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KNIK CANOERS AND KAYAKERS

APRIL 28 GENERAL MEETING

Presentations! Loussac at 7PM

Safety Gear

Ruth Kroon of Eagle Solutions, the ultimate gear store will show and discuss some of the newest gadgets to help you safely enjoy your outdoor experience.

Campsite Hardening

Chris Stinson, Ranger with the National Park Service will show his presentation on the camp hardening project KCK members did at Blackstone Bay last year. He will discuss future project possibilities for KCK volunteers.

Possible Additional Presentation

**There may be an additional short presentation in April.
Information has not yet been finalized. Come and be surprised!**

Note that May's Membership Meeting is on May 19, one week earlier than normal, to avoid competition with your Memorial Day weekend.

**Check inside for information regarding the upcoming
FREE Annual Safety Meeting on April 21 at
Loussac.
5:30-6:20 PM for class/trip signups, member renewals
6:30PM for the presentation**

2011 Calendar

MAR 2011

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

24 General Membership Meeting,
7:00PM, Loussac Library

APR 2011

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..... BP Energy Center

**21 Safety Meeting, 6:30PM,
Loussac Library**

28 General Membership Meeting,
7:00PM, Loussac Library

MAY 2011

19..... General Membership Meeting
7:00PM Loussac Library

Volunteers?

The club is looking for volunteers willing to help set up tables and assist instructors that will be at the Safety Meeting on April 21. The signups start at 5:30PM so we need the volunteers ~ 5PM. Let Eric or any Board member know of your interest. Thanks for helping!!!!!!

Rich Crain is also looking for canoe volunteers to help teach his class.

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.**

Summary of KCK 4/7/2011 Board Meeting

- Board members Marv, Peggy, Jim and Steve along with non Board member Richard, Alden, Linda and Bill attended the meeting.
- Linda and Bill, from the Coast Guard Auxiliary opened discussions regarding how their group could interface with the club. The Auxiliary has helped salt water kayakers in the past and wanted to see how they could best offer insights (especially to new paddle sport fans) regarding equipment and safe boating practices.
- Marv discussed the status of the Safety Meeting. ☺ There will be presentations on Sea Kayaking, Trip Planning, Water Hazards and Gear & Clothing. Presenters have been confirmed.
- Peggy set up a KCK site on Facebook. She asked that the new site be publicized as a new resource for paddle sport fans.

THIS newsletter is the LAST ONE you will receive if you have not renewed your membership. The MAY newsletter contains the annual member contact list, so if you want to get included, make sure your membership is renewed. Your membership expiration date in on the address label. The member list information is **NOT** put on the website. Advantages of membership include:

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| • This Pulitzer Prize winning newsletter | Summer BBQs (Free Food!!) | 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 | Facebook |
| • Discounts: outfitters, instructors and cabins | Safety Reminders | Trip Planning |
| • Opportunity to meet others! | A chance to volunteer | The chance to feel good about helping pay for all this! |

Coast Guard Aux: <http://www.cgauwhittier.org/visitors.HTML>

SAFETY MEETING April 21 Loussac

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 at

New Member? Sign up for the Eddylist list server at www.kck.org. 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/ and FACEBOOK.

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

Board and Contacts:

President: Eric Downey

VP: Steve Shamburek

Treasurer/Secretary: Jim Davis

- Dan Schubert

- Marv Copley

- Keith Hawkings

-Peggy Wilcox

Program Coordinator:

Keith Hawkins(Info above)

Webmaster:

Marv Copley (Info above)

Non Board Contacts

Membership:

Charlene Carter

Eddyline Editor:

Richard Sepersky

Checkwriter: Alden Worachek

The annual FREE Safety Meeting is approaching. For any of you taking a class or the sea kayak trip, sponsored by KCK, it is REQUIRED.

The presentations will start at 6:30PM. If you are signing up for a class or trip, signups start at 5:30PM. You must be a KCK member to sign up for a class or trip. (Bringing a completed membership form will help speed the process).

Non KCK vendors and agencies will also have tables to provide information regarding their services.

Presentation will include:

- Gear & Clothing
- Trip Planning
- Sea Kayaking
- Water Hazards

There will also be door prizes. As those of you that have attended in the past, there is a great deal of helpful information that can assist you become a safer paddle sport participant. SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!!!!

KCK is now on Facebook!! Thanks to Peggy for setting up the site for the club. Start posting pictures and information there!

Alaska Kayak School.com/calendar • Multi-day Sea Kayaking skills Courses: Sea Skills@ Halibut Cove: 29 April-1 May • 6-9 May • 12-16 May • 21-23 May, ACA Day Trip Leader Assessment Course: May 12-16: 9th Kachemak Bay Immersion Sea Kayaking Skills Symposium: May 27-31; 2nd Whittier Whiplash Sea Skills Festival: June 4-5, Cooper Landing Splash Sea Skills Festival June 11-12; ACA Coastal Instructor Certification September 6-12, Homer. Pool Training: Kayak Basics, Beyond Basics, Rolling and Bracing, Sea Kayak Rescues and much more @ Bartlett Pool April 24. New This year: Intro to sea kayak camping, Intro to river kayaking, Kayaking Skills for Parents, Shuyak Island Shuttle, and much more. Werner Paddles, Kokatat Dry Suits, Sea Kayaks from Valley, Nigel Dennis and North Shore. (907) 235-2090. **10% discount on outdoors programs for KCK members. Learn from professional instructors, ACA & BCU PAID ADVERTISEMENT**

Rafting Class

Taught by Eric Downey, Jim King, Keith Hawkings, Doreen Strangel

April 21: 6:30PM Safety Mtg Loussac Library

May 9: 6-9PM Class

May 11: 6-9PM Class

May 21-22: Float Matanuska River from King Mountain Lodge to King River (Rafts included)

Classes held at Nana 1001 E. Benson Blvd

Fee: \$125 + \$10 launch fee for King Mountain Lodge

Call or email to arrange for payment:

Eric at 301-5029 or ericat@gci.net

If space remains, you can sign up at Safety Mtg.

More details at:

http://www.kck.org/2011-raft%20_schedule.pdf

Refunds: 7 days or more before Boat trip 50%. If spot is resold 100%. Otherwise 0%.

Safety Meeting Coming Up

The annual **FREE** Safety Meeting is coming up on April 21 starting at 6:30PM at the Loussac Library. Come earlier if you are signing up for classes.

This years efforts will once again be led by Marv. There will be presentations on:

- Sea Kayaking
- Trip Planning
- Water Hazards
- Gear and Clothing

You must attend the safety meeting in order to take any KCK classes or trips unless the instructor waives you out.

Classes and Trips

- **You MUST be a KCK member to participate and**
- **Class/Trip participants MUST attend Safety Meeting unless waived.**

Moving Water Canoeing

April 21: 6:30PM Safety Mtg: Loussac Library

June 11 10am to 4pm Taku Lake (King St entrance): Intro to gear and basic strokes

June 12 10am to 4pm Taku Lake (King St entrance): Application of basic paddle strokes

June 18 10am to 4pm: Campbell Creek: Tandem paddling skills development

June 19 10am Portage Creek: (visitors center). Application to moving water.

To Register: Mail \$125 check (to KCK) to Richard Crain PO Box 714, Talkeetna, AK 99676 or at Safety Mtg if space available.

Questions: or 907-733-1947.

Refunds: See Raft Class info

Sea Kayaking Trips (2 different trips offered) led by Perry Solmonson - Owner/Operator of Prince William Sound Kayak Center in Whittier.

April 21: 6:30PM Safety Mtg: Loussac Library for either trip.

Trip 1: Friday, May 13th - May 15th *Meet in Whittier @ 2:00pm - Depart beach @ 4:00pm

-Passage Canal out of Whittier - Prince William Sound. \$100 KCK Fee

-Camping in Shotgun Cove 1st night, Entry Cove 2nd night and paddling north shore back to the Head of the Bay by 5:00pm.

Trip 2:

May 20th - May 22nd *Meet in Whittier @ 2:00pm - Depart beach @ 4:00pm

Surprise Cove/Blackstone Bay out of Whittier - Prince William Sound

Chartering with Epic Charters \$100 per person plus \$100 KCK Fee = \$200 per person

Camping in Surprise Cove 1st night, 17 mile beach 2nd night and exploring tidewater glaciers on Sunday, returning to 17 mile for charter back to Whittier for 6:00 pm tunnel departure.

If you need a kayak, rentals are available from PWS Kayak for \$100 single, \$160 double.

Optional: Class Instruction by AK Kayak School on 4/24 Bartlett Pool for additional fees.

NO refunds after Safety Mtg.

Register/pay KCK fee at Safety Meeting.

Knik Canoers & Kayakers
P.O. Box 242861
Anchorage, Alaska 99524-2861

4-2011 Membership application	BOATING INTERESTS Indicate skill level w = Want to start, B = Beginner, I = Intermediate, A= Advanced																														
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MEMBERSHIP TYPE: ___ Individual (\$10) ___ Household (\$15) Renewal New Member	<p> 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. </p> <p> Signed Person 1.....Date:..... Signed Person 2.....Date:..... Signed Person 3.....Date:..... Signed Person 4Date:..... </p>																														
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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.																														