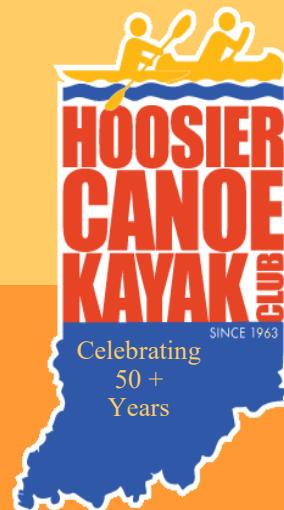


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Skippers Note:

Well we finally are starting to see our beloved club trips come back even though it seems that nationally and locally other sports and entertainment events are remaining closed. Paddling can be naturally a 'socially distant' activity, but there are still things we need to consider carefully when we prepare to go out on the water:

If you're not feeling well and are showing any signs of sickness - please don't go....I know this seems harsh but its generally in your best interest and that of your beloved paddling friends!

Shuttles: If you're running a shuttle, please consider wearing masks if you're in close proximity to one another (either inside or outside of the vehicle)

Assisting others with their boats/gear (portaging, training, adjusting etc) - requires community contact...this may be minimal but it is still an opportunity for the transmission of sickness. Always helps to keep a small travel size container of hand sanitizer with you even in your PFD or first aid kit if you so choose.

I will let you all know although I am disappointed that the Covered Bridge Festival will not be going on this year, it creates a unique opportunity for me as trip leader for the Raccoon Creek Covered Bridge Paddle trip to adjust the weekend to where we have a better chance to paddle among the stunning fall foliage that seems to be a bit later in the year nowadays!! I do hope you and your family can join us!

As we quickly approach the end of the year, the HCKC board has also had to make some adjustments to the Annual Meeting and will likely be doing this year's meeting virtually - what this means is that it will be accessible to watch via Zoom online or via your cell phone or simply by calling in to a toll-free number from the comfort of your homes. Since the pandemic started early in the year, the Board members have diligently continued to meet virtually to discuss how we can best provide support to our members. I truly appreciate everyone's commitment and am so pleased with what we've been able to do despite the challenges we've had in 2020.

Please keep an eye out on Facebook, in the newsletter and your emails for upcoming events planned for the end of this year including the Annual meeting and upcoming training and trip opportunities!

See you all on the water soon!!
Your Skipper, Toni Harris

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FW/SK Trip Announcement: Cataract Falls Full Moon Paddle October 3, 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 5:30PM and launch by 6:00PM. 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. Please contact Wally Burchfield if you have questions.



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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Sea Kayaking Forward Strokes

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

Sea/Touring Kayak Trip Announcement

Annual Fall Lake Monroe Overnight

Sat.-Sun. Nov. 7-8, 2020

Trip Sponsor: Jeff Stejskal

We will camp on the peninsula in Deam Wilderness across from Cutright Public Access Site. The North and Middle Forks of Salt Creek will be closed but there is still a lot of Lake Monroe that we can explore such as the lake area down toward Patton Cave or up to the Pine Grove Ramp. On Sunday, we can venture over on to the wild (West) side of the causeway if people are interested and conditions allow.

If you only want to paddle on Saturday, join us during the day – it is only a 2-mile paddle back to Cutright from where we will probably camp if you don't want to stay overnight.

Meeting Place/Put-In: Cutright Public Access Area. Turn left into Cutright after you cross the causeway across Lake Monroe while going South on 446. We will launch from the first ramp area that you come to in Cutright.

Driving Note: There is a home Indiana Football game this weekend and Highway 37 is eternally undergoing construction so factor in a little extra time if you come that way. You can type "Cutright State Recreation Area" into Google Maps to get driving directions or time from your home (it's about 1h40m from the Glendale area).

Expected Paddling Conditions: Lake Monroe is a big lake and conditions vary with the weather. Paddlers should feel comfortable paddling in 2-foot waves from all directions and be able to paddle up to 6-8 miles. However, lake conditions are usually not this severe so check Bloomington's weather the week before the trip. If you have a questions about probable conditions, e-mail me.

What to Bring: Bring your paddling gear, spray skirt, camping gear, food for lunch, dinner, and breakfast, and appropriately warm dress. You should also bring drinking water with you.

If the air/water temperature drops or the wind/waves kick up, wet or dry suits are recommended. We will be camping from our kayaks and you will have to pack all your gear in your boat so plan accordingly.

Boat Requirements: Kayaks with fore/aft bulkheads and perimeter deck lines are required.

Be sure to have an Indiana DNR Boat Permit before you come. You can probably get one at the DNR office on the west side off 446 or the Paynetown SRA gate if you need one.

Schedule:

Saturday –10:00 am Arrive at Cutright PAS (10:30 am – Packed & ready to launch)

We will probably paddle 3-4 miles, set up camp, have lunch, and then explore more of the lake.

Sunday: We are flexible here. We can return to Cutright as early as 10:00 am. We as a group will figure out a plan Saturday night. In the past, some people go straight to Cutright and the rest go on from there for a bonus paddle.

Contact information: Jeff Stejskal jeffs45321@hotmail.com. Please contact me by 10:00 pm on the Thursday before the trip if you want to come. Please contact me since I will monitor weather that week and will notify people if weather is iffy and we need to adjust our plans.

SEA KAYAK TRIP REPORT: UPPER PENNINSULA MICHIGAN PICTURED ROCKS NATIONAL LAKESHORE/ GRAND ISLAND/MUNISING SE UPPER PENINSULA STRAITS STATE PARK

Friday September 11, 2020 to Sunday September 20, 2020

Trip Sponsor: Linda Decker

Technical Leads/Support: Nate Strong and Angela Henley

We had 19 paddlers participate in part or all of this trip. We had paddlers from Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. Our two Technical Leads, Nate and Angela came up with great destinations and selected areas that had manageable conditions. Upper Michigan was unusually cold with most of our 6 days on the water in the low 50s and some overnight lows in the high 30s. We all were reminded why it is so important to be prepared to dress for the air and water temperatures. Sunshine and hot soup for lunch really helped warm us up.

Our paddle days offered a wide variation of terrain and features and we paddled in 3 of the Great Lakes!

Our paddles included:

Munising Area

Grand Island in Munising – A wooden lighthouse, cliff faces and some intense wind!

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore – a 16 mile day with incredible, colorful cliff faces, rock formations and sea caves

Beaver Lake to Spray Falls- a journey from an inland lake, down a small stream to Lake Superior and magnificent Spray Falls

Mackinac Area

Les Cheneaux Islands- a pretty paddle around the islands

Dolomite Area- very different terrain with huge porous rocks and rock gardens to paddle through. The highlight was Narnia, a forested area with moss covered boulders and narrow passageways (expected to see gnomes and elves living there)

Mackinac Bridge – paddled from the beach at our campsite in Straits SP to the main arch of the Mackinac Bridge (amazing structure) and to St. Ignace

Some participants took days off or used our travel day to hike or visit places of interest.

The trip wrapped up with a group Pizza dinner and bonfire.



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I want you!
Volunteer

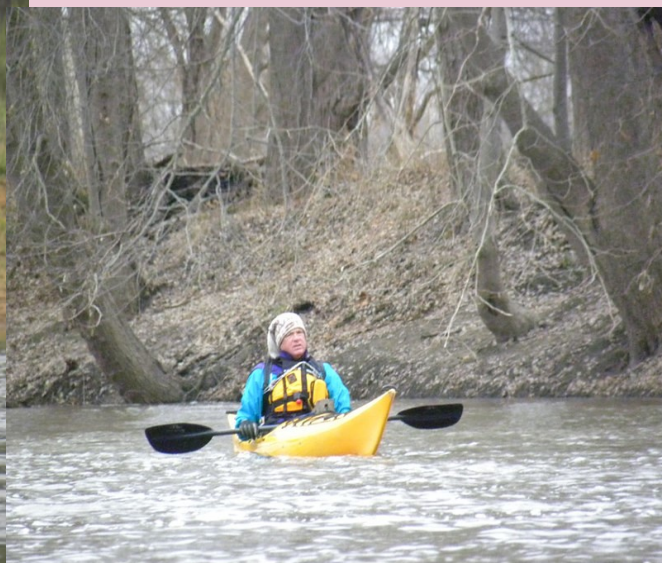
**All HCKC members are valued and we want your ideas.
Please consider joining your Board of Directors.**

Do it because:

**From the goodness of your heart,
In appreciation for the wonderful trips,
In memory of Jim Sprandel.**

**Please contact me, Jim Clendenin at 317-431-1221 (call or
text) or JClendenincpa@gmail.com.**

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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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