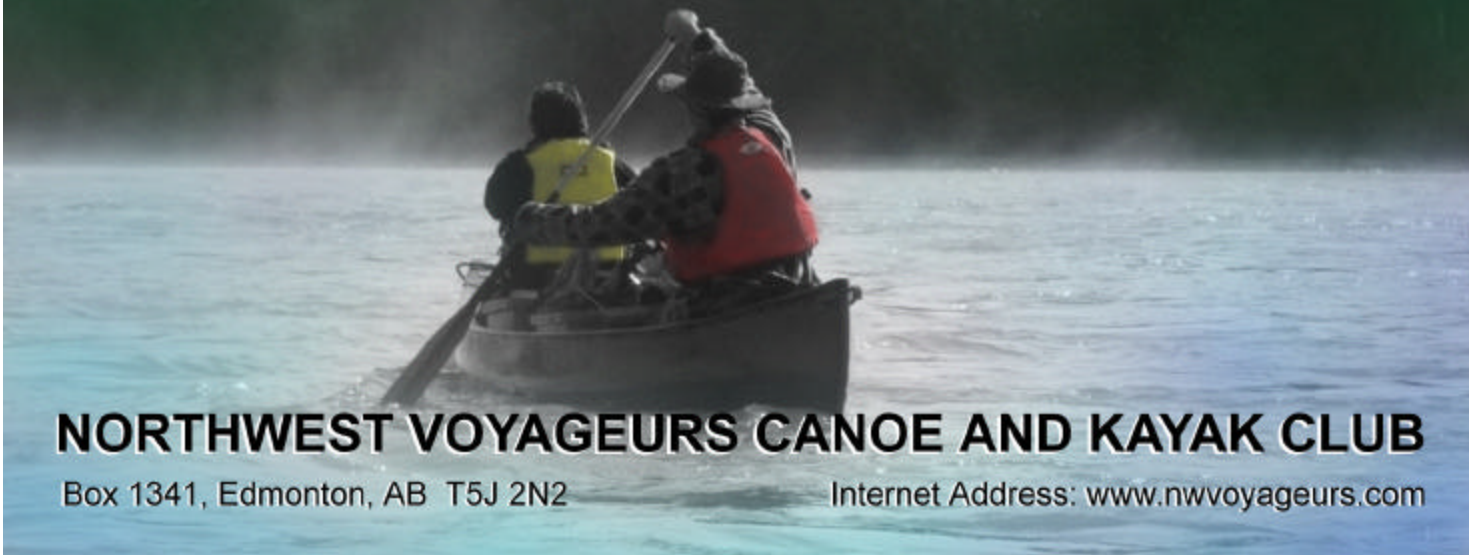


The **EDDYLINE** MARCH 2009



Upcoming Events



- January 1, 2009** **Membership Renewal** — Memberships are over due— Please renew ASAP
- Mar 1 (Sun)** **Introduction to Kayaking - MARCH SESSION Started**
6:45 pm See page #4 for more details
- Mar 20 (Fri)** **Water Walker Film Festival - Doors Open at 6:30pm—Show at 7 pm**
7:00 pm more info on page #3
- Mar 25 (Wed)** **General Meeting — Guest Speaker — Gerald Romanchuk**
7:30 pm Central Lions Senior Citizens Recreation Centre, 11113-113 St. Edmonton
Our Guest speaker will be showing and talking about nature photography—more info on page #4
- Apr 7 (Tue)** **Executive Meeting**
7:00 pm Central Lions Senior Citizens Recreation Centre, 11113-113 St. Edmonton
The club executive meet to discuss club business. Members are welcome to attend.
- Apr 29 (Wed)** **General Meeting — Water Safety**
7:30 pm Central Lions Senior Citizens Recreation Centre, 11113-113 St. Edmonton
Our Guest speaker will be showing and talking about water safety—more info to come
- May 5 (Tue)** **Executive Meeting**
7:00 pm Central Lions Senior Citizens Recreation Centre, 11113-113 St. Edmonton
The club executive meet to discuss club business. Members are welcome to attend.
- May 27 (Wed)** **General Meeting — Open House**
7:30 pm

NWV EXECUTIVE 2009

President	Frank Geddes	432-1923	fgeddes@telus.net
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NWV Internet Address: www.nwvoyageurs.com

NWV Snail Mail Address: Box 1341, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2N2

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

Membership Renewal

2009 NWV Memberships
are now available

Registration and waiver forms are available on the back pages of the Eddyline or online @ www.nwvoyageurs.com

Please Note:

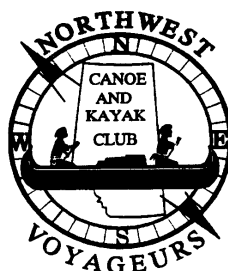
There is a change in Membership fees for 2009

Single Membership : \$35
Family Membership : \$50

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



Since 1964

Get the
Word Out and
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.

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

“Water Walker Film Festival”

Friday, March 20, 2009

Doors Open at 6:30

Show starts at 7 p.m.

MacEwan College

Theatre Room 9-323

3rd floor, Robbins Health Learning Centre

(corner of 109 St and 104 Ave, at west end of City Centre Campus)

Come early and visit the displays from the paddling clubs and shops in the Edmonton area

Tickets available from MEC for \$8+GST or at the door for \$10+GST

2009 Canoe Training Schedule

The following are some of the upcoming dates for canoe training:

Instructor Training

Riverfront Course	May 30 & 31 at Twin Lakes
Beginner Canoe Course	June 6 at Rundle Park
Beginner Canoe Course follow-up	June 7 on North Saskatchewan River

Beginner Canoe Course:

June 27 & 28 at Rundle Park and North Saskatchewan River.
NOTE: Beginner Canoe Course is \$75.00 per person plus a club membership.

Canoe — Moving Water Course:

June 27 & 28 at Twin Lakes and North Saskatchewan River
NOTE: Moving Water Course are \$75.00 per person plus a club membership.

Canoe — River Rescue Course:

Dry land session (evening) July 15 at Northern Insulation Contractors
River Section July 18 & 19 on Red Deer River at S-Bend

Registration for the Instructor's Training Courses and River Rescue Course must include a \$50.00 refundable deposit per person.

If Interested and more information, please contact: **Ric Fetterly 780-438-1296 or e-mail: fetterly@shaw.ca**



Photo by: Peter Mitchell

2009 Kayak Rolling Clinics

For those of you who need a little / lots of help with your roll

April 12 & 19, 2009
7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per night

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

If you are interested and or need more information, please contact:
Dave Sitar at: 780-701-2856 or kayak2hell@yahoo.ca

GENERAL MEETING

GUEST SPEAKER

GERALD ROMANCHUK

7:30 pm, Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Central Lions Senior Citizens Recreation Centre

11113-113 Street, Edmonton

Join us for an evening of the remarkable nature photography of **Gerald Romanchuk**. Not only will you see exquisite photos of the birds on Alberta's rivers, lakes and marshes, you will get a few tips on how to spot them.

See you there !!!

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 — Part 3

In case you missed the last few instalments of this series of articles here is a reminder. Over the next few months these articles will give everyone a fresh reminder on how to treat the surrounding environment when we are out kayaking, canoeing or enjoying some other outdoor adventures. The tips will help everyone reduce their impact on the surrounding habit so it can stay the same for future visits and the resident wildlife.

Tip # 3: Choosing a Suitable Campsite

Last month's tip dealt with treading softly when a hiking on or off trail and when putting in and taking out your kayak/canoe from the river. This month's tip will give some advice on how to choose a suitable campsite. Now most of these tips will be concerning the type of campsite that is not developed and out in the middle of nowhere (you know the type with no out-houses), but some of these tips also apply to a developed camp ground.

- Choose a spot at least 60 metres away from water. This will reduce the chances of you contaminating the water.
- Try to select a site that has been established and any further use will result in little further damage.
- Find a spot away from the trail which will reduce the chances of expanding the trail and over use of the site that you have chosen.
- Find a surface that is durable enough to withstand the impact of camping. Snow, ice, sandy beaches, gravel bars and rock outcrops are some good examples of such surfaces.
- Avoid sites with soil erosion and exposed roots.
- Try to avoid surfaces with vegetation such as low growing shrubs. If you must use a site with vegetation try to find a spot with dry grass.
- Never cut trees to make fire wood. Use dead fall if you need to have a fire. Also be aware of fire bands in the area to reduce the risk of the fire getting out of control. Dead leaves and twigs of the litter layer can easily ignite resulting in a weenie roast gone wrong.

I hope these few tips will help you the next time you are out on an adventure down the river and you have to set up camp. Also remember when in developed campgrounds always cleanup your spot and be respectful of your surroundings.

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

"Get Wet" 2009 Sea Kayak Nights

Interested in learning some of the crucial basics about flat water kayaking? Well here is your chance! The point of this pool session is to get people up close and personal with sea kayaks in a clean, relatively warm environment and a great way to meet others who want to paddle flat water kayaks.



This is a prelude to sea kayak lessons in the summer at Rundle Park

When: April 18 from 7:15 - 10:00 PM

**Location: Confederation Pool—11204 - 43 Avenue,
next to Harry Ainley High School**

Cost: \$15.00 per person (use of larger pool)

What we'll do:

The main purpose of the session is to ensure that everyone is comfortable with the wet exit and becomes familiar with assisted and solo re-entry on the water.

We will cover: dry land entry and exit, basic maneuvering in a kayak (especially balance, edging and bracing), rafting, wet exit (a.k.a. dumping), assisted re-entry on the water, solo re-entry on the water.

We will cover most of these briefly and give people time to practice.

What you need:

A swimsuit, of course.

Nose plugs and glasses straps are handy.

Goggles if you want to gaze around underwater.

Your own kayak, paddle and spray skirt, if you have one (not mandatory; see below).

Kayaks:

We will have smaller, white water kayaks in the pool. They are just as easy to fall out of, and even easier to capsize.

We have paddles and spray skirts for them. Some of us will be bringing larger sea kayaks. To get a feel for what it's like to get back into one of those, you can try one out.

If you are bringing your own kayak, please let me know by e-mail.

You will need to arrive early at the pool and we will bring them in the side door and wash them on the deck before we are allowed to put them into the pool.

**Pre-registration is a must as
space is very limited**

Contact: Frank Geddes

at 432-1923 or

fgeddes@telus.net

A.S.A.P.



Photos from some Trips in 2008



Photo by: Edmond Duggan



Photo by: Ric Fetterly

NWV Trip Schedule 2009 (Tentative)

Contact Dave S (trip@nwvoyageurs.com)
to add your trip to this schedule

Last revised 2009.03.04 PM

Date	Water(s)	Interest	Class	Skill Level	Type	Coordinator	Phone #	Email	Comments
Apr 4 or 5	Whitemud Creek	Whitewater Kayak	II	Intermediate	Day Trip	Don L.	478-4156	donlew@hotmail.com	Date is completely dependant on spring melt. Contact Don early - expect a date change.
Apr 11 or 12	Sturgeon	Whitewater Canoe & Kayak	I - II	Intermediate	Day Trip	Kurt S.	922-6200	sejr@syban.net	Easter weekend. Again Spring melt strongly affects date.
Apr 18	Confederation Pool	Rec and Sea Kayak	I	Beginner	Pool Event	Frank G.	423-1923	fgeddes@telus.net	Sharpen up sea/rec kayaking skills 6:45 to 9:00 PM \$15
Apr 18 - 19	Pembina & Lobstick	Whitewater Canoe & Kayak	I - II	Intermediate	Car Camping	Ric F.	438-1296	fetterly@shaw.ca	Spring melt may change the date of this trip.
Apr 25	Confederation Pool	Rec & Sea Kayak	I	Beginner	Pool Event	Frank G.	423-1923	fgeddes@telus.net	Sharpen up sea/rec kayaking skills 6:45 to 9:00 PM \$15
Apr 25 - 26	Open								Consider volunteering to lead a club trip this weekend.
May 9 - 10	North Saskatchewan (Quesnell bridge)	Whitewater Kayak	I	Beginner	Day Training	Ivan I.	477-2441	puppydog875@shaw.ca	Introduction to moving water for beginners. Required before attempting ANY further whitewater paddling.
May 15 - 18	Pincher Creek Area (various rivers)	Flatwater Canoe	I	Beginner	Day Training	Alan S.	487-0607	alkerny@ocii.com	Learn to pole a canoe. Contact Instructor well before date to discuss the equipment you'll need for this class.
May 15 - 18	Pincher Creek Area (various rivers)	Whitewater Canoe & Kayak	I - IV	Beginner to Advanced	Car Camping	Dave S.	701-2856	kayak@nwvoyageurs.com	The whitewater festival of the season! It has been known to snow. Six hour drive from Edmonton.
May 23 or 24	Pembina River	Whitewater Canoe & Kayak	I	Beginner	Day Training	Edmond D.	476-1788	webmaster@nwvoyageurs.com	Primarily for new WW kayakers to experience their first rapids. Must have intro to moving water May 9-10
May 30 - 31	Twin Lakes	Flatwater Canoe Instructor Course	I	Intermediate	Car Camping	Ric F.	438-1296	fetterly@shaw.ca	Flatwater Canoe Instructor Course. Pre-registration required by May 1st. Rocky Mountain House area
Jun 3	Rundle Park Pond	ALL	I	Any	Weekly event				Paddling Centre opens. Drop in any Wednesday night from 7-9 PM for informal training and a good social time!
Jun 3	Rundle Park Pond	Rec & Sea Kayak	I	Beginner	Evening Training	Frank G.	423-1923	fgeddes@telus.net	Introduction to sea/rec kayaking. Basic manoeuvring, bracing, wet exits and kayak re-entry.
Jun 6 - 7	Islet Lake (Jun 6)	Rec & Sea Kayak	I	Novice	Day trip	Frank G.	423-1923	fgeddes@telus.net	A great local lake for paddling, wildlife watching, and a picnic/barbecue.
Jun 6 - 7	Grande Cache (various rivers)	Whitewater Kayak	II - IV	Intermediate to Advanced	See notes	Dave S.	701-2856	kayak@nwvoyageurs.com	Another whitewater festival. NOT beginner friendly! Hotel strongly recommended, as camping is limited.
Jun 6 - 7	Rundle Pond	Flatwater Canoe Course	I	Beginner	Day Training	Ric F.	438-1296	fetterly@shaw.ca	Course fees \$75 and advanced registration required. This course ALWAYS fills, so book now!
Jun 6 - 7	North Saskatchewan								Second instruction day is a moving water river trip - Section TBA and all canoeists are welcome to join in.
Jun 10	Rundle Park Pond	Rec and Sea Kayak	I	Beginner	Evening Training	Frank G.	423-1923	fgeddes@telus.net	Introduction to sea/rec kayaking. Basic manoeuvring, bracing, wet exits and kayak re-entry.
Jun 13	Rundle Park Pond	ALL	I	Any	Special Event				Edmonton River day event. Consider volunteering to man the club's display or help out with paddling demos.
Jun 14	Astotin Lake	Rec & Sea Kayak	I	Novice	Day trip	Frank G.	423-1923	fgeddes@telus.net	Classic spot at Elk Island National Park for paddling, wildlife watching, and a picnic/barbecue. Good beach.
Jun 20 - 21	Upper Bow & Kickinghorse	Whitewater Kayak	III	Advanced	Car Camping	Dave S.	701-2856	kayak@nwvoyageurs.com	Great rivers for the advanced paddler
Jun 20 - 21	Lac La Biche	Rec & Sea Kayak	I	Novice	Car Camping	Frank G.	423-1923	fgeddes@telus.net	Summer solstice. Weekend day trips from the campground at Winston Churchill Provincial Park.
Jun 25	Rundle Park Pond	ALL	I	ALL	Special Event	Cindy D.	963-5288	Cindy5288@hotmail.com	Club Picnic at Rundle. Come eat, socialize and paddle.
Jun 27 - 28	Rundle Park Pond	Flatwater Canoe Course	I	Beginner	Day Training	Ric F.	438-1296	fetterly@shaw.ca	Course fees \$75 and advanced registration required. This course will fill from new members at River day!
Jun 27 - 28	North Saskatchewan (Edmonton section)								Second day is a moving water river trip - Section TBA and all canoeists are welcome to join in.
Jun 27 - 28	Twin Lakes / North Saskatchewan	Whitewater Canoe Course	II+	Intermediate	Car Camping	Ric F.	438-1296	fetterly@shaw.ca	Moving/Whitewater course in Rocky Mountain House. Highly recommended! Advanced registration required \$75
Jun 27 - Jul 4	Churchill River (Saskatchewan)	Flatwater Canoe	I - II	Novice	Canoe Camping	Lorne	459-8573	churchill2009@telus.net	Week long trip. See detail in Jan 2009 Eddyline, and contact organizer now.

Date	Water(s)	Interest	Class	Skill Level	Type	Coordinator	Phone #	Email	Comments
Jul 4 - 5	South Ram	Whitewater Kayak	III	Intermediate	Car Camping	Jarrett R.	349-6887		Camp at Ram Falls PP. Kayak the canyons above and below Ram Falls, but not over the falls.
Jul 11 - 13	Upper Red Deer	Canoe & WW Kayak	I - III	Any	Car Camping	Edmond D.	476-1788	webmaster@nwvoyageurs.com	Alberta Paddlefest. Day clinics on many disciplines. Includes flatwater beginner paddling lessons too!
July 15	N/A	Whitewater Rescue Course Canoe & Kayak	II - III	Novice	Lecture	Ric F.	438-1296	fetterly@shaw.ca	Certified Course. Highly recommended. Pre-registration and deposit required. Lecture at @ Northern Insulation Contractors.
Jul 18 - 19	Upper Red Deer				Car Camping				On-river lessons at S Bend rapids.
Jul 24 - 27	Jasper Area	ALL	I - III	Any	Car Camping	Dave S.	701-2856	kayak@nwvoyageurs.com	Annual club trip to Jasper - Whirlpool campground. Both whitewater and flatwater paddling. Not to be missed!
Aug 1 - 3	Fraser River (BC)	Whitewater Canoe & Kayak	II - III	Intermediate	Car Camping	Dave S.	701-2856	kayak@nwvoyageurs.com	New trip to BC!
Aug 1 - 3	North Saskatchewan	Flatwater Canoe & Kayak	I	Any	Day Trip	Alan S.	487-0607	alkemy@ocii.com	Section TBA
Aug 8 - 9	Upper Red Deer	Whitewater Kayak Rescue Clinic	I - III	Novice	Car Camping	Ivan I.	477-2441	puppydog875@shaw.ca	Students need to be comfortable paddling class II rapids. Prebooking required.
Aug 15 - 16	North Saskatchewan	Flatwater Canoe & Kayak	I	Novice	Canoe Camping	Kurt S.	922-6200	sejr@syban.net	Drayton Valley to Berrymore.
Aug 15 - 16	Kananaskis	Whitewater Canoe & Kayak	I - III	Any	Car Camping	Edmond D.	476-1788	webmaster@nwvoyageurs.com	KAN fest at Canoe Meadows. Races, clinics & events. http://www.caiganakayakclub.com/kwfkwr.html
Aug 22 - 23	Kananaskis & Bierlies	Whitewater Kayak	II - III	Novice	Car Camping	Ivan I.	477-2441	puppydog875@shaw.ca	Great opportunities to improve your whitewater skills, particularly surfing.
Aug 29 - 30	Upper Red Deer	Whitewater Canoe & Kayak	II - II+	Novice	Car Camping	Ric F.	438-1296	fetterly@shaw.ca	Second chance to paddle one of the best whitewater rivers in Alberta with possibilities for everyone.
Sep 5 - 7	Lakeland Provincial Park	Flatwater Canoe & Kayak	I	Any	Car Camping	Doug K.	435-2348	dknight@telusplanet.net	A great backwoods spot for easy paddling that has been run for several years by our club.
Sep 5 - 7	Athabasca River	Flatwater Canoe & Kayak	I - II	Novice	Canoe Camping	Doug B.	478-3871	dougbracewell@yahoo.ca	Jasper to Hinton. Pre registration a must. Max 12 people.
Sep 12 or 13	North Saskatchewan	Flatwater Canoe & Kayak	I	Novice	Day Trip	Steve S.	461-3292	N/A	50th St to for Saskatchewan. Great fall colour paddle.
Sep 19 - 20	Maligne Lake	Sea Kayak	I	Intermediate to Advanced	Kayak Camping	Frank G.	423-1923	fgeddes@telus.net	Kayak 21.3 km down the lake and spend a night at the Coronet Creek campground.
Sep 19 - 25	Bowron Lakes (BC)	Flatwater Canoe & Kayak	I	Intermediate	Canoe Camping	Cindy D.	963-5288	Cindy5288@hotmail.com	Week-long trip. Contact organizer now.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING BEFORE COMING ON ANY NWV TRIPS

The skill level required and grades are given but please note that these may vary considerably with changes in river flow rates.

The trip leader has the discretion to change any trip due to unfavourable weather conditions or unsuitable water levels. The safety of the group is a major concern.

The trip leader indicated on the schedule **MUST BE** contacted **NO LATER** than Wednesday prior to the scheduled trip if you wish to participate.

You are responsible for arranging for your own boat, partner (if required) and transportation. The trip leader may be able to offer some assistance but call at least a week beforehand so arrangements can be made.

Make sure you have all necessary equipment for the trip and are familiar with the safety information provided in your member's handbook.

All participants must have signed a waiver form before participating in a trip or course to avoid liability claims against the club.

As a member of the club you should have signed a waiver and had it witnessed when you paid for your membership.

Canoe or Kayak Camping is where all gear is carried in the boat.

Car Camping is where a campsite is driven to in one location and going out to paddle each day from the campsite.

Day Trip is where you drive to and from the trip on the same day - no camping.

Beginner Little or no previous experience. No formal training yet. Requires constant supervision on the water.

Novice Completed a formal course, but requires some supervision/aid on the water.

Intermediate Experienced, safe, self-sufficient paddler.

Advanced Highly experienced, safe, self-sufficient paddler. Can handle extreme conditions.



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) _____

Decals _____ @ \$1.50

Crests _____ @ \$1.50

T-Shirts _____ @ \$15.00

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Membership and Merchandise.....Total _____

Total _____

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

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 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	
2	
3	
Witness Name	Witness Signature

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