



Newsletter

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MEETING INFO

Date: April 22, 2010

Place:

Seaman's Lodge,
425-A Nimrod St.
Pioneer Park
Nevada City

Time: 6:30 Social
7:00 Meeting

Program Presentation:
"Current Adventures
Kayak School"

Speaker:
Dan Crandall

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Newsletter Editor:

*This will be my last month as
Newsletter Editor. It has been
a pleasure publishing all the
wonderful stories and activi-
ties happening with SNCKC
for the last 2 years -
Robin Hart*

Adventure Found, Paddling Skills Required

Dan Crandall established Current Adventures Kayak School in 1994, after running other kayak schools for 5 years. Since then he has been a National and World Champion member of the US Surf Kayak team, and has led trips to such adventure inspiring destinations as the Grand Canyon, New Zealand, Costa Rica, Chili and Alaska. One of his personal favorites and focuses in instruction is teaching people of all kayak disciplines how to roll successfully. It is a simple yet elusive skill that many aspire to, but which also incites anxiety and procrastination.

He will share with us some of the images and stories of his travels and trips as well as entertain a discussion on tricks and techniques for learning how to roll a kayak effortlessly and with confidence. Questions on other aspects of kayaking technique and kayak adventures are more than welcome, so bring your best thoughts and questions designed to gain insight or arouse debate.

Multi Group Trip at Lodi by Wendy Thibeault

The multi club paddle and BBQ was a very good event. The wet weather did not reach Lodi Lake on Saturday. We had grey skies and threatening clouds, but nothing developed.

The paddle began at Lodi Lake and then followed the Mokelumne River east for a few miles. The river meanders and gives a good contrast in scenery from natural and farmland on the north bank and lavish homes on the south riverbank. We returned for a pot luck with many nice people from at least 4 other local clubs. One fellow came from Berkeley.

I can recommend this paddle for any level of skill and interest. It took almost 2 hours to get there, but easy travel and easy to find the lake.

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2010 Trip Schedule

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Place</i> | <i>Trip Leaders</i> |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| April 17* | Englebright | Wendy Thibeault |
| May 7-9 | Elkhorn Slough (Camping) | Abrells |
| May 15 | Solano Lake | Wendy Thibeault |
| May 22 | Sly Creek | Wendy Thibeault |
| June 12 | Sierra Valley Canals | Marlee Chamberlin |
| June 19 | Donner Lake | Wrights |
| June 26 | Lake Tahoe (Tahoe Vista/Sand Harbor) | Chris Crain/Lani Brunmeier |
| July 10 | Spaulding Lake | June Anderson |
| July 24 | Lake Tahoe (Sand Harbor/Zephyr Cove) | Chris Crain/Lani Brunmeier |
| Aug 27-29 | Hell Hole Reservoir (Camping) | Tiptons |
| Sept. 11 | Lake Tahoe (Zephyr Cove/Kiva Beach) | Chris Crain/Lani Brunmeier |

**Chris Crain was to have led a trip to Slab Creek this coming Saturday, but water conditions there are not good yet. I am moving up the Englebright Lake paddle to April 17. It will still be too early for Slab Creek so the weekend of Sat/Sun April 24 and 25 is open for someone else to lead a trip of their choice.*

We will launch from Englebright at the first marina at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. My plan is to paddle all the way to Point Defiance, but we may stop for lunch before going that far so people who want a shorter trip can return after the meal break. The weather is supposed to be good and temp around 70 on Saturday. Call 265 7907 to sign up -Wendy

Members with trip suggestions or who have an additional trip they would like to schedule and lead may contact Ron Brunmeier at (530) 274-9550 or e-mail him at tigertail@theunion.net

Carpool arrangements are between drivers and riders, please coordinate accordingly.

All events are available to members and their guests. Paddlers not affiliated with SNCKC may attend at the discretion of the trip leader. All paddlers must sign a "Waiver of Release and Liability" before launching their paddle craft and must abide by the safety rules for the paddle.