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# EDDYLINE



**NORTHWEST VOYAGEURS CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB**

Box 1341, Edmonton, AB T5J 2N2

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## Upcoming Events



**January 1,  
2009**

**Membership Renewal** — Memberships are now due— Please renew ASAP

**Jan 4, 2009**

**Introduction to Kayaking** JANUARY SESSION Started - See page #4 for more details

**Jan 18 (Sun)  
2:00 pm**

**WINTER FUN — (Milk Jug Curling Bonspiel / Party)**

Come join your fellow paddlers for some winter fun! Please contact Cindy Davies & see page #3 for details

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

**General Meeting— 3 Guest Speakers**

Central Lions Senior Citizens Recreation Centre, 11113-113 St. Edmonton  
3 Guest speakers talking about trips on the Yukon River, Bowron Lakes, and getting Wet, Wild & Wooley

**Feb 3 (Tue)  
7:00 pm**

**Executive Meeting**

Central Lions Senior Citizens Recreation Centre, 11113-113 St. Edmonton  
The club executive meet to discuss club business. Members are welcome to attend.

**Feb 7 (Sat)  
12:30 pm**

**WINTER FUN CONTINUES — X-Country Ski Extravaganza**

Come join your fellow paddlers for some winter fun! Please contact Anna & see page #3 for more details

**Feb 25 (Wed)  
7:30 pm**

**General Meeting— Trip Planning Meeting**

Central Lions Senior Citizens Recreation Centre, 11113-113 St. Edmonton  
Yes it's that time of year to plan our upcoming paddling season—Join us for this important meeting

**Mar 1 (Sun)  
6:45 pm**

**Introduction to Kayaking - MARCH SESSION Starts**

- See page #4 for more details

**Mar 3 (Tue)  
7:00 pm**

**Executive Meeting**

Central Lions Senior Citizens Recreation Centre, 11113-113 St. Edmonton  
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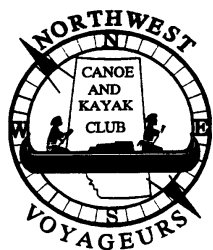
# NWV EXECUTIVE 2009

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**\*\* Please Note: \*\* indicates changes to Executive members and e-mail addresses above**



Since 1964

### Change of Address?

Please let us know by notifying our Membership Coordinator ASAP. This helps us to keep you informed about the club and allows us to send out your Newsletter.

Thanks NWV Executive

## Membership Renewal

All of our 2008 NWV memberships expire January 1st

**2009 NWV Memberships** are now available

Registration and waiver forms are available on the back pages of the Eddyline or online @ [www.nwvoyageurs.com](http://www.nwvoyageurs.com)

### **Please Note:**

There is a change in Membership fees for 2009

Single Membership : \$35

Family Membership : \$50

## **Kayak Drop-in Sessions**

**Confederation Pool**  
11204-43 Ave., Edmonton

Keep your skills up while the snow flies!  
Every Sunday night thru April 5, 2009

You can practice your padding skills from

**7:15 pm to 8:45 pm**

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

**There is a fee of \$10 for drop-ins**

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

People taking lessons have first choice of club kayaks to use and Drop-ins will be restricted to the deep pool as kayak lesson will be ongoing in the main pool

## Get the word out - Pass it on

Do you know of anyone that may be interested in canoeing, sea kayaking or white water kayaking?

Why not pass along some information about our club.

The more like minded people in the club the more fun we all have!

Pass us along to your friends, family, and co-workers.



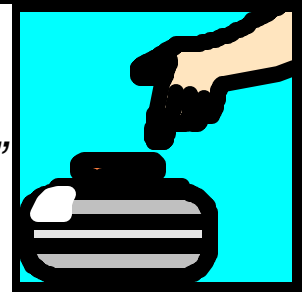
# NWV Winter Fun

Come Join us for a “Milk Jug Curling Bonspiel”

**Outdoors On Spring Lake**

Edmonton Trout Fishing Club

**Sunday, 2 pm, January 18, 2009**



*Bring a broom, or mop, your chair, some eats or liquid treats for around the fire.  
Bring your skates or ice fishing gear, cross country skis or snowshoes  
if milk jug curling isn't your thing.*

Directions:

On highway 16A - 6 km west of Stony Plain SIGN - turn left onto Parkland Drive, 3 km SIGN - turn left to Spring Lake, 2 km - Welcome to Spring Lake turn right onto Bower Ave go to Stop sign . Turn left and go 150 m you are now by some mail boxes. Go down the hill at the end of the mailboxes and right at the base of the hill is a left turn through a gate into the meadow. There will be parking cleared or if you wish you can park at the top of the hill and cut through the yard of the dark green house – Cindy Davies  
Lost? Call Cindy Davies at 780-963-5288



# NWV Winter Fun Continues

“A X-Country Ski (or hike) Extravaganza (sort of)”

**Saturday, February 7th @ 12:30 p.m.**

**Join us at Gold Bar Park**

*43 Street & approx. 110 Ave. NW, Edmonton*

Be ready to start from the Gold Bar shelter at 12:30 p.m.

Plan to ski the trails around Gold Bar Park for approx 2 hours. There are both easy and challenging trails.

Pot luck snack picnic to follow at the Gold Bar shelter.

Plus, prizes for all kinds of reasons.

BYOM “Bring your own Mug” and BSTS “Bring Snacks to Share”. Hot chocolate and hot cider will be provided

Non-skiers welcome as there are walking/hiking trails in the surrounding area.

Non-club members welcome because the more the merrier.

**Please RSVP to Anna 780-476-1788 or [anna\\_fodchuk@yahoo.ca](mailto:anna_fodchuk@yahoo.ca)  
by Friday, February 6th**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If the weather is inhospitable – below -15 degrees C  
the Extravaganza will be reschedule for Saturday, February 28th



## **GENERAL MEETING — TRIP PLANNING**

**7:30 pm, Wednesday, February 25, 2009**

Central Lions Senior Citizens Recreation Centre

11113-113 St. Edmonton

***Come help plan our up coming years trips!!!***

*See you there !!!*

# ***CLASSES FILLING FAST — REGISTER NOW !!!***

## **Introduction to Kayaking — Pool Sessions**

### **Introduction to Kayaking**

The Northwest Voyageurs Canoe & Kayak Club is offering two pool sessions this winter for members interested in learning to kayak. Each of the sessions are the same and consist of 6 classes, each building your ability and confidence on the previous class. These sessions are designed for anyone interested in learning to kayak on rivers with easy to moderate rapids or flatwater touring. Although no prior paddling experience is required, it is necessary that all participants know how to swim. Each course is composed of six sessions. Each class consists of a half hour of instruction on dry land followed by 1.5 hours in the pool. Half of the pool time is dedicated to learning and practicing strokes, and half to the Eskimo roll. The dry land portion covers other aspects of the sport including:



- **Kayaks (types, parts, how to enter/exit) • Paddling Equipment •**
- **Paddling Clothing • River Features • River Safety •**

### **Equipment**

Kayaks, Paddles, and Spray Skirts are provided. You are only required to bring a swimsuit; however, nose plugs are recommended since you'll be upside down underwater frequently while learning to roll. Some people also find swim goggles useful at first but these are optional as well.

### **January Session**

Class Dates: January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8 - 2009

Time: 6:45pm – 8:45pm

Cost: \$140 + club membership

Location: Confederation Pool (11204 43 Avenue NW, Edmonton)

### **March Session**

Class Dates: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5 - 2009

Time: 6:45pm – 8:45pm

Cost: \$160 + club membership

Location: Confederation Pool (11204-43 Avenue NW, Edmonton)

### **Registration**

**Note: Session size is limited and filling fast — Please contact Dave Sitar at 780-701-2856 or [kayak2hell@yahoo.ca](mailto:kayak2hell@yahoo.ca) to register**



## Churchill River in a week!

Well ok, it is just a part of the Churchill River and a couple of lakes but it will be a week long trip. We are planning a trip from Missinippi to the tallest falls in Saskatchewan. At 10 meters in height the Nistowiak Falls are Saskatchewan's highest water falls. Can you believe it? A set of waterfalls in Saskatchewan that are 30 feet in height; I know, it is hard to fathom but it is true and we are going to verify the fact. The plans we have now are that we are going to head out for this week long adventure on Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> and be back on July 4<sup>th</sup>. If we make it in good time we can camp at the bridge just north of Missinippi and play in Otter Rapids for a couple hours for some practice. Otter Rapids is a long set of swift moving class 3 rapids with meter high haystacks and a few places to eddy out. If you do not want to run the rapids a person can always go for some of the big fish rumored to be in those waters.

We are planning on doing route #2 of the Saskatchewan documented canoe routes starting at Missinippi or the campsite by the bridge. Providing everything works out we will be heading to Stanley Mission and checking out the church then passing by Robertson Falls, Twin Falls and check out some old first nation's pictographs. If you would like to read about this route you can visit <http://canoesaskatchewan.rkc.ca/route02.htm>. If everything goes as planned it should not be too hard of a paddle to do 120 km and several portages in the 6 days allotted for the route. So if you think you would like to join us on this trip or would like more information you can contact Lorne @ 780-459-8573 or Stacey @ 780-459-8155. If you want to join us you better put your name on the vacation planner and schedule off the dates required.

I am expecting that this should not be too difficult of a trip other than the long days driving out and back as well as the portages along the way. There will be costs involved but we will do as much car pooling as possible so we can keep this as cost efficient as possible. We are still planning this trip and we wanted to give everyone as much lead time as possible, so if you did want to join us and need to schedule the time off. You can also email me at Churchill2009@telus.net if you would like to be put on the emailing list I am starting. Think about it, let us know if you want to join us, let us know if you are going to join us, don't know yet? Well there is still time to decide but the sooner you know the easier it will be for us to take the numbers into consideration or to try and find you a paddling partner if needed.

Lorne

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Photo below: NWV Member Linda Warren on her first trip in her Sea Kayak  
Photo taken by Steve Budziszyn on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
On the North Saskatchewan River trip from 50th St., Edmonton to Ft. Saskatchewan





# 2008 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

These photos were entered at the clubs Annual General Meeting & Executive Elections on Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2008

There were 51 entries in the categories: "On the River", "Off the River", and "Nature".

Thanks again to all of you that entered the contest.

Look for more photos in up coming newsletters.



**Photo above:**  
**"Off the River" category**  
**First Place: Edmond Duggan**

Edmond caught fellow paddler Peter Mitchell stretching his legs and taking a break from paddling



**Photo left:**  
**"Off the River" category**  
**Second Place: Edmond Duggan**

Edmond caught Dwight after a hard day of playing in the white water rivers of Jasper Park

# GENERAL MEETING TRIP PRESENTATIONS

7:30 pm, Wednesday,  
January 28, 2009

Central Lions Senior Citizens Recreation Centre  
11113-113 St. Edmonton

**Club members talk about their experiences in the  
Yukon, Bowron Lakes, and getting Wet, Wild & Woolly**

*Come join us !!!*

## Conservation Corner

Over the next few issues of the Eddyline, I will be passing along some things to keep in mind with respect to conservation.

### Wilderness Code of Ethics

As much as we don't like to admit it, we all need a refresher on some of the ways to minimize our impact on the environment that we are paddling in and through it. To retain the high quality of our wilderness experiences, we all must accept responsibility for minimizing our impact. The greatest way to reduce our impact on the surroundings during wilderness outings is through education and planning ahead. Many people use the excuse "I didn't know I had to do that" or other such phrases that suffer from the fallacy of appealing to pity. Ignorance is not going to stop the rapid decay of our environment that we so much take for granted. Remember everything we do to reduce our impact helps because every negative action to our environment snowballs quickly into large issues that affect us all. So please try and keep the tips that are to come in this and following issues in mind the next time you are out camping, canoeing, kayaking or just out for a hike out in the bush.

#### **Tip #1: Planning Ahead**

Care and planning will minimize disturbances to other visitors and the environment. The goal of every wilderness visitor should be to leave no trace so that others who come after us are not aware that anyone was there before them.

1. Get to know the area you are visiting. This will give you an idea of what to bring and make things go smoother during your trip, while reducing the chances of increased damage to your surroundings.
2. Know what kind of animals you may encounter. When you enter an animal's habitat, you need to take precautions so you can reduce the chances of unwanted encounters with those animals (such as bears). Another thing to take into account is what time of the year it is, because some animals behavior will differ depending on the season it is, which might make encounters more likely.
3. Choose the size of your party carefully. Make sure that the party is large enough that it is safe but not so large that it causes an unnecessary impact to the environment. A party size of 4 to 6 is ideal.
4. Make sure to plan your routes. This will help in reducing the chance of getting lost and the need to go off the trail. Also leaving your plan with family or friend is also a good idea in case of emergencies.

There are many things you can do to help keep our wilderness beautiful and available for all of us and all the organisms in it (be it plant, mammal, reptile, fungus... all of them).

Please keep in mind that this is just the tip of the iceberg of things you can do to help maintain the wilderness that you and I love so much. So try and think of what you can do in your everyday life to better the environment.

Please look for more tips in the upcoming issues of the Eddyline.

Thanks, Matt Dairon



Please Remember to Reuse and Recycle when possible

*Excerpts of this information are from a Safety and Education brochure published by the Outdoor Recreation Council of British Columbia*



The State of the Saskatchewan River Basin Report will make its debut at this Conference! From the Rockies to Lake Winnipeg, this watershed connects us all. Help us Celebrate the Connection!!

Come and help us explore the challenges and solutions that unite us. Watershed management is about forging collaborative relationships. It's about learning new ways to communicate. Watershed management is about understanding relevant science. How do we do all this? We have some ideas and we know you have some too. Let's put them together.

## Mark Your Calendars

February 2009						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

Pre-Conference Municipal Workshop - Tues Feb 10

Conference Reception: Tuesday evening Feb. 10, 2009  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday Feb. 11, 2009  
8:30 am - noon: State of the Basin Report  
1:00 - 4:30 p.m. learning sessions  
6:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. banquet

Thursday Feb. 12, 2009  
8:00 am - 4:30 p.m. sessions

- State of the Saskatchewan River Basin
- Communications within Collaborative Planning
- Integrated Watershed Management Planning
- Industrial Water Usage
- Current Watershed Science & Research
- Engaging Rural Stakeholders in Watershed Planning



### PRE - CONFERENCE MUNICIPAL WORKSHOP

The North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance invites municipalities to join a wide-ranging discussion about Integrated Watershed Management Planning. The workshop is an opportunity to explore collaborative strategies. Municipalities will have the opportunity to share planning issues, challenges and solutions. The discussion will explore how effective planning partnerships can be established.





# Northwest Voyagers

## Canoe and Kayak Club

Box 1341, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2N2

### 2009 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 \_\_\_\_\_

#### NOTE:

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: \$35.00 Cost includes liability insurance

Family Membership: \$50.00 Cost includes liability insurance

Names of family (see note below) members:

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Family is 2 Adult guardians and any children under 18yrs living at the same address

Note: Single is a person over 18yrs old regardless of address

Decals \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$1.50

Crests \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$1.50

T-Shirts \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00

M  L  XL  XXL

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.

#### Padding 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 Voyagers 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	
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3	
Witness Name	Witness Signature

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