

The Hoosier Paddler

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From the Skipper:

and *MARIANN*



The HCKC is progressing along at a heightened momentum in all 3 sections of the club. Thanks to the Section chairs: Natalie Needham, Jim Sprandel, Kellie Kaneshiro, Allison Sturtevant and Earl King for their continued successful efforts in helping provide exceptional trips and educational opportunities for our members. No trip would happen, however, without the ongoing volunteerism of our trip leaders...thank you all.

We are half way through the club year and we have just as many wonderful trips available until the end of our paddling season. Our website google calendar, <https://sites.google.com/site/hcctripscalendar/> is still the most reliable and concise information center for all our club trips. That's not to say that individual email blasts aren't used frequently. We welcome your input...if we could do better in communication or there is a trip you would like the club to offer, please feel free to contact the trips' chairperson or any member of the board...this is your club, your voice is important. Even if we don't hear from you, we hope to see you on the water!

Mariann Davis

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Please send me trip reports and pictures.

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Rusted Moon Boat Demo Days

Statement Concerning Mounds Reservoir and Dam

Statement from the Board of Directors of the Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club opposing the proposed Mounds Reservoir and Dam

The Board of Directors of the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club, established over fifty years ago and one of the largest paddling organizations in the state, submits the following statement in opposition to the proposed Mounds Reservoir and Dam.

The Board believes in the preservation of the White River as a free-flowing stream. We support the conservation of Indiana's rivers and streams and we appreciate the immense value of the White River as a resource. The controversial reservoir project would flood many miles of the river, resulting in the destruction of its natural state, and threatening the river's waters, fish and wildlife, and recreational benefits. The development of a reservoir would result in the flooding and elimination of significant archeological sites and other areas of Mounds State Park, including the artifacts and heritage of Native American communities, as well as the Mounds Fen Nature Preserve, protected by legislation. It would flood historical neighborhoods in the city of Anderson, held for generations of Hoosier families. Other communities, businesses, and residences along the river would be negatively impacted. The proposed reservoir area includes previous industrial sites which, when flooded, could create new environmental hazards. With the additional factor of agricultural runoff, the quality of the reservoir waters would be in question.

Feasibility studies have not demonstrated a compelling economic benefit, nor have they addressed engineering issues and funding challenges. Water studies for Indiana have not identified a need of this scale nor have they identified the desirability of this site. In fact, this proposed course places our state on a path divergent from the national trend of removing dams and the restoration and preservation of natural free-flowing streams. The proposed dam on the White River runs counter to current environmental science and stewardship, and therefore, the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club does not support the effort to build a dam and reservoir on the White River.

**The Board of Directors
Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club
April 14, 2015**

Event Report

Rusted Moon Kayak Demo Day...May 9 &10

Reported by: Mariann Davis

We continue to support Rusted Moon as the outfitter for our kayaking and outdoor needs. On these 2 days, Dwayne James and I represented the club with brochures, literature and ol fashioned conversation. Many interested kayakers and potential club members demoed the various boats and SUPs available from 5 or 6 different manufacturers. It was a fun day and looking forward to this annual event in 2016.



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Sea Kayak Thoughts

Jim Sprandel

It's warm now and we can paddle unencumbered by wet suits or dry suits. It's summer and a great time to explore our local rivers and lakes.

Geist Sunday Paddles – Our next Sunday Geist Paddle will be on Sunday, June 14. I will get out an e-mail reminder to the Touring e-mail list during the week before the trip. This event was pushed back a week since many of us will on the fleet's Lake Erie adventure on the 7th.

Upcoming Events – In June, we will be having several interesting events that you may wish to take advantage of:

Cagles Mill Lake Moonlight Paddle, Saturday, June 27 – The trip announcement for this trip is later in this newsletter.

Open Water Rescue Clinic and Practice Session, Saturday June 20 – A chance to get out and hone your rescue skill. See the Training Announcement for this clinic in this newsletter.

Lake Michigan Paddles, July 4-5 and July 10-11 – NWIPA and WMCKA are having paddles on these weekends. As soon as I find out more information, I will send it out to the Sea Kayak mailing list. WMCKA's Kenneth Nesmith is planning a trip starting in Saugatuck on the 4th.

Eagle Creek Tuesday Night Paddles – Our Tuesday Night paddles have started on Eagle Creek again. Hope to see you there. Full details are contained on Page 4 of the May HCC Newsletter (<http://www.hoosiercanoeclub.org/2015NL05.pdf#page=4>).

You can print out the Eagle Creek Gate Pass at:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzFe7gbsxrlpHMnRFN0piZGc/view>.

Please check with Dave or me if you don't remember the password.

Training Opportunity

Still time to sign up - Introduction to Kayaking Classes

Dates: Saturdays June 13, 2015, July 18, 2015

Jim Sprandel

We had our first Introduction to Kayaking class on May 16. This is a great chance to jumpstart your paddling! As a new kayaker, you may know how to move your boat around in calm water. However, we will work with you to make your paddling easier and more effective—to give you more control over your boat. We will work on your basic knowledge, strokes, and other paddling skills that you may need to safely enjoy the sport. This course is based on the American Canoe Association "[Introduction to Kayaking](#)" course.

A full description for the course is contained on Page 7 of the May issue of the HCC Newsletter at: <http://www.hoosiercanoeclub.org/2015NL05.pdf#page=7>

These courses are free to HCC members. They start at 9:00 am and run until about 3:00 pm.

There are currently openings for the June and July classes.

Registration information: If you would like to register for either of these classes or have any questions, please contact Jim Sprandel at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net. Members will be accepted on a first come-first served basis. I will send out final course notes to all participants during the week before the course.

Remember to purchase and affix your 2015 DNR sticker
before paddling on DNR lakes and properties.

These stickers are not needed for Indiana streams
or Eagle Creek Reservoir.

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Eagle Creek Tuesday Evening Paddles

Jim Sprandel

Eagle Creek paddles will be held on Tuesday afternoons and evenings again this year. If you have never paddled Eagle Creek, it is an interesting and fun area with open water which can get “playful” (1-2 foot waves) when the wind kicks up. Flatwater paddlers can feel at home on Eagle Creek above the bridge at Lafayette Road or up Fishback Creek which are only 1.5 miles or so from our boat ramp. There is a lot of wildlife around the lake—it’s common to see ducks, geese, kingfishers, cormorants, egrets, herons, and even bald eagles on our paddles. Plus, we see an occasional beaver and osprey.

These Tuesday Evening paddles are provided for Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club members through a Partnership Agreement between Eagle Creek Park and the HCC. Eagle Creek grants members admission to the park at no charge any time after 1:00 pm on Tuesday afternoons. In exchange, the club will pay for these park admissions by cleaning up the shore of Eagle Creek Lake and providing safety support for the Wednesday evening sunset paddles and week-end, full-moon paddles provided by Eagle Creek Outfitters. In September, we will recruit volunteers to help with the shore line clean-up and I will let people know about the Sunset/Full Moon paddles in the next month.

Eagle Creek Tuesday Evening Paddles - .

When: Tuesday Afternoons/Evenings - May 5 through September 29, 2015

Starting Time: Park entry is valid for HCC Members to enter the park between 1:00 pm and closing time on these days. These are not structured club trips. People are encouraged to go out and explore the park or to practice paddling skills.

People wanting to paddle with a group are encouraged to coordinate this through the Bulletin Board, Facebook, or e-mail.

Park Closure Time: When you enter the park, look at the park’s closing time that is posted at each of the park gates. It changes throughout the year and they have been known to lock the gates at that time.

Where: **Kayak/Canoe Ramp near Discovery Center**—Enter the park at either the 56th Street or 71st Street entrance and follow the signs to the Discovery Center or to “Go Ape!”. Use the boat/kayak ramp across the parking lot from the Discovery Center (next to Go Ape). This pass is not valid at the ramp at the south end of the lake near Ric’s.

2015 HCC-Eagle Creek Pass: HCC Members **must** print this pass and show it to the Eagle Creek gate staff to get in without paying. Park admittance is normally \$8 for a car with one kayak or canoe.

To access the 2015 HCC-Eagle Creek Pass - Go to: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzF-e7gbsxrlalpHMnRFN0piZGc/view>

IMPORTANT: The Eagle Creek Park Pass is password protected. Before you can display or print the pass, you will be asked to type in the password that Dave Ellis e-mailed to you on April 8 to access the HCC Membership List. If you have forgotten this password, please e-mail Dave Ellis (riverpapaw@aol.com) or Jim Sprandel (merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net). **Please allow at least one day to get the password** and be sure to include both your full name and e-mail address when requesting this information.

See you on the water.

Volunteers Needed

Special Needs Program Paddles

I will be doing our Tuesday evening paddles for kids with Special Needs again this year. If you have a few smaller kayaks you could lend and or help with the paddles I would appreciate it very much. This will be our fourth year and the program has grown each year. I also encourage parents to paddle alongside their kids, so I need boats and paddles. The Eagle Creek Marina provides up to half the boats and gear we need for free, so I can always use more boats and helpers are always rewarded with a thank you note and cookies at the end of the season. We will start in mid June and run 5 Tuesday evenings. We then schedule a trip for the kids and their families on Sugar Creek later in the fall. Please contact Dwayne James at dwaynesjamesA1@hotmail.com if you want further information or wish to help.

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Trip Announcement

Annual Fall Creek Clean-up

Date: June 6, 2015

Sponsor: Sue Foxx (317-363-4074)

Calling ALL HCC paddlers to give a few hours to clean Fall Creek in Indianapolis. Last year we were a small group so this year I am hoping we come out in force for our conservation effort. The clean-up usually only takes a couple of hours and is a leisurely paddle down Fall Creek. The club provides bags, gloves and grabbers but if you want sturdier gloves plan to bring your own.

Our group will meet at the Hardee's at 56th St. and Emerson Way and leave for the put-in at 9:00 am on June 6th. Starting early allows us to be finished easily by Noon (or earlier) so you will have your afternoon free. Since we cleaned the lower sections the last couple of years, the plan is to do the section from 79th to Shadeland (take out is just below Killer Falls) but that could be adjusted based on water level so be sure to come to the Hardees. Dress for the weather and bring sunscreen and water.

Plan to notice all the changes in the area...the new Walmart Neighborhood Market, a reclaimed pond park between it and Fall Creek, as well as additional trails. The Millersville Neighborhood Group has been active in cleaning and rejuvenating the area and their members have been invited to join us if they have boats.

Contact Sue at 317-363-4074 or sufoxx713@aol.com to let her know that you will be participating. Hope to see you on Saturday, June 6th, at 9 am at Hardees!

Meeting Place: Hardees at 56th Street and Emerson Way in Indianapolis (near Cathedral HS)

Schedule:	8:45 am	Meet at Hardees
	9:00 am	Caravan to Put-in
	9:30 am	Run Shuttle
	10:00 am	Start Paddling
	12:00 pm	Land at Take Out

Trip Announcement

Location: Driftwood River

Date: June 20, 2015

Sponsor: Sue Foxx (317-363-4074) or sufoxx713@aol.com

This year we will paddle the lower section of the Driftwood (8-9 miles) putting in at the Tannehill Road PAS and taking out at Mill Race Park in Columbus, IN. This park has a covered bridge, an 84 foot observation tower, 2 fishing lakes and is a short walk from downtown dining options such as Zaharakos Ice Cream Parlor. I know I plan to walk over and reward myself after the trip and hope you will join me. Plan to bring lunch, water, and sunscreen. We will look for a gravel bar for lunch but this area is subject to rapid changes in water level so we might be eating in our boats or picnicing at the take out.

The trip is appropriate for all skill levels, so we welcome any beginners with the club.

Meeting Place: McDonalds (1199 N. US Hwy. 31, Edinburgh, IN 46124 (We will caravan to the put-in)

Schedule:	9:45 am	Arrive at McDonalds
	10:00 am	Caravan leaves for the Put-in
	10:30 am	Run Shuttle
	11:00 am	Start Paddling
	2:00 pm?	Land at Take out, pack up and head for ice cream

Contact Sue Foxx (317-363-4074 or sufoxx713@aol.com) to confirm your participation by 7 pm on Friday, June 19th, which will allow her to contact you if there are any challenges due to water level.

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Trip Announcement

Annual Beginner's Trip Bryson City, North Carolina

Date: June 27-28, 2015

Sponsor: Robert Henry

There is a beginner's trip on June 27th on the Tuckasegee and 28th on the Nantahala near Bryson City, North Carolina. This trip has been well received in past years and all had a great time. It will be Section 3 of the Tuck on Saturday and the Nantahala on Sunday. Both of these rivers are good for Whitewater paddling beginners. Those needing a little refresher or work on their roll can get some lessons Saturday afternoon on Finger Lakes Recreation Area just off of Highway 28 near the junction with Highway 19. It seems to be a great location as this lake is used by some other groups as a train up prior to running the Nanty.

If you have any questions about skill level needed for paddling, please contact me. Both of the rivers have areas that can be portaged or avoided if necessary.

Camping will again be at Turkey Creek Campground (<http://www.turkeycreek.com/Home.html>). It is a quiet, family friendly campground about 10 minutes away from the NOC.

If going on this trip or have questions about the trip, please contact Robert Henry prior to June 13th.

Trip leader will reserve camp sites for those camping at Turkey Creek Campground. All people must check in at the office prior to camping or as soon as the office opens. Contact: Robert Henry at rhenry575@gmail.com, (317)688-7360/(317)605-3025(cell)

Trip Announcement

Location: Green River Ky

Date: July 18, 2015

Sponsor: Natalie Needham

This is a new trip being offered for the club on the beautiful Green River in KY. There are several natural springs and waterfalls along this stretch of river. There will be three paddle options available for this trip: a short (5 miles), long (18 miles), and extra-long (22 miles). The Green River generally has a great flow, so even the 18 miler can be done in about 5 hours.

Please note that Munfordville is in the Central Time Zone, Indiana is in the Eastern Time Zone and I believe we will be in a dry county. All distances are approximate, I haven't been able to verify via GPS. Big Buffalo Crossing does have rentals. If you need to rent a boat and gear, please call them and make your own arrangements. <http://www.bigbuffalocrossing.com/>

I plan on camping in the Mammoth Cave Campground Friday and Saturday nights if anyone would like to share a site.

Please feel free to contact me at natalieheckayak@gmail.com if you have any questions. Please put 300 springs as the subject.

Trip Report

East Coast Sea Kayaking Festival

April 17-19, 2015 Charleston, SC

Reported by: Mariann Davis

Not a club trip but just as good: The East Coast Sea Kayaking Festival...and MORE

"Come quickly. Have found heaven," wrote artist Alfred Hutton to his wife in 1919, shortly after his arrival in Charleston, South Carolina. One visit to the Holy City and you too will realize you're somewhere special! Rich in history, spectacular natural beauty, and some of the best food you'll ever eat." Charleston is the ideal backdrop for the 25th annual East Coast Paddlesports & Outdoor Festival at James Island County Park.



More than that...it was the place I began to love surfing in both long and short kayak boats. And, even more than that, I had the opportunity to refine my skills in edging, bracing and yes, the interminable learning experience: the FORWARD STROKE (taught on the small campground lake). Both on the water and off, my experience was both fun and intense...with Folly Beach being my surfing playground for 2 half days.



The campground was beautiful and with my GPS on the ready, I was able to navigate the numerous islands without difficulty enjoying both meetup groups in various locations and the festival offerings...Both intermediate and beginner club members would enjoy this festival as it definitely has something for everybody without diluting its many offerings.

Here are a few photos to whet your appetite: the campground, surfing class on the Atlantic, and the small lake holding the teaching activities. Maybe I will see you there next year.



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Training Announcement

ACA Level 1/2 - Essentials of Kayak Touring Instructor Certification Workshop –Kokomo

Sponsor: Joe Rozsahegyi

This class is to certify experienced paddlers to teach kayak skills. Excellent for camps, paddle clubs, liveries, retailers and individuals to obtain formal accreditation to provide training from entry level to touring level skills. Once certified, instructors are able to obtain free liability insurance through the ACA to cover their classes. Class instructor - Ivan Bartha.

Friday, July 17, 2015 5pm-8pm 902 W. Deffenbaugh St 46901

Saturday, July 18, 2015 9am-5pm Kokomo Reservoir/500E

Sunday, July 19, 2015 9am-5pm Kokomo Reservoir/500E

Cost \$325 Payable via check or Paypal invoice required to hold spot
Refundable (minus \$100) until June 17 or if a replacement is found
Reserve via the Wildcat Paddle Club meetup <http://www.meetup.com/WildcatPaddleClub/events/221822665/>

Or by contacting Joe Rozsahegyi for details : jvrinkokd@aol.com
Registration is available until class is filled. Tentative class size is 5, may increase to 10 based on wait list and additional instructor availability. More information provided when you RSVP.



OVERVIEW

The Essentials of Kayak Touring Instructor Certification Workshop (ICW) is part of a nationally recognized curriculum provided by the American Canoe Association. Participants are expected to come with intermediate kayaking skills and an ability to teach skills outlined in the Essential Eligibility Criteria which is linked below. Some equipment will be provided, but will be limited to rescue equipment and maybe some extra paddling gear. Personal gear/clothing is the responsibility of the participant. Some rental kayaks may be available through Kokomo Kayak and Canoe Rentals.

The course is not a skills course and geared towards the more seasoned paddler looking for development as an ACA instructor candidate. It is a flatwater kayaking course geared towards educators, paddling club leadership, seasonal & professional paddlesports staff. Students may be certified at either a full L2 or L1 depending on demonstrated skill set.

See ACA website for details of L1 and L2 curriculum

http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.americancanoe.org/resource/resmgr/sei-courses/l2_erk_skills.pdf

ACA MEMBERSHIP

All participants must be ACA members prior to the first day of the course and have their membership number available. There are some required texts for this course that you can purchase at a discount through the ACA E-Store after you purchase your membership. Assuming you have completed the requirements of the instructor certification process, instructors are required to pay an additional fee to the Safety Education & Instruction Council prior to registering your first class.

East Coast Sea Kayaking Festival



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Try Something new: Voyager Paddling Team Paddlers wanted on OCT 3

Voyager Paddle (for charity) on the Ohio River, Oct 3...Need a 10 person paddling team...4 paddlers committed already

(this trip can be paired with the Green River, Mammoth cave trip on oct 4th)

The Voyageur Canoe Challenge-7 race is set to take place on October 3rd at 2:15 PM consisting of 6 teams of 10 paddlers to fill the field. Registration is set for \$25.00 per participant. (*The club will pay the registration fee...all you have to do is paddle and have fun*). They will be providing the 30' Voyageur Canoes, paddles, PFD's (you may use your own, rule complaint PFD) and a Stern Captain and Bow Co-Captain for each canoe team. We will paddle 7 miles downstream on the Ohio River and finish at the Louisville Community Boathouse Dock.



An after party is being planned from 5-8 PM with food, entertainment and a brief awards ceremony at the Voyageur Canoe Challenge finish line at the Louisville Community Boathouse. This will be a great opportunity to socialize and meet other paddlers from all events of the day.

They will provide a shuttle for Voyageur paddlers from the race finish line at the Louisville Community Boathouse to the **starting line at Captain's Quarter's Restaurant and Dock**. I've attached some pictures of the CQ canoe loading dock and of the approach to Towhead Island and the **finish line at the Community Boathouse dock**.



.....Paddlers could depart on Saturday AM to arrive at put-in by 12:30 PM or camp for free on Friday night provided by the event sponsor.

A “psych you up” video of previous years’ competition

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For Sale

Due to health issues I am selling my boat inventory.

1974 Sawyer Champion, 18 ½ foot of pure glide. The boat is white glass and is in good condition. Always stored inside since I have owned it (late 1980's). **Asking \$500.**

1983 Sawyer Summersong, solo paddling boat, tan and in good condition. **Asking \$400.**

1985 Perception Dancer. Plastic kayak. It has more rolls left in it than I have in me. Good condition for a Kayak with lots of class III and IV trips under its' belt. **Asking \$250.**

Age unknown Squirt Boat. Bought at NOC from one of the guides. Fair condition. **Asking \$100.**

CHAMPION
What else would you call the canoe that won the USCA National Championship five times? The "Champion" is not only much faster, but also more stable than most contemporary canoes. The aft gunwales are pulled in, as in the "Super".
CHAMPION (Photo 2 right)
Length—18'6"
Beam—30" top, 33" bilge
Load capacity—400 lbs.
Depth at center—11 ½"
Depth at bow—16"
Depth at stern—11 ½"
Approx. wt. 69 lbs. in fiberglass
Approx. wt. 48/34 lbs. in Kevlar® 49



Also have kayak and canoe paddles and misc other accessories available.

Contact: Mike Ranstead at 812-388-7357 or 812-278-4713. Address is 220 Indian Springs Lane, Williams In 47470-8728. or anchormr@rtccom.net

Sea Kayak Clinic and Practice Session - Open Water Rescue

Saturday, June 20,, 2015

Event Coordinator: Jim Sprandel

Konstantin Louganski and I will lead a one-day clinic and practice session on Open Water Rescue for sea kayakers. Most of us have taken rescue classes at symposiums or studied techniques on the internet. This clinic is a chance for new paddlers to learn open water rescue techniques and a chance for more experienced paddlers to compare techniques and practice them in a safe environment.

Konstantin and I will start off each teaching segment by systematically walking through the steps to complete a rescue so that newer paddlers can learn the tricks associated with performing each rescue. After walking through "one way to do a rescue", we will compare notes and discuss/demonstrate alternative approaches that people may have seen.

This clinic is important since kayakers need to regularly practice these skills so they are "fresh" when we get into a real rescue situation —you want to know how to do get yourself or someone else back in their boat quickly and on your first attempt.

Course Content: At the course, we will cover the following topics:

Wet exiting your boat

Solo Reentries (Paddle Float, Cowboy, Reenter and Roll)

Assisted Reentries (T-Rescue, Stirrup Rescue, Scoop Rescue)

Towing - contact tows, short tows, and regular tows. Will discuss when to start towing and when towing may be needed to assist a rescue (I will bring extra tow ropes if you don't have one.)

Course Details

Date: Saturday, June 20, 2015

Location: Geist Park – Contact me if you are not sure how to get there.

Schedule:

9:30 am	Please get to Geist Park early enough to be able launch at this time
9:30 am – 9:45 am	Introductions/Shore-Based Training
9:45 am	On-Water Training
1:30 pm	Return to Geist Park for Wrap-Up

Required Equipment: (Contact [Jim](#) if you want an exception to these requirements since we may have extra equipment that you can borrow):

Touring Kayak or Sea Kayak (14' or longer) with perimeter deck lines running to the bow and stern of your boat.

Must have sealed fore and aft bulkheads or fore/aft air float bags.

Spray Skirt – We will be practicing bracing and Eskimo bow rescues so you will need a spray skirt .

Life jacket, pump, dry clothes, sun screen.

Paddle – It is best to bring the paddle that you normally paddle with.

Snack/Water – We will probably work through to 1:30 pm without stopping for lunch. Please bring a snack and water since boat re-entry really can wear a person out.

Recommended Equipment: (Please bring if you have it – Don't buy it if you don't already have.)

Paddle Float, tow rope, rescue stirrup

Wet Suit or Dry Suit—Depending on the weather, you may want at least a wet suit to be comfortable.

Nose clips—Nose clips are strongly recommended since we will be getting in the water.

Contact Information: If you wish to sign up, contact Jim Sprandel at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net

Volunteer Opportunity

Please help provide safety support for Eagle Creek Moonlight and Sunset Paddles

Jim Sprandel

The kayak and canoe outfitter at Eagle Creek Park offers a series of Sunset paddles on Wednesday evenings and Moonlight Paddles on Friday-Saturday nights. At these paddles, people can rent a kayak or canoe and then go out for a guided 4-5 mile paddle on Eagle Creek. For over a decade, HCC volunteers have provided safety support for these events. Typically, this is simply coaching new paddlers if they are not catching on after they get on the water and herding the paddlers up the lake.

These paddles are run by Jeff Coates and the time that we spend supporting these events counts toward the Partnership Agreement that we have with Eagle Creek for our Tuesday Afternoon paddles.

For the past 3-4 years, Jeff has honed the safety procedures for these trips and uses HCC volunteers to supplement the safety level provided by the marina staff

Weekend Moonlight Paddles: The weekend paddles normally have more participants and these are the events where they need the more volunteers. The weekend paddles start at 6:00 pm and finish around 9:00 pm. There will be Weekend Moonlight paddles on:

Friday, June 5, Saturday, June 6

Friday, June 26, Saturday, June 27

Friday, July 31, Saturday, August 1

Friday, August 28, Saturday, August 29

Friday, September 25, Saturday, September 26

If you would be interested in helping with the Friday/Saturday Moonlight Paddles, send me an e-mail with what dates you would be interested in helping with. I will post a Bulletin Board thread with the volunteer schedule and I will send people reminders before each event.

Wednesday Sunset Paddles: For the Wednesday evening Sunset paddles volunteers should get there by 5:30 and should be done by 8:00 pm. These paddles run from Wednesday, June 10 through September 16. In the past, these paddles have often been small enough that our help has often not been needed. If Jeff determines that he has a large paddle and needs volunteers for a given Wednesday, he will send an e-mail out to people who have indicated an interest in helping 4-5 days before the paddle. Independent of group size, Jeff encourages us to come out to help him escort these groups if you just want a laid-back paddle on Eagle Creek

If you would be interested in helping with some Wednesday Evening paddles: Please send your e-mail and I will send it to Jeff. When he knows that he needs help, we will e-mail this group and you can volunteer if you are free. If you just want to join him for the paddle, you can e-mail him during the week before the paddle.

Note: The outfitter works with the park gate so that volunteers can enter the park for free when we are supporting these events.



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Trip Announcement

Cagle Mill Lake - Cataract Falls Moonlight Paddle

Date: June 27, 2015

Trip Sponsor: Jim Sprandel

On Saturday, June 27, we will have a Moonlight paddle on Cagle's Mill Lake. We will launch from Cunot Public Access Site and paddle up to Cataract Falls. I have never done this paddle at night but the falls should be interesting in twilight and moonlight. On this night, the sunset will be about 9:13 pm and the moon will rise at 4:57 pm. The moon will be at 74% illumination since the Full Moon will actually be on July 1.

Difficulty: Moderate - We will be paddling about 7 miles in the head waters on Cagle's Mill Lake at a moderate pace. This is an idle zone so we will have minimal waves or current issues.

Equipment Required:

Kayak, Paddling Gear (Life jacket, safety equipment). Life jackets must be worn at all time while we are on the water.

Whistle on your Life Jacket.

White Light since we will be paddling at night. Each boat must carry a white light such as head light or flash light.

Water to drink since the trip will take 3-4 hours.

We paddle as a group with a lead and sweep boat since it is possible to get turned around in the channels going up to the Falls. For addition safety, we will implement a "buddy" system where everyone has at least one other boat that they paddle with.

Schedule:

6:45 pm – Meet at Cunot Ramp

7:30 pm – Start paddling up to Falls.

About 11:00 pm – Return to Cunot Ramp

Directions: The Put-In is about 90 minutes from where I70 and I465 meet on the west side of Indianapolis. Take I70 west from Indianapolis to Exit 37 (SR243 which is one exit past Cloverdale). Travel south on SR 243 until the road dead ends at SR 42. Turn right (west) on SR42 – drive about ½ mile past the bridge and take the right turn (Boat Dock Rd, small store on corner). Follow this road downhill to boat launch.

DNR Sticker Required: Boats will be required to have an Indiana DNR Sticker. These stickers are only \$5/boat/year and you should pick them up before heading down to Cagles Mill since the gate house at Lieber SRA will probably be closed when we will be heading down there.

Contact Information: Please RSVP to Jim Sprandel at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net by June 26.