adjustable LeverLock

The Adjustable LeverLock system for their Hooked paddles allows for up to 20cm of adjustment. Offered in two ranges: 220-240cm and 240-260cm. This means you can customize paddle length on the fly for high/low seat positions, standing while sight fishing or switching between multiple kayaks of different

widths. The adjustable-length paddle gives you all sorts of paddling options, and that’s a darn good thing.

Bonafide EX123

The Bonifide EX123 uses a hybrid catamaran concept (cleverly called HyCat™) to give the kayak fisher-man/-woman a super stable* platform with above-average paddling speed. The stadium seat is comfortable and supportive for a full day on the water. The rear compartment combines above hatch and below hatch storage with clever latch mechanisms for dryness as well as ease of access. The bow of the EX123 has a fully-drainable integrated storage well and cover. The staff can’t wait to check it out. It got rave reviews at Paddlesports Retailer.



* The most stable platform can still be upended by a determined human.

Bending Branches Angler Navigator

Roasted and regular basswood, and alder are laminated into this sweet, oversized blade with Branches Rockgard epoxy protection for their standard Navigator paddle. Add in a tape measure to the carbon fiber shaft and you’ve got an Angler Navigator. Available with the snug Snap-Button or the adjustable telescoping ferrule.



Sea-lect Designs Performance Anchor Trolley System

The Sea-Lect Designs Performance Anchor Trolley System is designed as an essential tool for the Pro Angler. Featuring the new Zig Cleat for easy one-handed adjustability, and durable single-piece Fairlead Pulleys for silent operations, this system is designed to never scare fish in the water below. When the need arises to wade, easily unclip the custom-designed Ring Clip and use the system as a leash.

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WHAT'S NEW

Cascade Creek Yakpad Lumbar Support

There are a thousand things we do every day without enlisting any support from a device or someone else. But have you noticed that even those common, everyday things (like chopping vegetables for a meal) are a lot more fun when you've got help from a mandoline or food processor? Same idea applies here, except that we're talking about kayaking. If your lower back starts asking for some help, grab the Yakpad Lumbar Support. The wrap-around design even works with non-kayak chairs to give your back some help at the office or on the road. Found in the Baga Booth, L1.



Northstar Firebird

Slavic lore uses the firebird as an object that inspires a long and difficult quest complete with lots of interesting characters along the way to help or hinder the hero.

The Northstar Firebird hopes to inspire its hero (the paddler) to quest for beautiful vistas and interesting waters, perhaps helped by generous passersby. The smaller (by 1 foot) version of Northstar's popular Phoenix has the same medium rocker (2.5") and one less inch at the waterline (now 29"). Northstar recommends an optimal weight range between 100-240 lbs.



Therm-a-rest Air Head Lite Pillow

Are you the minimalist type who can make do with wadded clothes inside a t-shirt for a pillow. Cool. Carry on. Me? That sounds like a week-long neck crick just waiting to happen. That's why I can't wait to get the Air Head Lite. It shrinks down to almost nothing (it will easily fit in your back pocket) and will cradle your head at night with

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Stop by the NRS booth to check out our 2019 PFDs and drysuits.
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The advertisement features a scenic background of a river valley with mountains. In the center, the NRS logo is displayed above the text '100% Employee Owned'. Below this, a large white text overlay reads 'Save 20% on Drysuits'. On the left, two drysuits are shown: a blue one and a bright yellow-green one. On the right, a single bright yellow-green drysuit is shown. Price information for the 'PIVOT' and 'NAVIGATOR' models is provided, including MSRP and a 'SHOW SPECIAL' price. At the bottom, a call to action encourages visitors to stop by the NRS booth to check out 2019 PFDs and drysuits and get fitted by experts.

Yakima
SkinnyWarrior

Maybe you want to haul a roof mount basket in addition to your boat? Or maybe you'd like to put an easy-to-access cooler next to your rack-mounted camper top. Either way, the SkinnyWarrior has you covered. Made of weather-resistant rugged steel and attached with darn-near-universal clamps, the SkinnyWarrior is ready for what ever adventure you want to dial up.



Platypus
Big Zip Evo

Humans can live days without food but only hours without water. Staying hydrated is darned important. The Big Zip Evo makes it easier to keep drinking water by turning to larger diameter tubing. Result? 50% more flow through food-grade, BPA-, BPS-, phthalate-free materials. Filling the Big Zip Evo's bladder is a cinch thanks to the huge SlideLock at the top. No reason not to stay 'fluidified.'



Wenonah
AI Layup (Adirondack and Heron canoes)

Wenonah's new AI layup is really, really beautiful. The outer layer is a 'polyaramid' woven with white Innegra, and the inner layer is pure Kevlar for surprising strength and durability, while weighing 7 pounds less than the standard Kevlar boat, and 5 pounds more than the superlight layup. A gorgeous bit of white gel coat at the bottom improves scratch resistance. For 2019 it's only available with the Adirondack and Heron.



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WHAT'S NEW

Morakniv Companion & Mushroom Knives

We are so excited to bring Morakniv to the show! Made in Sweden, they trace their lineage back to 1891. The **Companion** (above) is aptly named. Hard Swedish stainless steel is fitted to a soft, friction-grip TPE rubber for comfort and control. It's a knife you'll want with you all the time. The **Mushroom Knife** modifies the grip and adds a horse hair brush to clean your mushrooms in the wild.



Friday 8 to Sunday 10

SHOW ONLY

(Sheath included, but not shown.)

Thule Tepui Kukenam Rooftop Tents

High-end car camping (or overlanding to the hip kids) has taken off. They're super-quick to set up and take down and keep you safely away from trip-spoiling puddles. The Tepui's



ruggedized Kukenam Rooftop Tent is the toughest rooftop tent on the market. It is perfect for 4x4 trailers and tough off-road rigs. Other features include an 1/2" anti-condensation mat under the mattress and a fully-wrapped 3/4" heavy duty internal frame with two built-in panels and sky panels for a great view of the stars above (when the rainfly is removed).

Canadian Canines Mesa

The Canadian Canines Mesa is a quick on/off harness with lots of breathable, padded mesh where it counts. Attachment points at the top and chest ensures Fido stays close, while the reflective piping makes it easier to see her when running free in low light. It has a convenient handle on the top any time you need to move or lift your dog. It includes chest protection, keeping brush from tearing up his belly. Woof. Good dog.



JUNIOR RANGER DAY

On Sunday, March 10, park rangers from seven National Park areas will be presenting activities for youth at their information stations in the lobby. Youth who complete these activities throughout the day will receive official Junior Ranger badges and be sworn in as new National Park Junior Rangers! Junior Rangers are typically between the ages of 5 and 13, although people of all ages can participate.



WE LOVE the new stuff, but there's a lot of value in the tried and true. Here's a few of the 'Baga Staff's favorites you should check out.

Wenonah **Itasca**

Submitted by Jim Pippitt, e-Nerd

There are those who do minimalist well. I am not one of them. Maximalist? Sure. Got that.

There are those who'd look at this beast and think, 19 foot long? 37 inches wide? Are you crazy?‡ So, let's look a little deeper. It's only 34 inches wide at the waterline. That's not 'wide' per se. And it's only a 4-year-old longer than a "standard" canoe. How about if I said that it is *fast*, turns quicker than it has any right to, is big and *stable* enough to handle two hyperactive Labs plus kids and maybe a fidgety grandma? If that's how you like to paddle—even for an hour—you're in luck.

Look at it! The gorgeous, fancy swoop (tumble-home) after the yoke makes paddling it from the stern so easy. The standard double-sliding seats makes trimming her out a trifle. There's flare to spare in the front so your bow paddler and boat stay dry. Yes, it's big. So what? It's a maximalist's dream canoe.



Svante Fredén **Reflector Oven**

Submitted by Darren Bush, Chief Paddling Evangelist

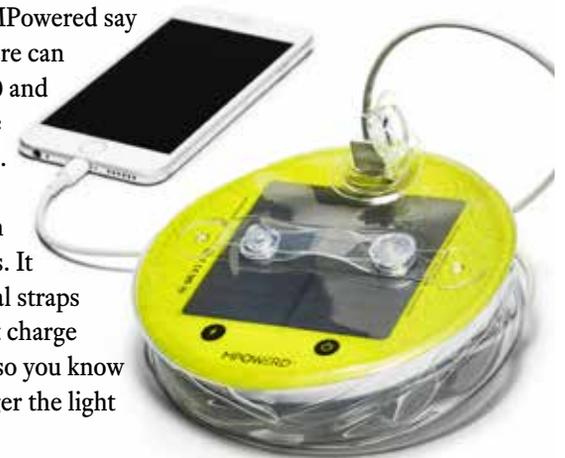
The unit you see here has a serial number in the 5700's. Darren has one in the 500's, and other than the recent addition of a rear support, they're identical. These ovens are amazing for making any baked dish using only the reflected energy from a campfire. Fun? Oh heck yes. If you've got responsible helpers, ask them to keep an eye on dessert. You can rotate the pan every 5-10 minutes to evenly cook it. (It is hotter in the back of the stove, not the front as you might expect.)



MPOWERed **Luci Pro: Outdoor 2.0**

Submitted by Shannon Lehmann, Sales

We've featured Luci lights here before, but never this one. Luci lights are inflatable with a solar cell and a battery and bathe your room, tub or campsite with varying levels of LED light. The Outdoor 2.0 takes it even farther. It has a bi-directional USB charger that can fill the lamp's battery in under 2 hours and then give light back for up to 50 hours. It gets better: it can also give some vital electrons back to any device that needs it. MPOWERed say that the unit here can add between 30 and 50% of a mobile phone's charge. That could be really helpful in some situations. It comes with dual straps and a four-light charge indicator strip so you know how much longer the light will last.



Sea-To-Summit **Collapsible X-Brew**

Submitted by Drew Whitnack, Warehouse Manager

We run a pretty tight ship around here. A pretty tightly-caffeinated ship. So when we're out enjoying the wilderness it is either a treat or a law that we start the day right with a cup of coffee. The Collapsible X-Brew is the delivery mechanism of choice. It keeps the grounds out and when it's done its duty it collapses down to almost nothing, ready to perk up campers the next day.



‡ My therapist says I'm not, so I'm going with that.



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PRESENTATIONS

Canoecopia Presentations for 2019

The hardest part is deciding what to see.

Derek Akin 
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Kayak Fishing 
Fri 7:30p, *Voyageur*
Sun 2:30p, *Loon*

Derek Akin will be speaking about kayak fishing on inland waterways and the Great Lakes. The presentation will cover the subjects of safety, rigging, and setup of kayaks for fishing. He will also touch on kayak fishing tournaments and how you can get started in the sport.

Christopher Amidon
Paddling Isle Royale National Park
Fri 4:30p, *Superior*
Sat 11:30a, *Superior*
Isle Royale National Park offers unique opportunities for paddling in and around



a wilderness island in Lake Superior. The challenges facing paddlers are many, from the logistics of transporting paddling equipment to the island, to the unpredictable and cold waters of Lake Superior. Join Ranger Chris Amidon to explore the paddling options and challenges of Isle Royale National Park.

Jeff Bach
Making Straight, Bent, and Double Bend Paddles 
Sat 1-4p, *Atrium*

Laminating wood strips and bending shafts are two of the finer points in a paddler's life. They are both central to making a paddle and *anyone* can do them. In this drop-in clinic, Jeff will show you what he does with the tools, wood types, shaping techniques, and ideas that add up to the pleasures found in making your own straight, bent, and double bend paddles for both canoe and paddleboard.



WHERE ARE THE SPEAKER ROOMS?

Canoecopia has 12 Speaker Rooms in three areas. A Canoecopia wristband is your entrance in to all Speaker Rooms.

Main floor rooms are to the right of the Lobby from the main Canoecopia entrance doors. As you face the food concessions to your left are Sylvania, Algonquin, BWCA; to your right are Superior and Quetico.

Upstairs rooms are above the downstairs speaker rooms. Two stairways lead up from the Lobby. Upstairs rooms are Atrium, Bear, Caribou, and Loon.

Clarion Hotel rooms are connected to the show by an indoor walkway that begins near the cash register check out area in the Canoecopia Lobby. Clarion rooms are Voyageur, Killarney, and the Pool.



Jim Baird
Cool Outdoor Tips and Hacks  
Sat 2:30p, *Quetico*
Sun 2:30p, *Quetico*

There is always something more to learn when it comes to the outdoors and canoe tripping. Jim will share a multitude of outdoor skills, tips, and hacks that he's learned and used over the years. Tips that you can use while sitting in the seat of your canoe as well as other camping and bushcraft skills that you can put to use at camp. After all, canoe tripping is so much more than just paddling a canoe.

Planning a Wilderness White Water Trip 
Sat 11:30a, *Sylvania*

Learn all you need to know about planning a multi-day, wilderness whitewater canoe trip. This includes the gear you'll need, how to choose a river that suits your skill level, and some of the key strokes and maneuvers needed to pull it off. Jim has completed several demanding whitewater canoe trips in Canada's North as well as a lot of trips closer to his home in Ontario where he lives on the Magnetawan River.

The Kesagami River Solo
Fri 6:30p, *Bear*

Jim will share the excitement of his solo canoe trip down the Kesagami River and along a remote coastline of James Bay. With a 220-yard drop through the 21-mile whitewater section, the Kesagami is known to be one of the most challenging canoeable whitewater rivers in Ontario. Jim's web video series "The Kesagami River Solo" was distributed across several outdoor media platforms. He will share images and video he captured on the journey, along with the humor, hardships, and adventure of the trip.



Steve Baskis & Ken Braband 
A Different Kind of Vision: Kayaking the Grand Canyon
Fri 7:30p, *Bear*
Sat 12:30p, *Bear*

In September 2018, five blind military veterans and their guides kayaked 226 miles of roaring Colorado River rapids through the Grand Canyon. Each person paddled his or her solo kayak through some of the biggest, gnarliest rapids in North America during this 12-day,

life-changing adventure. Find out how and why the non-profit organization Team River Runner accomplished this mission. Join U.S. Army veteran Steve Baskis and his kayaking guide Ken Braband as they share stories and images of determination, apprehension, distress, joy, camaraderie, and triumph.

John Bates
Our Living Ancestors: The History and Ecology of Old Growth Forests in Wisconsin



Sat 1:30p, Superior
Sun 1:30p, BWCA
 Old-growth trees dominated Wisconsin's forests prior to European settlement. Ecologists estimate that between two-thirds and three-fourths of Wisconsin's forests lived into their old age. What we see 150 years later is a far cry from what our forests once looked like, but some remnants still flourish. Questions to be answered: How did this happen, what are the values of current old-growth, and where can I combine a beautiful paddle with a hike in old-growth?

Wildlife: What to See Between Point A and B

Sat 4:30p, Superior abc
Sun 11:30a, Superior
 Any paddle on a northern river or lake places you within a larger wildlife community that has lived in and along water for thousands of years. Knowing who they are and how they live

enriches any paddle experience. From frogs to otters, water snakes to loons, mussels to muskrats, and bryozoa to sponges, we'll take a fun whirlwind look at some of the cornucopia of life that calls the water home.



Timothy Bauer
River Tour Along I-94

Sat 3:30p, Quetico
Sun 1:30p, Superior
 From Lake Michigan to Minnesota, Interstate Highway 94 courses through the heart of Wisconsin and crosses over some of its most iconic rivers, such as the Milwaukee, Rock, Wisconsin, Black, Chippewa, and St. Croix. Come along for a fun and informative ride with local author and part of the MilesPaddled.com website, Timothy Bauer, as he shares his favorite trips and tips for paddling these sacred places along the "silk rowed" of the Badger State.

The Paddling Playground of Black River Falls

Sun 12:30p, Superior
 Black River Falls, in west central Wisconsin, may well be the best kept secret in the paddling community: raging whitewater, gentle

Hey! What do those symbols mean?



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quietwater, squirrely creek paddling, and gorgeous geology are just some of what defines this extraordinary recreation area. Come join local author and part of the MilesPaddled.com website, Timothy Bauer, for his tips on where and when to go, whether day-tripping, car camping, or paddling multi-night expeditions. With brief mentions of hiking, skiing, and mountain biking opportunities as well. After this, you'll want to become BFFs with BRF!



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PRESENTATIONS



Sharon & Alec Bloyd-Peshkin Unconventional Wisdom

Sat 12:00p, Pool

Paddlesports are always evolving. This can frustrate students who question why they're told different things by different coaches. This session is designed to help you make up your own mind about proper techniques, rather than just doing things because a particular coach told you to. We'll provide a framework for testing and choosing different techniques and equipment for yourself, and demonstrate specific examples in strokes and rescues.



Terry Bomkamp Back Country Cooking

Sat 12:30p, Algonquin

New to cooking in the backcountry? This seminar will cover the basics in creating great tasting meals for all your backcountry trips, including stove selection, cooking gear, menu selection, and recipes. Jerry will also share tips that will help you save money and time while creating great tasting meals. You'll even learn a technique to prepare fresh baked bread with a light weight stove and cooking pot!

John Browning Navigation 210: Beyond "Look, See, Go"

Fri 5:30p, Killarney
Sun 2:30p, Killarney

So you have a compass and you have the appropriate chart or map. Now what? John will share some tips, tricks, and techniques for staying found. Whether you are on the water or on land, you should be able to use these tools to always know where you are, where you are going, where you came from, and where to go when stuff starts to "hit the fan."



What's in Your First Aid Kit?

Sat 10:30a, Bear
Sun 12:30p, Caribou

Do you carry a first aid kit when you paddle? Did you purchase one? If so, do you know what's in it and how to use all that stuff? What do you need to add to meet your needs? If you built one yourself, do you have the right stuff? Do know how to use everything? John Browning will explore first aid kits, and what he carries. John will also provide some helpful tips on first aid and backcountry medicine.



Scott & Emilie Burditt Dad Daughter Wilderness Camping

Fri 7:30p, Loon

What can a dad and daughter teach each other during a wilderness camping trip? The real question is what can the wilderness teach them both? From solitude and starry nights to tough portages and bugs, the wilderness offers lessons and opportunities. It's a place where teamwork isn't questioned. Important conversations occur organically. And dad-daughter relationships flourish. Hear from a dad and daughter who've been exploring Canadian parks together since she was three years old. Get tips, and some social science, for convincing your daughter that wilderness camping is cool.



Kevin Callan Once Around Algonquin: An Epic Canoe Journey

Fri 5:30p, Quetico
Sat 11:30a, Quetico

The Happy Camper and good friend Andy Baxter paddle for three weeks around Ontario's Algonquin Park - completing 93 portages that add up to 68 miles. Andy says Kevin isn't allowed to organize any more canoe trips. Don't miss this presentation. It's a classic.

Paddling Ontario's Thames River

Sat 1:30p, Quetico
Sun 11:30a, Quetico

Author Kevin Callan paddled the full length of the Thames River in southwestern Ontario. It runs 300-plus kilometres and is the most southern watercourse in Canada. The trip had a bit of Huck Finn flavor to it. The Thames is an urban river with farms, cities and small hamlets found along the way. Kevin had to think outside the box on this one, making for one incredible misadventure.

Tips for Enjoying Speakers

- The Exhibition Hall is large; plan enough walking time to arrive on time, especially on Saturday when the aisles can be crowded.
- Many presentations are standing room only on Saturday; try seeing those speakers on Friday or Sunday for better seats. Some presentations are only offered on Friday and/or Sunday.
- The pool sessions have a limit of 99 attendees for each time slot. Please arrive early to ensure your spot.
- Strategically use speaker presentations as an opportunity to sit down and rest.
- Any changes to the speaker schedule will be posted online, at the Information Booth, and in the speaker room area.
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Kat Casey Yoga for Paddlers

Sat 9:30a, Atrium **abc**
Sun 10:30a, Atrium

Enhance your strength, stamina and stability with yoga! Kat Casey, of Monona Yoga Center, will guide you through poses that teach your body proper alignment and muscle

engagement to enhance your technique and reduce injuries caused by misalignments from paddling. The class will combine postures, breath and conclude with a deep relaxation leaving you with a sense of strength, calm, and well being. No prior yoga experience necessary—come as you are! Please bring a mat or towel if you have one.



New



John Chase Leadership Principles for Effective and Fun Day Trips

Fri 4:30p, Voyageur

Learn the principles that experienced leaders follow to safely support groups for day trips on the water. John will focus on pre-trip planning, group and expectation management, risk assessment, and incident management. If you're looking for 45 minutes of war stories about how Cousin Eddie got pinned on that nasty rock, this isn't the place. John focuses on practical stuff you can use to lead your first, fifth, or 100th trip.

Perfectly Pack Your Kayak for a Multi-day Trip

Fri 7:30p, Atrium

Sun 1:30p, Atrium

Loading your personal and shared group gear in your boat is part art and part science. This hands-on workshop will equip you with tips and tricks to pack your kit for a dry, safe, and enjoyable multi-day journey without having to cut the handle off your toothbrush.

Power to the Paddle: Exercises to Improve Your Paddling **abc**

Sat 11:30a, Atrium

Join this fun, hands-on session where you'll learn and practice functional exercises to help you paddle longer, faster, and stronger. Learn simple exercises requiring little or no equipment that target crucial muscles to be a better paddler, build endurance, and prevent injury. You'll improve your outdoor experience and become the best paddler you can be!

Preston Ciere The Backcountry's Power to Heal

Sun 10:30a, Voyageur

We often forget about Nature's ability to heal. A paddle into the backcountry can do so much good for you—from removing stress, to getting back to your roots and recharging, to just spending some time away in a cleaner, healthier environment. Preston will share information about the good that wild places can do for you, along with stories of Nature's way of healing mind, body, and even spirit. You may laugh, you may cry, but you will be inspired to visit somewhere remote and do some of your own wild therapy.



Dale Cox Paddle the National Parks of the Midwest

Fri 6:30p, Quetico

Sat 9:30a, Superior

America's Heartland has a widely diverse number of protected areas to paddle, camp, fish, and sight-see. A number of these special places are managed and protected by the National Park Service. From Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore to the Buffalo National River and Theodore Roosevelt National Park to Cuyahoga National Park, canoeers and kayakers can choose between short floats on slow moving rivers to week long paddle adventures in remote areas of the Great Lakes. This fast-paced program shares short introductions to many of the National Park waters awaiting you this summer!



Sam Crowley Sea Kayaking the Outer Coast of the Great Bear

Sat 9:30a, Algonquin

Along British Columbia's coast south of Alaska are the waters used for millennia by Native paddlers. Today, sea kayakers find an extensive island wilderness complete with towering mountains, a dense rainforest and secluded campsites home to bears, eagles, wolves, whales, ravens, and otters. This is the Great Bear Rainforest, recently formed to protect the islands, shoreline and mountain forests of BC. Even more remote than the Inside Passage, the Outer Coast is a route along its Pacific edge. Join Sam Crowley as he recounts his 25-day journey.

Sea Kayaking the Rathad Na Mara

Fri 6:30p, Caribou

Sun 12:30p, BWCA

Join Sam Crowley as he recounts his 30-day-long island hopping adventure from Dublin to the Scottish Highlands along the rathad na mara. Irish for sea road, the rathad na mara is an ancient pathway along a shoreline rich with Viking towns, Finn McCool's cave, a 5th century monastery and pilgrimage site on Iona, and 200-year-old Scotch whisky distilleries on Islay. Travel on the mara is shaped by challenging winds, waves, and currents with unexpected campsite visitors and neighbors.

Lynn Dominguez Basic Strokes to Freestyle Canoe Maneuvers

Sat 12:30p, Pool 

How do freestyle canoeists get their canoes to make those maneuvers? If you can get your canoe to go straight and turn, then you too can do freestyle canoeing! Join Lynn at the pool to learn the secret to



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freestyle maneuvers such as the axle, wedge, and Christie. Handouts will be available with freestyle maneuvers and upcoming canoe symposia information for 2019.

Get Started Canoeing, Now! **abc**

Fri 6:30p, Sylvania

Sat 9:30a, Sylvania

Canoes are wonderful vehicles for getting into beautiful natural places. Maybe you have thought about canoeing but don't know how to get started. Are you wondering what kind of canoe to purchase? Is a canoe the best choice for your family? Did you try to canoe once but the canoe wouldn't go straight? Are you curious about some places to canoe and camp? Find out the answers to these questions and more! Join Lynn Dominguez, an ACA certified canoe Instructor Trainer, to explore the world of canoeing.

Renee **DuFresne** & Sipke **DeBoer** Tools and Tricks of the Arctic Seal Hunters **abc**

Sat 1-4p, Atrium abc

Your kayak has a history, rich in arctic culture and the tradition of the seal hunt. Stop by and learn about the Inuit hunters' craft and tools.

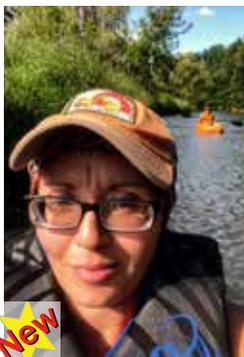


Take a look at a replica skin-on-frame Qajaq, completely outfitted for seal hunting, bird-catching, and walrus-pulling. Peruse the tools, see how they were used, and learn about the tricks they used for recovery of large sea mammals and game. Also, learn how Greenlanders are helping to preserve this culture through education, reclamation, and games!

Natalie **Dutack** Paddle with a Purpose: Protecting Your Waters as You Play!

Fri 5:30p, Killarney

Aquatic Invasive Species might not be the first thing on your mind as you glide across the water, but they have set up camp along our shorelines and in our rivers and lakes. They impact native habitats, ecosystem health,



and our recreational opportunities. Identifying and managing populations is a priority for land managers and communities across the country. Who better to lead the way than paddlers? Join River Alliance of Wisconsin as we teach you how to prevent the spread while doing what you love!



Andrew & Ethan **Elkins** Logistics for Planning a Paddling Trip **abc**

Sun 1:30p, Loon

Extended camping trips (1 week or longer) using a canoe, kayak, or paddleboard can be intimidating to plan for. Where do you start with the planning process? Andrew and Ethan have been tripping with diverse groups of family, friends, and youth groups for a combined total of 60 years. With concise steps, they can help you get started in a way that takes the stress out of planning and gets you out enjoying the less-explored areas of the great outdoors. They will discuss when to start on a group size confirmation, planning your menu, gear lists, getting trip permits, and using off-site resources. They'll also touch on why they do a quick practice shakedown, and include the small details that will make your trip successful.

David **Ellingson** Paddle Pilgrim: Kayaking the Fjords of Norway

Fri 7:30p, Sylvania

Sun 2:30p, Sylvania

Dave Ellingson, whose Mississippi River, Erie Canal, and Hudson River expeditions are chronicled in his popular *Paddle Pilgrim* books, enjoyed a spectacular month last summer paddling on his ancestral Sogne and Hardanger Fjords. Dave will share spellbinding stories and award-winning photographs from his recent adventure in Norway. His latest book, *Paddle*



Pilgrim: Kayaking the Fjords of Norway, hot off the press, will be available for purchase!



Al & Marsha **Fairfield**

Discover Sylvania

Sat 2:30p, Superior

Sun 12:30p, Quetico

Sylvania Wilderness is a mini version of the BWCA or Quetico right in our back yard. Old-growth forest, exquisite scenery, crystal-clear lakes, abundant wildlife, and a wilderness experience make this a prime destination for paddlers. A rich history of private ownership, land stewardship, celebrity, and return to public domain makes this one of the most unique places in the area. Let Al & Marsha guide you to this incredible place so that you can experience all that is Sylvania for yourselves.

Wisconsin Rivers Made for Paddle Camping

Fri 7:30p, Superior

Sun 2:30p, Superior

One of the best wilderness experiences in Wisconsin is to paddle and camp on one of our wild rivers. There are several rivers that have relatively easy access with established paddle-only access primitive campsites. Rivers including the Manitowish, Flambeau, Namekagon, and St. Croix offer a range of flat water and whitewater any paddler can enjoy. Get the scoop on your next paddling and camping adventure.

Vern **Fish** Ottertooth Canyon

Sat 4:30p, Voyager

Shielded by rapids, rock walls, and waterfalls the Ottertooth Canyon is a remote jewel hidden on the southern border of the Wabakimi Wilderness Complex. In 1784 Edward Umfreville explored this region



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trying to find a northern canoe route from Lake Superior to Winnipeg. Rediscover this forgotten route and lower your canoe into an isolated canyon to find seldom-seen pictographs, waterfalls, and disappearing streams.



Meredith Freshley & Emily Spanger
6 North of 60: Paddling Expedition to the Arctic

Sat 10:30a, Loon

In the summer of 2017, six women (Meredith, Maddie, Lindsay, Marissa, Sammi, and Emily) paddled for 62 days, over 1,200 kilometers, from the Mackenzie Mountains in Canada's Northwest Territories to the Arctic Ocean via the Keele River, Great Bear Lake, and the Coppermine River. They paddled with purpose: an expedition not only for themselves, but designed to tangibly empower and inspire girls, helping them see that women are truly capable of anything. Their presentation will include photos, videos, and inspiring stories about exploring the wilderness with gratitude and purpose.

Steven Fritz
Learn to Return

Sun 1:30p, Killarney

At any given time on our wilderness adventures, we are a flipped canoe, severe



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weather, or an illness or injury away from our adventure turning into a life-challenging or even a life-compromising situation; one where high stress, anxiety, and uncertainty cloud the decision-making process. This presentation is offered to provide guidance to help you succeed should you find yourself in one of these situations.

Amy Funk
Trip Like a Girl

Sat 1:30p, Caribou
Sun 1:30p, Bear

Women sometimes face insecurities and fear about tripping in the wilderness.

This presentation will discuss the basics of outdoor skills and developing confidence as an outdoorsperson. Trip reports from previous trips will be shared, as well as ideas for reflecting on and planning your own dream trip.



Tim Gallaway
Greenland Style Rolling

Sat 2:30p, Pool
Sun 1:00p, Pool

Learn about the history of kayaking with this demonstration of traditional rolling skills from Greenland. See how these techniques are done and how the use of traditional-style paddles, equipment, and technique can be applied to modern-day paddling.



Mona Gauthier
Food Dehydration 101

Sat 10:30a, BWCA
Sun 2:30p, BWCA

The excitement of planning and preparing for a wilderness adventure can be enhanced by including your own dehydrated meals. Thirty years of BWCA food prep secrets will be shared along with basics on dehydrating food, complete meals, and types of dehydrators.



Barb & Gene Geiger
Paddling Cuisine: Healthy One-Pot Meals for Adventure Touring

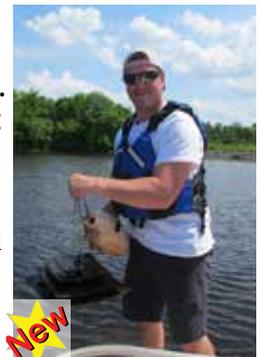
Fri 6:30p, BWCA
Sat 9:30a, BWCA

Barb and Gene Geiger made over 140 dehydrated vacuum-sealed meals for their five-month kayak service trip on the Mississippi River and Tenn-Tom Waterway. Hear about their adventures in the tandem kayak they built themselves and learn to make your own lightweight, healthy meals for your next paddle touring adventure - whether a few days or several months. Learn tips and strategies for food dehydrating, making and packaging one-pot meals, sending food boxes to locations along your route, and making and using a pot cozy to conserve cooking fuel.

Sean Griffin
Wild and Scenic Adventures on the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway

Fri 5:30p, Superior
Sat 1:30p, BWCA

The St. Croix National Scenic Riverway was one of the first eight rivers protected by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, 50 years ago. Paddling this special Riverway is a richer experience when you have a deeper understanding of characteristics that led to its protection. Let Sean guide you on a journey to explore these wild and scenic qualities, learn where to paddle to experience the best of the Riverway, and maybe where to find a good watering hole after your paddle.





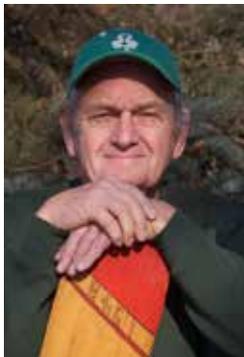
Laura Gundlach Y
North to Hudson Bay
Sun 12:30p, Killarney

In the summer of 2016, four friends/siblings embarked on an 80-day, 1200-mile canoe trip from Minnesota to the historic York Factory on Hudson Bay in Northern Manitoba. The trip began with a portage from Mark and Mike's childhood home in Ely, MN. From there, it ranged from flat-water paddling in the BWCA and provincial parks, to rapids on the Hayes and Bloodvein Rivers, and big lake paddling on Lake Winnipeg. Hear the struggles and triumphs on their longest paddle ever, as they made their way north to Hudson Bay.

Don Halloran
Lake Superior's Shoreline Parks

Fri 5:30p, Algonquin
Sun 1:30p, Algonquin

During the past two summers, Don and his wife explored all of the US and Canadian parks bordering Lake Superior. This careful



and in-depth exploration gave them an excellent understanding of the recreational opportunities available while circling Lake Superior, the largest freshwater lake in the world. Paddling, hiking, biking, and historic opportunities abound. They traveled this 1,300-mile circle tour very slowly in a 1964 VW bus. Join Don as he shares their discoveries.

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Bryan Hansel

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Paddling the Rio Grande River

Sat 4:30p, BWCA

The Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande River runs 83 miles from La Linda downstream of Big Bend National Park to a private ranch at the takeout. Along the way, the river passes through open desert, hilly terrain, 1000-foot canyons, and over rapids ranging in difficulty from II to IV. Outside access is difficult, leaving paddlers inside the cocoon of their trip. Hear Bryan talk about canoeing the river, relate stories about hiking up side canyons, and see photos documenting the trip.



Photographing Seascapes abc

Sat 1:30p, Algonquin
Sun 10:30a, Algonquin

The connection between water, land, and sky has for ages inspired poets, painters, photographers, and paddlers. In photography, pictures that capture that connection are called seascapes. Regardless of whether you are photographing the sea, the Great Lakes, or the lakes of the Boundary Waters, the techniques for capturing a perfect seascape are the same. Hear about the seascape techniques Bryan has learned, taught, mastered, and written about for Ocean Paddler Magazine. Bryan will display beautiful photographs that illustrate his techniques.

Wayne Horodowich
How to Choose the Kayak that Works Best for You abc

Fri 4:30p, Caribou
Sat 11:30a, Caribou

Trying to choose a kayak can be overwhelming from the seemingly endless variety of boats available in the marketplace. Your goal is to find the boat that fits your needs and your budget. If you want a step-by-step approach to finding the kayak that works best for you, then join Wayne for a dynamic and detailed discussion. He will draw upon his 32 years of teaching kayaking and



fitting paddlers into kayaks so they can have an enjoyable experience.

The Art of Staying Upright in Your Kayak

Sat 2:30p, Bear
Sun 10:30a, Bear

Why not stay upright rather spending all that energy getting upright? When you capsize, having a roll and/or knowing recovery techniques are important. However, if you have good paddle support skills you minimize your chance of capsizing. Traditional bracing classes focus on the slap brace, which is a one-shot attempt at staying upright. This discussion focuses on stroke techniques that give you more support and that are more reliable especially when paddling in rough water.

Using Your Boat, Body, and Blade for Efficient Paddling abc

Fri 5:30p, Caribou
Sun 11:30a, Bear

Paddling a kayak is more than just taking strokes with your paddle. Kayaking is a true marriage of your boat, body, and blade. All three must be working together during all aspects of kayaking to get the most out of your equipment. We will

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discuss body position and movements, boat positions and movements, and closely view how to properly use and manipulate your paddle to get the results you want when kayaking to get the most out of your equipment.



Cliff Jacobson

Bear-Proofing Your Camp **abc** 🐻

Sat 12:30p, Quetico

Learn how to protect yourself and your food from bothersome bears: the recommended method of “storing food in trees” doesn’t always work! What should you do if you meet a bear on the trail, or are attacked by one? Black bears, polar bears, and grizzlies require different strategies. Hear practical information about bears that you can use whether you trek to the Arctic or the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

Camping’s Top Secrets **abc** 🏕️

Sat 9:30a, Quetico
Sun 10:30a, Quetico

This whirlwind seminar focuses on camping tricks that only the experts know—practical things you won’t find in ordinary camping books. Learn how to inexpensively waterproof your sleeping bag, cope with a bad site, make a one match fire, painlessly remove an embedded fish-hook, stay dry in rain while wearing ultra-light rain clothes, purify silty western river water, waterproof and pack your gear so it will stay dry in rain or a capsize, and more!

Canoeing Secrets **abc**

Fri 4:30p, Quetico
Sun 1:30p, Quetico

This presentation will focus on how to outfit a canoe for casual and wilderness travel. Learn how to install ‘blind’ lining holes at cutwater, choose and safely store tracking lines, install knee-pads, footbraces, shock-cord decks and thwarts, correct the seat height, re-position thwarts to make more space for gear, select straight and bent-shaft paddles, correctly fit a life jacket and portage yoke, make and safely use spray covers, and pack the canoe efficiently for

a wilderness trip. Cliff will also discuss canoe repair materials and methods.

Rob Kesselring & Stu Osthoff

Finding Your Own Wilderness Canoe Tripping Style **abc**

Sat 10:30a, Quetico

Join Stu Osthoff, Boundary Water Journal publisher and wilderness guide, and Rob Kesselring, outdoor writer and wilderness guide, compare and contrast the traditional style of wilderness canoe tripping to the ultralight approach. Two lifetimes of hard-core wilderness paddling, all distilled down to the essence of why we go, plus a boatload of advice on how, when, and where to make your own wilderness canoe tripping goals happen. Come learn some new ideas in this fun debate, back by popular demand.

Rob Kesselring & Sue Plankis

Travel Like a Wilderness Guide Tips from 1,000 Trips 🌲

Fri 7:30p, Quetico
Sat 3:30p, Superior

Canoe camping tips and secrets gleaned from decades of wilderness river travels in Canada, Alaska, the Boundary Waters, the desert Southwest, Australia, South America, and Africa. Kesselring will pack in as much useful stuff and instructive stories and pictures as time allows. An entertaining, information-packed session from one of the most experienced canoe guides in North America.

Andrea Knepper & CAT Youth

Building Youth Leadership through Paddling 🧑🏻🧑🏻

Sat 11:30a, Loon

Andrea’s passion is re-energizing the paddling community through meaningful youth involvement. At Chicago Adventure Therapy, they believe the only way to authentically welcome young people into the paddling community is to develop them as leaders in the sport. Come hear young paddlers’ often humorous stories of embracing paddlesport while patiently translating current culture to “more mature” paddlers. They’ve been working at this for several years and we



have some interesting insights to share. Join them for a youth-led discussion about youth leadership in paddlesports.



Let’s Talk About Race...

Sat 2:30p, Loon

Working with young paddlers at Chicago Adventure Therapy has forced them to have uncomfortable—and illuminating!—discussions about race in paddlesports. They’ve also had to talk about gender, nationality, sexual orientation, class, and the variety of -isms associated with each. It’s been challenging (in a good way!) because they have an incredibly diverse paddling communities. Andrea and the CAT youth will share some of their experiences creating this community, along with some of the challenges they’ve had. You’ll have plenty of time for questions and discussion.

Troubleshooting Rescues **abc** 🚒

Sun 12:00p, Pool

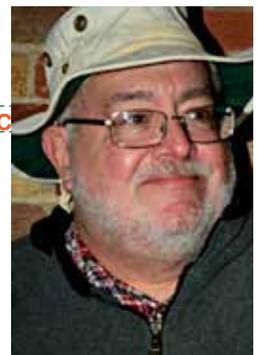
Do you struggle to re-enter a sea kayak? This pool presentation is for you! This isn’t a demonstration of a picture perfect T-rescue or the latest self-rescue technique. Andrea & Co. will walk you through some guidelines to help you problem solve when your rescue just isn’t quite working. Built from real life experience and frustration, they’ll share some solutions they’ve found to help you figure out how to get yourself or your paddling partner back in the boat so you can safely explore more places.

Marty Koch

Basic River Safety for the Novice Paddler **abc**

Fri 4:30p, Sylvania
Sun 11:30a, Caribou

The paddling sports are safe if you know what you are doing. This class will explain the basics of paddling safety for the casual



paddler. Learn about sweepers and strainers, PFDs, flooding, trip planning, river ratings, and much more. This seminar is a must for the novice and occasional paddlers.

Mission Impossible: 30 Years a Ranger

Sat 2:30p, BWCA

Your mission, should you accept it, is to determine fact from fiction at this hilarious recollection of outdoor misadventures as remembered by a veteran park ranger. Paddling mishaps, colorful characters, frightening close calls, and much more. It is your task to determine which is real and which are fabrications. Take a break from the serious paddling seminars for 45 minutes of high comedy and belly laughs.

Ten Steps to Better Outdoor Photography

Sat 10:30a, Algonquin

Ever wonder why your outdoor pictures are just so-so while the pros' photos are so beautiful? With just ten easy steps you can vastly improve your outdoor shots. A professional nature photographer will show you how to use the elements of composition to create your own masterpieces.



Doris Kolodji

Power to the Pipsqueaks: Anyone Can Pack, Paddle & Portage

Sat 4:30p, Atrium

If you've always wanted to pick up a canoe and portage like the "big boys," then this energetic, hands-on workshop is for you. Don't let the idea of picking up and carrying your own canoe be a barrier! For decades Northern Lakes Girl Scout Canoe Base has been training women and girls to travel through the BWCAW and Quetico Park. They specialize in teaching novices to feel like pros regardless of size or experience. Learn tips and tricks for women and youth in the wilderness, and practice specific techniques to flip up and portage canoes.

Pete Kuhn
The Perfect Fit

Sun 2:30p, Atrium

Pete will show you how to make adjustments to the inside of a kayak cockpit. He will cover seat and foot peg adjustments/modifications, followed by customizing thigh braces. He will be using a cut-a-way kayak to show possible placement of modifications. Materials and shaping techniques will also be discussed.



Mary Langlie
Physical Preparation for Paddling

Sun 12:30p, Atrium

Paddling is more fun when you are physically prepared for the challenge. This fun, interactive session will give you ideas of things



you can do during the off-season to prepare your body for the paddling season. All ages and fitness levels will find something in this session that will challenge and inspire them!

Erica LeMoine
Loons: Symbol of Northern Lakes

Sat 12:30p, Voyageur

Many visitors and residents associate a great Northwoods experience with the haunting call of the common loon. The loon is a sentinel species—a living symbol of clean water, good fisheries, and an indicator of healthy aquatic ecosystems. Since 1978, LoonWatch has been protecting common loons and their aquatic habitats through education, monitoring, and research. Learn about the common loon, their calls, ecology, behavior, habitat, threats, what you can do to protect them, as well as other fascinating facts.



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Conflicts over Canoe Country

Sat 2:30p, *Sylvania*
 Sun 12:30p, *Sylvania*
 The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness

is the most popular wilderness area in America. Unfortunately, this popular canoe destination is threatened by proposed sulfide-ore copper mining—defined by the EPA as the most toxic industry in America. Putting this dangerous type of mining directly next to this significant lakeland Wilderness would permanently destroy some of the cleanest water in the world. The Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters is rapidly building national momentum to protect this Wilderness, and they can show you how to help.



Christopher **Lockyer**

Brought to you by P&H Sea Kayaks
Sea Kayak Navigation **abc**
 Sat 1-4, *Atrium*

Getting to know marine charts and using them is no dark art, but a matter of interpreting the information that is in front of you and then relating it to what you can see in the natural environment. Christopher will explore many common and practical techniques for on-water navigation and also get into using a compass while on the water in this drop-in clinic.

The Wild Coast of Labrador

Sun 10:30a, *Caribou*
 Labrador is located North of Newfoundland and is home to wild landscapes, native culture, and amazing wildlife. Come on a journey exploring the area around Nain to get a feel of what life is like living in the Canadian North. Polar Bears, icebergs, and more will make you want to visit this amazing part of the world. The ocean is calling you—come explore it.

Trip Planning for Sea Kayakers **abc**

Sun 12:30p, *Loon*

Sea kayaking is a great way for groups of like-minded people to explore. Time on the water can be simple, but conditions can change quickly. Are you looking to become more knowledgeable about the sport of sea kayaking? Are you looking to go paddling with a group of friends but you are not sure where to start in the planning process? Then this is the session for you. Christopher will explore the many aspects of planning a trip and the variables that go into the planning equation.

Erik **Maitland** **New**

Safety Considerations for Kayaking **abc**

Sat 3:30p, *Killarney*

So, you've researched kayaks, paddles, PFDs & transport options. You've spent hundreds, maybe thousands of dollars to get the right equipment. But, are you really ready to get on the water? Erik, an experienced and certified instructor, can take you through mistakes and oversights every new kayaker can make that may lead to trouble. From an honest assessment of your skill and experience, to proper equipment and the environments you'll encounter, he will introduce you to things you need to be aware of so your first trip isn't your last!



Maura & Bobby **Marko** **Y**
Canoe Camping with Babies and Toddlers

Sat 10:30a, *Killarney*
 Sun 11:30a, *Loon*

Planning a canoe trip but thinking the kiddos need to stay home? Don't call the babysitter just yet. Canoe camping with babies and toddlers is loads of work but incredibly fun! Learn best packing, meal planning, gear, diapering, and sleeping practices from Bobby and Maura

Marko. The Markos take their two children, Jack and Rowan (ages 4 and 2), along on all their adventures including frequent visits to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Northern Minnesota.



Greg, Julie & Sarah **Marston**
Paddling Michigan's Keweenaw

Sat 10:30a, *Caribou*

Longtime fans of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Greg, Julie, and Sarah Marston decided to celebrate Greg's 50th birthday by circumnavigating the Keweenaw Peninsula. They enjoyed the 150-mile journey so much they bought land there and built a cabin. The Keweenaw has everything: small towns, solitude, sand and cobble beaches, sea stacks, rock gardens, cliffs, and waterfalls. Come learn about day trips and longer options on the canal, inland lakes, and Lake Superior in this often overlooked paddling playground!

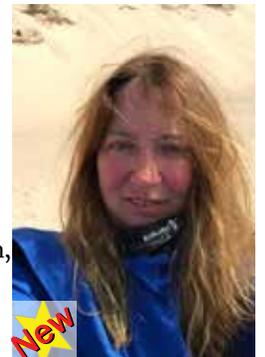
Traci Lynn **Martin**

Just Around the Pointe; 3,592 miles around the Great Lakes

Sat 12:30p, *Sylvania*

Join Traci Lynn Martin, who suffers from Rheumatoid Arthritis, as she recaps her 2017 attempt to become the

first person to circumnavigate all 5 of the Great Lakes in one calendar year, and in the process inspire all individuals who suffer from chronic health challenges to never give up on their own personal dreams. During this exhausting 10 month expedition (March-December), discover the challenges she faced and the amazing sights she encountered paddling solo on these spectacular inland seas.



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Reggie McLeod Paddling the Upper Mississippi River

Sat 2:30p, Algonquin
Sun 12:30p, Algonquin

Reggie will share the joys of paddling the most interesting stretch of the biggest river in America, whether you're interested in paddling a short loop or camping out on an island. He'll also explore the recent boom in paddling the entire river from Lake Itasca to the Gulf of Mexico. He'll cover how to join group paddles, locking through, river wildlife, and how to get quality maps and other useful resources for a river adventure. After the presentation he'll distribute detailed river maps and other useful materials.



Sherri Mertz Test Paddling Kayaks on the Showroom Floor abc

Sat 9:30a, Caribou

It's always best to choose a kayak by test paddling it in the conditions in which you plan to use it, but that's not always possible.

What can you realistically learn about a kayak when looking at it in the store? From fit to function, there is actually quite a bit that you can infer about a boat before deciding to put it on your short list for test paddling. Sherri Mertz will share a wealth of personal experience from her years of paddling, teaching, buying, and selling kayaks.



Sherri Mertz & Carl Vopal Making the Case for Sea Kayaks abc

Fri 7:30p, Caribou

Just because you don't paddle on the ocean doesn't mean you shouldn't consider getting a sea kayak. They can be used everywhere that recreational kayakers can, and many places that they can't! The joys of sea kayaking seem to have been lost in the rush to sell cheap kayaks at big-box stores. They will take you through the advantages of paddling a sea kayak and why you should seriously consider getting one instead of, or in addition to, a recreational kayak.

Sherri Mertz & PaddleSafely.com Recreational Kayak Rescue Reality abc

Sat 1:30p, Pool
Sun 1:30p, Pool

Bicycles are not intended for use on the interstate. Similarly, recreational kayakers are not designed to be used on large bodies of water like the Great Lakes. The group of ACA sea kayak instructors who founded PaddleSafely.com, Jeff Adler, John Browning, Sherri Mertz, and Dick Silberman, will present a realistic demonstration of how recreational kayakers handle in rough water and what to expect following a capsize. This is a "must see" for everyone who paddles recreational kayakers.



Karen Mesmer & Robert Rolley Kayaking Lake Superior's Canadian Shore on the Installment Plan

Sat 1:30p, Bear

Join Karen and Robert on their six-year quest to paddle from the Sibley Peninsula to Agawa Bay as well as the Slate Islands and Michipicoten Island. Being older, they knew that they weren't going to accomplish their goal in one year, so they decided to paddle a week or so each summer. From long, sandy beaches to rocky shorelines, they visited lighthouses, viewed caribou close-up and paddled areas where few paddlers visit. Come hear why the real North Shore is one of their favorite places to paddle.

Paige Minor Y The Experience of a Young Kayaker

Fri 6:30p, Loon

Come hear a series of stories told by a young kayaker to show her own experience getting into the sport. Paige will discuss the difficulties of being very young when first beginning to



paddle and wanting to be involved with a sport that can become very extreme. She will also cover how to get more youth involved and the right way to introduce kids without scaring them away from the sport.

Danny Mongno

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All About Paddle Clothing abc

Fri 7:30p, Sylvania
Sat 12:30p, Loon

Cold feet...cold hands...just plain cold? Sweaty...sun burnt? Neoprene vs. dry suit? Is it really a ladies' fit or is it just purple? This splash jacket looks a lot like my rain jacket? In this open discussion, we'll address everything above and then some, and answer all your questions, even the weird ones. In the end we hope you'll walk away with a better understanding of what to wear paddling for each season.



Paddling Skills for the Kayak Angler abc

Sun 2:30p, Pool

To truly enjoy the sport of kayak fishing the angler must embrace the paddling side of it. With proper skills we can spend more time out on the water by using significantly less energy. We can also move more effectively and quietly, positioning our boats for the perfect cast. How do we avoid a flip and what to do when one occurs? Join paddlesport instructor, Danny

Which presentations should I see?

It can be daunting to narrow down which presentations to attend. So many choices and so little time. Want to find all the "beginner friendly" programs? Or just focusing on canoe or kayak or SUP? Maybe you want to hear about paddling adventures in Canada or where to go in the Upper Midwest? The Canoecopia website can help!

To use this feature, go to the "Presentations" section of the website, then select "Presentations by Category." You'll see a list of all the topics that fall under each category. We hope this helps you plan your time at the show.

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Mongno, as he demonstrates how to perform at your best when fishing from your kayak.

Selecting the Perfect Kayak Paddle **abc**

Fri 4:30p, Atrium
Sat 10:30a, Atrium

We all share common goals when kayaking: to use less energy, be more comfortable, and have more fun. The first step to get there is to make sure you have a properly-fitted paddle. In this interactive class Danny will help you discover the best paddle design for *your* paddling style and then custom fit the perfect paddle for not only you and your kayak, but for your budget as well.

Stand-Up Paddling Top Ten Tips **abc**

Sat 2:00p, Pool
Sun 2:00p, Pool

Join veteran instructor, Danny Mongno, as he takes you through his Top Ten Tips to improve your stand-up paddling. During this on-water seminar, he'll cover safety, stroke efficiency and incorporating footwork for improved balance and board control. If you are already into SUP, or are planning on getting into this great sport, this is one seminar you should not miss.

The Forward Stroke: Sit Down or Stand Up, Let's be Efficient **abc**

Fri 5:30p, Atrium
Sun 11:30a, Atrium

We all want to use less energy, stay out longer, maybe go faster, and not be sore. So, it makes sense that the Forward Stroke gets so much attention, since it's the stroke we use the most. Join Danny as he breaks it down in an easy to follow, step-by-step process for kayakers, stand-up paddlers, and canoeists. This is an interactive class, so be ready to participate and have fun.

Ginny Nelson Planning & Packing for a BWCA Canoe Trip **abc**

Sat 3:30p, Caribou
Sun 2:30p, Bear

Is the BWCA calling you to travel it for the first time or as a seasoned traveler?

Ginny Nelson, an Ely area outfitter, will guide you through the planning process with tips and

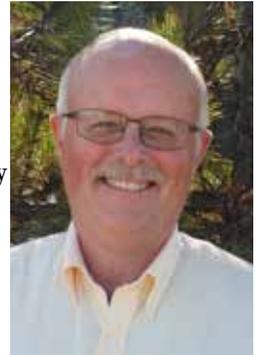


techniques for a successful canoe trip. Learn the top things you need to know for a successful canoe trip. When is the best time to travel the BWCA? Do you need a permit? What route to take? What gear does your group need to bring? What *not* to bring! And much more.

Steven Nelson Top BWCA Sites to Visit

Fri 7:30p, BWCA
Sat 12:30p, BWCA

Traveling the Boundary Waters Canoe Area is more than canoeing, hiking, or camping. It is filled with historic, geologic, cultural, and other points of interest that most people paddle or hike right past. Steve Nelson, an Ely-area outfitter and guide, will provide map locations, background details and photos of sites that will spark your curiosity and enhance your wilderness experience. New sites have been added to this popular topic since the last time it was presented.



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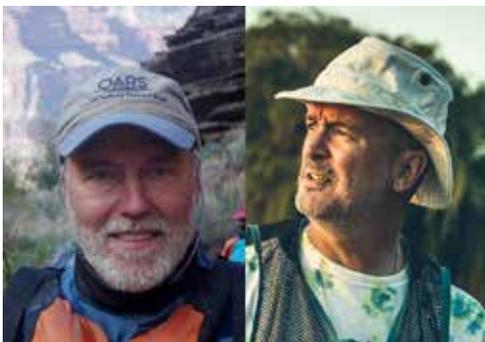
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PRESENTATIONS



Mark Neuzil & Norman Sims A Natural History of the Canoe in North America

Sat 4:30p, Bear
Sun 1:30p, Caribou

The most important vehicle of transportation in the history of much of the continent was the humble canoe. From the pre-white settlement period of birch barks and dugouts, through all-wood, wood-and-canvas, and modern synthetics, Mark Neuzil and Norm Sims will trace the fascinating history of the watercraft. Included will be a shift from the canoe's role as a working craft to a leisure-time activity. In an era of kayaks and stand-up paddle boards, what's next for the remarkable boat?

Scott Oeth Canoe Poling and Stand-up Paddling abc

Sat 2:30p, Killarney

Scott Oeth is a Registered Maine Guide and avid canoe poler. Learn why he loves teaching this lost art: having the ability to stop in the middle of whitewater, pole up and down rapids, explore rivers without the need for a shuttle, travel along dried up creeks that would leave a paddler cursing, and being able to stretch your legs and back during a long day in the boat! After hearing Scott, you will want to add poling to your bag of paddling skills.

Paddling Maine's Wild Rivers

Sat 9:30a, Bear

Scott has spent the past few years paddling and poling up and down Maine's wild rivers, and learning from some of the best of the legendary Maine guides. Come hear about the ruggedly beautiful woods and waters of the Pine Tree



State, as well as Maine's unique traditions and culture of outdoor recreation.

Justin Olson Paddling Apostle Islands National Lakeshore

Sat 10:30a, Superior
Sun 10:30a, Superior

Apostle Islands National Lakeshore draws people from all over to experience the beauty and rugged wilderness of these islands and Lake Superior. What does it take to paddle and camp in this special place? Are you prepared to travel the waters of Lake Superior safely? With proper planning and preparation, you can paddle through sea caves, sleep under the stars, and navigate this inland sea. Join Ranger Justin Olson and start planning your next trip to Apostle Islands National Lakeshore.



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PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTS

CANOECOPIA IS jam-packed with things to do and see! Use this 4-page pull-out section to keep track of speakers and events happening throughout the weekend. Find last-minute changes (and there are likely to be a few) at canoecopia.com

Aluminum Chef Competition

Our crowd-pleasing cook-off returns
Saturday, 4:30 pm in the Quetico Room

ONCE again, our three Aluminum Chefs will test their camp culinary skills against each other in true outdoor style. Kevin Callan returns as our unstoppable MC in this fast-paced event. Woods-woman Mona Gauthier and former park ranger Marty Koch go up against local chef Luke Zahm of the Driftless Cafe in Viroqua, WI. Using MSR stoves and cook kits, and a pantry of simple ingredients you might have on your next camping trip (donated by the Driftless Cafe), our chefs will compete for the best appetizer, entree, and dessert.



Come join the fun - you could be one of the judges from the audience who will determine the winner of each course!



Drop-In Clinics

Saturday, 1-4 pm, Atrium

FOR three hours on Saturday afternoon, we invite you to drop by the Atrium for some show and share. Join our speakers for informal conversations and demonstrations as you learn to build a wooden paddle (Bach), tie a few knots (Shapiro & Gasper), learn about sea kayak navigation (Lockyer), and explore tools and tricks of the arctic seal hunters (DuFresne & DeBoer).

Special Topics

Sharing topics that we think you'll find inspiring

A Different Kind of Vision: Kayaking the Grand Canyon: Team River Runner organized an incredible mission wherein five blind veterans solo kayaked the Grand Canyon. Hear U.S. Army Specialist Steve Baskis, who lost his sight from an improvised explosive device during military operations in Baghdad, and his kayaking guide Ken Braband (also co-coordinator of the Green Bay chapter of Team River Runner) talk about this amazing journey.

Conflicts Over Canoe Country: The U.S. Bureau of Land Management announced it will renew Chilean mining leases which could allow dangerous sulfide-ore copper mining on public lands next to the BWCAW. The Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters is leading the effort to ensure protection for the Boundary Waters, America's most visited Wilderness, from proposed mining. Hear Levi Lexvold and Courtney Otto, both Regional Organizers for the campaign, talk about the issue and what you can do to help.

The Future of US Olympic & Paralympic Paddlesports: The American Canoe Association, the nation's oldest paddlesports organization, is now the governing body for the United States Olympic & Paralympic canoe and kayak teams for Slalom, Sprint, and Paracanoe. Hear how the ACA is committed to steering the future of paddlesport competition at all levels and meet top athletes training for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Paddlesports competition is a healthy alternative to contact sports for kids, so be inspired and get connected!

Maintaining Our Recreational Heritage: Climate change is both a global and local issue, with very direct impacts for those who love to get outside. Join Will Steger and Scott Hackel as they share their perspectives on the changes they've witnessed and learn what you can do to help. Will is a formidable voice calling for understanding and the preservation of the Arctic and the Earth, best known for his legendary polar explorations. Scott is an avid outdoorsman and also an energy engineer.

SPEAKER SCHEDULE

Changes – if needed – (and there will be) will be posted at the Info Booth and at canoecopia.com

		Upstairs - Alliant Center			
		Atrium	Loon	Bear	Caribou
FRIDAY	4:30	D. Mongno Selecting the Perfect Kayak Paddle	M. Phillips Canoeing with Dad and the Gang, circa 1900	H. Schwartz Paddling Woodland Caribou Provincial Park	W. Horodowich Choose the Kayak that Works for You
	5:30	D. Mongno The Forward Stroke: Efficiency	D. York The Peace of Whitewater	C. Zarley Catching More Canoe Country Walleyes	W. Horodowich Boat, Body, and Blade: Efficiency
	6:30	C. Von Briesen, J. Adler Sick or Not Sick?	P. Minor The Experience of a Young Kayaker	J. Baird The Kesagami River Solo	S. Crowley Sea Kayaking the Rathad Na Mara
	7:30	J. Chase Perfectly Pack Your Kayak for a Multi-day Trip	S. & E. Burditt Dad/Daughter Wilderness Camping	S. Baskis, K. Braband Kayaking the Grand Canyon Blind	S. Mertz, C. Vopal Making the Case for Sea Kayaks
SATURDAY	9:30	K. Casey Yoga for Paddlers	N. Schroeter Cold Water Paddling	S. Oeth Paddling Maine's Wild Rivers	S. Mertz Test Paddling Kayaks on the Floor
	10:30	D. Mongno Selecting the Perfect Kayak Paddle	M. Freshley, E. Spanger Paddling Expedition to the Arctic	J. Browning What's in Your First Aid Kit?	G. Julie, S. Marston Paddling Michigan's Keweenaw
	11:30	J. Chase Exercices to Improve Paddling	A. Knepper Building Youth Leadership Through Paddling	C. Wright Paddling America's Everglades	W. Horodowich Choose the Kayak that Works for You
	12:30	Drop-In Clinics 1-4pm J. Bach: Making Straight, Bent, & Double-Bend Paddles	D. Mongno All About Paddle Clothing	S. Baskis, K. Braband Kayaking the Grand Canyon Blind	B. Schultz Kayak Fishing: Getting Started
	1:30	R. DuFresne, S.DeBoer: Tools, Tricks of Arctic Hunters	V. & K. Popp Popp Family Paddling Adventures	K. Mesmer, R. Rolley Kayaking Lake Superior's Canadian Shoreline	A. Funk Trip Like A Girl
	2:30	C. Lockyer: Sea Kayak Navigation	A. Knepper Let's Talk About Race...	W. Horodowich Staying Upright in Your Kayak	R. Williamson Alaska DIY Paddling Adventures
	3:30	D. Shapiro, D.Gasper: Knots for Paddlers	P. Savard #SUP4WATER, Paddling for Humanity	W. Voight Little Missouri: Backyard Wilderness	G. Nelson Planning & Packing for BWCA Canoe Trip
4:30	D. Kolodji Power to the Pipsqueaks	C. Porter Canoeing 7 Months Pregnant Plus a Newborn	M. Neuzil, N. Sims A History of the Canoe in North America	C. Zarley Catching More Canoe Country Walleyes	
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	11:30	D. Mongno The Forward Stroke: Efficiency	M. & B. Marko Canoe Camping with Babies and Toddlers	W. Horodowich Boat, Body, and Blade: Efficiency	M. Koch Basic River Safety for the Novice Paddler
	12:30	M. Langlie Physical Preparation for Paddling	C. Lockyer Trip Planning for Sea Kayakers	C. Wright Paddling America's Everglades	J. Browning What's in Your First Aid Kit?
	1:30	J. Chase Perfectly Pack Your Kayak for a Multi-day Trip	A. & E. Elkins Logistics for Planning a Paddling Trip	A. Funk Trip Like A Girl	M. Neuzil, N. Sims History of the Canoe in North America
	2:30	P. Kuhn The Perfect Fit	D. Akin Kayak Fishing and Tournaments	G. Nelson Planning & Packing for a BWCA Canoe Trip	H. Schwartz Woodland Caribou Provincial Park

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J. Browning Navigation 210: Beyond "Look, See, Go"	D. Halloran Lake Superior's Shoreline Parks	B. Paulsen BWCA: What You Need to Know	S. Griffin St. Croix National Scenic Riverway	K. Callan Once Around Algonquin	5:30	
L. Dominguez Get Started Canoeing, Now!	B. Smith, R. Malchow Paddling Door County, Our Happy Place	B. & G. Geiger Healthy One-Pot Meals	J. Robinet Pack Boat Wilderness Tripping	D. Cox Paddle the National Parks of the Midwest	6:30	
D. Mongno All About Paddle Clothing	J. Vandiver Songs for the Heart of the Paddler	S. Nelson Top BWCA Sites to Visit	A. & M. Fairfield WI Rivers Made for Paddle Camping	R.Kesselring, S.Plankis Travel Like a Wilderness Guide	7:30	
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B. Swab Being Equipped for Kayak Fishing	M. Koch Ten Steps To Better Outdoor Photography	M. Gauthier Food Dehydration 101	J. Olson Paddling Apostle Islands National Lakeshore	R.Kesselring, S.Osthoff Wilderness Canoe Tripping Style	10:30	
J. Baird Planning A Wilderness White Water Trip	D. Tobey Ozark National Scenic Riverways	W. Steger, S. Hackel Maintaining Our Recreational Heritage	C. Amidon Paddling Isle Royale National Park	K. Callan Once Around Algonquin	11:30	
T.L. Martin 3,592 miles around the Great Lakes	T. Bomkamp Back Country Cooking	S. Nelson Top BWCA Sites to Visit	J. Robinet Pack Boat Wilderness Tripping	C. Jacobson Bear-Proofing Your Camp	12:30	
C. Stec & Panel US Olympic & Paralympic Paddlesports	B. Hansel Photographing Seascapes	S. Griffin St. Croix National Scenic Riverway	J. Bates History & Ecology of Old Growth Forests	K. Callan Paddling Ontario's Thames River	1:30	
L. Lexvold, C. Otto Conflicts over Canoe Country	R. McLeod Paddling the Upper Mississippi River	M. Koch 30 Years A Ranger	A. & M. Fairfield Discover Sylvania	J. Baird Cool Outdoor Tips and Hacks	2:30	
B. Perry Surfing Sea Kayaks in Pacific Waves	J. Vandiver Songs for the Heart of the Paddler	J. Van Den Brandt Wildlife Photography: Bland to Grand	R.Kesselring, S.Plankis Travel Like a Wilderness Guide	T. Bauer River Tour Along I-94	3:30	
Thompson, McCallister Explore Natural North Florida	B. Smith, R. Malchow Lake Michigan's Water Trail	B. Hansel Paddling the Rio Grande River	J. Bates Wildlife: What To See Between Point A and B	Aluminum Chef Competition	4:30	
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	6:30	A. Talley Tall Tales from Fur Trade Trails	B. Perry The Call of the Journey
	7:30	D. Ellingson Kayaking the Fjords of Norway	D. Akin Kayak Fishing & Tournaments
SATURDAY	9:30	R. Silberman When is Old Too Old... to Paddle?	A. Talley Tall Tales from Fur Trade Trails
	10:30	M. & B. Marko Canoe Camping with Babies & Toddlers	D. York Wild Rivers of the Wild West
	11:30	L. Sobota, S. Mertz Great Lakes, Great Responsibilities	M. Phillips Canoeing with Dad and the Gang, Circa 1900
	12:30	J. Ringdahl Leave No Trace-A Land Ethic	E. LeMoine Loons: Symbol of Northern Lakes
	1:30	J. Van Barriger Yukon Journey' Charitable Expedition	T. Thomsen Explore Door County Shipwrecks by Kayak
	2:30	S. Oeth Canoe Poling and Stand-up Paddling	C. Wright Fishing Everglades National Park by Kayak
	3:30	E. Maitland Safety Considerations for Kayaking	T. Williams Two Great Oregon Rivers
	4:30	K. Wikle Coaching the Mind	V. Fish Ottertooth Canyon
SUNDAY	10:30	C. Wilson Blade, Body, Boat	P. Ciere The Backcountry's Power to Heal
	11:30	J. Zellner, P. Gabrielson Expedition Realities	D. Ryun The Wild and Scenic St. Croix Film
	12:30	L. Gundlach North to Hudson Bay	L. Vogel Women Empowered in Wilderness
	1:30	S. Fritz Learn to Return	W. Voight, L. Reinebach Old Paddler's Lament
	2:30	J. Browning Navigation 210: Beyond "Look, See, Go"	T. Thomsen Explore Door County Shipwrecks by Kayak

Pool Demos – Clarion Hotel		
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12:00	S. & A. Bloyd-Peshkin Unconventional Wisdom	A. Knepper Trouble Shooting Rescue Struggles
12:30	L. Dominguez Basic Strokes to Freestyle Canoe Maneuvers	J. Robinet High Efficiency Pack Boat Tripping
1:00	B. Perry Solo Kayak Rescues	T. Gallaway Greenland Style Rolling
1:30	S. Mertz & PaddleSafely.com Rec Kayak Rescue Reality	S. Mertz & PaddleSafely.com Rec Kayak Rescue Reality
2:00	D. Mongno Stand-Up Paddling Top Ten Tips	D. Mongno Stand-Up Paddling Top Ten Tips
2:30	T. Gallaway Greenland Style Rolling	D. Mongno Paddling Skills for the Kayak Angler

Pool Demonstration Notes

- Pool sessions are 20 minutes long.
- Pool demonstrations have significant capacity limitations. The fire code limits us to 99 people.
- Since they're so popular and space is limited, we clear out the audience before each new demonstration. Line up early for those you want to see.



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Bear Paulsen

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BWCA: What You Need to Know abc

Fri 5:30p, BWCA

Sun 11:30a, Algonquin

Find out everything you need to know about paddling in the BWCAW. Bear will share his knowledge of permits, routes, wilderness tripping techniques, and mix in a dose of BWCA history. He'll give you hints on avoiding the crowds whether you're base-camping or traveling daily. He'll also share ways to avoid the two most threatening parts of canoe country - bugs and bears.



Bonnie Perry

Baja Bound: Surfing Sea Kayaks in Pacific Waves

Sat 3:30p, Sylvania

For several years now, Bonnie Perry and Ginni Callahan have run a surf camp on the West Coast of the Baja Peninsula for the sole purpose of teaching sea kayakers how to ride point break waves in sea kayaks. Imagine surfing amazing manageable swells, viewing brilliant stars, sleeping in three sided palapas on the beach, and eating luscious food catered by a local family! Join Bonnie to discuss what it takes to surf in the Pacific.

Solo Kayak Rescues

Sat 1:00p, Pool

Sometimes we paddle by ourselves, and things go wrong and we wind up out of our boat. What are some simple ways to get back in? Join Bonnie Perry for a look at three solo rescues: the cowboy scramble, the re-enter and roll and the paddle-float re-enter and roll. Always remember that rescues are about technique and not strength!

The Call of the Journey

Fri 6:30p, Voyager

All of our lives begin in water. We as paddlers continue our journey in and through water and because of this we see the world and ourselves differently. The places we see, the people we meet, the creatures we encounter, the emotions we feel—all of these come together on a journey through the water that touch our souls and enrich our lives. Come spend some time with Bonnie, discussing how our journey on water transform the journey of our lives.



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PRESENTATIONS

Martha Phillips Canoeing with Dad and the Gang, circa 1900

Fri 4:30p, Loon
Sat 11:30a, Voyageur
“Canoeing with Dad
and the Gang, circa
1900” presents original
diaries and photographs
of canoe journeys made



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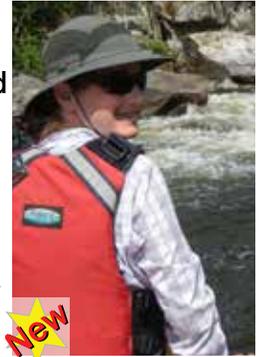
long before Sig Olson and Cal Rutstrum plied northern lakes, and before canoe maps and guide books existed. Dad’s outfit consisted of wool, canvas, and leather; his supplies included 100# of flour, dried fruits, and tinned sardines. A hundred years ago, fisherman, loggers, and miners were the only other travelers Dad met and the Ojibwa still lived where they wished. Paddle along with Dad to experience the waters he enjoyed long ago.

the excitement of this journey. Trip leaders or anyone who takes trips to the backcountry will find interest in this presentation.

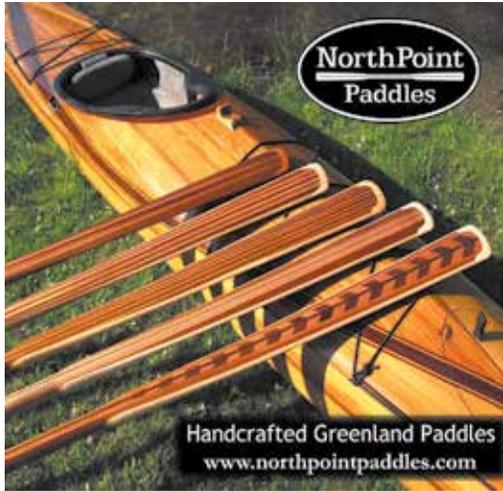
Claire Porter Canoe Trips at 7 Months Pregnant and with a Newborn **abc**

Sat 4:30p, Loon

Claire and husband Bear Paulsen paddled 260 miles in 17 days on the Bloodvein River in Ontario and Manitoba, while she was 7 months pregnant. Then, after welcoming their son, Dashwa, in September, they headed for the BWCA in October, spending 18 days introducing him to the wilderness. Both seasoned outdoor travelers, they adapted both their gear and expectations so they could thrive in their outdoor adventures together.



New



Vic & Kara Popp Isaac & Sylvi Go Canoeing: Popp Family Paddling Adventures **abc**

Sat 1:30p, Loon

The Popp family (Vic 40, Kara 40, Isaac 7, Sylvi 5) love tent camping and paddling together. The Pops spend quality family time in their 20.5 foot canoe every paddling season. Vic and Kara will discuss their fun family canoe adventures, such as Isaac and Sylvi really starting to enjoy paddling by taking Dad for their first kids-only paddle. Their session will highlight best practices for family canoeing trips. Isaac and Sylvi will be present to answer some of your questions as well.

Jameson Redding **New Y**

Brought to you by Jackson Kayak

Fishing From a Personal Watercraft 101 **abc**

Fri 4:30p, Killarney
Sun 1:30p, Sylvania

Fishing from a personal watercraft can be one of the best ways to reach new and untouched waters! With the growth of the industry, there have never been more options to get you out there and on the fish. Join pro kayak angler Jameson Redding as he walks us through all the basic rigging to get you safely on the water and on the fish!



Bill Porter Group Dynamics on a Long Paddle

Sun 10:30a, Loon

Bill will recount his 140-mile remote sea kayak journey along the coast of British Columbia, where the group of eight paddlers experienced an array of wildlife, deserted beaches, crashing ocean swell, and meteor showers. Bill will talk about the dynamics of a group with mixed-skill paddlers, no single trip leader, and he will recount an unplanned ‘incident management’ class that added to

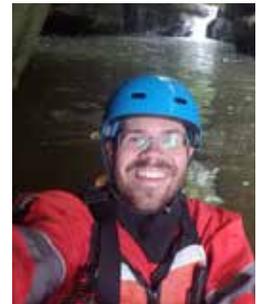


New

Jonathan Ringdahl **Y** Leave No Trace: A Land Ethic **abc**

Sat 12:30p, Killarney

Leave No Trace is a growing practice that can improve our lives and spaces. We will paddle through what it is and its guidelines. We will then look at how, at its core, it can improve our spaces and lives. We will explore its historical connections to Aldo Leopold’s land ethic. This seminar will engage the audience and pull you in. This is for all who want to learn while having fun!



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Joe Robinet **Y**

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High-Efficiency Pack Boat Tripping **abc**

Sun 12:30p, Pool

Follow along with Joe as he takes paddlers through his tips and tricks for backcountry tripping. Operating with a solo open-top pack boat instead of a traditional canoe or kayak, Joe will teach you some effective methods he's learned over the years spent in the woods. From gear selection, packing, and the art of portaging, Joe will show you how you can make your next adventure simpler, lighter, and faster.



New

Pack Boat Wilderness Tripping **abc**
Fri 6:30p, Superior
Sat 12:30p, Superior
An expert at lightweight tripping with his trusty Pack boat, Joe will speak about lessons he's learned through years of camping and bushcraft, survival tips and tricks for backcountry adventurers, and how to trip efficiently using a lightweight boat and gear. Learn how to make your next paddling adventure more efficient, more comfortable, and more fun with stories from one of Canada's most well-known outdoor personalities.

Debra Ryun
The Wild and Scenic St. Croix Film **abc**

Sun 11:30a, Voyageur

The Wild and Scenic St. Croix is a beautiful film that pays tribute to the St. Croix and Namekagon rivers. It is part of the celebration of the 1968 landmark legislation which preserved rivers with outstanding natural, cultural, and recreational values in a free-flowing condition for present and future generations. Enjoy this film and learn why the St. Croix and Namekagon were among the original rivers designated under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and the first to be named a national park.



Pete Savard **Y**

#SUP4WATER: Paddling for Humanity

Sat 3:30p, Loon

What is the link between stand-up paddle boarding and humanity? This past summer a team of stand-up paddleboarders and their support team set out to paddle the Susquehanna River from source to sea. Why? Because a dreaming dad and his adventurous daughter believed they could make a difference, they set out on a 30-day paddle for humanity! Come and join us on our adventure down the Susquehanna and see how it has impacted people across the globe!

Neal Schroeter
What Everyone Should Know about Cold Water Paddling **abc**

Fri 5:30p, Voyageur
Sat 9:30a, Loon

So, you say you'll stay dry?! Famous last words! Cold water goes with paddling in the midwest. Cold water immersion & hypothermia is one of the biggest dangers paddlers face. To stay safe, it's necessary to have a healthy respect for the cold waters we paddle. We will consider how to prevent, recognize, and potentially treat cold water injuries. This presentation could save your life!



Bill Schultz
Kayak Fishing: Getting Started **abc**

Sat 12:30p, Caribou
Sun 10:30a, BWCA

Bill has given kayak fishing seminars at a variety of shows and written numerous articles on kayak fishing. He has shared



his expertise with many who are just getting started in kayak fishing and looking for guidance. Bill's talk will look at selecting the right fishing kayak for your type of fishing, look at paddle vs. self-propelled and picking the proper paddle. He'll also discuss rigging and transporting your fishing kayak. An avid bass angler, Bill will touch on rods/reels for kayak fishing, and mention a couple "outstanding" lures and presentations.



Harlan Schwartz
Land of Fire: Paddling Woodland Caribou Provincial Park

Fri 4:30p, Bear
Sun 2:30p, Caribou

Wild, raw and inspiring, the landscape within Woodland Caribou Provincial Park offers a unique look into one of the largest fire-driven ecosystems within Ontario. At over 1.2 million acres in size and seeing less than 500 paddlers annually, Woodland Caribou is widely regarded as the crown jewel of Ontario wilderness paddling! Join us as we head deep within the interior of this stunning park to explore how forest fires, both past and recent, have shaped and created this dynamic paddling frontier.



Dave Shapiro & Don Gasper
Knots for Paddlers **abc**

Sat 1-4p, Atrium

Dave and Don are back with their popular Knot Clinic. Drop in and ask a question, learn a new knot, or just admire the knot board. If you learn something new, stick around and show it to the

PRESENTATIONS

next person. After all, sharing knowledge is what the paddling community is all about.



Richard Silberman
When is Old Too Old... to Paddle? *abc*
Sat 9:30a, Killarney

Cardiologist and certified instructor Dick Silberman did not get into a kayak until his mid-fifties, after running marathons and competing as a blackbelt in Judo. His presentation looks at what “age” really means and what seniors need to know about themselves, kayaking, and the dangers of retiring and sitting. Always the contrarian, you may be surprised by what he has to say on these and other subjects. Just be sure to bring your questions and your sense of humor.

Babs Smith & Rick Malchow
Lake Michigan's Water Trail: Door County to Illinois
Sat 4:30p, Algonquin
Sun 11:30a, BWCA

The Schooner Coast is a Wisconsin maritime destination with exciting harbor towns, iconic lighthouses and schooner shipwrecks. Celebrate Wisconsin's shoreline water trail with towering bluffs, gorgeous gorges, and welcoming sandy beaches. The brother and sister duo, Babs and Rick, will share their experience exploring the shoreline with day trips from Sturgeon Bay to Illinois, including the public accesses of Wisconsin's Lake Michigan Water Trail.

Paddling Door County: Our Happy Place
Fri 6:30p, Algonquin

Having paddled all the Door County shoreline, the brother and sister duo, Babs and Rick, are often asked “What’s your favorite paddle?” Unfair question. But, with a little sibling give and take, Babs and Rick will each endeavor to share their top Happy Places in Door County. Will it be the bluffs, beaches, lighthouses, shipwrecks, or a perfect moment? Come find out.

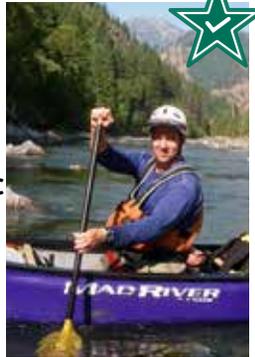
Lenore Sobota & Sherri Mertz
Great Lakes, Great Responsibilities *abc*
Sat 11:30a, Killarney

The year 2018 was deadly on the Great Lakes. Not all of the record-number of drownings were paddling-related. However, the deaths of a father and three children while kayaking in the Apostle Islands rightfully attracted a lot of attention. The Great Lakes come with Great Responsibilities. Join a panel discussion about our responsibility to be properly prepared and our responsibility to educate others. Learn more about paddling deaths, efforts to prevent them and what it takes to take on the Great Lakes. Be prepared to offer your own suggestions too.

Chris Stec & Panel Y
Brought to you by MTI Life Jackets

The Future of US Olympic & Paralympic Paddlesports: 2020 and Beyond *abc*
Sat 1:30p, Sylvania

What does the ACA have to do with the 2020 Olympics & Paralympics in Tokyo? A lot! The nation's oldest paddlesports organization is now the national governing body for the United States canoe and kayak teams for Slalom, Sprint, and Paracanoe. Come hear how the ACA is committed to steering the future of paddlesport competition at all levels. Meet top athletes training for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, get an autograph and a selfie! Find out how paddlesports competition is a healthy alternative to contact sports for kids. Get inspired and get connected with real paddlesports rock-star role models!



Climate change is a local issue with very direct impacts for those of us who love to get outside and paddle, hike, fish, hunt, and more. This session will use the latest science to explore how our outdoor pursuits may be changing along with our climate, especially in the areas most of us live and play. But all is not doom and gloom - we will share some actions that we all can take to maintain our recreational heritage.

Bart Swab
Brought to you by Werner Paddles
Being Equipped for Kayak Fishing *abc*
Sat 10:30a, Sylvania
Sun 11:30a, Sylvania

Bart will talk about keeping it simple and having everything you need for a day on the water kayak fishing. Depending on the environment and the desired species, equipment needs change. Having the right gear is essential for achieving success. Keeping it at a minimum will help you enjoy the experience. From picking the right kayak and paddle to fit your needs, to *all* the accessories there are available for today's kayak fisher-men and -women.



Andrew Talley
Tall Tales from the Fur Trade Trails
Fri 6:30p, Killarney
Sat 9:30a, Voyageur

From out of the past meet Andre' St. Pierre, 1750 French-Indian fur trader. Andre' will present an energetic and entertaining look at the French fur traders and the native tribes that they lived and worked with. He will delight the audience with short stories and tall tales about his adventures in the north country. Experience the fur trade in this historically imaginative program. This year's presentation will include new stories along with some old favorites. History has never been so much fun.



Will Steger & Scott Hackel *New*
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Maintaining Our Recreational Heritage
Sat 11:30a, BWCA

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Tommy **Thompson** & Russ **McCallister**

Explore Natural North Florida
Sat 4:30p, Sylvania
Sun 10:30a, Sylvania

The multi-county region known as “Natural North Florida” is a year-round paddler’s paradise. Learn about our springs, rivers, and Gulf Coast. Highlights of the area include the 200-plus-mile-long Suwannee River Wilderness Trail and the Big Bend Saltwater Paddling Trail. The region offers paddlers a wide range of opportunities, including day or extended trips. Learn about our freshwater and saltwater paddling destinations, as well as our coastal communities. Visit a special part of Florida, where “Nature Is Our Theme Park”!

Tamara **Thomsen** **Explore Door County Shipwrecks by Kayak**

Sat 1:30p, Voyageur
Sun 2:30p, Voyageur

Discover Door County’s history hidden beneath the waves with Wisconsin Historical Society’s maritime archaeologist, Tamara Thomsen. Explore easily-accessible, shallow-water shipwrecks along Door County’s scenic shoreline through underwater video, historic photographs, and archaeological discoveries. Hear stories of their tragic losses and learn how to visit, protect, and preserve these time capsules of our maritime past.



Dave **Tobey** **Paddling and Hiking Options in the Ozark National Scenic Riverways**

Fri 4:30p, Algonquin
Sat 11:30a, Algonquin

The Current and Jacks Fork Rivers were the first American rivers protected by an act of Congress in 1964.

Paddlers have enjoyed the many karst features along the rivers including large springs, caves, and bluffs for decades. New hiking trails in the park are providing an opportunity for paddlers to visit areas that have been difficult to reach since the park was established 54 years ago.



Paddlers will also learn about several new hike-float options available to visitors.

John **Van Barriger** **The ‘Yukon Journey’ Charitable Expedition**

Sat 1:30p, Killarney

In the summer of 2018, five canoeists and kayakers from three countries set out on an ambitious trip to paddle the Yukon River from source-to-sea, all while raising funds for rural and wilderness first responders. The team encountered numerous challenges, from harsh weather and hypothermia to health concerns and family emergencies. But these challenges were offset by incredible scenery, abundant wildlife, northern hospitality, and incredible paddling. Learn more about this unique expedition, its charitable efforts, and why they’ll return to Alaska in 2019 to continue their journey.



John **Van Den Brandt** **Wildlife Photography: How to take Yours From Bland to Grand**

Fri 4:30p, BWCA
Sat 3:30p, BWCA

Whether you’re a serious photographer or a novice point and shooter, professional photographer John Van Den Brandt can help you take your wildlife photography from bland to grand. From image conceptualization to field tactics, John shares a wealth of tips to make you a more fluid and instinctive wildlife photographer. John’s presentations are known for their solid practical information and humor, and feature breathtaking images from his wildlife calendars, which have sold over 100,000 copies.



Jerry **Vandiver** **Songs for the Heart of the Paddler**

Fri 7:30p, Algonquin
Sat 3:30p, Algonquin
Sun 2:30p, Algonquin

Back to Canoeopia for the 8th year, award-winning songwriter Jerry Vandiver has song credits on over 15 million records and paddling credits on countless rivers, streams, and lakes across North America. Jerry will be debuting some new songs along with favorites from his paddlesongs CDs, “True And Deep,” “Every Scratch Tells A Story,” “Mixed Dry Bag,” and “Paddle On.” He’ll be with The One Match Band for a fun, musical, and unique addition to the Canoeopia experience.



Lori **Vogel** & LuAnn **Buechler** **Set Up for Success: Women Empowered in Wilderness**

Sun 12:30pm Voyageur

Join Lori and LuAnn as they share tips and tricks for a group of women to successfully tackle the wilderness together. Get pointers about transporting canoes, portaging gear, staying safe, and choosing quality food. Discover what clothing works best to be dry, warm, and comfortable. Learn how to build a team that trusts and empowers each other to grow while creating a unique experience with lasting bonds.

William **Voight** & Larry **Reinebach** **Old Paddlers’ Lament**

Sun 12:30p, Voyageur

Four longtime friends have explored wilderness rivers together since the 1970s. Now entering

their 70s, questions arise regarding the wilderness canoe camping era ending. In this moderated discussion, Bruce, Dave, Larry, and Bill, using decades of images, candidly, thoughtfully and bittersweetly address philosophical issues like: Why do we canoe-camp? Are we still capable or liabilities? Is there a time to stop? Why stop? What would make one stop? Is canoeing really important? Does age change the trip approach? If it's time to stop, then what?

William Voight
The Little Missouri: Backyard USA Wilderness

Sat 3:30p, Bear
 The Little Missouri flows through both the north and south units of North Dakota's Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Spring water levels make paddling the Little Missouri, a unique canoe-camping trip, possible. In May 2018, four usual paddling suspects canoed the full 116 miles, through both park units and territory in-between. Only 560 miles from Minneapolis, the group found remote scenic country, comfortable campsites, and saw

essentially no one. This presentation covers the beauty, challenges, and logistics of paddling (and sometimes slogging) the Little Missouri.



Chris von Briesen & Jeff Adler
Sick or Not Sick? You Make the Call abc
Fri 6:30p, Atrium

Do you want to be better prepared to assist fellow paddlers? Then this presentation is for you! Chris and Jeff will outline the process of how to make a medical assessment and simplify medical decision making. They will discuss how to use these tools to help a sick or injured paddler, and will include group exercises where participants will practice making assessments and determine

the plan of action. Is this the same as a 2-day Wilderness First Aid course? Of course not. But it will start you thinking that way.

Keith Wikle
Coaching the Mind for Performance Paddling

Sat 4:30p, Killarney
 Our bodies are fantastic machines. Even more incredible are our minds. The supercomputers in our heads drive us to distraction. Paddling puts us in a very unique position to be focused on our bodies, our surroundings, and nature. Keith will help you get connected to the present moment, improve your paddling, and increase your awareness of your body and your environment. He will have examples from a variety of sporting disciplines and paddling environments to push your paddling to the next level.



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Travis Williams Two Great Oregon Rivers: The Willamette and the John Day

Sat 3:30p, *Voyageur*

This presentation will provide vivid imagery of the Willamette River centered in Western Oregon, as it weaves through a large valley replete with wineries, cities, farmland, and many rustic paddle-in campsites that stretch for over 170 miles. Travis will also share another view of what the region offers with the John Day River. The John Day stretches over 250 miles, with a large segment designed as Wild and Scenic. Its deep basalt canyons provide amazing scenery, abundant wildlife, and an ideal setting for a multi-day canoe trip.

Richard Williamson Alaska DIY Paddling Adventures

Sat 2:30p, *Caribou*

Alaska has over 3,000 rivers, over 3,000,000 lakes, and over 6,500 miles of coastline. It is impossible to paddle all of it. The question is, "Where do I start?" Whether you have a day, a week, or longer, there is a wilderness paddling adventure awaiting you in Alaska! Rich has paddled with his son-in-law and grandkids,



experiencing the wild grandeur that is only found in Alaska! Rich will give an overview of some of these adventures, including logistics and other considerations, so that you can plan your own adventures!



Charlie Wilson

Brought to you by *Swift Canoe and Kayak*

Blade, Body, Boat

Sun 10:30a, *Killarney*

Paddling is a skill-intensive sport enhanced by improving technique. Blade shape, size, and orientation affect propulsion. Paddler biomechanics and cadence vary for standing, sitting, and kneeling paddlers. Hulls that are quiet in the water are fast. Subtle heeling and pitching enhance paddler control. Charlie pulls these divergent concepts into a useful whole with passion and humor in a new presentation including video clips.

Charles Wright Fishing Everglades National Park by Kayak

Sat 2:30p, *Voyageur*

The #1 wintertime fishing destination in North America is just 40 minutes from Naples and Marco Island in the Everglades. Kayaks



offer access to fishing areas that few other anglers can experience. With both fresh and saltwater, the Everglades mean diversity and opportunities: Large-Mouth Bass, Peacock Bass, Panfish, and Exotics, such as Tilapia, Oscars and Midas Cichlids, as well as, Tarpon, Snook, Redfish, Speckled Trout, Flounder, and Mackerel. Whether a DIY day trip, or a guided, outfitted three-day kayak/fishing/camping trip, the Everglades can be an experience of a lifetime.

Paddling America's Everglades

Sat 11:30a, *Bear*

Sun 12:30p, *Bear*

Florida's Everglades National Park is North America's premier wintertime paddling destination. With water and air temperatures in the 70s, spectacular wildlife, and two million acres of protected wilderness, it is the "Paddler's Paradise." You can: paddle miles of mangrove forest canopy tunnels; canoe to a remote, uninhabited beach for lunch; go shelling or exploring; paddle from one side of the Park to the other. Take your family, gear, and kayaks on a transport boat deep into the wilderness to camp, paddle, fish, bird, beach, photograph, or just relax.



Dan York The Peace of Whitewater

Fri 5:30p, *Loon*

Whitewater paddling has an image problem. It's seen as an extreme sport practiced by

FAREWELL

This year we said thanks and happy trails to two women who were rock-solid pillars in the paddling juggernaut that is Rutabaga: Nancy Saulsbury and Mary B. (*Mary likes a little anonymity, that's all.*)



Nancy at DCSKS

Nancy retired after 19 years as the Rutabaga Outdoor Programs Director. Thanks to her efforts, we've become more organized than we could have hoped. Nancy has always been the squeaky wheel making sure that every *i* gets its dot, and every *t* is crossed. She managed all of the speakers at Canoeconia and helped found our Door County Sea Kayak Symposium (DCSKS), successfully guiding it for 15 years before turning the reins over to Amelia Musser.

Mary took over our finances nine years ago. She more than managed the books. She helped create systems that ensured that every honest invoice got paid and every honest deduction was taken. She pushed hard for her point of view but was also willing to listen to someone else's. Her partner in life needs her help and she left us to become his advocate and caregiver.

They will both be terribly missed.

20-something adrenaline junkies hurtling off huge waterfalls. The truth is that whitewater can be enjoyed by a wide range of paddlers. There is a world of wonderful rivers with modest rapids that pose minimal risks. In this presentation Dan York will show the peace—even calm—that can be found on rapid rivers. Whitewater is not just for thrill-seekers, but for any paddler wishing to explore wild rivers and enjoy the dance of flowing water.

Wild Rivers of the Wild West

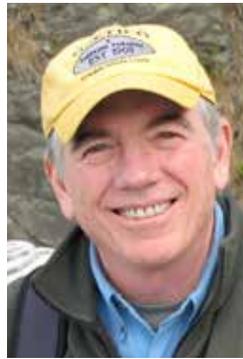
Sat 10:30a, Voyageur

Wild western whitewater rivers are the stuff of paddling dreams. They offer river runners the chance to paddle multiple days through spectacular landscapes of mountains, canyons, forests and deserts. The rivers are as varied and distinct as the western landscapes themselves. In this presentation Dan York will share images and experiences from paddling several premiere and pristine western rivers. He will discuss what it takes to do these, whether on your own or with an outfitter. You'll learn how to make your own wild west paddling dreams come true.

Craig Zarley Catching More Canoe Country Walleyes **abc**

*Fri 5:30p, Bear
Sat 4:30p, Caribou*

Craig is the popular presenter of "Catching Canoe Country Walleyes" at past Canoecopias. After more than 50 years of chasing Quetico and Boundary Waters walleyes, he's still learning new tricks. He'll show you where and how to catch walleyes from a canoe without using electronic gadgets or expensive tackle. He'll explain why he's a convert to braided line, and why a jig and plastic twister tail trump more expensive lures as the premier walleye-catching bait. Come find out how he's modified his tackle and techniques to catch more walleyes.



Joe Zellner & Peggy Gabrielson Expedition Realities

Sun 11:30a, Killarney

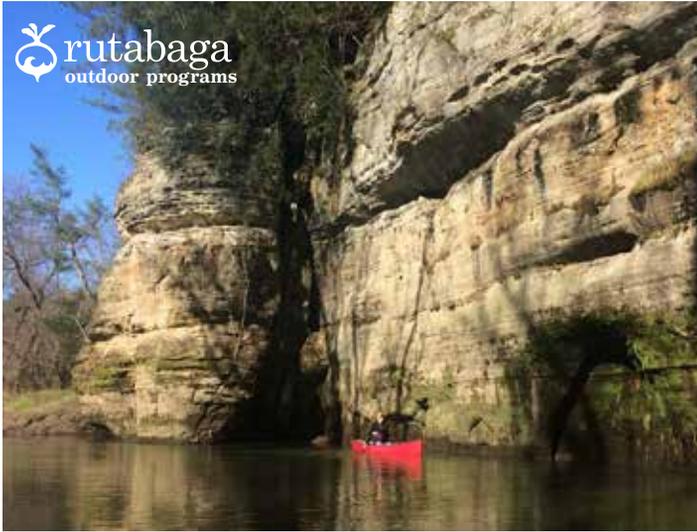
After paddling 3,100 miles on The Great Lakes and camping for 5 months along the shore, Joe and Peggy are able to give you a very realistic approach to planning an extended trip on the water. They will tell you what works and what doesn't. Their list of gear, food and necessary/not needed supplies will save you time, money, and headaches. Safety should always be your first priority.



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Amelia Musser
Outdoor Programs Director
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I am thrilled to be stepping into the role of Director of Outdoor Programs at Rutabaga. As the Programs Coordinator for the past five years, I look forward to now managing the quality programming we do here. Providing opportunities for people who are brand-new to paddling, looking to expand their skills, or just wanting to spend time on the water, is what we are all about. I personally love spending time on the water and can't wait to share that experience with you!



Tucker Moore
Outdoor Programs Coordinator
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Growing up on the Yahara River offered me early access to the wonders of paddling (shout out to N. Thornton Ave). Much of my passion for the outdoors was fostered as a camper and staff member at Camp Manito-Wish YMCA. As a youth I took my first extended paddle up at camp on the Trout Lake Circle, a route that I would be lucky enough to lead years later as a counselor. I couldn't be more excited to have found myself working amongst the amazing people of Rutabaga.

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John Browning

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Why I Take Certification Courses (even though I'm not an Instructor)

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“Lots of information geared seemingly just for me but valuable and specific to all. Excellent instructors - I even had one of the same ones as last year so we were able to build on and expand my knowledge base and technique. Great vendors - they shared their equipment prior to purchase. This is my favorite weekend of the year! Not enough can be said for how well run this symposium is. Thank you ever so much.”

-second year participant



“I improved my techniques, and gained some large water experience. Most enjoyable are the people, both staff and participants. You have excellent instructors and great behind the scenes people working to make it all run smoothly - and adjusting to the variance of wind/weather. Thank you!”

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Hugs as a measure of the little things we can do to change lives

Little kindnesses can frame people's experiences by **Al Fairfield**

I would like to first establish that most of my life I have never been considered a "Hugger." It just was never my style until I met a crowd of people where success could often be measured in the hugs shared. Now I look forward to sharing those with friends at the Door County Sea Kayak Symposium (DCSKS) every July.

This past spring I arrived at Canoecopia and about 100 feet into the atrium a woman I recognized from the DCSKS came running across the room and gave me a huge hug. She then proceeded to tell me that since the symposium she had bought a boat, joined a club, and taken paddling vacations. Then she shared with me that a small act of kindness on my part shaped her experience in a way that would prove to be transformative. I just happened to be the first one to come along

and I did what any other person passing by would have done; I helped her with her boat. After 10 years at the DCSKS it finally sunk in that it wasn't the vacation or adventure that really impacted people, it was so many little things people did that defined people's experiences.

As an instructor and student, small things like being helpful, patient, enthusiastic, and generous seem to be what people notice at the symposium. Most of these characteristics cost nothing but leave an indelible mark on those we interact with. How many of us have witnessed that first successful wet exit by someone who had their doubts about their ability to pull off that maneuver? We regularly hear cheers go up and we know that someone's paddling life just changed. We don't always recognize the small things that add up

to those moments, but it's great to be around people where that just seems to be the norm.

The paddlers I am fortunate to call friends do all these little things selflessly, and seemingly naturally. Maybe they believe in paying it forward, karma, or I'd like to believe they are just good people. It's contagious, and I'm a better person having shared their company. Now it only seems natural to follow their example and do those little things that quite frankly, feel good to do, and may be more meaningful than you might realize. Sometimes you learn that you made a difference, and that will touch you.

Here's hoping for more hugs in the future.

Al will be presenting this year. Read more about it on page 30.

A collage of images related to sea kayaking, including kayakers on water, a kayak, and a mountain landscape. The P&H logo is in the top left, and a circular '50' anniversary logo is in the top right.

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New Years (Day) resolutions

Starting the year off right – with a successful paddle. By **Jim Pippitt**

IN my youth, Mom and Dad hosted a few foreign exchange students for a year. Our families have remained close. In 2018 we got to see my Sardinian “sister” and her family for Christmas/New Year’s.

We were struggling with the question, “What do we get them for Christmas?” That tricky problem is even harder to solve when the gift has to fit in packed luggage and survive abuse by multiple airlines.

We realized the best gift might be “experiences” and planned accordingly. Many of the ‘Baga staff and others in the paddling community drag themselves and their boats out to Lake Columbia on New Years Day. Well, what could be more of an experience than that? Our guests weren’t likely to paddle on a coal-fired electrical plant’s cooling pond in their native land.



The day was cold, but not horrible. The wind was mild. Our huge canoe got all sorts of

looks from passersby on the road. One fellow kayaker waved me to a stop and asked if she could go home, get her boat, and join us. We said yes, naturally.

It was an outstanding success (we were mindful of the lessons in Darren’s article on page 76). Joe kept talking about how beautiful and strange the lake looked as the wisps of mist swirled about us. He relished the changes in temperature when we moved with and against the mild breeze. After we (successfully!) finished our short paddle around the edge of the lake Joe said, “You guys, thank you! I’ll remember this to the end of my days.” I will too. Not only was it so darn fun to put paddle to water in the middle of winter, I loved sharing the experience with my extended family. And I got a good start on one of my New Year’s resolutions: paddle more.

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Nocturnes with Uncle

A quiet reflection by **Darren Bush**

THERE'S something about paddling at night that is ineffable. If you don't do it, you can't understand it, but if you do, there's no need to explain it.

I've spent three decades looking for ways to squeeze in more paddle time while the ever-increasing demands on my time show no signs of slowing. The choices for me were simple: I could paddle less, or I could find new and creative times to paddle.

The early and obvious solution was to paddle more after dark. With young children in the house, it was a definite relationship-limiting maneuver to take off for a post-dinner paddle just as my wife was wrestling a toddler into his crib, swearing to break out the duct tape. It was better to wait until the crying stopped, then Stephanie would pull out her knitting, and I would be free to grab an hour on the pond down the street.

Paddling at night became more of a thing for me. I discovered that I saw fewer people at night, a perfect coincidence for a high-functioning introvert like me. I see more, even though it's dark, especially when the moon is new.

My Uncle Mark lost his sight just after his birth. Uncle became a gifted musician, and no doubt his absence of vision allowed his other senses to become more acute. Obviously, his sense of hearing was a phenomenon, and I'm sure that if he were properly trained, he could have listened to a V8 and tell you the fourth cylinder's rear exhaust valve was sticking.

When Uncle played one-night gigs, I was occasionally his roadie, driving the burnt-orange van full of keyboards and sound equipment. As we set up for a wedding reception one evening, Mark played a few

test chords on his Fender electric piano and frowned. Uh oh.

"It's out of tune." I couldn't tell, and I have a pretty good ear. Electric pianos are pretty reliable travelers, but the suspension on the van was a little industrial. Uncle was clearly in distress at those



notes that were one hertz out of whack. We didn't need a tuner, we had Uncle. He just sat there, leaning his head back a little, head cocked to one side, wearing big, dark, Ray Charles sunglasses, his hair a premature gray, me helping out with a little pair of needle-nose pliers, adjusting the tuning springs on the tone bars. "Flat...flat...almost...there, perfect." We did that 73 times, and it was perfect. I popped the cover back on, and he tested it with some George Shearing, pounding the left hand part.

Uncle had a tandem bicycle and was an excellent stoker, leaving me, a skinny pre-teen, to captain, thus demonstrating an undeserved level of trust—or just willful ignorance. He could tell where we were by the sounds of traffic, the siren from the hospital, the barking of a particular

dog, the echoes from a storm water culvert. Passing a park revealed squealing children, meaning we were five blocks from home. While Uncle was immersed in his world, I was watching for traffic and trying not to get us both killed. All that sound was just background noise to me.

Paddling on a warm, humid, windless night is almost disorienting. When the moon is not yet up, the ambient light is not sufficient to create a horizon, and the colors of the sky and water are so close that you feel like you're paddling in a sensory deprivation tank. It's like paddling on liquid obsidian, and if it were not for the sound of a car horn from across the lake, you could be anywhere in the Universe. In Spring, you can barely hear the car horn, the frogs are so loud. Herons croak, and occasional a Sandhill Crane will clatter a note.

Deprived of most of your sense of sight, night paddling becomes an extrasensory experience. Sound travels far over the water, and your ears can pick out a pair of owls hooting back and forth across the river a half mile away. You can catch the sound of water trickling into the river from a side stream you'd paddle right past in daylight.

Uncle could smell things we couldn't. Driving at night with the windows down, he'd remark about passing a honeysuckle bush. We smelled nothing. We'd whip around and search out of the massive back window of our old green car and sure enough, there was a honeysuckle.

It's amazing how many different scents there are around water. Water carries its cargo purely and without adulteration. Bogs and marshes are olfactory kaleidoscopes, full of earthy decay and sour decomposition. The smells of evening fill

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your sinuses and bounce around on your olfactory nerve, painting pictures your eyes can't see. There's a reason you smell a perfume four decades after high school and can't help but think of the girl you had a crush on. The olfactory nerve is the shortest direct line to your lizard brain.

As a professional musician, Uncle had a massive record collection. It was four shelves high and at least six feet wide, and if there were an order to them, I couldn't tell. We liked to play a game with Uncle. We'd pull a record out of his collection, hand it to him, and ask him what record it was.

"Columbia label..." That was the easy part, apparently. He ran his fingers around the edge of the cover, then pulling the record out, he'd run his fingers over

the center label. A few seconds would tick past. "Frank Sinatra. *Come Fly With Me.*"

And he was right. Time after time. We'd let him put it away. Exactly where we pulled it out.

"Even at night, I still close my eyes. Seeing the dark and seeing nothing aren't the same thing.."

The only thing I love more than canoes are canoe paddles, if you judge by my collection. Thirty or so canoe paddles hang in my garage, the house, my shack behind the house, and of course, in my office. A good twenty of them are daily users, and some of the ones in the house could be, if I wanted to. I have a few that will never touch water.

Whether I made them or someone else did, I shape all my own grips to fit my

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AFTER THE SHOW: Post-Canoecopia Details

The store is closed from Tuesday, March 7 through Thursday, March 14. We reopen Friday, March 15th.

Special orders really do take 6-10 weeks. We will either call, text, or send you an e-mail when your order arrives.

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hand. Rasps, scrapers, and sandpaper allow me to create the shape that works best for me. Hand me a paddle grip with my eyes closed, and I can tell you exactly which paddle it is. I can tell you who made it, what wood it is made of, and probably the approximate time I procured it. It's nothing like Uncle's seven hundred records, but it does show my familiarity with my primary tools. Paddles are more personal to me than canoes.

I never realized I learned how to see like this from Uncle. No wonder I close my

eyes and float, two hours after sundown, in the middle of a lake a mile across. I want to see things like Uncle saw them. Even at night, I still close my eyes. Seeing the dark and seeing nothing aren't the same thing.

Uncle had four senses, but I think the combination and interplay among the four allowed him to experience the world in a different, perhaps richer way. Not that I would willingly give up my eyesight, but living with a person who saw the world so differently was a cause for contemplation.

I still paddle at night. The kids have long been fledged and gently pushed from the nest, returning occasionally to do laundry, so I don't strictly need to paddle at night anymore. But if I want to really see, sometimes I have to go when I can't see anything.

When he's not out paddling or running Rutabaga, Darren Bush pines for the day when it is socially acceptable to use moose calls in public places.

THANK YOU

Canocopias are nothing like the old Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney films, where all you need to do is be at the barn at 7:00 when the dancing starts and the rest takes care of itself. No, they're real *work*, though they be a work of love and craft. I'd like to take a moment to thank those who make Canocopia happen.

First, a huge thank you to our vendors and all of the exhibitors. The show is what it is thanks to their commitment of time, money, and staff. Thank you to our speakers who add such richness to the experience. I'd be remiss if I didn't thank the entire AEC staff as well. No matter what last-minute wrench we throw into their works, they smile, write a change order, and get it done.

Canocopia has always been a Rutabaga presentation that leans heavily on our former staff. Thanks, guys. I truly love seeing you every year. (See "Farewell" on page 52)

I need to call out the buyers, Ethan, Dan, Tadhg, and Kate. Without them the hall and the store would be empty. Thanks to Drew for keeping the warehouse in shape. Thanks to Tucker, Dana and Holly as they grow into new responsibilities at the show and shop. Thanks to the full-time staff of Connie, Jon, Shannon, and Richard, whose institutional knowledge and customer focus is priceless. Thanks to my IT guys, Joel and Jim, for keeping us running smoothly and efficiently.

When you come to the Show, you're seeing the results of hundreds of hours of work. Special thanks to Amelia and Kate who organized all of the exhibitors, helped edit this Show Guide, and found time to contribute to the floor plan. They had some big boots to fill and it looks like they're fitting them well.

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Dry Suits 101

Darren Bush thinks that drysuits are superior to most other forms of protection

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Control over level of insulation. A dry suit itself has as much insulation value as a nylon jacket; that is to say, very little. It's what you put underneath that gives

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Climate Change on the Kickapoo

Big changes seen by paddler **Scott Hackel**

TWO years ago my wife and I planned a trip in the Kickapoo Valley Reserve for our family. We were to spend a weekend on the river with our daughters, and some friends. Our kids were just 5 and 7 at the time, but we had hooked them on paddling at an early age, mostly on the lakes around Madison. Now they were psyched for some time on this river! After looking forward to it for a couple months the week of the trip came: we got the boats ready, the route agreed upon, and the meals planned.



Credit: Scott Hackel

As the trip approached, southern Wisconsin was hit with several torrential rainstorms. The Kickapoo River flooded its banks and kept rising... To the point where even the outfitters had all closed up due to unsafe conditions. There wasn't a single boat on the river after that in the summer of 2017. It was a bummer of a paddling season.

All of this would be unremarkable if that major flood in 2017 were a once in a century, or even once in a decade occurrence. But the Kickapoo had flooded disastrously in 2007 as well, in such historic fashion that many homes and businesses that had been near the river for many years had to rebuild on higher ground. Then it flooded again the following year (2008), creating an even higher watermark.

After a few years of more normal precipitation, floodwaters rose again in 2016. This meant that our ill-fated trip in 2017 marked the fourth time in eleven years where that same river saw "historic" flood levels.



Credit: Clayton County Register

With a recent increase of extreme weather in our country, there have been more discussions of climate change and its impacts on such events—so is that at play in this story? Science conducted by both international bodies and local University of Wisconsin climate scientists finds that although there are other drivers and variability at play, climate change is a statistically significant driver of these flood events in Wisconsin, especially considering the number of times this has occurred recently¹. These statistics suggest we can expect more such major rain events in the upper Midwest going forward, as the state will generally become wetter. Such major storms will increase in frequency by about 30%.

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Local climate change will also lead to both more heat waves and more toxic algae blooms, so our outdoors will perhaps never feel quite the same. But for paddlers, there may be a silver lining in that we'll have somewhat longer summers, and earlier springs. For example, days of ice cover on Madison area lakes is decreasing by 3-4 days per decade². It is in the opposing season, winter, where recreational opportunities will be hit even harder: skiing of all kinds, snowmobiling, and even hunting will grow more difficult.

However, there is hope enough for taking meaningful action to save our recreational heritage. Many are taking aggressive action, from scientists to businessmen to entrepreneurs, and even a few politicians. It will take a tremendous effort akin to one of the largest shifts our society has ever undertaken, but there is enough reason for hope that we should all be acting. For example, wind and solar energy are now cheaper than coal and gas³. A second example: deforestation is being reversed in many parts of the world – by 60% in the tropical rainforest islands of Asia⁴.



Credit: Scott Hackel

But these still represent small initial steps; to scale these up we will all need to play a part. We can take the simple steps of installing efficient LEDs and appliances everywhere (and shutting these devices off). We can

continue to be advocates for our forests, both locally and in the tropics. We can each try to opt for eating non-meat options once in a while. But possibly most important is to communicate about climate change in any way possible. Include the topic in conversations with both friends and acquaintances; let them know it's important to us. Relate it to recreation if that helps. Bring it up with those who represent us locally and nationally too; they need

to hear more about this need. But above all else, vote for those who believe in climate change and will include it responsibly in their politics, because above all else this is a policy issue. And that recommendation is now often possible regardless of which party you favor, as some Republicans are now coming forward in sponsorship of pending carbon legislation⁵.

Granted, in the end we're just talking about recreational pursuits. For our band

of paddlers in 2017, we simply diverted the trip and settled for a weekend at Governor Dodge State Park for some camping. The detour itself was fun, and we did get in a little paddling on the lakes in that area. In Wisconsin we have this luxury of options and alternatives for adapting to what climate change throws at us. Those in most other regions may not be so lucky, as the impacts of climate change affect not only recreation but also livelihoods and homes in coastal or drought-prone areas.

Both the global impacts and our local recreational heritage are worth fighting for. My hope is that the same outdoor Wisconsin adventures that my kids and I are having – in summer and winter – will still be readily available to *their* children. It's that hope that drives me to talk with as many people as I can about taking action on climate change.

Scott has enthusiasm for spreading the news about climate change action, but ironically his children (who would stand to benefit the most) sometimes give him grief for being a bit TOO enthusiastic when it comes to the thermostat.

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FreeStyle Techniques & Regular Paddlers

FreeStyle paddling techniques are great for just paddling says **Bruce Kemp**

MY first exposure to FreeStyle was a short demonstration of what I later learned is called “Interpretive FreeStyle”, which involves paddling a choreographed routine to music. I was thoroughly smitten, astonished even, at the complete control the paddlers had over their boats. I stood there, stunned at the nearly imperceptible ways they were using their blades and bodies to bring about dramatic responses from the canoe. To be honest, I wasn’t particularly interested in the music and “dance” facet of this activity, though it was fun to watch, but I sure did want to learn how to handle a canoe like that. It was the skill level, the utter at-homeness in the boat that caught my attention.

I soon took some FreeStyle paddling lessons and learned about these advanced paddling techniques. I found out just how useful the techniques I had been learning were as I paddled a gently-moving creek, then on rivers that were moving more quickly, then in small riffles and larger rapids. With time and practice, FreeStyle became part of my paddling vocabulary, and I’ve found that in a given situation I just *respond*, without thinking about it consciously at all.

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At one end of the “Interpretive FreeStyle” spectrum, folks experiment with various maneuvers to see just how far one can take them, what ways they can make the canoe behave, and how smooth they can make it all look, while paddling a rehearsed routine to music—sort of like figure skating, with the advantage that falling hurts a lot less. These folks are exploring, and pushing against the boundaries of just what a paddler and canoe can do together. However, most people who learn these techniques never do, nor do they ever intend to, try the Interpretive side. They just want to learn to paddle better, have less muscular pain at the end of the day, and become a better partner with their boat. The techniques learned in trying to perfect those more dramatic moves work equally well in real life, and FreeStylers use them all the time.

All paddling instruction is ultimately about boat control, and FreeStyle is one of several paths to that goal. Yes, some of us dabble a bit in Interpretive FreeStyle—it’s a whole lot of fun! I encourage you to give it a try. Pushing the limits—both yours and the canoe’s—is about the best learning tool there is.

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Being ready for change

Sometimes stuff happens. What happens next is up to you says **John Van Barriger**

CANOECOPIA'S theme of "transformation" this year is an apt one. Whether it's the simple transformation of muscles after a workout paddle, or the more spiritual transformation that occurs while canoeing, kayaking, or SUPing in the wilderness, paddling really is a transformative activity.

That transformation came home to me in ways I never could have imagined in 2013. That year, my friend Mark Johnson and I embarked on a two-week paddling trip down the Teslin and Yukon Rivers in northwest Canada. The rivers were just coming off flood stage when we decided to take a side channel in the hopes of seeing more wildlife.

Side channels can be risky propositions. While you'll find more solitude, there are also fewer people around should something go wrong...like when my rudder unexpectedly

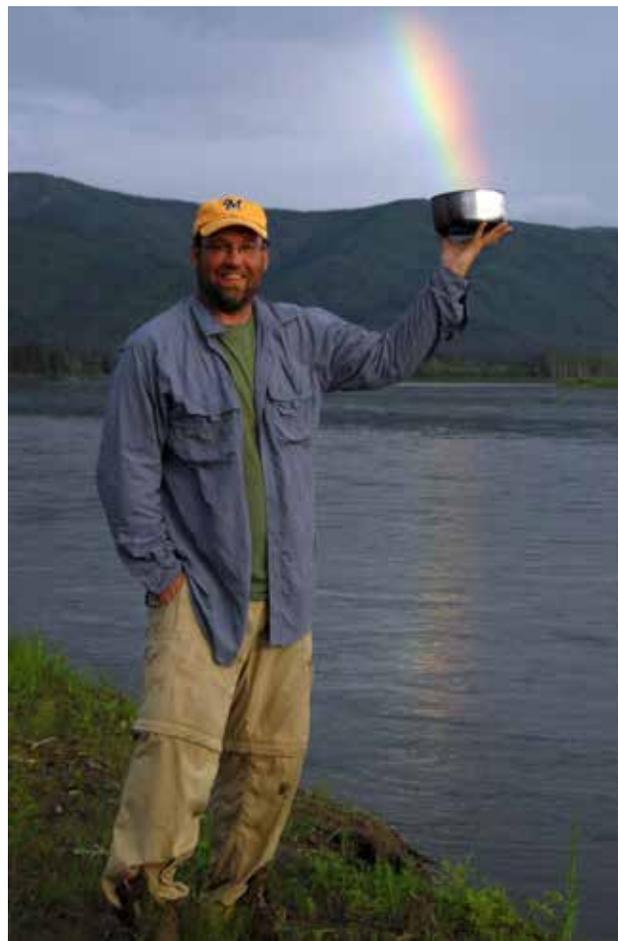


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fell off, flopping from its cables behind the kayak like a snagged salmon. After using bits and pieces from both of our emergency kits – and cutting out some hardware from the kayak seat with our Leathermen multi-tools – we were on our way again. Note to self: Beef up the emergency kit!

That wouldn't be the case after I returned home in the autumn, however, and attempted

Two days later we paddled into a 47,000-acre wildfire, which was burning down to the river as we floated by. Search-and-Rescue waved us on, then began picking up paddlers farther behind us. We had just scraped by, and watched in awe at the coordinated efforts of firefighters on the ground, helicopters in the air, and police on the nearby roads and campgrounds as they worked to contain the fire and prevent injuries and fatalities. I will never forget the efforts of the first responders, nor the eerie quiet of paddling the rest of the day in choking, heavy smoke. We were fortunate, and these were intense but painless lessons from 477 miles of wilderness paddling.



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a solo paddle on the more sedate Lower Wisconsin State Riverway. At the trip's midpoint, 47 miles in (and literally one-tenth of the distance of my Yukon trip), I ran aground on a sandbar. After wading the kayak back to deeper water, I started to slide down into the cockpit. But the boat twisted in the current, I lost my balance, and my knee gave out – snapping sideways with a loud and sickening POP!

I didn't know it then, but I had completely severed my ACL and mangled much of the rest of the knee. I pulled out the first-aid kit, wrapped my knee, and tried to "walk it off" on the sandbar. But it gave out again as I tried to re-enter the kayak a second time, pitching me headlong into the cold water. I crawled back to the sandbar and made the dreaded emergency phone call home. My trip was over. It would require a painful surgery and long winter of physical therapy before I could move reliably again.

I learned a lot in the summer of 2013. There are things for which you can reasonably plan (such as mechanical failure), and things you cannot (a huge wildland fire or a freak accident/serious injury). But with preparation, the right equipment, and the right mindset you can minimize the effects of each.

Indeed, each of these events transformed how I approach paddling and what I now carry with me every time I hit the water or trail.

And these events further transformed me as well. My wife Jan and I formed The Outdoor Kind, LLC, in order to support first responders – as well as to conduct educational outreach to prevent wildfires and other emergencies. We now travel North America and speak at everything from school classrooms and scouting groups to public events and paddling shows, proudly including Canoeconopia. In fact, you can stop by our booth in the lobby to pick up a handout on the contents of the "Oh Sh!t Emergency Kit" and upgraded first-aid kit we take with us each and every time we play in the great outdoors.

Transformation comes in many forms, with both short- and long-term effects. Here's hoping you have a safe (and pain-free!)



transformative paddling season!

John Van Barriger is the founder of The Outdoor Kind, LLC, and a correspondent for Paddling Adventures Radio. He has injured himself while hiking, camping, backpacking, bicycling,

motorcycling, paddling, and scuba diving on five continents. (Editor's Note: He hopes to bag all seven continents and hurt himself in South America and Antarctica soon.) Check out John's Beyond Band Aids tips on page 79.

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Tragedy on Lake Superior

Looking at actions to prevent further tragedies by **Darren Bush**

LAST summer a family of five loaded onto a 13 ½ foot kayak and headed out for a paddle off Big Bay on the east side of Madeline Island. Lake Superior is big, cold, and unforgiving. In this case it claimed the lives of a father and three of his children. His wife survived, and one can only imagine her heartbreak. They were on an undersized kayak, suitable for two people and maybe one more passenger, and unsuitable for big lakes. They were wearing lifejackets, which is laudable.

They were attempting to cross two miles of open water when their kayak capsized. They struggled to get the kayak upright. The father attempted to swim to shore with his children, but thunderstorms reduced visibility to less than a hundred yards, hampering rescue efforts. The mother tried to send 911 texts, but phone service was poor and the texts were received five hours after they were sent.

Talking about accidents like this is tricky. I'm not here to judge *people* for making poor decisions. Blaming people rather than examining behavior allows us to distance ourselves from the incident, usually patting ourselves on the back. Don't be the smug person—who has made countless other errors that he was lucky enough to walk away from—and say “I'd never do that.” I believe examining actions is beneficial to preventing further casualties.

Kayaking is not inherently dangerous. But like many other activities, it can be unforgiving. This accident happened due to inexperience paddling in cold water, from foul weather (that was forecast), from overloading their craft, and from not understanding the precarious situation they would face should one little thing go wrong.

Like most incidents like this, it's not one huge flawed decision; it's often a collection of small

ones that stack up and build until you realize you're in over your head. What can you do to keep yourself from getting in over your head?

Take a class. Remember you don't know what you don't know. Classes are a great way to stretch your knowledge in a structured, risk-limited situation.

Proper paddling clothing. Sure, it's an investment, but the poor folks who die every year from hypothermia would no doubt pay a hundred times the price of paddle clothing once they find themselves in a dangerous situation. Invest in yourself.

Know your equipment. Not every kayak is suitable for every environment. If you're not sure, ask your local paddling club or shop.

Prepare to bail out. I always paddle with a bail out bag full of dry clothing and other emergency gear. It doesn't guarantee safety, but it can keep your situation from going from *just uncomfortable* to *dangerous*.

Paddle with others who share your level of preparation. There's always one person (or more) who say “Come on, let's just do it!” Be prepared to cancel a trip if that's what the situation calls for. Plan inertia is a dangerous thing.

Use the most important piece of gear you have. It's between your ears, and it may need to be trained to predict the worst-case situations and have solutions for them. Think about: the weather, emergency take-out points, letting somebody know where you're going. These are just a few things to consider. (Again, see point 1. Take a class.)

I do not want to read about you or your family and friends in sad article on my newsfeed. I'd rather hear about your amazing trip to a fantastic place, even if that place is in your own backyard. This was a horrible tragedy, and the only thing that would make it worse would be to not learn from it and others like it.

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Have you ever wanted to wear the coveted yellow hat? Thoughts on making the change from student to instructor by **Lenore Sobota**

HAVE you ever thought about what it would be like to be a kayak instructor, perhaps even wear the coveted yellow cap at Rutabaga’s Door County Sea Kayak Symposium? I’m here to tell you it’s both easier and harder than you can imagine.

For many, dialing in their skills at an instructor level and recognizing that people are watching what you do at all times is the hard part. For others, that’s easy compared to the challenge of teaching others to do what you do. Then, there is the mental challenge of believing in yourself as you make the transition from student to instructor. Fortunately, fellow instructors showed me the same sort of



patience and encouragement as an instructor that they had shown me when I was a student.

John Browning, an instructor trainer and chair of the ACA Coastal Kayak Committee, emphasizes, “It takes more to being an instructor than simply being a good paddler.” An instructor has to have “the technical expertise to effectively model the stroke and maneuvers” and also have “the ability to observe the performance of others and provide them with accurate feedback to improve their performance.”

But that’s not all. Instructor John Chase says, “One of the most important qualities is empathy. You need to be able to meet people where they are, understand their fear of the unknown or feeling that



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they might look foolish and make them feel comfortable and open to learning.”

I couldn't help nodding my head in agreement with Chase's observation. There are people for whom kayaking comes easy, people who face down waves as if they were a ripple, people who can make their boat dance. I'm not one of those people.

My first kayak lesson was in a nice warm pool with not one but two instructors next to me for my first “wet exit” – getting out of an upside-down boat. Everything went without a hitch, yet I immediately went to the side of the pool to think over what I'd gotten myself into. At that moment, if someone had told me I'd be an instructor some day, I would've laughed at the absurdity of such an idea.

However, those fears—which I haven't forgotten—help make me a good instructor. They bolster my ability to have the empathy to which Chase refers. I don't have to imagine my students' fears; I've lived them. I get my greatest satisfaction from seeing students move beyond what they think they can't do. As instructor Andrea Knepper says, “Anyone who paddles more than a few times is going to come up with something that terrifies them, whether it's a wet exit on a calm lake or being in crazy surf.”

To Knepper, “the most important characteristic in a coach or instructor is curiosity and flexibility.” Every student is different and you have to teach them in a way that works for them, she said. “You have to be curious to find that out about your student and be flexible” in how you teach.

Similarly, another instructor, Lyn Stone says, “the ability to let the participant lead

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the learning, rather than a one-size-fits-all approach” is among the keys to being a good instructor. In fact, one of the things Stone likes best is “affecting changes that build confidence and the ability to not need the instructor/coach.” When a student has that “ah-ha” moment when everything clicks, “the excitement is electric,” says Chase.

Becoming an instructor changes you. It gives you a different perspective and different



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responsibilities beyond just teaching. “When things get rough, instructors need to have the good judgment and ability to keep everyone safe,” says Browning. “This involves being on a constant watch for deteriorating conditions and getting to safety before it hits the fan.”

Becoming an instructor is a beginning not an ending. You may be a teacher but you should remain a student. Learn from the instructors with whom you teach. Continue to take classes – formally or informally. And learn from your students, too. Then, as Yoda tells Luke Skywalker in *Return of the Jedi*, “Pass on what you have learned.”

Lenore Sobota has been an ACA Level 2 kayak instructor since 2010 and has taught at Rutabaga’s Door County Sea Kayak Symposium since 2011. Though she is willing to have fun tonight, she does not wish to Wang Chung tonight.

BEYOND BAND-AIDS: EASY ADDITIONS TO YOUR FIRST AID KIT

BY JOHN E. VAN BARRIGER

Picking up a first-aid kit for your outdoor adventures is a must – as is a high-quality dry bag to keep it waterproof. You can add the following items to help you and your paddling companions in a wide variety of situations:

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- Aloe Vera gel or burn gel. Important if there are problems with campfire or stove, or you forget the point above.
- Polysporin Ointment and Liquid Bandage. Cleanse wound well before using either.
- Pepto-Bismol and Imodium. Big water + diarrhea = No fun.
- “Tick Key” tick remover. In the age of Lyme Disease, this is absolutely critical. Also, discuss with your physician the possibility of adding an antibiotic to your personal kit.
- Moleskin. Many first-aid kits include this, but I add sheets for issues with wet feet or long portages.
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Paddling transforms friendships

Tucker Moore talks about conversations on the water

PIRATE Day, it only happens once a year. Some years it happens in middle of the summer, some years we will wait until the ice that forms on the banks of the Yahara can scratch the boat as our gloved hands push our paddles through the nearly frozen water. For the last 10 years, my best friend and I have celebrated our friendship by packing up food and supplies (often fireworks) and spending a day together in a canoe. It began as a joke, an excuse to lean in to Pirate voices (YARRRR) for a day, but has now been woven into the fabric of our friendship and stands as one of the more important days of the year.

There is something about the gentle roll of the boat on the water that fosters both amazing conversation and quiet introspection. Anyone who's paddled before has felt it; the boat gives you permission to fill the often stressed spaces in your head with a clarity that only open air and rolling waves can afford. It is in this space that Dylan and I have found our emotional connection from discussing the joys and sorrows of each year. The laughs come easier—the loud kind that get you shushed in a restaurant. The tears come easier too, or rather the honesty that is followed by the tears. The canoe becomes both vessel and harbor, giving us a safe space to explore with greater care the issues that build up and become cloudy and parceled on land.

I am a big proponent of living with intention. It has become an idea that I try my best to both preach and practice as I have gotten a little older and the tiniest bit wiser. But one of the most beautiful things about Mother Nature is how indifferent she can be to the intentions of humans. She can show you what she wants, take you where she wants, she was here before us and will

be here long after we are gone. I am never more thankful about that indifference than when I think about Pirate Day. Ten years ago Dylan and I “intended” on spending an afternoon on the water yelling about plank walking and poop decks, but what has been given to us by the water, the wind, the paddle, and gunwale has been something much bigger than a day of laughs and something we did not intend or plan for.

I am deeply comforted knowing that natural world around me will continue to offer me surprises, testing or changing my intentions as I make my way through this world.



Tucker Moore

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What got you paddling: Growing up on N. Thornton in Madison I was lucky enough to have the Yahara River in my front yard. Family paddles were a regular event, but it wasn't until I was a camper at Camp Manito-Wish YMCA that I found my love for the outdoors.

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CANOECOPIA Information in Brief

What *World's Largest Paddlesport Expo. Filled with canoes, kayaks, SUP, paddle gear, speakers, exhibitors, and the coolest visitors from all over the world.*

When **March 8:** 4-9 pm
March 9: 9-6 pm
March 10: 10-5 pm

Where *Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center. Map on pg. 5
1919 Alliant Energy Center
Way, Madison, WI 53713*

Pre-order admission (before 3/1) *\$13/day, \$25/3-day pass
Pre-order at rutabaga.com*

Admission *\$15/day, \$25/3-day pass
(17 & under free)
Cash or check at the door*

Parking *\$7/day, \$19.50/3-day pass*



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