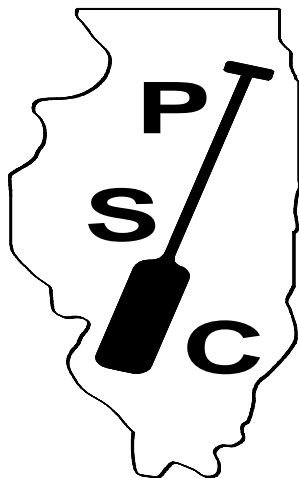


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## From the Chair:

By the time you receive this I hope that we are all out paddling.

Plan to attend the second annual PSC picnic on July 29<sup>th</sup> at Silver Springs State Park. Read the announcement in this newsletter for more information.

PSC operates through the help of many volunteers; from officers, board members, instructors, committees and many others. Seriously consider volunteering some of your time and talent, especially if you are asked to help in some function of the club.

John

## From the Co-Chair:

Here it is May and we have already had over 30 trips in the trip tally.

It is time to think about planning for the people who will be guiding the club next year. This is your opportunity to volunteer to be a board member or officer or to recommend a canoe buddy for a position. We will be electing a Treasurer, Co-Chair and Board members.

Please call or email me with your suggestions. Joan Taylor, 630 495-1565; taylorjrs@aol.com

Joan

**PSC T-shirts (\$12) and sweatshirts (\$20)** are available for purchase. You may make arrangements for UPS delivery or in person at some trips by contacting: Rebecca Sells, r-sells@sbcglobal.net, or Linda Gebhart lgebhard@aurora.edu; 630-466-7093.

### Newsletter Deadlines

| Vol 38#  | Deadline      | Trip Announcements      |
|----------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 4        | May 1         | June-July               |
| <b>5</b> | <b>July 1</b> | <b>August-September</b> |
| 6        | September 1   | October-November        |
| Vol 39#  | Deadline      | Trip Announcements      |
| 1        | November 15   | Dec 06-Jan 07           |
| 2        | January 15    | February-March          |
| 3        | March 1       | April-May               |

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## Paddlers Marketplace

Due to limited space, items will only be listed here for one issue unless you contact the editor and request that your ad continue. A new list is compiled for each issue.

**For Sale:** Folbot Aleut 12' folding kayak, only 40#. Solo kayak including Werner Camano paddles, expedition package. Very stable. Packs into 2 packs. Great for someone with storage problems. Excellent condition: \$800 Marie Bohnen 847-991-1618 or knunut@att.net

**For Sale:** 16' Penobscto, good condition; \$650 OBO. Bell Starfire, white gold; \$1100 OBO. Also: paddles, accessories, pads, packs, misc, etc ( no longer able to paddle-parting with the equipment) John Sullivan; 815-723-3283; ilcanoe2@comcast.net

**For Sale:** 17 foot Sawyer Oscoda fiberglass canoe \$375 - very good condition, flat bottomed/stable, includes three paddles, three PFDs (two adults, one child), tie-down ropes and car top carriers. Ken Anderle 630-653-6868; anderlek@juno.com

**For Sale:** OLD TOWN CANADIENNE KEVLAR-WD PERFECT CONDITION (always stored indoors). Purchased 1991 at Chicagoland Canoe Base; 17' (easily seats 4; capacity for 250 pounds of gear); Beautiful oak and mahogany gunwales and thwarts with brass trim; Cane seats (adjustable bow seat); includes 2 oak paddles (with fiberglass tips) and 2 life vests. \$1,600 Peter and Lin Von Dreele, Oak Park, IL, (708-848-3546)petelin@mcihispeed.net

**For Sale:** 19' Leisure Van, double canoe rack, excellent condition. Fully equipped, great storage, seats 5, sleeps 2, King size bed. \$27,000, 708-354-0545; 708-579-5815

**For Sale:** Floatation vests & backpack for dogs. (1.) Ruffwear float. vest, med (#44-77), red (2.) Outward Hound float. vest, sm (#15-25), red & (3.) Wenaha dog backpack, med/lg, green. Call 708-748-2102 or e-mail thecloses@yahoo.com

**For Sale:** one set of four Yakima "locking rail rider" towers for \$40. Designed to fit into existing roof track or rail system of some vans & SUVs; can also be applied to some campertop caps. I have a listing from Yakima of specific vehicles compatible w/this system if interested. Call 708-748-2102 or e-mail thecloses@yahoo.com

**For Sale:** Old Town Discovery 17.4 canoe. Purchased new in 2002. Great family canoe; lots of room for a week's camping trip. Garage stored, "like new" condition; \$450. Tom Kocim 630-627-8298 Lombard

**For sale:** Sawyer Oscoda 16 foot tandem canoe; well used but plenty of life left. \$350 Dick Frye 773-718-0151

**Wanted:** Old Town Pack canoe in good condition. Larry Seeger 847-291-0006; lgseeger@comcast.net

**For Sale:** Pat Moore Reverie II; Light grey, wood trim, 28 pounds, pedestal seat, \$500. Melissa 815-932-7929 days (8 am to 4:30 pm) or cell 815-549-9238 anytime.

**For Sale** SLIGHTLY USED KAYAK, LIQUID LOGIC Saluda, Price: \$650 - cockpit cover included [Orig.: \$750] Blue, 52lbs, 12feet1 inch; has stern storage Capacity: 400lbs Location: Kenilworth Call: 847-867-5814

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# PSC Paddle'n'Picnic – 2006

*Bring your friends and family!*

## Saturday, July 29, 2006



***Fox River Float, 9:30 AM\*\****

***Picnic 12 Noon to 6:00 PM***

**Silver Springs State Park \***

**Fox River Float** This is a short paddle trip down to Silver Springs starting at 9:30 AM from the municipal canoe launch in Yorkville. Check the website trip schedule for Trip leader info, maps for put-in and last minute changes or cancellation of the paddle.

**Gear Bazaar** One person's junk is another person's treasure. This is a chance to sell or barter that gear that you have no more use for but is still in good shape. Bring your own table, or a blanket or sheet, to lay out your wares. PLEASE, CANOEING AND CAMPING GEAR ONLY.

**Raffle** Some good stuff for a worthy cause - our picnic. Local and distant vendors, outdoor sports, canoeing, kayaking, and camping.

**Safety and Rescue** Instructors will demonstrate canoe and kayak safety and rescue techniques. No swimming allowed.

### **Test Paddle Canoes and Kayaks**

Bring your boats for others to try out, and test paddle a few that you would like to try.

**Things to Bring:** Food and drink for the entire day; chair for each person; tarps and dining canopies; stove or other cooking source; your boat(s); PFDs, paddles, marked with your name if you are willing to allow others to test your equipment etc

**Food** Bring your own food and beverages (no alcohol allowed in park). Arrange potluck with friends. Consider bringing enough for two meals. Picnic tables and fire grates are in short supply, so bring your own. Please bring a tarp or dining canopy. Someone will be in charge of rigging these.

**On Water skills exercises** - build your paddling skills

### **Children land games and events.**

Things for children to do!

\*Directions to Silver Springs: Take I-88 west to the Rte 56 exit. Go west about 2 miles, then south on Rte 47 for 8 miles into Yorkville. You can turn west on River Road (north side of the Fox River), or continue south of the river and turn west on Fox Road. Drive west about 4 miles and follow the signs to the park.

\*\*Fox River Float: In Yorkville, go to the municipal canoe launch on W Hydraulic Street, one block west of Route 47 at 9:30 AM. Contact Melinda Tury, 630-894-2285, mtury@sbcglobal.net, or Becky Sells, 630-466-7093, r-sells@sbcglobal.net, if you have questions.

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## Trip Announcements

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**Sat, Jun 3 Kishwaukee South Branch,  
Genoa-Kirkland, IL**  
**Advanced Beginner**

**Al Donaldson 319-277-3194**  
**alandonaldson@sprintmail.com**

Watch The PSC Website or contact the leader for more details.

**Sat, Jun 3 DuPage River Sweep  
Clean-Up**

**Ray & Dawn Ziemer 630-836-0086**  
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PSC paddlers annually join the Conservation Foundation and hundred of volunteers throughout DuPage County to clean up trash from our streams. Some may work on Salt Creek and the East Branch of the DuPage, but our group will be cleaning up a section of the West Branch to be determined. Please call leaders for more information. Garbage bags & gloves provided. We can get to the junk in strainers and tree branches that people on shore can't reach! **Help clean up our local streams!**

**Sun, Jun 4 Kishwaukee South Branch  
Kirkland-Oak Ridge Forest Preserve**  
**Advanced Beginner**

**Al Donaldson 319-277-3194**  
**alandonaldson@sprintmail.com**

Watch The PSC Website or contact the leader for more details.

**Wed, Jun 7 Mid-Week Paddle Gang  
To Be Determined**

**Melinda Tury 630-894-2285**  
**mtury@sbcglobal.net**

Locations and times for this paddle will be posted to the PSC website.

**Sat, Jun 10 Lower Fox River, TBA  
Beginner**

**Larry Forgala 708-425-0733**  
**larryfor@msn.com**

No "Moonlight" trips this year due to late moonrises. So, let us do a twilight BBQ/ cookout trip on a different stretch of the river. Let us have everyone bring some charcoal and/or firewood. The end of the trip at RT. 52 will be the cookout site. Bring something to do on the grill, plus sides and libations of choice. Bring extras for sharing, etc. I'll bring a couple of grills. Any further ideas, suggestions are welcome.

Directions: Off I - 55, take RT. 52 West to RT. 71. Turn right and continue to the BP gas station on the south edge of Newark. Turn left at the south side of the station onto Union and continue to the stop sign. Turn left to N Johnson Rd. and turn right and continue (approx. 2 miles) to Millington. Continue thru town (Church St) to Race St. (stop sign) Turn right and continue to Bridge St (stop sign). Turn left over the bridge to the put-in on the left. (Whew! Not as bad as it seems) Carshift at 3:30 P. M.

**Sat, Jun 10 Des Plaines River  
Willow Springs to Isle a la Cache  
Beginner**

**George Stenitzer 630-215-6751**  
**geo4747@yahoo.com**  
**Janice Wellborn 708-848-6026**  
**rosjan@comcast.net**

Forest preserves along the way make this stretch surprisingly scenic. As the wide Des Plaines flows down to Isle a la Cache, you'll see

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flocks of waterfowl, including egrets and heron sometimes in large numbers. Put in at Columbia Woods Forest Preserve, downstream right from the Willow Springs Road Bridge. (Look for the access road — it's not obvious — between the RR bridge and the gas station.) There's a nice little museum at Isle a la Cache, our takeout, where you can see what folks paddled and how they lived in the olden days. Email Willow Springs to Isle a la Cache if you plan to come. Happy paddling!

### Sat-Sun, Jun 10-11 Fawn/Pigeon Rivers, IN

#### Beginner++

**Paul & Alice Clifford 815-886-2554**

**Pclifford38@hotmail.com**

**Jerry Emerson 219-662-1296**

We will be camping at Riverside Campground east of Shipshewana on IN Rte 120. Depending on water levels, it will be decided which rivers will be done each day. Carshift from campground on Sat. will be at 9:30 sharp and on Sun. at 9:00 sharp. Everyone is invited to join us on Saturday evening for an Amish dinner in Shipshewana. Directions: Take IN 80/90 east to IN13. Go south on 13 to IN120. Go east on 120 for 9  $\frac{1}{4}$  miles to 450 west. North on 450  $\frac{1}{4}$  miles, over bridge and left turn into campground. Please bring dump clothes and lunches for both days. Please call leaders prior to trip, (Thursday at the latest).

### Sun, Jun 11 Kishwaukee South Branch, IL Oak Ridge Forest Preserve to Atwood Park

#### Beginner/Intermediate

**Al Donaldson 319-277-3194**

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**Bill Hampes 309-792-1769**

**riverrunner@mchsi.com**

Co-sponsored by Saukenuk Paddlers. 10 mile trip, with possible 6 mile option. Please email if you plan to paddle.

### Sun, Jun 11 Carrol /Elkhorn Creek, IL Advanced Beginner

**Tom Lindblade 630-207-9500**

**lindbladet@sbcglobal.net**

**Tom Richardson 630-832-3523**

Carrol Creek is probably the prettiest paddle in Illinois, but is extremely water dependent, so Elkhorn Creek will be our alternate. Shuttle will be at 10:30am, either at Point Rock Park just west of Mt. Carrol, or Science Ridge Road at Elkhorn Creek just north of Sterling. Please contact by email so that we can easily notify you about river conditions.

### Sat, Jun 17 Sugar River, WI Belleville to Attica, WI

#### Debris/Log Jam Clean Up---Intermediate

**Al Donaldson 319-277-3194**

**alandonaldson@sprintmail.com**

This will be a strainer and log jam clean up preparatory to later trips on this section. Log jams are reported to be intense, more information will be available as June approaches.

### Sat, Jun 17 Kishwaukee, Upper North Br Garden Prairie IL

#### Beginner

**Mark Morrall 815-765-3402**

**morrall@t6b.com**

Join me in paddling this less known and used, section of the beautiful Kishwaukee River. In my opinion, this section of the Kish is one of the prettiest. The river is so narrow in spots; the trees on both sides join each other to

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form a canopy that closely resembles a tunnel. A good amount of sharp curves, riffles, and a simple but fun shot through a long abandoned mill dam will keep you from dozing off. We will put in at the Boone-McHenry County Line and take our time to paddle to downtown Belvidere. Email contact preferred

**Sat, Jun 17** **Horicon Marsh, WI**

**Beginner**

**Jerry Kolar** **847-336-1187**

Fifty square mile Horicon Marsh is a "Wetland of International Importance". Some previous trips were stressed by a plugged waterway, high winds and rain. I'll bite off less. If things go well I can stretch the trip. Expect a short talk and birds that survived human intrusion and are making a come back. Limited launch and lunch facilities mean a boat limit.

**Sat-Sun, Jun 17-18**

**Open Lands Water Trails Blitz,**

**North Eastern Illinois Water Trails**

**Tom Lindblade** **630-207-9500**  
**lindbladet@sbcglobal.net**

Designed to support Openland's and IPC's Northeastern Illinois Watertrails. Paddle as many and as much as you can and report your paddling to Openlands. The goal of the BLITZ is to collectively paddle the Northeastern Illinois Water Trails System on the weekend of June 17 and 18th

**Sat-Sun, Jun 17-18** **Pere Marquette, MI**

**Baldwin, MI**

**Beginner**

**Peg Strobel/Bill Barclay** **708-386-1371**  
**chocolatehouse@sbcglobal.net**

The Pere Marquette is one of the most beautiful rivers in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. It is a fairly gentle river that winds between sandy and wooded banks with one short Class I rapids. Wildlife includes deer, turkey, blue heron, beaver, etc. **Directions:** from Chicago take I-94/I-196 to Grand Rapids. Take MI 37 north 65 - 70 miles to North Avenue (1 mile north of Baldwin MI.) Turn right for 1 mile and then left at Putnam's. Sites will be reserved for PSC. (**Alternate route:** from Chicago take I-94/I-196 north to Holland; then take MI 31 north to MI 10, near Ludington. Go right (east) on MI 10 to MI 37 and then right (south) to North Avenue and left to Putnam's.) On Saturday the car shift from the campground will be at 9:30 AM (Chicago time). The Pere Marquette is part of the wild and scenic river program and paddlers are required to obtain permits. **You must contact the leaders in advance to assure permit availability; there is a new \$2/day permit charge.**

**Sun, Jun 18** **Sugar River, WI**

**Belleville to Attica WI**

**Advanced Beginner**

**Al Donaldson** **319-277-3194**  
**alandonaldson@sprintmail.com**

Watch The PSC Website or contact the leader for more details.

**Sun, Jun 18** **DuPage River, IL**

**Shorewood, IL**

**Beginner**

**Glenn Jensen** **708-749-6141**  
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A PSC favorite! We will start at Hammel

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Woods in Shorewood and paddle down to Channahon. This section of river is filled with riffles, meaders and wildlife. Bring chairs, because the lunch spot is without amenities. Take 55 to Rt 52 heading west. Turn north onto Rt 59. Turn east into Hammel Woods and follow road till it ends. Please let me know if you are attending. Car shift is at 9:30am.

**Wed, Jun 21 Mid-Week Paddle Gang,  
To Be Determined**

**Melinda Tury 630-894-2285  
mtury@sbcglobal.net**

Locations and times for this paddle will be posted immediately following the June 7, 2006 paddle.

**Sat, Jun 24 Badfish Creek, WI  
Advanced Beginner**

**Al Donaldson 319-277-3194  
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Watch The PSC Website or contact the leader for more details.

**Sun, Jun 25 Beginning Whitewater, WI  
Beginner**

**Peg Strobel/Bill Barclay 708-386-1371  
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This trip is designed for paddlers learning the art of whitewater canoeing. We will paddle rivers in northern WI, with the choice of rivers dependent upon water levels and the groups' interest/experience. Likely candidates include the Pike (Yellow Bridge Falls at paddler's option), Oconto, Wolf, Sections I and/or II, Peshtigo Section II, etc. **There will be no rapids rated above Class II on**

**this trip.** This is a chance to build skills and confidence with support of other paddlers. Call the leaders for details regarding camping, meeting places, etc.

**Sat, Jun 24 Kids Trip I  
Wolf Lake, IN**

**Erik & Jane Sprenne 219-923-2182  
sprenne@netnitco.net**

Wolf Lake is just over the IN border via the Skyway, about a mile south of Lake Michigan. This trip is targeted to families with kids age 6 and under (though kids of all ages welcome), and will consist of maybe a 2 hour paddle around the lake, followed by beach/swimming time. Please call for details/directions.

**Sun, Jun 25 Kishwaukee South Branch, IL  
Oak Ridge Forest Preserve (Winnebago Co)  
Beginner**

**Bill Kessler 708-547 5314  
Kslr@aol.com**

**Al Donaldson 815-654-3195  
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Two trip lengths available: 6 miles ending at Kishwaukee Forest Preserve or 10 miles ending at Atwood Park. Please email or call if you plan to paddle.

**Tue, Jun 27 Lower Fox River, IL**

**John and Barb Shaw 630-961-3479  
TheshawsJB@aol.com**

From I-55 take exit 261 (Rte. 126) through Plainfield all the way to Rte. 47 (Yorkville). Turn right on 47 and follow into town. Before you cross the river turn left (west) on Hydraulic St. About 50-100yards you will see a

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public access put-in and parking. This is the put-in. From I-88 take the exit for Rte. 47, turn left (south) and follow 47 all the way to Yorkville. Cross the river and turn right (west) on Hydraulic St. About 50-100 yards you will see a public access put-in and parking.

Car shift is at 9:30 sharp. Bring PFD's for every paddler and a lunch. (Coast Guard regulations require children 13 and under to wear PFD'S at all times.) \*Note there are no restroom facilities at the put-in or take-out so I would suggest that you visit a gas station or fast food place in Yorkville prior to arriving at the put-in. The good news is that there are facilities at the lunch stop in Silver Springs State Park.

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**Sat, Jul 1**                      **Sugar River, WI**  
**Nelson Rd. to Yale Bridge Rd**

**Advanced Beginner**

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**Al Donaldson**                      **815-654-3195**  
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9:00 carshift at Nelson Rd. Sugar River Park (Rock County, WI) 8 mile paddle. The venture-some paddlers may wish to join us at 6:00 a. m. at the Avon boat ramp for a tough 3.5 mile paddle from Avon to Nelson Road. Please email if you will be paddling.

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**Sat, Jul 1**      **Lake Michigan Sea Kayaking**  
**Illinois Beach State Park**  
**Beginner/Intermediate**

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**Russ Johnson**                      **262-358-0627**  
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The shores of Lake Michigan at IL State Beach Park offer several miles of great paddling waters with wonderful sand beaches

to explore. Prerequisites for paddling on Lake MI- Kayaks must have sealed front and rear compartments (bulkheads) or float bags installed, and paddlers must be comfortable performing a wet exit while wearing a sprayskirt. This will be a great opportunity to practice your skills on open water in the safety of a group. If the wind is blowing, we'll be surfing! Please e-mail me with any questions or to let me know if you plan to attend!

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**Sat-Tues, Jul 1-4**      **Namekagon River, WI**  
**Advanced Beginner--River camping**

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Perhaps one of Wisconsin's finest rivers. Pleasant scenery, riffles and wildlife will fill each day. Clean campsites with some amenities. Our trip will last approximately three days. Bring camping gear and food for trip. Please let us know if you are planning to attend. Details will be available when contacted.

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**Wed, Jul 5**                      **Mid-Week Paddle Gang**  
**To Be Determined**

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**Melinda Tury**                      **630-894-2285**  
**mtury@sbcglobal.net**

Locations and times for this paddle will be posted immediately following the June 21, 2006 paddle.

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**Sat, Jul 8**                      **Introduction to Paddling**  
**Silver Springs State Park, Yorkville**  
**Beginner**

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**Paul Klonowski**                      **847-687-2477**  
**Paul.Klonowski@abbott.com**

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## Trip Announcements

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### Sat, Jul 8 Maquoketa River, IA Advanced Beginner

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Bill Hampes 309-792-1769

riverrunner@mchsi.com

Al Donaldson 319-277-3194

alandonaldson@sprintmail.com

Trip co-sponsored with Saukenuk Paddlers. Trip participants may choose between an eight mile trip (takeout at Pictured Rocks) or a fifteen mile trip (takeout at Eby's Mill.) Directions available. Please email for more information and to confirm that you will be paddling. Monticello is about 200 miles west northwest from Chicago.

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### Sun, Jul 9 DesPlaines Cleanup, Illinois

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Joan Taylor 630-495-1565

taylorjrs@aol.com

This is an opportunity to feel good about improving the looks of one of our favorite rivers and to practice ferrying skills while doing so. Contact a leader about a week prior to trip. We will decide on what section to do when we know water levels.

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### Tues, Jul 11 Sugar River, WI Brodhead to Nelson Road

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Intermediate

Al Donaldson 815-654-3195

alandonaldson@sprintmail.com

We will clean up trash and remove the nastier paddling impedimenta. Depending on water levels and number of log jams and strainers, this may be a fairly exhausting adventure. Please email if you plan to paddle.

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### Sat, Jul 15 Kids Trip II

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Marquette Park Lagoons

Erik & Jane Sprenne 219-923-2182

sprenne@netnitco.net

Marquette Park Lagoons are located just east of downtown Gary, next to Lake Michigan. Gary's less-than-wholesome reputation aside, the Lagoons are a neat place to paddle, with clean water and proximity to a HUGE sand-box. This trip targeted to families with kids 6 and under, though kids of all ages welcome. Please call for directions/details.

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### Sat, Jul 15 DuPage River

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Hammell Woods to Shepley Road

Advanced Beginner

George Stenitzer 630-215-6751

geo4747@yahoo.com

Janice Wellborn 708-848-6026

rosjan@comcast.net

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### Sun, Jul 16 Lower Fox River,

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Rt. 52 to Wedron

Beginner

Larry Forgala 708-425-0733

larryfor@msn.com

Let us paddle through the "Dells of the Fox" and enjoy a summer's day on the river. Directions: Take I - 55 South to the Rt. 52 West exit (Shorewood West). Go west on Rt. 52 approx. 26 miles to the river. Put-in at the NE corner of the bridge. Carshift at 9:30 AM

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**Sun, Jul 16**                      **Kishwaukee River, IL**  
**Belvidere to Cherry Valley / Atwood Park**  
**Beginner**

**Al Donaldson**                      **815-654-3195**  
**alandonaldson@sprintmail.com**

This will be a 16 mile trip with a shorter 8 mile option. Early risers will carshift from Belvidere at 7:00 and will meet up with the later folks at noon at Cherry Valley for a second car shift down to Atwood Park. Each leg is around 8 miles in length. Please email if you plan to paddle.

**Wed, Jul 19**                      **Mid-Week Paddle Gang**  
**To Be Determined**

**Melinda Tury**                      **630-894-2285**  
**mtury@sbcglobal.net**

Locations and times for this paddle will be posted immediately following the July 5, 2006 paddle.

**Fri-Sun, Jul 21-23**                      **Wisconsin River,**  
**Wauzeka to Wyalusing**  
**Beginner**

**Steve LaPorte**                      **630-665-5707**  
**stvelaporte@earthlink.net**

While this is technically a scouting trip, anyone with solid beginner skills should be fine on this one. Camping skills will also be necessary. We are planning to launch from Wauzeka on 7/21/06 and paddle down to the Wyalusing State Park boat landing on 7/23/06. This route will take us from an intimate, meandering river (Kickapoo) to a large recreational river (Wisconsin) to a maritime superhighway (Mississippi) to backwater bayou (Wyalusing Canoe Trail). This will cover about thirty miles in three days of leisurely paddling. River level

permitting, we will be camping on sand bars on the Wisconsin River. Because high water will cover the sandbars on this section of the Wisconsin, it is highly recommended that you reserve a campsite at Wyalusing State Park or one of the local campgrounds. (I have reserved Wyalusing State Park site #117 on the Ridge for 7/21 & 7/22.) If the river is high, we will be base camping and doing the trip as three day-trips. Wyalusing State Park is a popular place to camp, so if you are interested in doing this trip, you should reserve your campsite now. Call or e-mail for details

**Sat, Jul 22**                      **DesPlaines River, IL**  
**Beginner**

**Joan Taylor**                      **630-495-1565**  
**taylorjrs@aol.com**  
**Greg Dertz**                      **847-658-6411**  
**gregd82@hotmail.com**

Hope you will come out to this opportunity to feel good about improving the looks of one of our favorite rivers and to practice ferrying skills while doing so. Contact a leader about a week prior to trip. We will decide on what section to do when we know water levels.

**Sat-Sun, Jul 22-23**                      **Little Manistee, MI**  
**Beginner/Intermediate**

**Paul & Alice Clifford**                      **815-886-2554**  
**Pclifford38@hotmail.com**  
**Bill Barclay/Peg Strobel708-386-1371**  
**chocolatehouse@sbcglobal.net**

This is a surpassingly beautiful river in lower Michigan not yet (and maybe never) in the Wild and Scenic River program (between the Pere Marquette and Pine Rivers off highway MI 37); crystal clear water, more wildlife than people. The first day is a beginner trip; the

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second day is an intermediate trip because of fast water (no rapids) and tight bends. Paddlers will need ability to back paddle, ferry, draw, pry and eddy to do the second day. We will camp at Pine River Paddlesports Center on the left (west) side of highway 37 just before you cross the Pine River going north.

**Sat-Sun, Jul 22-23 Kayak Weekend**

**Lake Geneva WI**

**Advanced Beginner**

**Russ Johnson 262-358-0627  
Russ@wi-paddlers.net**

This is a multi-function and informal event which will be based out of Bigfoot Beach State Park on beautiful Lake Geneva. Lake Geneva is a popular lake that is only 4 miles north of the IL state line. It offers crystal clear water and 21 miles of distinctive shoreline, ranging from multi-million dollar McMansions to pleasant city beaches. Bigfoot Beach State Park provides an inexpensive overnight stay when combined with your camping equipment. Schedule will be finalized based on the desires of those who attend. Saturday morning will start with self-rescue and assisted-rescue practice and coaching. Once this is complete, we can head out into deeper water and practice our skills under different conditions. After lunch will be a daytrip around the eastern shores of the lake. On Sunday morning, those camping are invited to join me at camp for a pancake breakfast prior to heading back out onto the water. We will conclude the weekend paddling the shoreline of the lake that we didn't get to on Saturday. Plan on a wet weekend and a lot of great paddling! Please e-mail me with questions

or to let me know your interest in attending. I will be hosting an online forum in the weeks prior to the event to work out details with those who wish to attend. (If you don't e-mail me, you won't be included). This is a popular place for summer camping. Campers should make their reservations at the campground ASAP! Tent campers- I recommend sites 2-10

**Sun, Jul 23**

**Sugar River, WI**

**Belleville, WI**

**Advanced Beginner**

**Al Donaldson 815-654-3195  
alandonaldson@sprintmail.com**

This trip will offer a long and a short option. Short option will paddle from Belleville to CTY X just North of Attica (About 8.5 miles.) Long option will continue on downriver to CTY EE just North of Albany (another 11 miles.) Carshift at 8:30 at Belleville just downriver from the Belleville dam. Please email if you plan to paddle.

**Sat, Jul 29**

**Fox River, IL**

**Becky Sells 630-466-7093  
r-sells@sbcglobal.net  
Melinda Tury 630-894-2285  
mtury@sbcglobal.net,**

From Yorkville municipal boat launch on West Hydraulic Street, one block west of Route 47 at 9:30 am to Silver Springs State Park. Contact leaders if you have questions. Possible cancellation of the trip with low water levels. Watch the website for further info

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**Sat, Jul 29 PSC Paddle'n Picnic,  
Silver Springs State Park, Yorkville IL**

Linda Gebhard 630-466-7093  
l-gebhard@sbcglobal.net  
Tracy Hunt 630-832-3538  
tjhunt@netzero.net

A full day of morning paddling on the Fox river, and events on our own private spot at Spiler Springs State Park. Plan the whole day! Look elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

**Sun, Jul 30 Canoe Orienteering  
Busse Woods--Main pool boat launch  
Beginner**

Michael Collins 708-642-1432  
michael@canoecouple.net  
Christina Collins 312-203-8950  
christina@canoecouple.net

No orienteering experience necessary. Several courses of varying length will be available. Start times between 10 am and noon. For more information, check out <http://www.chicago-orienteering.org>

**Sun, Jul 30 Kishwaukee,  
John & Barb Shaw 630-961-3479  
TheshawsJB@aol.com**

Take I-90 toward Rockford. Be alert for milepost 61. Exit at U.S.20. Go a short distance to the Belvidere exit. Proceed east on Hwy 20 a half mile to the Cherry Valley exit. At the first stop light turn right and proceed to the first intersection (stop sign). Turn left. Cross the bridge to the first street on the right. Turn right into Bauman park. The boat launch is located on the first road on the right after the playground. Car Shift will be at 9:30. PFD'S required, dump clothes always recommended and bring your lunch.

**Sat, Aug 5 Rescue Clinic  
Lower DuPage or Janesville Dam on the  
Rock, depends on water levels**

**Advanced Beginner**

Tom Lindblade 815-963-5945  
lindbladet@sbcglobal.net  
Steve Laporte 630-665-5707  
stevelaporte@earthlink.net

Rescue clinic-Teaches basic rescue skills necessary for flat and moving water. Must contact leader for details

**Sat-Sun, Aug 5-6 Wildcat Rendezvous, IN  
Advanced Beginner**

Garry "Muskrat" Hill 765-628-3155  
GARRYHILL@aol.com

**Sun, Aug 6 Mecan River, WI  
Dakota, WI**

**Advanced Beginner**

Al Donaldson 815-654-3195  
alandonaldson@sprintmail.com

Watch The PSC Website or contact the leader for more details.

**Tue-Tue, Aug 8-15 Michigan Rivers  
Lower MI**

**Advanced Beginner**

Joan Taylor 630-495-1565  
taylorjr@aol.com

We will paddle the Sturgeon, Pigeon, Jordon, Pine and Pere Marquette. Come 8 days or for the weekend. Contact the leader for information.

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1102 Westhaven Dr  
Wheaton, IL 60187

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