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NORTHWEST VOYAGEURS CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB



Box 1341, Edmonton, AB T5J 2N2

Internet Address: www.nwvoyageurs.com

Upcoming Events

**Jan 1
2007**

Membership Renewal

Memberships are up for renewal as of January 1, 2007
Please renew as soon as possible

**Jan 12 (Fri)
2007**

Kayak Drop-in — Started January 12, 2007

Started January 12, 2007 More information on page 8

**Feb 28 (Wed)
7:30 pm**

Trip Planning Meeting

Northgate Lions Senior Centre—Seminar Room
7524-139 Ave.

The club is meeting to plan this years trips
Members are welcome to attend

**Mar 2 (Fri)
2007**

Beginner Kayak Lessons — Starting March 2, 2007

Session #2 starts March 2, 2007 More information on page 8

**Mar 6 (Tues)
7:30 pm**

Executive Meeting

Northgate Lions Senior Centre—Seminar Room
7524-139 Ave.

The club executive meets to discuss club business.
Members are welcome to attend.

**Mar 28 (Wed)
7:30 pm**

General Meeting

Northgate Lions Senior Centre—Seminar Room
7524-139 Ave.

This months guest speaker - Paul Johnston— Slide show highlighting his canoe trip in
Northern Ontario—Quetico Park— Portaging, camping, etc...

Members are welcome to attend

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* Indicates new person in position

Attention

All members of the Northwest Voyageurs Canoe and Kayak Club

On February 28th we will be having our 2007 Trip Scheduling meeting at the Northgate Lions Seniors Centre

This is when and where we plan our trips for the 2007 paddling season. I encourage any and all of our members to come out and volunteer, make suggestions, ask questions or sit back, observe and enjoy the goodies our Social Coordinator will provide.

We have a new Trip Coordinators Guide which will be available to anyone who wants one (free). We also have a limited number of copies of the SAFE BOATING GUIDE, the 2006 version of the boating regulations from Transport Canada. First come first served.

Although, at this time we still need more people to coordinate class 1 trips, we seem to have an even greater shortage of people to coordinate class 2 and 3 whitewater Kayak / Canoe trips.

Please remember that the club only runs trips that our members volunteer to coordinate. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please come to the meeting or call the Trip Coordinator (Melvyn Kadyk) at 484-3563.

I encourage all our members to come to our meetings, social events, and of course our paddling events on Wednesday nights at the Rundle Paddling Centre (all equipment is supplied or bring your own) starting the end of May through September, so that we can get to know each other and enjoy the club together.

If time permits, we may get to watch a 35 minute video on boating safety from Transport Canada and the Canadian Coast Guard entitled "Coming Back Alive"

Trip Coordinator: Melvyn Kadyk



Introduction to poling your canoe

(On the creek without a paddle)

An informal introduction to poling a canoe, suitable for paddlers already experienced in river and some whitewater boating. One evening (May 28th) and one weekend (June 9 and 10).

The course will include a short introductory evening session (May 28th) including instructions on making your pole. The weekend sessions will be at Isle Lake (Saturday June 9^h) and Pembina River (Sunday June 10th).

Participants must supply their own canoes (one per participant), pole, paddles and standard safety gear and their own refreshments, lunches etc....

For more information contact Alan at 487-0607 or alkemy@ocii.com

IMPORTANT REMINDER

All 2006 NWV memberships expired January 1st

**2007 NWV Memberships
Now Available**

Don't delay, renew today!

Registration form available on last 2 pages or online @ www.nwvoyageurs.com

The following is the response received from City of Edmonton Mayor, Stephen Mandel to a letter written by Ric Fetterly on behalf of the NWV. The elimination of access to the North Saskatchewan River at Whitemud Park due to modifications to the park was the reason for the letter. The letter requested that access be improved, and if not possible, that all user groups be consulted when changes of this type are considered.



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January 23, 2007

Mr. Ric Fetterly
President
Northwest Voyageurs Canoe and Kayak Club
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Dear Mr. Fetterly:

Thank you for your letter of December 4, 2006 in which you express your concerns regarding the recent changes made to Whitemud Park. I appreciate you taking the time to write.

The changes you mention in your letter were part of an extensive redevelopment plan for Whitemud Park. A fundamental objective of the plan was the separation of vehicle traffic from bicycles and pedestrians. The new design also protected an environmentally sensitive area at the confluence of Whitemud Creek and the North Saskatchewan River.

Throughout the planning process, City of Edmonton planners worked closely with the Whitemud Integrated Plan Advisory Committee, which represented a wide variety of park users. Numerous stakeholder and public consultation meetings were initiated in June 2000. The Whitemud Integrated Plan was approved by Council in April 2003 and project construction plans were presented at an open house meeting in March 2004. Public response to the plan was overwhelmingly favorable.

The redevelopment plan does include a hand launch which will create a safe, secure launch site for hand carried watercraft and will eliminate the "long carry" mentioned in your letter. Installation of this launch and other park elements were delayed because funding was redirected to other priority projects. This is identified as a funded project in the 2008 budget but construction of this amenity could be advanced if partner financing become available.

For more information on planning issues in Whitemud Park, please contact Gabriele Barry, Parks Planner at 496-4781 or my office.

Thank you for your interest in Edmonton's parks.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Mandel".

Stephen Mandel
Mayor

Trip Schedule And Planning Meeting

Wednesday
February 28, 2007
07:30 pm

Northgate Lions Seniors Centre
7524-139 Ave.

*Come help us put together a fun and exiting 2007 paddling season
Give us your input into the rivers and lakes that you would like to paddle*

See you there !!!!!

Kayak lesson on the Pembina River

Students and instructors from
the 2006 Kayaking course
getting ready for their first
lesson on moving water.



photo submitted by Alan Stewart

ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Photos from this year were in the following categories:
“Action on the River”, “At the Campsite”, “Humour / Other”



Second place in “Action” category is this photo submitted by Melvyn Kadyk



Second place in “Humour / Other” category is this photo of Bighorn Falls on the Bighorn River about 1.5 km from where it enters the Red Deer River - photo by Don Litven



Our full paddling line-up is currently available in the store and includes quality gear for whitewater kayaking, touring kayaking and canoeing. Come see us for all your paddling needs and grab a copy of the paddling supplement to our Summer catalogue. We also have a full line of paddling and outdoor rentals.
A lifetime share in MEC is only \$5.00

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Edmonton, Alberta
780-488-6614

Visit our website at www.mec.ca



Thank you,

*Northwest Voyageurs for
your thoughtfulness in
sending flowers.*

All much appreciated.

*Hope to see you on the
river some time.*

Love,

Madeleine Narten

HELP FOUND!!!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you

Jennifer Roste

*Has graciously volunteered to take
on the position of*

Social Coordinator

for the 2007 season

Someone out there must have an interesting story to tell !!!

Subject: Media Request

The NWV have been contacted by Mr. Brian Swane, who is presently working with Kanawa magazine and is looking for a story to do on canoeing / kayaking in the Edmonton area. He is interested to know if anyone is aware of any new and interesting developments locally, or any exciting plans our club has for the upcoming season!

Brian also asked if there are any members of our club who have some particularly unique experiences that they would like to share. He could possibly do a story on it as well.

If you have something that may be of interest, please contact Brian Swane at: bswane@gmail.com

FYI: Safe Boating Guide is available from Transport Canada online @ www.boatingsafety.gc.ca or by calling 1-800-635-7943

Beginner Kayak Lessons 2007

2nd Set of Sessions

7 Consecutive Fridays 8:00 –10:00pm

Session #2 Starts March 2, 2007 to April 20, 2007

Follow up River introduction weekend, to be held in spring

Kayak Drop-In Sessions 2007

Fridays 8:30 - 10:00 pm

Starting Jan. 12, 2007 thru April 20, 2007

At Confederation Pool, 11204-43 Ave. Edmonton

Fee of \$8.00 per night

Bring your own kayak or use one of the club's

Please Note:

Students taking kayak lessons have first choice of kayaks

There is a limited number of kayaks at the pool to choose from

Drop-in's have use of diving tank only, as Kayak Lessons are in progress in main pool

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Here is some humor from about 15 years ago. I thought that I would share these with you.

Newsletter Editor, Don Litven



"You're sure that big water won't scare my boy?"



Cocktails on the boat

Some of you out there were asking, what is an "Eskimo Roll" anyway? Well I found this definition in the archives from February 1985. *Newsletter Editor, Don Litven*

"Eskimo Roll" - A popular kind of pastry served in the Far North. Beginning Kayakers, trying it for the first time, sometimes feel they have bitten off more than they can chew



Northwest Voyagers

Canoe and Kayak Club

Box 1341, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2N2

Membership Application and Renewal (please print)

Name _____ Male Female

Age Group 0-20 21-30 31-40 41-50 51 and over

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ Postal Code _____ E-mail _____

Our newsletter is available electronically on our website in pdf, printable format, a notice with a link to it will be emailed to you every month it is published- do you require a paper copy? No Yes

Note: For your privacy, a paper copy of the Membership list will be sent to members & WILL NOT be posted electronically.

Renewal New Member: How did you hear about the club Friend Ad Other _____

Each applicant **MUST HAVE THE WAIVER SIGNED, DATED and WITNESSED** on the reverse side of this application before it will be processed. Only those persons specifically listed on the waiver are covered by the Club's liability insurance. A parent or guardian must sign for children under 18 years of age.

Costs:*

Single Membership: \$30.00 Cost includes liability insurance

Family Membership: \$45.00 Cost includes liability insurance

Names of family members:

1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

Decals _____ @ \$1.50

Crests _____ @ \$1.50

T-Shirts _____ @ \$15.00

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Membership and Merchandise.....Total _____

Total _____

Please make cheque payable to Northwest Voyagers Canoe and Kayak Club

Canoeing Courses Available Kayaking Courses Available Please contact a course coordinator for more information on when courses will be offered & associated fees.

Paddling Information

Do you need a canoe paddling partner? YES NO

List the type (Canoe or Kayak) and level of any courses you are interested in taking e.g., beginners, advanced, moving water, whitewater, tripping . . . _____

What type of trips would you like to participate in?

Canoe

- Day Trips
- Day Trips – from campground
- Canoe Camping – Gear in boat
- Grade I River (easy)
- Grade II River (moderate)
- Grade III River (difficult)

Kayak

- Day Trips
- Day Trips – from campground
- Grade II River (easy)
- Grade III River (moderate)
- Grade IV River (difficult)
- Sea Kayak Camping – Gear in box

Please indicate if you are willing to help out by:

- Leading scheduled club trips
- Instructing paddling courses
- Assisting a course instructor
- Organizing / helping at club social events
- Storing boats

YES, I agree to share this information with other Northwest Voyager Club Members

Signature of Applicant

Release, Waiver and Assumption of Risk Form

For the Northwest Voyageurs Canoe and Kayak Club (herein called "this agreement")

We, the undersigned participants, hereby acknowledge and agree that in consideration of being permitted to participate in canoeing and kayaking programs or activities organized, operated, or sanctioned by the NORTHWEST VOYAGEURS CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB, (herein called "the Association"):

1. We do hereby release, the Association, its members, executive officers, employees and associates from any liability, and do hereby waive as against the Association, its members, executive officers, employees and associates all recourses, claims, causes of action of any kind whatsoever, in respect of all personal injuries or property losses which I may suffer arising out of, or connected with, my preparation for or participation in, the aforesaid canoeing and kayaking programs or activities, not withstanding that such injuries or losses may have been caused solely or partly by the negligence of the Association or any of its members, executive officers, employees or associates.
2. And, we do hereby acknowledge and agree that:
 - a) the sports of canoeing and kayaking are dangerous, exposing participants to many risks and hazards: some of which are inherent in the nature of the sport itself, others which result from human error and negligence on the part of the persons involved in preparing, organizing and staging canoe and kayak trips and other activities;
 - b) as a result of the aforesaid risks and hazards, we as participants may suffer serious personal injury, even death, as well as property loss;
 - c) some of the aforesaid risks and hazards are foreseeable, but others are not;
 - d) we nevertheless freely and voluntarily assume all the aforesaid risks and hazards, and that, accordingly, our preparation for, and participation in the aforesaid canoeing and kayaking programs and activities shall be entirely at our own risk;
 - e) we understand that neither the Association nor any of its members, executive officers, employees or associates assume any responsibility whatsoever for our safety during the course of our preparation for, or participation in, the aforesaid canoeing and kayaking programs and activities;
 - f) we have carefully read this agreement, that we fully understand same, and that we are freely and voluntarily executing same;
- g) we understand clearly that by signing this release, we will be forever, prevented from suing or otherwise claiming against the Association, its members, executive officers, employees and associates for any loss or damage connected with any property loss or personal injury that we may sustain while participating in or preparing for any of the above canoeing and kayaking programs or activities whether or not such loss or injury is caused solely or partly by the negligence of the Association or any of its members, executive officers, employees and associates;
- h) we have been given the opportunity and have been encouraged to seek independent legal advice prior to signing this agreement;
- i) we understand clearly that the Association would not permit us to participate in any such canoeing and kayaking programs or activities unless we signed this agreement, that this agreement applies to all the aforesaid canoeing and kayaking programs and activities whether occurring in the near or distant future, and that the terms of this Agreement need not be brought to our attention each time we participate in such canoeing and kayaking program or activity in order to be effective;
- j) the term "canoeing and kayaking programs or activities" as used in this agreement includes without limiting the generality of that term, river trips, pool sessions, winter activities, courses, races, as well as all other programs and events that are in any way authorized, sanctioned, organized or operated by the Association;
- k) this Agreement is binding on us, our heirs, our executors, administrators, personal representatives and assigns; and
- l) we understand clearly that the Association is and shall be deemed to be acting for itself and as agent on behalf of, and for the benefit of the members, executive officers, employees and associates of the Association for the purposes set out in the above stated, clauses of this agreement.

**I/WE HAVE READ THIS RELEASE
AND ACCEPT ALL ITS TERMS**

Participant Name <i>(Please Print)</i>	Participant Signature <i>(Parent/Guardian if under 18)</i>
1	
2	
3	
Witness Name	Witness Signature

Participant Name <i>(Please Print)</i>	Participant Signature <i>(Parent/Guardian if under 18)</i>
4	
5	
6	
Location signed at	Date Signed