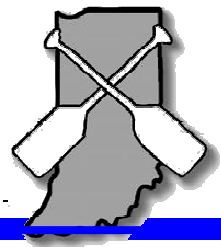


# The Hoosier Paddler



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## Annual Meeting of the Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club

Sunday, November 13, 2011

The HCC Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 13, at the Holt Community House (Boy Scout building) on the northeast side of Indy. We're looking forward to a fun program featuring highlights from the HCC's **Whitewater Season** in photos and videos. The meeting will also include a review of activities and projects during the past year, our goals for 2012, and the Election of Officers and Directors for the year 2012.

This annual gathering is the **only** time during the year when we have an **All-Club Swap Meet**, so be sure to bring gear, items, boats, and boat bling that you want to sell, and some pieces of eight in your pocket for the items that will more than tempt you into owning them!

As in keeping with the tradition of the meeting, it will be a **Pitch-In** with the HCC supplying the meat (or other forms of protein, i.e. crawdads and marinated escargot from Fall Creek) and soft drinks. *Other beverages are BYOB.* Please bring some delicious dishes of your own making, in particular those along the Thanksgiving theme . . . (or not), including salads, potatoes/rice/pasta, other hearty foods, veggies, deserts, etc.!!!

**Table Decoration Contest:** The table decoration contest last year facilitated by Linda Smith was so successful that we're continuing the contest this year! Theme (if you can't guess, then you might be in the wrong club): Paddling! Anything to do with paddling: a trip, club activity, water wildlife, boats or gear. Prizes will be awarded for entries judged in a variety of categories. Show your creative flair! Entries can be simple, elaborate, whatever inspires you. The centerpieces will be placed on the dining tables so they should be no larger than 12x18 inches at the base and can be smaller. Just bring it with you that day to the Pitch-In.

**When:** Sunday, November 13th, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Holt Community House (Scout Hut) behind John Strange Elementary School

3660 East 62nd Street, Indianapolis

John Strange Elementary School is on 62nd between Keystone and Allisonville. The Holt House is behind the school.

**Schedule:** 1:00 pm Swap Meet

2:00 pm Dinner

3:00 pm Program

If you have additional suggestions for the meeting or would like to volunteer, let me know!

Theresa Kulczak email: [theblacktoad@lightbound.com](mailto:theblacktoad@lightbound.com)

## 2012 Election of HCC Officers and Board of Directors

The HCC Nominating Committee submits the following slate of Officers and Directors to the membership of the club for election at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 13, 2011. The preliminary slate was first presented to the HCC Board of Directors at its recent meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup> with the final slate submitted to the Board on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The Nominating Committee was comprised of Theresa Kulczak, Dwayne James, Sue Foxx, Ken Starrs, Kim Henry, and John Wainscott.

We thank the Board members who will continue to serve and those who recruited new candidates. We especially thank the general members who enthusiastically volunteered to serve.

**Skipper:** Dwayne James

**Executive Officer:** Sue Foxx

**Purser:** Dan Evard

**Yeoman:** Jim Clendenin

**Immediate Past Skipper:**

Theresa Kulczak

### Board of Directors:

Mariann Davis

Joel DeLashmit

Sheahan Dissanayake

Robert Henry

Kellie Kaneshiro

Konstantin Louganski

Sarah Naeher

Natalie Needham

Jordan Ross

Matt Slagel

Ken Starrs

Barry Welling

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## Trip report: West Fork of the White River from Waverly to the Henderson Ford Bridge Saturday, September 24, 2011

Mariann Davis

If anyone thinks that paddling the West Fork of the White River is a HO-HUM experience, I'm here to help you change your tune. Granted, that the river flowed to the music of a slow waltz, but I have to say—when you're out for a day of leisure and entertainment—it's more about your dance partners/paddlers than the music. Fifteen HCC members denied the 60% forecast that called for rain and ventured the 9 mile paddle with barely a raindrop. The support and confidence for my first EVER trip that I led was confirmed by the 14 paddlers paddling ahead of me; no kidding...I was the sweep paddler and Sue Foxx, the lead boat. (From this day forward I will be known as the trip leader who leads from behind). The water was plentiful enough to manage only 2 or 3 gentle boat scrapings but, to the chagrin of one unnamed paddler, the river offered up a previously hidden log which he willingly accepted. Whoops, as they say in paddling parlance, the River hath no mercy. The rescue ensued, the paddler was unscathed, but wet, and within 20 minutes, the paddle-cade continued.

No eagles were seen that day as advertised in the newsletter although an empty nest was spotted, and, sadly, no one really commented on the fact that this part of the White River is a former Pleistocene glacial sluiceway... must we increase our recruiting efforts to include more geologists and archeologists in the HCC! What WAS mentioned was the fact that the put-in and the take-out might just win the prize for the easiest and quickest of any 9.2 mile paddles...That in itself offers more time in your boat than in an over-crowded car.

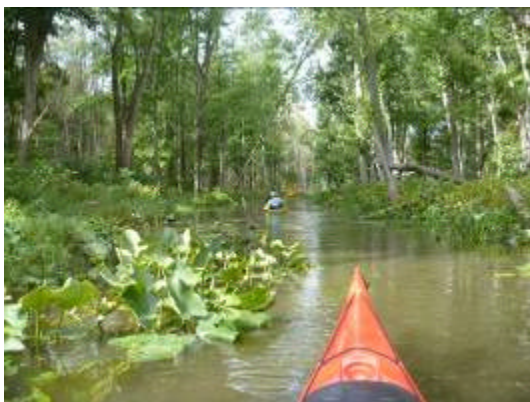
Thanks to Sue Foxx, Dan Evard, Jim Clendenin, Everett Pulliam, Mark Cowser, Cathy Cowser, Dennis Stoner, JC Arimoto, James Beckwith, Sarah Naeher, Jeff Mc Connel, Addison McConnel, Rex, Maddy, and Christy Brady for making the trip so enjoyable.

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## Chain O'Lakes State Park Trip Report Saturday, October 1, 2011

Sue Foxx

On Saturday, October 1st, 5 HCC members from Indianapolis, Lafayette, Kokomo and Elkhart met at Chain O'Lakes State Park to paddle. While the day started out cloudy and chilly, it developed into a perfect fall day with the trees offering just a touch of color. Chain O'Lakes is a series of 9 kettle lakes with channels linking them that were formed when the glaciers receded. We put in on Long Lake and on the first channel encountered 2 beaver dams. This channel was narrow, shallow and filled with lily pads so it was a bit of a challenge for touring kayaks. On Dock Lake we saw a flock of vultures sunning themselves and then proceeded through Bowen Lake to Sand Lake. Dave Tibbets tried out his kayak 'sail' but was never able to really catch the wind despite a fairly consistent breeze. At the beach concession, thanks to Jeff Matthews who carried the grill in his canoe, we enjoyed a hot lunch (hot dogs, potato salad and brownies)...now don't you wish you had come! The group proceeded through Weber Lake, Mud Lake and into Rivir Lake where we turned to retrace our path.



Chain O'Lakes is a beautifully maintained state park with a campground and cabins that rent for \$80 on weekends so next year look for a 2 day trip -- it's one you won't want to miss!

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## February 9-12, 2012—Kayak Camp with Ben Lawry - Tybee Island, Georgia

Escape the Midwest winter for great paddling and excellent instruction in a beautiful coastal setting. A perfect time to develop your skills and launch the season, Kayak Camp is three days of kayak instruction customized to meet your personal paddling goals. You'll spend time on the water and on dry-land learning practical skills while playing, laughing and having a great time! Tybee Island is a wonderful environment for learning with a broad range of paddling conditions available

Limited to only 8 students, we still have a few spots left. All the details are at <http://learn.rutabaga.com/rutabaga-kayak-camp-with-ben-lawry/>



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## Sea Kayak Trip Announcement

**End-of-Season Lake Monroe Paddle —Bloomington, IN**  
**Trips Sponsor: Jim Sprandel**

**Saturday., November 19, 2011**

Our October Fall Monroe trip has been moved to Saturday, November 19. Join us on Lake Monroe to enjoy a late season paddle. Monroe is the largest lake in Indiana and one of my favorite Indiana destinations. Depending on conditions, we will explore the West side of the lake—probably heading down to Allen's Creek for lunch.

If people are interested and the weather is reasonable, some of us considering camping at Paynestown SRA after the paddle and then going out again Sunday Morning. If you are interested in camping, check with me before the paddle.

Lake Monroe Information: [http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/monroe\\_trail.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/monroe_trail.pdf)

**Meeting Place/Put-In:** Cutright SRA. We will meet at the first boat ramp that you come to after leaving 446 (not the marina) since we will head west from the boat ramp.

**Directions to Meeting Place:** Take Highway 446 south from Bloomington to the causeway. Cutright SRA is on your left immediately after you cross the causeway when driving south from Bloomington. This is about 1 hour 40 minutes from the intersection of 37 and I-465 on the southeast side of Indianapolis.

**What to Bring:** Bring your paddling gear, lunch, water, and warm gear. This will be in November so wet suits or dry suits are strongly recommended. .

**Note:** Due to possible lake conditions, a kayak with spray skirt is required. Boats must have fore and aft flotation or bulk heads.

**Schedule:** Saturday 10:30 am Arrive at Put-In

**Contact information:** Contact Jim by 7:30 pm on Friday, November 18::

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## Eagle Creek Report—2011

Jim Sprandel

**Thursday Night Paddles:** This year, we had many interesting Thursday evening paddles on Eagle Creek. On average, about five touring kayakers turned up each week where we were treated to views of deer, eagles, osprey, egrets, blue and green herons, and kingfishers as well as some amazing sunsets and truly pleasant paddling. (No, we didn't see any beavers this year.) Thanks to everyone who shared these paddles with us.

**Eagle Creek Clean-Up:** I want to thank the following people who helped with the shore-line clean up at Eagle Creek this year: Bill Wrin, Kellie Kaneshiro, and Dave Ellis. The Discovery Center trades us the Thursday evening paddles for our efforts cleaning up the shoreline. This year, Dave Ellis and I were able to borrow a pontoon boat from the Marina to haul in the large things that had been abandoned on the shores—using a kayak to haul a dock section may develop character but is definitely not fun. During the clean-up, we removed more bottles than a human could imagine, a fire safe, dock sections and parts, a derelict canoe, several chairs, and a road construction barrow.



**Eagle Creek Wednesday Night and Moonlight Paddles:** This year, we started working with Jeff Coates at the Marina providing safety support and coaching for a series of paddles on Wednesday evening and some moonlit Friday and Saturday night. The moonlight paddles were very popular while attendance was light on Wednesdays. I would like to thank the following people who helped with these paddles: Dwayne James, Kellie Kaneshiro, Sue Foxx, Linda Smith, Duane Garloch, Mark Cowser, Theresa Kulczak, Barb Lollar, Bruno Piggott, and Brad Hughey.

**Next Year:** Kellie Kaneshiro and I will continue to work with the Discovery Center to continue our Thursday night paddles available. Eagle Creek is a treat that we can all enjoy. In addition, we will see if there is interest in having one or two short training sessions during some of these Thursday paddles like Reggie used to offer. We will also speak with the Discovery Center to try and get our support of Marina paddles included in our Eagle Creek partnership agreement as in prior year.

**Trip Report: White River from Noblesville to 116th Street  
Saturday, October 8**

**Theresa Kulczak**

Thanks to all who showed up for what was truly a perfect fall day on the water. The fall color in the trees was spectacular, with bright sun and blue skies, an outdoor temperature of 80, and plenty of water on our good friend "The White". In fact, more water than we could have imagined given the low levels of many other streams. All along the way we watched the hot air balloons lift over Conner Prairie. With an easy 9 miles to cover, we put in at the Forest Park public access site in Noblesville about 10:00 and took our boats off at the 116th Street bridge around 2:30, with enough time for yours truly to make it to the Octoberfest at Traders Point Creamery to see the band "Polka Boy". A good day.



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**Upcoming Events**

November 5-7	Hike in to watch Green River Narrows Race, NC	Bulletin Board
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December Newsletter: As with past years, the December newsletter will be online only and will be truncated to include mostly the announcement of the new board.

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