

The **EDDYLINE** APRIL 2009



NORTHWEST VOYAGEURS CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB

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Upcoming Events



Apr 29 (Wed)
7:30 pm

General Meeting — Paddling Safety in Western Canada

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

Our Guest speakers will be showing and talking about paddling safety and techniques— see page 8

May 3 (Sun)
6:45 pm

Get Wet— PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME

Confederation Pool, 11204-43 Ave. Edmonton

The . See more info on page 5

May 5 (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.

May 27 (Wed)
7:30 pm

General Meeting — Open House

John Janzen Nature Centre, - Adjacent to Fort Edmonton Park

Come join us— bring your friends and see what we are about

June 3 (Wed)
7:00 pm

Paddling Centre — Opens

Rundle Park - Paddling Centre opens for the summer

June 13 (Sat)

Edmonton River Days— Volunteers needed—see page 2

Rundle Park, Edmonton

June 24 (Wed)
6:00 pm

Northwest Voyageurs BBQ and Gear Swap

Rundle Park Edmonton—near the paddling pond

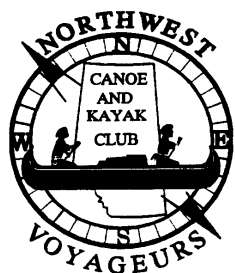
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**** Please Note: ** indicates changes to Executive members and e-mail addresses above**



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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
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Customized with knee braces and
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air bag(s).

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Thank You

Please join me in sending out
a big thank you to

Mr. Gerald Romanchuk

for an evening of remarkable
nature photography pre-
sented to the Northwest
Voyageurs Membership at
our General meeting held on
March 25th, 2009.

**Thank you again for your
inspiring presentation**

NEEDED

Volunteers for River Days

NWV are looking for volunteers again this year to
help out for a few hours.

Those interested, please contact:

Frank Geddes at: 780-432-1923
or
Kurt Sejr at: 780-922-6200

Membership Renewal

2009 NWV Memberships
are now available

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

Please Note:

There is a change in Membership
fees for 2009

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

NOTICE — Trip Schedule Error

Please note that the phone number for Frank Geddes should read
780-432-1923

Remember to always use the most up to date schedule at all times

Gear Notes

By Edmond Duggan,
476-1788 or equipment@nwvvoyageurs.com

Inventory - The club is currently to do a full inventory of all the club gear. We own a significant amount of gear, everything from boats to rope. Having a complete inventory will allow the club to make future decisions on acquiring, maintaining, and disposing of gear. It will also help you know what the club has available for your use this paddling season.

Gear Amnesty - Do you have club gear from previous seasons in your possession, or know of someone who does? Please let the Equipment Manger, know either by phone or email. He is willing to arrange free pick up this month without incurring late gear return fees.

Boat Managers – Want to help the club this summer, and get equipment rentals at HALF price? Volunteer to manage a couple of boats. The time involvement is minimal, and the rental cost savings can add up very quickly. Contact the Equipment Manager for more details.

Rentals - Considering renting gear from the club this year? Please let the equipment manager know what gear you might consider renting. By doing so that he can position the fleet around the city to best meet your needs (and reduce your time in driving around for gear). It will also ensure that the correct sizes of PFDs, paddles and spray decks are co-located where your favourite club boat is housed.

Ideas - Want to see different boats in the fleet? Have a recommendation for club gear? No idea is too large or too small to be considered. Remember the club fleet is here to serve you.

Flatwater Kayaking/Canoeing

Interest has been growing steadily in the Edmonton area for flatwater (sea and recreational) kayaking. Edmonton is in an excellent environment for sea kayaking—aside from the minor fact that we aren't close to a sea. During the winter, we have opportunities to learn and practice basic kayaking manoeuvres in the warmth of City of Edmonton pools; the West Edmonton Mall wave pool also gives us practice with moving waves (unlike the standing waves on rivers). Starting in April, we can develop strength and paddling technique along the open North Saskatchewan River, up to two months before local lakes and the Rundle Park Paddling Pond are open. From late May until October, we can learn and practice paddling and rescue skills on day trips to many local sites and extend our possibilities with weekend trips on Lesser Slave Lake, Lac la Biche, Cold Lake, Maligne Lake and so on.

The disadvantage of being away from the sea can be an advantage: here, we can practice rescues without worrying about tides and salt water. Then, when we feel proficient, we can take a trip to the ocean or large lakes. If you think our local "sloughs" and brown river aren't worthy for paddling, just try paddling on the ocean or a large lake (such as Lesser Slave Lake) without some practice; you'll be wishing you had worked the wind, waves and cold water of a local spot near the convenience of your car and shelter/warm clothes.

Boat types

For ocean kayaking, you'll need a kayak of at least 16, preferably 17 feet in length. But, you don't need to have one that long to practice and enjoy local waters, and some people have no intention of going to the ocean, so shorter (10'-12') kayaks are acceptable. It's a matter of knowing what your boat can do.

Most of the flatwater kayaking trips are also suitable for canoes (covered on the ocean or on big lakes). Similarly, you can take your flatwater kayak on many of the club's river trips.

2008

Last year was our first attempt to develop a flatwater kayaking program. We had a successful session in Confederation Pool and some practice at Rundle Park, followed by several day and weekend trips (Islet Lake, Astotin Lake, Lac la Biche), aside from participating in club "canoe" trips. Some of us also joined individuals from the Lesser Slave Lake Sea Kayak Club for an overnight trip on Lesser Slave Lake. And, of course, some of us went on multi-day trips on our own.

2009

This year, we are going to ramp up our efforts to provide more opportunities to paddle locally and to provide safety and rescue training so that people would feel comfortable going on ocean trips. We will start again with our *Get Wet* night in Confederation Pool and follow with targetted sessions at Rundle Park Paddling Pond on Wednesday nights (7-9 PM) in June. In those sessions, we will cover stroke improvement, bracing, bow rescues, wet exits, assisted re-entries, self rescue, safety gear and rescue procedure, knots and safely tying down boats, navigation and paddling in wind and waves.

NWV Presedent

Frank Geddes

WE NEED MORE CANOE TRIPS !!!!!

It appears that there are not enough canoe trips scheduled for this up coming paddling season.

Any ideas or requests? Please pass them on to us by contacting our

Trip coordinator Dave at: 780-701-2856 or by e-mail at kayak2hell@yahoo.ca

It's not too late to revise the trip schedule!



Stretching for Paddlers

A two hour workshop

Thurs April 23 or Wed May 13

Open to all No experience required

\$10 - RSVP

roomforyoga@yahoo.ca 780 405 3027

NOTICE

CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME

for the

"Get Wet"

2009 Sea Kayak Night



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: May 3rd from 6:45 to 8:45 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.

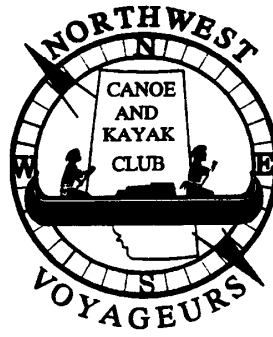
You will need to arrive early at the pool and we will bring them in the side door and wash them on the deck before we are allowed to put them into the pool.

NOTE: Pre-registration is a must as space is very limited

Contact: Frank Geddes

780-432-1923 or fgeddes@telus.net

A.S.A.P.



Think you might like to try Canoeing or Kayaking?

Looking for people to paddle with?

From April thru October we offer one of the most extensive paddling schedules in Alberta, with up to three different trips on every weekend, ranging from quiet floats to adrenaline pumping white water.

We also offer excellent training programs, numerous workshops, and have a large fleet of rental boats available for club members

If you are an outdoor enthusiast and would like to have a great time on our rivers, come to our Open House or check out our website at: www.nwvoyageurs.com

Come see what we have to offer!

We look forward to meeting you!

"Door Prizes"

"Presentations"

OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY MAY 27, 2009

7:30 PM

Snacks

"Short Films"

John Janzen Nature Centre
(Adjacent to Fort Edmonton on Whitemud Freeway)



CANOE COURSES

SPONSORED BY NORTHWEST VOYAGEURS
CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB

INTRODUCTION TO CANOEING

FOR THE ABSOLUTE BEGINNER. LEARN THE ESSENTIAL PADDLING STROKES TO MANOEUVRE A TANDEM CANOE ON FLAT WATER FOR BOTH THE BOW AND STERN. LEARN ABOUT EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING, RIVER FACTORS AND SAFETY.

PREREQUISITES - NONE

DATE – JUNE 7 & 8 AND June 27 & 28

INTRODUCTION TO MOVING WATER

INTRODUCES RIVER STROKES, HIGH AND LOW BRACES, EDDY TURNS, PEEL OUTS AND FERRIES IN SMOOTH FLOWING WATER. INCLUDES RIVER READING AND SAFETY

PREREQUISITES – MUST HAVE COMPLETED BEGINNER COURSE OR HAVE EQUIVALENT EXPERIENCE

DATE – JUNE 27 & 28

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

CANOE @ NWVOYAGEURS.COM or RIC @ (780) 438-1296

SELF-IMPROVEMENT COURSES

PADDLE ALBERTA WATERFRONT INSTRUCTOR

DESIGNED TO ALLOW YOU TO TEACH PADDLING SKILLS ON FLAT WATER AND COVERS ALL THE BASIC STROKES. THIS COURSE IS CERTIFIED BY PADDLE ALBERTA

COURSE FEE - \$50.00 REFUNDABLE CHEQUE TO RESERVE A SPOT

DATE – May 30 & 31

WHITEWATER CANADA NATIONAL RIVER SAFETY AND RESCUE COURSE

COURSE FOCUSES ON SIMPLE AND EFFECTIVE SAFETY AND RESCUE PROCEDURES THAT ARE APPLICABLE BY THE AVERAGE PADDLER.

THIS IS A WHITEWATER CANADA CERTIFIED COURSE

COURSE FEE - \$50.00 REFUNDABLE CHEQUE TO RESERVE A SPOT

JULY 15, 18 & 19

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

CANOE @ NWVOYAGEURS.COM or RIC @ (780) 438-1296



Riverland Challenge

The 2nd Annual Riverland Challenge will be held May 30, 2009 on the North Saskatchewan River near Elk Point. It is a paddle, run/hike, cycle event followed by BBQ. People who attended the 2008 event said it was GGGreat Fun! Register by May 15th.

The Riverland Challenge invites you to enjoy the beauty of the North Saskatchewan River valley by canoeing 10 km from Elk Point to the Fort George – Buckingham House (FG-BH) historic site; run or hike through the historic sites for 5km; then cycle along scenic back country roads for 15km and return to FG-BH for a hearty voyageur meal. Along the route test your skills by participating in voyageur challenges. This event will take from two – five hours, depending on your skill levels. Costumed interpreters will guide you on your journey and a voyageur meal awaits you at the finish line. This event is not a race; it is a personal challenge. Prizes will be awarded to the oldest team, youngest team (combined age), team traveling the farthest distance and best costumes.

See web site for details: www.riverlandchallenge.com

General Meeting *Subject to be covered is* **Paddling Safety in Western Canada**

**7:30 pm, Wednesday,
April 29, 2009**

**Central Lions Senior Citizens Recreation Centre
1113-113 St. Edmonton**

Dave Sitar & others to cover subjects such as
Hazards, Rescue Equipment, River Rescue Skills &
techniques, Boat Recovery and more.....

Conservation Corner

Over the last few issues of the Eddyline, I have passed along some things to keep in mind with respect to conservation.

Wilderness Code of Ethics — Part 4

In case you missed the last few instalment of this series of articles here is a reminder. Over the past few months these articles have given 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.

This will be the last of the series and will deal with managing waste. This is a very important topic to remember about when out in the wilderness because it is very easy to slip up and drop a candy wrapper or leave garbage behind. So here are some things to keep in mind when dealing with waste:

Pack it in, park it out: Everything you bring in can just as easily be taken out. One of the most disturbing things to see when you arrive at a site and it is littered in garbage and other waste. So always remember to take your garbage with you and if you do see waste lying around, be proactive and pick it up.

Using the washroom: In areas that there are no outhouses or areas devoted to human waste disposal, please select your site carefully. When urinating remember that the salt attracts animals, so try to urinate on rock or non-vegetative areas. Stay away from water sources. You must reduce the risk of contaminating the water as that can lead to the development of infectious parasites. When using water always treat it as if it is contaminated. Use filters, iodine pills, or boil the water to reduce the risk of infection. Keep in mind that these methods do not make the water 100% safe and there is still a risk. For example some bacteria can create capsules around there nucleus and survive temperatures well past boiling.

Leave pets at home: Pets can disturb wildlife and can defecate near water sources. If you must bring pets keep them under control at all times.

3 R's: Remember just because you are outside enjoying the wilderness doesn't mean you can forget one of the most important rules of life: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle!

Well I hoped this series of tips will help you to enjoy and maintain the habitat and environment of our surrounding areas when you are out this upcoming season. And please remember that some of these tips can be brought into your everyday life and that we should respect our environment at all times.

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

Trip Report — April 4, 2009

The Mighty Whitemud



If you've been getting cabin fever from our long winter and you're getting itchy to paddle, there's only one thing to do when the snow finally melts—paddle the mighty Whitemud. (The Whitemud Creek, that is: not the Whitemud Freeway.) So, as usual, Kurt marshalled the hardy (Kurt S., Edmond D., Jack L., and Frank G.) to run the stretch from Smith Crossing (23 Avenue) to the Rainbow Valley bridge, this time on the Saturday of Easter weekend, but not before an advance party (Edmond, Ivan L., and Jack) ran the lower run from Rainbow Valley to Fox Drive two days earlier.

Saturday was a beautiful, sunny day at 17 degrees, all the more sweet after the interminable winter. We put in a bit late at 1 PM after forgetting an item or two; such is the state of affairs whenever you embark on a new season. But, at least we brought paddles rather than ski poles.

We actually started on Blackmud Creek, but within a few metres we hit its confluence with the Whitemud. Almost immediately, we had to get out of our kayaks, just below the bridge, to negotiate some white water (i.e., snow-encrusted ice) that discomfited our passage. After that point, we were able to get past any ice dams by riding our boats atop the ice and scrunch along by using our hands to lift our boats and push forward. Our progress in such cases wasn't usually fast, but our knuckle-pushing dance ensured that we didn't have to get out and then back into our kayaks. (After all, they're not canoes!)

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We came across several beaver dams and ran them all: with drops of about 1 metre, they provided the best features along our route. Other features included the occasional eddy and the spots where ice on both sides of the creek funnelled the water into a swift sluice.

Unfortunately, Kurt developed a problem with the interface between his butt and the creek. That is, his kayak cracked longitudinally under his seat. Having a kayak with a severe case of butt crack, Kurt kept taking on water and was forced to stop and empty his kayak about 10 times—no easy feat, considering that the below water ice shelves made it very difficult to find suitable haul-out sites. And with ice abounding in the creek, the water temperature was somewhere between -0 and +0.

Aside from seeing one beaver, we spooked several Canada geese and ducks, and we heard the spring drum roll of a pileated woodpecker in the upland poplars. For much of the trip, it was hard to believe that we were in the city. But, there were reminders—the expensive houses perched precariously above the slumping banks, the foot bridges with several people taking in the spring weather, and the dozen or so cans and bottles that we fished out of the creek along our route.

We coasted to our take-out at the park above Rainbow Valley bridge at about 4 PM, having enjoyed about 3 hours of backwoods paddling and knuckling on a gorgeous day. Calgarians, eat your hearts out!

Frank Geddes



Top Left - Kurt prepares to paddle the Blackmud and Whitemud Creeks
Top Right - Frank ignores the early warning signs
Lower Left - Ivan tries out Whitemud Creeking
Lower Right - Beaver (dams) make the only feature on the Whitemud

Photos by: Edmond Duggan

12th Annual!

River Day 2009

Join us for a waterfull day of hands-on activities for the whole family at Rundle Park!

Discover the fun! Learn how to catch a fish and paddle a canoe. Saturday, June 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Rundle Park Family Centre

2909 - 113 Avenue ¥ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Free Pancake Breakfast: Sponsored by the Strathcona Industrial Association
Rundle Family Centre - 10 a.m.

- ¥ Check out MEC's Paddlefest! An urban celebration of canoeing and kayaking. Come out and test the boats, take part in a clinic or attend a paddling session. All skill levels welcome.
- ¥ Learn to fish at the cool "Pathways to Fishing" program sponsored by Berkley and The Fishin' Hole;

- ¥ Experiment with a neat water quality testing kit;
- ¥ Ride in a voyageur canoe or Rivewatch Raft;
- ¥ Try your luck at the "Pooter Pond";
- ¥ Watch water rescue and boat safety demos;
- ¥ Take in some of the new river related displays for 2009!

[Curious about industry activity?](#)

For more information about River Day 2009 call 311, or visit the website at www.edmonton.ca and click on parks and river valley.

NWV Trip Schedule 2009 (Tentative)

Last revised 2009 04 15

Updates = grey background

Click to email the organizer

[Contact Dave S \(trip@nwvoyageurs.com\)](mailto:trip@nwvoyageurs.com)

to add your trip to this schedule

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	seir@syban.net	Easter weekend. Again Spring melt strongly affects date.
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 - 26	Open								Consider volunteering to lead a club trip this weekend.
May 3	Confederation Pool	Rec & Sea Kayak	I	Beginner	Pool Event	Frank G.	432-1923	fgeddes@telus.net	"Get Wet" sea/rec kayaking skills 6:45 to 8:45 PM \$15
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	North Saskatchewan	Flatwater Canoe	I	Beginner	Day Training	Alan S.	487-0607	alkemy@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	Waterfront Instructor's Course. Paddle Alberta Certified. Pre-registration required by May 1st. Rocky Mountain House
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.	432-1923	fgeddes@telus.net	Introduction to sea/rec kayaking. Basic manoeuvring, bracing, wet exits and kayak re-entry.
Jun 6 - 7	Islet Lake (Jun 6)	Flatwater Canoe & Kayak	I	Novice	Day trip	Frank G.	432-1923	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	Beginner Flatwater Canoe Course	I	Beginner	Day Training	Ric F.	438-1296	fetterly@shaw.ca	Course fee \$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.	432-1923	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	Flatwater Canoe & Kayak	I	Novice	Day trip	Frank G.	432-1923	fgeddes@telus.net	Classic spot at Elk Island National Park for paddling, wildlife watching, and a picnic/barbecue. Good beach.
Jun 20 - 21	Red Deer & Panther	Whitewater Canoe & Kayak	II	Novice	Car Camping	Ric F.	438-1296	fetterly@shaw.ca	Whitewater day trips from camping spot close to Mountain Aire Lodge.
Jun 20 - 21	Lac La Biche	Rec & Sea Kayak	I	Novice	Car Camping	Frank G.	432-1923	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 fee \$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	Upper Bow & Kickinghorse	Whitewater Kayak	III	Advanced	Car Camping	Dave S.	701-2856	kayak@nwvoyageurs.com	Note date change. Great rivers for the advanced paddler
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.
Jul 1	North Saskatchewan	Whitewater Kayak	II	Any	Day Trip	Dave S.	701-2856	kayak@nwvoyageurs.com	Beginner trip or an introductory playboating session depending on who registers.

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.	689-7036	irkayak@yahoo.com	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. On-river lessons at S Bend rapids.
Jul 18 - 19	Upper Red Deer				Car Camping				
Jul 18	North Saskatchewan	Flatwater Canoe & Kayak	I	Novice	Day Trip	Pauline G.	483-5265	pauline.gilmour@shaw.ca	Devon to Laurier Park, Classic day trip into the City.
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!
	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.
	North Saskatchewan	Flatwater Canoe & Kayak	I	Novice	Day Trip	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.calgarykayakclub.com/kwf/kwf.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.
	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.	432-1923	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.