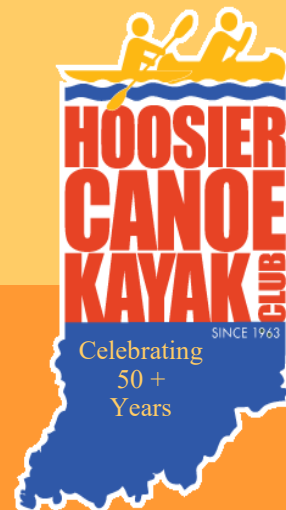


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Trips are back up and running!! See trip announcements and check the calendar for specific information and any restrictions due to the ongoing covid 19 pandemic. As always, send dwaynesjamesa1@hotmail.com your trip announcements, trip reports, pictures and other items, such as gear for sale, by the 17th of each month for publication in this newsletter.

This month we have a whitewater trip announcement, opportunities for volunteers at two Triathlons and for the Tuesday sunset paddles provided by Jeff Coates in cooperation with Eagle Creek Outfitters. See you on the water!



Here is a link to our shared pictures of Jim Sprandel. Konstantin Louganski sent us some additional Sprandel photos. Here are the links to my FLICKR albums:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/creekfreak/albums/72157715170410157> Sprandel by Louganski

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/creekfreak/albums/72157714830364436> Previous Sprandel Collection

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**The 35th Annual
Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous
July 31st, August 1st & 2nd, 2020**

Hey Wildcat Paddlers,

The Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous is less than 4 weeks away. This Newsletter should provide all the info you need to make plans and mark your calendar. Make plans to attend the IPR, and enjoy a full weekend of Paddling on Wildcat Creek.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, watch for further details on this annual event in an email later this week. We may only run trips with no camping or chili dinner.

The IPR has proven to be one of the overall best Paddling events in Indiana.

If you've never attended, rest assured it is worth your time. Come prepared to enjoy one of the nicest small Streams in Indiana, to relax with old Paddling buddies, and to make new friends.

This event is open to members of Canoe & Kayak Clubs,
Internet Paddling Groups, and River Protection Organizations
who have their own personal equipment and enough skills

for an enjoyable day on a Swift Flowing Natural Stream.

Please take this opportunity to pass this Trip Announcement
on to any of the above mentioned organizations
with which you have connections.

But please avoid wide open public, media,

or Facebook announcements.

Muskrat has once again volunteered to be the IPR Trip Leader.

Numerous requests for Volunteers will be posted to the Wildcat Guardians and others within the next few weeks, including a request for "Shuttle Drivers", "Registration Team", and an "On-Stream Safety Crew".

I'm hoping to hear from many of you who have assisted with these tasks in the past. If you should have questions about volunteer positions, please contact me below:

MUSKRAT'S CONTACT INFO:

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Volunteers Needed!!

Eagle Creek Triathlon Events: Volunteers needed!!

August 15 and August 22- Go Girl!

Looking for volunteers, meet at the park office on 56th street just east of the bridge over Eagle Creek. Be ready to be on the water no later than 7:45. It starts at 8 am sharp. Usually last about an hour. Check with other paddlers to see if anyone wants to go fishing, paddling or eating after the event. Any questions?? Contact John at john2sea56@gmail.com or Dwayne at dwaynesjamesa1@hotmail.com Tell us your T-shirt size just in case we are able to get some this year.

Trip Announcement

Where: Wabash River Trip – Lafayette Area –

When: Aug. 29, 2020

Sponsor: Judy Thompson

It's that time of year when often many of our local streams are too low to enjoyably paddle. The Wabash River should have plenty of flow for easy paddling. The dry times of the year also make the big rivers low enough and clear enough to enjoy the streambed, the real essence of their beauty. This year's paddle will go from Davis Ferry Park to Granville PAS, about a 13 mile trip. If someone wants a shorter trip, they can cut about 4 miles off the trip by getting out at Fort Ouiatenon Park.

Meet at Davis Ferry Park at 9:30 am. We should be ready to run the shuttle around 10. To get to Davis Ferry Park from the Indianapolis area, take I-65 towards Lafayette. At exit 178, take ramp right for IN-43 toward West Lafayette. Turn left onto IN-43, heading south. Turn left onto Burnetts Rd., it should be the first road to the left after you are on IN-43. Burnetts Road soon comes to a "T", turn right onto N. 9th St. Rd. After you cross over the Wabash River, Davis Ferry Park will be on the right.

The HCKC requires all paddlers participating in Club events to wear a PFD at all times while on the water. COVID-19 social distancing and face masks on the shuttle will be in effect along with HCKC waivers/Covid self-screening.

Contact Judy Thompson judy_thom@hotmail.com if you are planning to attend, or if you want more information.

Canoe and Kayak Covid 19 Policy

The Canoe & Kayak (Flatwater) Fleet will resume some trips beginning in July. The details have not all been worked out, but we will need to take additional precautions due to Covid-19. Participants must complete a Trip Waiver & COVID-19 Self Screening form prior to the event and send an electronic copy to the Trip Sponsor. Participants will be excluded if fever, symptoms or risk factors are positive. We will add some shuttle-less trips so that we can more easily practice social distancing. On any (mainly river) trips requiring a shuttle, the number of people in each vehicle will be limited, and all people in the vehicle will need to wear face coverings or masks for the duration of the vehicle shuttle. Please bring your own face covering and hand sanitizer if possible – trip leaders or another club representative should bring masks and sanitizer for those that do not have them or have forgotten them. There will be some changes to our schedule, so watch for them and further information on the website or email.

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Trip Announcement

"ROCK THE YOUGH!!!" Annual Hoosier Paddle Fest at the Youghiogheny River

When: August 7, 8, 9

Where: Tall Oaks Campground (Upper Pavilion)
544 Camp Riamo Road, Farmington PA 15437

What: Three days of paddling and live music Saturday night.

Paddling:

Paddling will include the Loop and Lower Yough (class III). For the experts, the Upper Yough (class IV-V) releases Friday, Saturday and Monday. The Middle Yough (class I-II) is there for newer paddlers. The Cheat Narrows and Canyon are also nearby. *COVID-19 physical distancing and face masks on the shuttle will be in effect.*

Live music:

Saturday night will feature a night of live music by our own Bob Heckler (a.k.a. 'Big Drop') under the Pavilion, with plenty of room to spread out camp chairs for physical distancing. (Bring your own chair.) Just wait 'til Bob warms up the Hoosier favorites - Wagon Wheel, Country Roads, American Pie, Mary Jane's Last Dance and many, many more. And of course... Piano Man!

Food:

Bring your own protein to grill and something to share at the Saturday night pitch-in.

Directions:

GPS to Tall Oaks Campground, 544 Camp Riamo Road, Farmington, PA (<https://goo.gl/maps/2FN9zrC2GGJUz7bHA>). Campground entrance is a sharp left U-turn off of Camp Riamo Rd.

Please register and pay at the office. (Reservation is under "Hoosiers.") Drive the winding rocky road up the hill to the end. Pavilion will be on your right. There are wooded campsites surrounding the pavilion. For quieter camping we've also reserved site 239 nearby.

Contact: Sharon Schierling via email at sschierl@nd.edu. (Please use subject line "Rock the Yough" to ensure it doesn't go to spam.)

Sea Kayaking Forward Strokes

Submitted By: *Linda Decker Co-Chair Sea Kayak Fleet*

The Sea Kayak Fleet had their first event of the 2020 season in South Haven Michigan July 9-12 . There were 13 participants implementing the COVID-19 Safety Guidelines. It is challenging and requires constant awareness to maintain a safe environment using social distancing but, it was wonderful to be out camping and paddling. Two assisted rescues maintaining 6ft distance were demonstrated for the group and several practiced self-rescue techniques.

Sea Kayak Trip Report: Lake Michigan South Haven July 9-12

Open Water Training/ Paddling Submitted by Nate Strong Event Sponsor & ACA Instructor



The Lake Michigan paddle was planned as an opportunity to gain experience paddling in conditions on inland seas and to provide some training when opportunities arose. Three ACA instructors were part of the group to assist in training and keeping people safe. We had conditions and also the opportunity to experience the importance of utilizing weather forecast in planning our choice of launch sites, what we could do on the water and for how long.

Thursday started with an evening paddle on Lake Michigan for about seven early arrivals. The weather was hot and the lake calm and many enjoyed a cooling dip in the water and a chance to practice some self rescue skills.

Friday morning brought some rain, larger, but safe conditions, winds from the northwest and the forecast called for building seas throughout the day. We launched from South Beach in the protection of the south pier to practice paddling and some skills in the mild waves. We ventured around the end of the piers to test out the rougher conditions on the upwind side of the pier with reflected waves and bouncy water.

Friday's forecast was building winds from the northwest and waves. We traveled to St. Joseph to launch at a protected site on the St. Joseph River. The piers along the river channel provide protected paddling with gently building conditions as you approach Lake Michigan. As we paddled south along the shoreline and away from the protection of the piers the waves gradually build, giving us the opportunity to pick the level of conditions that we were comfortable in. At one point, the group split with some staying in milder conditions, while others went a little farther to experience some bigger waves.

Sunday morning we returned to South Beach with the forecast of building conditions and winds building to 20+ knots from the north. We launched in the protection of the piers in mild conditions and paddle along the lakeshore to the south. With the wind forecast in mind, we limited this paddle to about 2.5 miles so as not to travel too far from the safety of our protected launch site. It was a wonderful trip enjoyed by all that came and a chance for some to safely challenge themselves in moderate conditions. The trip was also highlighted by beautiful sunsets at the beach and children playing along the shoreline.

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August 2020 Sea Kayaking

Eagle Creek Tuesday Evening Paddles Details for these paddles are in the Club Event Calendar . Members can print the park pass from the HCKC Web Site. Launch at 5:30 from the ramp near the Discovery Center.

Training August 22 – Intro to Paddling and Intermediate A great opportunity to improve your skills.

AUGUST EVENTS. See the Sea Kayak Calendar for additional details and registration information for each trip.

August 1, 2020 Cataract Falls Full Moon Paddle Trip Sponsor : Wally Burchfield

Cataract Falls is the largest water falls in Indiana. This is a fun paddle open to most experience levels. Paddler must be able to paddle 8 miles round trip. We will meet at the Cunot Boat Ramp at 6pm and launch at 6:30pm. We will paddle to the falls, take a short break and return by moonlight.

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August 14-16, 2020 Summit Lake State Park Trip Sponsors: Jim Eckerty & Linda Decker

Summit Lake State Park is 2680 acres including an 800 acre lake, shady wooded areas and lots of open space where wildlife and bird watching abound.

We plan to camp for the weekend however, Summit Lake is less than an hour from Indianapolis so, those not interested in camping can join us on Saturday for the day.

We will plan to paddle Saturday morning and stop for lunch. In the afternoon we can do skill practice or play games. We can do a short evening paddle with a campfire to follow. Sunday paddle is optional.



Eagle Creek Tuesday Evening Paddles starting July 7 –

Jeff Stejskal will manage our agreement with Eagle Creek and our Tuesday night paddles.

Eagle Creek Management has agreed to renew the Partnership Agreement that allows us to have our Tuesday Afternoon paddles at Eagle Creek starting on July 7th. The park pass allows people to enter the park with their boats for free on Tuesday afternoons after 1:00 pm. People can then explore the park, or practice their kayaking skills.

The Eagle Creek Pass is located on the Clubs website under Club Documents

(Note you are required to log into club's website to view the document)

<https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Club%20Documents/BoardMinutes/2020EagleCreekPaddles.pdf>

Print out and present this pass to enter the park on Tuesdays. We have trip-paced training paddles each Tuesday Evening. Normal pace is between 3.5 mph to 4 mph. Normal duration little over 2 hours. Distance 6.5 to 8-mile range.

Location: 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 “Go Ape!” Use the boat/kayak ramp across the parking lot from the Discovery Center (next to Go Ape).

Day: Tuesday Evening July 7th thru Sept. 24th

Time: 5:30 PM ready to launch

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August 28-30, 2020 Manitou Island, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore

Trip Sponsor: Brad Hughey

We will be paddling out to the Manitou Islands from Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in Empire, Michigan.

We will camp at [DH Day Campgrounds](#) in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore on Thursday Evening and then take off for South Manitou Island Friday Morning. It is an 8.5-mile open water crossing of Lake Michigan to the [Bay Campground](#) on South Manitou island. This island has everything a paddler could want: beachfront camping, self composting privies, a lighthouse, and old growth cedars. There are also shipwrecks you can see from the beach or paddle to if it is calm enough. There are also 300-foot dunes on the West side of the island. On Sunday we will paddle the 8.5 mile open water crossing back to the mainland and we should be back to Indy by 8 pm.

This trip is for strong intermediate to advanced paddlers. We can have large wave conditions especially during the 2.5 hour crossing. In addition, the crossing is through a shipping lane.

See the SK Calendar for trip details, specific requirements and registration information.



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Apostle Islands and Voyageurs Trips scheduled in September 2020 have been cancelled.

The Island campsites at the Apostle Islands are not open due to COVID-19 and there is no specific plan for reopening. We will plan to schedule these trips next year. As a alternative, we are planning a trip to the Michigan Upper Peninsula.

PICTURED ROCKS NATIONAL LAKESHORE/ GRAND ISLAND AND SOUTHEAST UP

Saturday September 12, 2020 to Sunday September 20, 2020

We will base camp in two different locations in the Upper Peninsula, Munising and St. Ignace near Mackinac, and explore these fascinating areas.

Trip Sponsors and Technical Leads:

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See the HCKC Calendar for trip details

Watch the Sea Kayak section of the club forum to view full reports on our events!

FW/SK Trip Announcement:

Cataract Falls Full Moon Paddle August 1, 2020

Trip Sponsor: Wally Burchfield

Want to see the largest water falls in Indiana and paddle under the full moonlight? Here's your chance! This is a fun paddle and is open to most experience levels. Paddler must be able to paddle 8 miles round trip. These are head waters so this is a paddle rather than a float - there is no current but we will paddle at a moderate rate. The speed of motor boats is restricted so we should not have any problems with boat wake.

We will meet up at the Cunot boat ramp ([Map](#)) at 6PM and launch by 6:30PM. We will paddle to the falls and take a short break there. Pit bathrooms are available at the falls. Most of the return trip will be under moonlight.

You are required to have a PFD, a good light source such as headlamp or flashlight and a \$5 2020 DNR non-motorized boat sticker on your boat. Boat stickers can be purchased online at <http://stores.innsgifts.com/2014-state-park-permits/> or at any state park. The gate house at Lieber SRA should have them. You will pass it if you are coming from the north. Keep in mind if ordering off the website, it'll take about a week for them to ship it to you.

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TRIP REPORT

July 4th weekend Trip Report Lower Yough and Savage Rivers

Some of the HCKC Whitewater group kicked off the month of July paddling in the Ohio Pyle region of Pennsylvania over the 4th July weekend.

We had 7 paddlers meet up to paddle the lower Yough Friday July 3rd for a late afternoon paddle. Parking was premium in Ohio-pyle and shuttle driver had to park well pass the Railroad take out so we didn't get going down river until about 3 PM. Water level was 1.9 ft thanks to dam release and water temp was in the mid to upper 60's. It was a warm day with temps in upper 80's.

The HCKC group along with some PA friends camped at the field site #7 at Tall Oaks enjoyed a camp fire Friday evening well rest of our weekend paddlers arrived.

We got an early start Saturday for our 12 PM launch time on Lower Yough. Leaving campsite around 10 am we were pleasantly surprised that there were plenty open parking spots. While the group ran shuttle, remaining paddler played Sherpas and carried boats and gear down to put in area. The new tunnel under the road is open but no changing/shower house yet.

We had total of 18 paddlers for 12 PM launch on the Lower Yough. 16 kayakers and 1 2-person raft and the group included 4 first timers on the Lower Yough.

We started out by paddling up to the base of Ohiopyle Falls then head down stream. We assigned each first timer a paddling partner to follow and setup lead and sweep for the group.

We had our first two swimmer near end of Entrance Rapid. Got both paddlers and boats to left side into a downstream eddy. Following Covid safety protocol as best as we could each swimmer drained their own boat.

After that the nerves most of been taken care of and the group ran rest of Loop section and doldrums without a swimmer.

Part of the group stopped and scouted Dimple Rock Rapid with three of the first timer's paddlers. After it was decided that they would to run Dimple Rock rapid, we setup safety downstream and had them follow their assigned paddler thru rapid. Everyone made it thru without any issue and head for a lunch stop/ surfing at Swimmers Rapid.





Three of first timers had been training on the Big Pine Creek so they took advantage of every surfing spot. At Swimmers Rapid the surfing was plentiful and even a boogie board was used by two of the youngest paddlers.

We head downstream stopping at Jump rock for two youngest paddlers and Grandpa Cliff to huck themselves off of Jump rock. Air temperature was in upper 80's so most took advantage of the Yough pool and drop nature to get some rolling practice in to cool off. The rest of trip was mostly smooth and everyone made it thru Burners Run Rapid to the takeout. Shuttle bus has limited in capacity and face mask are required.

The group headed back Tall Oaks for some grilling and a pitch in dinner with some Kayak Cornhole before getting free fireworks display from the house behind field and off in the distance Nemaquin Resorts fireworks display.

Broke camp early on Sunday July 5th. A group of 7 paddlers head do Savage River release in Maryland which was about a 1 hour away. The rest stayed and paddled the lower Yough.

Savage had 10 am dam release but you had to provide your own shuttle. It was warm in Maryland high in upper 80's but Savage is cold dam release with water temp about 52 F. We put in on Savage around 11:30 am. The Savage is very fast and continuous rapids with almost no large eddies and an average gradient of 75 feet per mile. Being only 4.5 miles long Savage is described as a whitewater rocket ride. I did not have very good day on the Savage after two combat rolls and two swims. I opted to be shuttle bunny/ take pictures of the group for their second run of the Savage.

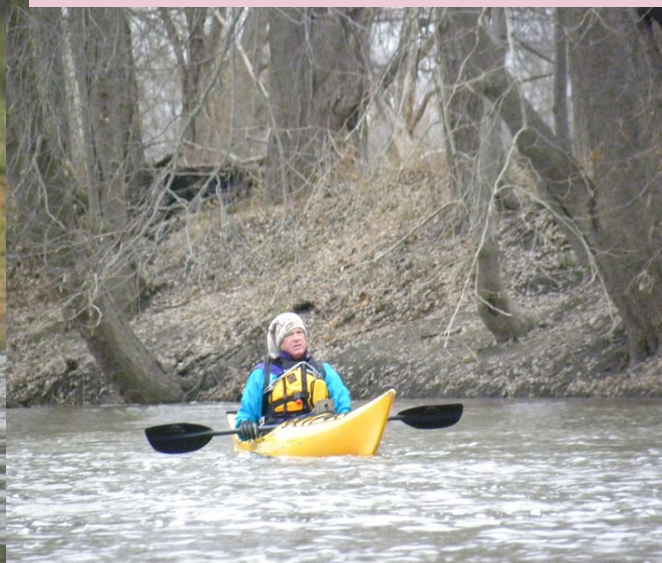


The Savage Group was off the river and heading home by about 3:30 PM. Great weekend enjoying some whitewater in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Photos from the trip. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/cnEi8vVVpvtSQNJy9>

Jeff Stejskal

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Oh no! Sorry to hear this. I first met Jim at Eagle Creek Park in 2013 when a friend & I were practicing kayak rescues. He approached us and gave us some great tips on how to improve and then paddled away. Robin Walden-Jansen



Jim was such a bright light in the paddling community. Dan and I worked closely with him when he was newsletter editor and were in his "beta class" when he was working on his instructor skills. None finer - great guy, will be sorely missed! Linda Smith



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