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KNIK CANOERS AND KAYAKERS

APRIL SAFETY (April 15) & GENERAL MEETING (April 22)

On **April 15** (the **meeting starts early at 6:30 PM**) the club holds its annual Safety Meeting **at Loussac**. This is probably the most important meeting of the year, even for those of you that have been enjoying water adventures for many years.

If you are taking a club sponsored class (Rafting or Canoe) you must attend the Safety Class and be a member. **Class registrations start at 5:30PM** but you can sign up early with the instructors.

There will also be commercial ventures, not associated with the KCK, that will be on hand to discuss their offerings in IK, Sea Kayaking, Pac Rafting and other water related adventures!

For the April 22 General Meeting we are lucky enough to have Matt Smith and Paul Twardock discuss their long distance trips kayaking in the Southeast. These are two different presentations and the night is certain to entertain you as well as be very informative.

Dave Sanders Backcountry Ranger Program Coordinator from the Park Service was enthusiastically received at the March meeting after discussing volunteer opportunities to help harden campsites at Blackstone. The dates will be August 10-12 and approximately 30 people signed up.

The club will be introducing and selling it's new T shirts at the Safety Meeting. Long sleeve (\$20) or short sleeve (\$15). Various colors are also available.

2010 Calendar

APR 2010

1..... KCK Board Meeting 6:30PM
..... BP Energy Center

15 Safety Meeting, 5:30PM Class Registrations, **6:30PM Safety Mtg starts Loussac Library**

22 General Membership Meeting, 7:00PM, **Loussac Library**

MAY 2010

20..... General Membership Meeting, 7:00PM, **Loussac Library**

(NOTE : This is the **THIRD** Thursday in May)

June 2010

24..... BBQ Potluck
6:30PM, **Jewel Lake Park Pavilion**

Interested in having the club help you pay for professional development?

The Board is interested in encouraging people to take leadership roles in club activities as well as promoting safety education. To further those goals the club will pay up to \$100 to those members that take recognized outdoor professional development training. The applicant must approach the Board and the award of the scholarship will be on a case by case basis. Think of this as your chance to help the club and learn something that could save a life!

Summary of KCK 4/1/2010 Board Meeting

- Board members present were Eric, Dan, Jim, Steve and Marv. Non Board member Richard and Alden also attended.
- Alden presented the 2009 financials to the Board. The club lost money during 2009 largely due to the loss of revenue from several classes that were taught by commercial ventures when the club was unable to find qualified volunteers willing to teach the classes as well as the higher cost of several general meetings that were at Change Point Church when the library was unavailable. Several options regarding ways to reduce cost and increase revenue were discussed including allowing members the option of receiving the newsletter on line. Raising the membership fee, which has been unchanged for many years was also discussed but no action was taken.
- Marv indicated the club T shirt will be available at the Safety Meeting. The Board approved selling the T Shirts short sleeve for \$15 and \$20 for the long sleeve.
- The Board recognized Charlene for the great job she has been doing with the membership database.
- The Board decided not to have a Board meeting in May.
- The Board has not received any requests for the \$100 scholarship toward taking an advanced safety class. Posters will be distributed to get the word out better.
- The timing of the Safety Meeting and class signup procedures will be changed. Class signups will be from 5:30-6:20PM. The Safety Meeting will start at 6:30PM. Early, direct sign ups with the instructors will be allowed. Participants must be a KCK member and be at the Safety Meeting. Early class signups must sign in at the Safety Meeting. Steve & Marv have been distributing posters and announcements.
- The agenda for the Safety Meeting was discussed and confirmed. Tom Pogson will present on sea and river kayaking hazards. Deb Ajanjo will discuss first aid preparedness for wilderness travel, Ben Harris will discuss safety gear and modeling. Jim Gonski will discuss River Hazards, Water Dynamics and Cold Water Immersion.
- The river and canoe class, taught by KCK volunteers is \$125. The previous newsletter had an incorrect amount.
- Creek Cleanup Day is May 8. See http://anchoragecreeks.org/pages/creekcleanup_about.php for details. This is NOT a KCK event.
- June 12 is the 6 Mile Paddlefest. See alaskawhitewater.org for details. This is NOT a KCK event.

EDDYLINE

Knik Canoers and Kayakers is an Anchorage-based non-profit volunteer organization with members throughout Alaska and beyond. The club offers information, classes, programs and trips for whitewater and sea kayakers, rafters, pacrafters, and canoeists. The club also promotes and represents the interests of paddle sports in Alaska. NOTE: Some classes are offered by commercial vendors and NOT offered by the KCK.

Eddyline article submissions:

Stories may be submitted to the Eddyline editor: Richard Sepersky at akrichard@gci.net

Display advertising:

Contact Richard Sepersky

New Member? Sign up for the Eddylist list server

<http://kck.org/listserver.html> . This is where members share ideas, people ask for partners to go on trips, and where people ask for advice and information. It is a great online communications device. www.kck.org Also check out http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KCK_Ala_ska/

This site has a list of historical emails and other useful information.

Board and Contacts:

President: Eric Downey

VP: Keith Hawkings

Treasurer/Secretary: Jim Davis

Other Board members:

- Dan Schubert

- Marv Copley

-Steve Shamburek

Program Coordinator:

Keith Hawkins(Info above)

Webmaster:

Marv Copley (Info above)

Non Board Contacts

Membership:

Charlene Carter

Eddyline Editor:

Richard Sepersky

Checkwriter:

Alden Worachek

BBQ Schedule

For those of you that like some advance notice and new members the club stops holding General Meetings at the Loussac after May. (by the way the May General Meeting at the library is the third Thursday in May (May 20) so we are not competing with Memorial week activities).

During the summer months we hold monthly BBQ Potlucks at the Jewel Lake Park Pavilion at 6:30 PM on:

- June 24
- July 22
- Aug 26

The club provides hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and utensils. Even napkins are thrown in. Members are asked to bring a side dish.

Directions to Jewel Lake:

- Diamond to Jewel Lake (North)
- Left on 88th into Park.

Safety Meeting: The Safety Meeting will be April 15 at 6:30PM. **NOTE NEW TIME!** Class registrations @ 5:30-6:20PM. Sign up volunteers etc also needed. You must attend the Safety Meeting if you are taking a class unless waived by the instructor. You can sign up early for classes.

Alaska Kayak School (Homer)

Pool Kayak Training in Anchorage - East High School Pool

- Kayak Basics April 10 & 24, 11 AM - 2 PM, a great way to get started or practice the fundamentals
- Beyond Kayak Basics April 10 & 24, 230-530 PM, refine existing skills and tune up to the next level
- Balance, Sculling, Bracing and Rolling April 11 & 25, 11 AM - 2 PM, learn or tune these fun skills
- Sea Kayak Rescue Skills April 11 & 25, 230-530 PM, tune or learn assisted and solo sea rescues in warm water

Sea Kayaking Skills Training all @Halibut Cove, May 2010

- Sea Kayaking Skills Weekends: April 30-May 2, May 7-9, May 21-23
- ACA Coastal Kayak Day Trip Leader Assessment Course May 7-11
- Kachemak Bay Immersion Sea Kayaking Skills May 28-June 1

10% instructional discount KCK members. Ask about gear discounts for students and Alums.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED. For registration and more information. AlaskaKayakSchool.com

(907) 235-2090 (Paid Advertisement)

CLASSES

We have volunteers to teach the following classes:

- **Rafting:** Eric Downey: 5/17, 5/19 classes. 5/22-23 Mat River trip. \$125
- **Canoe:** Rich Crain \$125
 - June 12 (10am-4pm) Westchester Lagoon, west side
 - June 13 (10am-4pm) Taku Lake Park (King Street entrance)
 - June 19 (10am-4pm) Campbell Creek/Bancroft Park (Shelokof St)
 - June 20 (10am) loc: Portage Creek (visitors center parking area)

Independent Commercial instructors, unassociated with the KCK, will also be at the Safety Meeting to answer any questions and sign you up for the classes and adventures they offer in **IK, Pacraft, and sea kayaking.**

Check out their websites for further information:

www.AlaskaKayakSchool.com and

www.kayakcenterak.com

Thanks to Karen Copley for the fabulous designs for the club T shirts!!! Bring money to buy one before they sell out!!!

Safety Meeting and class information

We are excited to have the following volunteers participate in the Safety Meeting on April 15 at 6:30PM (starts earlier than normal to fit it all in):

5:20 PM KCK and guest personnel arrive to set up registration tables, boats, safety exhibits etc.

5:30 PM Registration begins for KCK and commercial boating classes, memberships etc

6:30 PM SAFETY MTG STARTS: Welcome Address Club Business

6:40 PM Paddlers Personal Safety Gear Ben Harris and Eric Downey

7:05 PM River Hazards & Dynamics. Cold water immersion. Jim Gonski

7:30 PM Question/Answer, Announcements

7:35 PM 10 minute break

7:45 PM Sea Kayak Safety Tom Pogson

8:10 PM First Aid Preparedness Deb Ajango

8:30 PM Drawings for door prizes

8:35 PM Meeting ends; Wrap it up! Put away equipment, exhibits etc

9:00 PM Theater must be vacated

It's that time of year again! **Membership Renewal Time!** This Newsletter is the last one you will receive if you are not a current member.

Advantages of membership include:

- This Pulitzer Prize winning newsletter
- Summer BBQs (Free Food!!)
- Potential for money to help you take classes
- The chance to take classes and learn new stuff
- Annual Member list (NOT on website)
- Interesting presentations
- Safety Meeting
- Club sponsored trips
- Door prizes
- Holiday Potluck at Thanksgiving
- Website
- List Server
- Discounts to many outfitters, instructors and cabins
- Safety Reminders
- Trip Planning
- Opportunity to meet others!
- A chance to volunteer or join the Board
- A chance to volunteer to help out classes
- A chance to volunteer to help with other things
- The chance to feel good about helping pay for all this!

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4-10 Membership application		BOATING INTERESTS Indicate skill level w = Want to start, B = Beginner, I = Intermediate, A= Advanced					
		Canoeing	WW Canoeing	Rafting	WW Rafting	Sea Kayaking	WW Kayaking
Name #1 _____							
Name #2 _____							
Name #3 _____							
Name #4 _____							
MEMBERSHIP TYPE: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$10) <input type="checkbox"/> Household (\$15) <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> New Member		WAIVER OF LIABILITY: In consideration of your acceptance of my membership application, I, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, forever waive, release and discharge any and all rights, demands, and claims for damages I may have against Knik Canoers & Kayakers, Inc., its representatives, officers, members, board members, sponsors or outing leaders for any and all injuries resulting from my participation in any of the activities of the Knik Canoers & Kayakers, Inc. That I freely and voluntarily assume all risks as incident to participation in any of the club activities and that I will assume and pay for my own medical and emergency expenses in the event of an accident, illness or other incapacity regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses. I alone shall be responsible for the use of my own judgment in determining whether I should participate in club activities. Signed Person 1.....Date:..... Signed Person 2.....Date:..... Signed Person 3.....Date:..... Signed Person 4Date:.....					
_____ Check if interested in participating in group trips							
Mailing Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____							
_____ Check if you do not want your name/phone in annual KCK directory:							
VOLUNTEER INTERESTS Please check areas where you would like to assist KCK: _____ Help with anything _____ Membership database _____ Lead trips _____ Meeting presentation Eddyline newsletter _____ Instruction _____ Help with mailings _____ Safety clinics _____ Write stories/articles							
Mail Form and dues to: Knik Canoers & Kayakers P.O. Box 242861 Anchorage, Alaska 99524-2861		IMPORTANT: Each adult applicant must sign application. A parent/guardian <u>must also sign for each</u> minor. Applications missing any signatures will not be accepted.					