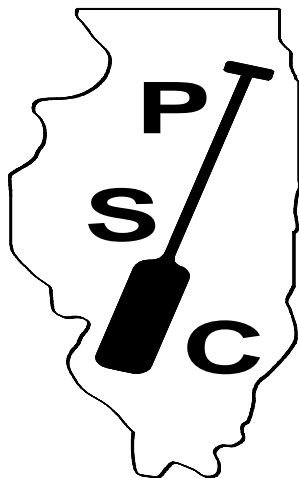


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From the Chair:

It looks like we are off to a good start for another paddling season judging by the number of trips that are on the tentative master schedule. We are planning to continue with some monthly socials as well as the picnic.

Check out the training schedule this year. For the first time that I remember, our dedicated instructors are offering two sets of training classes. Keep your eye on the website trip schedule since there are trips added and/or changed after the newsletter is printed.

Be sure to read the "From the PSC Board" column in this newsletter. If you are going to Canoeopia and would like to help out with the PSC booth, contact me at chair@prairiestatecanoeists.org.

See you on the rivers,

John

PSC T-shirts (\$12) and sweatshirts (\$20) are available for purchase.

You may make arrangements for UPS delivery or in person at some trips by contacting: Rebecca Sells, r-sells@sbcglobal.net, or Linda Gebhart lgebhard@aurora.edu; 630-466-7093.

Contemporary Solo Canoeing

Topics covered in this class include basic strokes, maneuvers, equipment and safety issues. Great for beginners or those interested in learning to paddle their own boat. Class starts on **Tuesday, February 14** and runs through **March 28**. Classroom 7:30 - 8 pm; student's pooltime 8 - 9 pm; instructor's pooltime 9 - 10 pm. Location: **Conant High School** pool, Schaumburg IL. Students call HSD 211 to register 847-755-6820 or register online at www.d211.org (click on continuing education). PSC members interested in loaning equipment and helping teach the class, contact Marge Cline 847-639-7336 or rivermom@mindspring.com

Newsletter Deadlines

Vol 38#	Deadline	Trip Announcements
1	November 15	Dec 05-Jan 06
2	January 15	February-March
3	March 1	April-May
4	May 1	July-August
5	July 1	August-September
6	September 1	October-November

Contributions should be e-mailed to: newsletter@prairiestatecanoeists.org
OR mailed to: PSC Paddler, c/o Sherri Graham, 1319 Ivy Lane, Apt 103; Naperville, IL 60563

From the PSC Board:

Over the past year a lot of time and thought went into updating the PSC Bylaws. At the board meeting in Oct. a number of changes to the bylaws were adopted. These changes can be viewed on the PSC website bulletin board under the heading 'Meeting Minutes' and you will want to look at the Oct. 23, 2005 minutes. If you have any comments please send them to the chair at chair@prariestatecanoeists.org. If you don't have Internet access and would like to see the Bylaw changes, contact the chair at 847-742-7316.

Some other ideas that are being researched are electronic and absentee voting and possibly using PayPal to be able to sell t-shirts, sweatshirts, PSC patches and decals and maybe even being able to pay your dues on the web site.

We welcome and need your comments on these issues.

Keep watch on your inbox for notification that the latest newsletter is available on the website. If things work right, those of you with email addresses will already have received an email telling you that the newsletter is available on the web site. If you don't have it, check your bulk mail or junk mail boxes. Please let the newsletter editor know if this email got to you. (newsletter@prariestatecanoeists.org).

Look for the RED LABEL!

If your address label is printed in **RED** ink,
you need to pay your dues or this will be your last newsletter.

Prairie State Canoeists operates on a calendar year which means that everyone's dues should have been paid by **January 1, 2006** regardless of when you joined.

Use the membership renewal and dinner reservation forms in this newsletter to send them both in at the same time.

Paddlers Marketplace

Due to limited space, items will only be listed here for one issue unless you contact the editor and request that your ad continue. A new list is compiled for each issue.

For sale: Sawyer Oscoda 16 foot tandem canoe; well used but plenty of life left. \$350
Dick Frye 773-718-0151

Wanted: Old Town Pack canoe in good condition. Larry Seeger 847-291-0006;
lgseeger@comcast.net

For Sale: Pat Moore Reverie II; Light grey, wood trim, 28 pounds, pedestal seat, \$500.
Melissa 815-932-7929 days (8 am to 4:30 pm) or cell (815)549-9238 anytime.

Welcome New Members (since November 12, 2005)

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Tentative Trip List 2006

**Sat-Sun, Apr 15-23 NE Iowa Rivers, IA
Cedar Falls, IA**

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Sun, Apr 16 Mazon River, IL

Adv Beg

Sherri Graham 815-353-2924
canoesew@sbcglobal.net

Sat, Apr 22 Moving Water I Training

DuPage River, IL

Hammel Woods, Shorewood

Dan Benthall 630-208-8249
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Sat, Apr 22 DuPage River, IL

Naperville

Paul & Alice Clifford 815-886-2554
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Sun, Apr 23 DuPage River, IL

Sherri Graham 815-353-2924
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Sun, Apr 23 Salt Creek, IL

Oakbrook - Advanced Beginner

Glenn Jensen 708-749-6141
zymurgyteacher@yahoo.com

Tue, Apr 25 Nippersink Creek, IL

Keystone to Canoe Base

Randy Hermanson 815-337-3318
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Thu, Apr 27 Des Plaines, IL (Moonlight)

Libertyville - Advanced Beginner

Andy Cocallas 847-367-4515
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**Sat, Apr 29 Turtle Creek, WI
Shopiere - Int**

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Sun, Apr 30 Mazon River, IL

Adv Beg

Sherri Graham 815-353-2924
canoesew@sbcglobal.net

Sat, Apr 29 Fox River, IL

Algonquin to Voyager Landing

John & Marilyn Ziegler 847-742-7316
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Sat-Sun, Apr 29-30 Wisconsin Whitewater

Bill Barclay & Peg Strobel 708-386-1371
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Sun, Apr 30 Elkhorn Creek, IL

Sterling, IL - Intermediate

Al Donaldson 319-277-3194
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Sat, May 6 Kankakee River, IL

**Kankakee Bird Park to Kankakee State Park
Adv Beg**

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geo4747@yahoo.com

Janice Wellborn 708-848-6026
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Sat-Sun, May 6-7 Middlefork Vermillion, IL

Larry & Evelyn Tennyson 630-497-2516
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Sun, May 7 Des Plaines, WI

Scouting - Intermediate

Glenn Jensen 708-749-6141
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Tentative Trip List 2006

Sat, May 13 Grant River, WI Exploring - Intermediate

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Sat, May 13 Moving Water II Vermillion River, Lowell, IL - Adv Beg

Steve LaPorte 630-665-5707
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Sat-Sun, May 13-14 Wine & Cheese Fest Sugar Creek, IN

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Sat-Tue, May 13-16 U.P. Michigan Whitewater

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Dale Deane 608-879-9280

Sun, May 14 Grant River, WI Scouting - Intermediate

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Sun, May 14 Rock River, IL Oregon to Grand Detour

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Sat-Sun, May 20-21 Mekan River, WI Log Jam and Strainer Clean Up, Dakota WI - Int

Al Donaldson 319-277-3194
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Sat-Sun, May 20-21 Chain-O-Lakes, IN Jerry Emerson 219-662-1296

Sat-Sun, May 20-21 Sugar River

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Sat-Sun, May 27-28 Mekan River, WI Dakota, WI - Intermediate

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Sat-Sun, May 27-28 Whitewater Training Intermediate NE WI (depends on water levels)

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Sat, Jun 3 Kishwaukee South Branch, IL Genoa to Kirkland, IL - Adv Beg

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Sun, Jun 4 Kishwaukee South Branch, IL Kirkland to Oak Ridge Forest Preserve Adv Beg

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Sat, Jun 10 Des Plaines, IL Willow Springs to Isle a la Cache

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Sat-Sun, Jun 10-11 Fawn/Pigeon Rivers, IN

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Jerry Emerson 219-662-1296

Tentative Trip List 2006

**Sun, Jun 11 Kishwaukee S Branch, IL
Oak Ridge Forest Preserve to Atwood Park
Adv Beg**

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**Sat-Sun, Jun 17-18 Sugar River, WI
Debris/Log Jam Clean Up, Belleville to
Attica, WI - Int**

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Sat-Sun, Jun 17-18 Pere Marquette, MI

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**Sat-Sun, Jun 17-18 Open Lands Water
Trails Blitz
Northeastern Illinois Water trails**

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**Sun, Jun 18 Sugar River, WI
Belleville to Attica WI Adv Beg**

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**Sun, Jun 18 DuPage River, IL
Shorewood**

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**Sat, Jun 24 Badfish Creek, WI
Cooksville, WI - Adv Beg**

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**Sat, Jun 24 Kids Trip I, IN
Wolf Lake, IN**

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Sat-Sun, Jun 24-25 Beginning Whitewater

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**Sat, Jul 1 Lake Michigan Sea Kayaking, IL
Illinois Beach State Park**

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**Sat-Mon, Jul 1-3 Namekagon, WI
Adv Beg-River Camping**

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**Sat, Jul 8 Introduction to Paddling
Loon Lake, Silver Springs State Park,
Yorkville, IL**

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**Sat, Jul 15 Kids Trip II, IL
Marquette Park Lagoons**

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Adv Beg**

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**Fri-Sun, Jul 21-23 Wisconsin River, WI
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Sun, Jul 30 Busse Woods Canoe Orienteering

Main pool boat launch near rental

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Sat, Aug 5 Rescue Clinic-

Lower DuPage or Janesville Dam on the Rock, Adv Beg - depends on water levels

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Lower Michigan - Adv Beg, Base Camping

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Fri-Sun, Aug 11-13 Wisconsin Whitewater

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Sat-Sun, Aug 12-13 Mekan River, WI

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Nelson Road to Kish/Pecatonica junction

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Sat, Aug 26 Kankakee River, IL

Beg-Bird Park to State Park

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Sun, Aug 27 Kankakee River, IL

Beg-State Line to Momence

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Sat-Mon, Sep 2-4 Namekagon River, WI

Adv Beg - River Camping

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Sat, Sep 9 Moving Water I

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Sat-Sun, Sep 9-10 Pine River, MI

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Fri, Sep 22 Des Plaines River, IL

Moonlight - Libertyville, Adv Beg

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Fri-Sun, Sep 22-24 Wisconsin Whitewater

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Sat-Sun, Sep 23-24 Fall Colors Trip

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Oakbrook - Adv Beg

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Sat-Sun, Oct 21-22 St. Francis River, MO

Whitewater

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Sat-Sun, Oct 21-22 Kankakee River, IL

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Sun, Nov 5 Upper Des Plaines, IL

Paul Klonowski
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Mon, Nov 20 Des Plaines River, IL

Moonlight, Libertyville or further north - Adv Beg

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Trip Announcements

Details here are complete as of publication time but due to the nature of our sport, things can change. It is suggested that you contact the trip leader if you plan to attend a trip. That way if there are last minute changes, they can let you know.

Sat, Apr 1 Introduction to Canoeing and Kayaking, A Training Session

Oakhurst Forest Preserve (Patterson Lake),
Aurora

Bill Kessler 708 547 5314
kslr@aol.com

Join us for this skill building session with American Canoe Association certified instructors, under the supervision of Training Coordinators Tom Lindblade and Tom Richardson. No previous experience is necessary. Focus will be on safety, efficient paddling, basic strokes and maneuvers on flat water. You will have the opportunity to videotape your paddling so you can review your technique. Bring your boat (canoe or kayak), PFD, paddle, dump cloths and a lunch. (A small number of extra boats and equipment can be made available on request.) This session is sanctioned by the American Canoe Association (ACA). If you are a member, fees will include \$5.00 for materials and \$10.00 for instruction. If you are not a member of the ACA, an additional \$10.00 is required. (To join the ACA, log on to www.acanet.org). You must contact Bill Kessler, preferably by email, to reserve your place in this event and receive additional instructions. Be sure to indicate whether you paddle a canoe or a kayak. This session, or an equivalent, is required in order to take the Moving Water training.

Wed, Apr 5, Kishwaukee River, IL log jam clearing, south branch, Patowatomi Woods (just west of Kirkland, IL)

Mark and Pam Skeels 815-522-3596
mskeels@tbcnet.com

Contact leader or check website for details.

Fri-Sat, Apr 7-8 Jack's Fork River, MO Beginner/Intermediate - Base Camping

Dan Benthall 630-208-8249
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Ken Cole 630-759-9137
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Sat, Apr 8 Des Plaines River, IL Clean-Up

Bill Kessler 708-547-5314
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An event of the Stream bank Cleanup and Lakeshore Enhancement (SCALE) program of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, we will be joined by the Paddlesports Volunteers of the Lake County Forest Preserve, other local canoe clubs, and volunteers from the general public. Join us for a clean-up of the Des Plaines River from Wadsworth to Grand Ave. and do your part for nature. Contests and prizes awarded for the most trash picked up, the most unusual trash, and many more categories as we work to clean the banks and the river. Meet at 9:30 AM, although you may join the effort later to help. Directions: Take IL 41 north approximately 20 miles north of the I-94 Spur. Exit on Wadsworth Road, east $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to Canoe Landing. If you take I-94 to that area, exit Rte 132 (Grand Ave), drive east to pick up 41 and head north, or exit Rte 173 (Rosecranz Rd), go east to 41 and head south. Call the leader for more info.

Trip Reports

July 27-August

Michigan Rivers

Two Floridians, three folks from Michigan, two from southern Illinois and five from the Chicago area participated in the recent Michigan adventures. We paddled on the Sturgeon, Pigeon, Jordan, Betsie, Pine and Pere Marquette Rivers. Sightings included mink, muskrats, turtles including a snapping turtle, frogs, deer, a ground hog, a water snake, a fox snake, rabbits, a wolf spider, crawdaddies, red squirrels, a blue tailed lizard, great blue herons, an oven bird, cedar wax wings, indigo buntings, eagles, mergansers, wild turkeys, orioles, American redstarts, cardinals, a flock of red winged blackbirds, a big owl, blue winged teals, Canadian and strange looking unidentifiable geese, kingfishers, a sand piper, a red throated grosbeak, a yellow shafted flicker, hairy and red bellied woodpeckers, gold finches, robins, a gray cat bird, eastern king bird, barn and cliff swallows, red shoulder hawk, vultures, ruby throated humming bird, and dragon and damselflies. What we didn't see and didn't miss were mosquitoes, flies and no see-ums.

Among our findings were 4 paddles and 2 half paddles, 1 jacked, 2 hats, 3 shirts, a stash of rum and coke, about 16 full beers and 314 refundable cans and bottles (including ones found in our campground). Many thanks to George and Cheryl for rescuing one of the leaders and to Bill O'Malley for his car shuttling, paddling lessons and music. And thanks to all who helped out as needed to make the trip a success. And yes, we had water enough on all of the rivers. **Joan Taylor and Carol Klug**

July 31

Kishwaukee River, IL

Normally a trip that has many paddlers, but some feared the Kish was too low and stayed home. We did not have many problems and if the paddler chose the correct channel, scraping seldom happened. Some NIU students provided entertainment and beer by occasionally capsizing and releasing the contents of their coolers into the river. Although we tried to warn these neophytes about dangerous strainers, they bragged they could manage with superior paddling "skills" but never displayed them when it was time to do so. We took advantage of their sudden hospitality especially during lunch. Our trip ended under a roasting sun. Thank you to our carshifters.

Glenn Jensen

Aug 7

Kishwaukee River, IL

After months of drought, the Kish was too low to paddle on the Wednesday before this trip, but two heavy storms on Thursday and Friday dumped enough water to make this a fine river trip. Nine of the 23 paddlers were new members making their first trip with PSC. Welcome to Bob McCurdy, Lee Butler, Morris Applebaum, Terry and Jennifer Eisenbraun, Ted Sanders, Barry Hendrix, Ralph Tucker, Christian Rigg. The Kish was in fine form, with a few strainers and drops requiring maneuvering. We were accompanied by a family of Osprey and a flock of green herons, and someone spied a bald eagle. The usual great blues, some large turtles, fishermen, sunbathers and tubers kept us company. **Bill Kessler**

Prairie State Canoeists

2006 Spring Dinner

Saturday, March 4, 2006, 5:30 P.M.

Stimac's Restaurant

4843 Butterfield Road, Hillside, IL 60162

708-449-1931

Special Guest: Richard Mack from Evanston, IL. Photographer for the book
The Lewis and Clark Trail American Landscapes

Richard has a power point presentation of his collection of photos taken along the Lewis and Clark trail at the same time of year as the expedition passed through. Now is your chance to see some excellent pictures to go along with the word descriptions of this journey that you have heard in the past.

Family style meal includes: Roast Beef & Roast Chicken, penne pasta, fruit cup, salad, whipped potatoes, vegetable, rolls, butter, dessert, coffee, tea, or milk.

For special meal considerations contact: Linda Gebhard, 630-466-7093 or chair@prairiestatecanoeists.org

5:30 p.m. Cash bar

6:15 p.m. Dinner

7:15 p.m. Presentation by Richard Mack

Directions: From the west take the Eisenhower (290) east toward Chicago to exit 14B (St. Charles Rd.). Continue East to N Wolf Road and turn right. Go to Butterfield Road and turn right. Stimac's restaurant will be about 2 blocks on the left. From Chicago take the Eisenhower (290) west to exit 16 and go toward Wolf Road. Stay straight to get on Frontage Road. Frontage Road will become N Jackson Blvd. Turn right on N Wolf Road. Turn left on Butterfield and Stimac's will be about 2 blocks on the left.

2006 Spring Dinner reservation form

Deadline: February 25, 2006

Name: _____ Phone# _____

No. of Adults \$18.00 each _____ \$ _____

No. of Kids 14 and under, \$10.00 each _____ \$ _____

Total \$ for Dinner _____ \$ _____

Make check payable to Prairie State Canoeists & mail to:
Prairie State Canoeists, C/o George Stenitzer, 1102 Westhaven Drive, Wheaton, IL 60187

PRAIRIE STATE CANOEISTS APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL

DUES: \$15.00

(Dues paid after Sept 1, are applied to next year.)

___ NEW MEMBER

___ RENEWAL

___ NEW ADDRESS/PHONE

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READ AND SIGN BELOW:

I AGREE THAT I AM TAKING PART IN THE PRAIRIE STATE CANOEISTS ACTIVITIES AT MY OWN RISK. I WILL NOT HOLD PRAIRIE STATE CANOEISTS, ITS OFFICERS, TRIP LEADERS, AND OR MEMBERS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INJURIES (INCLUDING DEATH) OR PROPERTY LOSS I MAY INCUR WHILE TAKING PART IN CLUB ACTIVITIES. I UNDERSTAND THAT PADDLING IS AN ASSUMED RISK SPORT, THAT PRAIRIE STATE CANOEISTS IS A VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION WITHOUT PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MYSELF/FAMILY. BY SIGNING MY NAME HERE, I INDICATE THAT I HAVE READ THIS WAIVER AND THAT NEITHER I NOR ANY MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY WILL SUE THE CLUB OR ANYONE ASSOCIATED WITH IT.

ALL ADULTS MUST SIGN

SIGNED DATE

PRINT NAME

SIGNED DATE

PRINT NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER E-MAIL ADDRESS

CHILDREN-UNDER 21 (LIST NAMES AND AGES PLEASE)

PLEASE PRINT MY NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE IN DIRECTORY ___YES ___NO

PLEASE PRINT MY E-MAIL ADDRESS IN DIRECTORY ___YES ___NO

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