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KNIK CANOERS AND KAYAKERS

March GENERAL MEETING (March 22)

Adventures in Brazil

Cathy Hart will present her trip to Brazil. She spent 2.5 weeks partly in the Pantanal in search of Birds, Jaguars, Giant River otters, Caymans and more and in the jungles of the Amazon. Most days were spent in small skiffs searching for wildlife from boats and in the Amazon hiking in the jungles, rivers, and high in the canopy of the forest.

Cathy has been a wildlife photography in Alaska for over 20 years. Her other passion is being on rivers and in her sea kayak.

2012 Calendar

Mar 2012

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

Apr 2012

19..... Annual Safety Mtg, 6:30PM,
Loussac Library

Apr 2012

26..... General Membership Meeting,
7:00PM, Loussac Library

May 2012

17..... General Membership Meeting,
7:00PM, Loussac Library

June 2012

28..... Goose Lake Potluck BBQ

Hear Forest Service Volunteer Opportunities

Tom Kain is a ranger out of Seward who will be discussing camp improvement opportunities for KCK volunteers for this summer.

You will recall the volunteer opportunities that several members took advantage of 2 years ago where sites were hardened. Lots of fun and time to kayak around.

Class Info: More details inside but remember this:

- The Safety Mtg is FREE to anyone!
- You must be a KCK member to take classes after that.
- You can **PREREGISTER!** If the class is not full, you can also register at 5:30-6:20PM before Safety Meeting.
- **Refunds** will be made up to the end of the Safety Mtg or if your place is filled. (You can find your own replacement also). **Otherwise NO Refunds.**

FREE Safety Meeting Coming Up

The annual Safety Meeting is coming up. It will be held on April 19 starting at 6:30PM at the Loussac Library.

Class Preregistration is allowed. Details shown inside. Class sign up also the day of the Safety Mtg starting at 5:30 PM.

This years efforts will once again be led by Marv. Right now it looks like 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 classes unless the instructor waives you out.

Summary of KCK 3/1/2012 Board Meeting

- Board members Eric, Marv, Jim, Keith, Peggy, Rich C and Steve along with non Board members Richard and Alden attended the meeting.
- Jim Gonski of the Alaska Kayak Academy wrote the club and offered to teach classes in ocean kayaking and pacrafting. Eric called Jim and received clarification. The Board vote to accept Jim’s gracious offer.
- The Board confirmed their roles with Rich Crain the VP and Jim remaining the Secretary/Treasurer.
- The Safety Meeting logistics were discussed. Booth setup would take place at 5-5:30PM The Alaska Kayak Academy (Wasilla) and the Alaska Kayak School (Homer), along with the Anchorage Waterways Council, The Soundkeeper, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the State office of Boating Safety, UAA Outdoor Education Programs and Deb Ajango (Wilderness Education) will be offered tables. Class signups will take place from 5:30PM-6:20PM. Class preregistration is also being offered this year. The Safety Meeting will start at 6:30PM.
- The Safety Meeting was discussed. The subjects include River Hazards and Safety, Sea Kayaking Safety Personal Equipment and either Trip Planning or Cold Water Emersion. Volunteers are confirmed for River Hazards and Safety and Kayaking Safety. The meeting is being promoted in the Anchorage Press, Anchorage Daily News and Coast Magazine along with public service announcements, the newsletter and the Eddylist.
- The refund policy for the classes was discussed. One can cancel until the close of the Safety Meeting and receive a refund. After that, refunds are only provided if the slot can be filled from the waiting list.
- The Board discussed membership card and emergency information cards. Many vendors offer club members discounts.
- The Susitna Dam project was discussed. Peggy spoke with Chris Rose of the Alaska Energy Project. The Board is considering have a presentation in the fall since this project will greatly impact river activities in portions of the state.

<p>EDDYLINE</p>	<p>Board and Contacts: President: Eric Downey</p> <p>VP - Richard Crain Steve Shamburek</p> <p>Treasurer/Secretary- Jim</p> <p>- Dan Schubert - Marv Copley - Keith Hawkings -Peggy Wilcox</p>	<p>Board Meetings -The KCK Board is scheduled to meet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3/1/2012 • 4/5/2012 • 5/3/2012 <p>These meetings start at 6:30PM at the BP Energy Center. Anyone interested in making a presentation to the Board or make comments is welcome. If you want to make a presentation, please let one of the Board members know in advance.</p>
<p>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 348-0908</p>	<p>Program Coordinator: Keith Hawkins(Info above)</p> <p>Webmaster: Marv Copley (Info above)</p>	<p>If you are interested in any of the class information, we suggest you preregister. Some of the classes fill.</p> <p>As you can see some of the dates for the classes has not been finalized as of the publication date of the newsletter. Make sure you provide contact information (name, phone and email) when you preregister.</p> <p>Updates to class schedules will be on kck.org</p>
<p>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 Alaska/ This site has a list of historical emails and other useful information.</p>	<p>Non Board Contacts Membership: Charlene Carter</p> <p>Eddyline Editor: Richard Sepersky</p> <p>Checkwriter: Alden Worachek</p>	

Sea Kayak Class Info

- Being taught by Jim Gonski of Alaska Kayak Academy
 - 4/19 @ 6:30PM Safety Class at Loussac Library
 - 5/3 at 7-9PM Bartlett Pool Session
 - 5/12 Whittier Day Trip

The cost of the class is \$100. If you need gear (boat, paddle and safety gear) for both sessions, Jim can rent it to you (and he transports it also).

Class size limited to 10. You MUST be a KCK member and attend the Safety Class!

Refund Policy: Refund must be requested by end of Safety Mtg. If we can fill your spot from waiting list after that point you also get refund.

Call (877) 215-6600 to preregister.

Pacraft Class Info

- Taught by Jim Gonski -
 - 4/19 @ 6:30PM Safety Class at Loussac Library
 - 5/22 Eagle River

The cost of the class is \$100. If you need gear (boat, paddle and safety gear), Jim can rent it to you (and he transports it also).

You MUST be a KCK member and attend the Safety Class!

Refund Policy: Refund must be requested by end of Safety Mtg. If we can fill your spot from waiting list after that point you also get refund.

Call (877) 215-6600 to preregister.

Canoe Class Info

- Being taught by Rich Crain
 - 4/19 @ 6:30PM Safety Class at Loussac Library
 - ____ at ____ Class at ____
 - ____ Trip down ____

The cost of the class is \$125. Canoe, paddle and safety gear is included.

You MUST be a KCK member and attend the Safety Class!

Refund Policy: Refund must be requested by end of Safety Mtg. If we can fill your spot from waiting list after that point you also get refund.

Call 1-907 733-1947 to preregister.

Raft Class Info

- Being taught by Eric Downey
- 4/19 @ 6:30PM Safety Class at Loussac Library
- 5/14 & 5/16 @ Probably 6-9PM Class at Nana
- 5/19-5/20 raft down the Matanuska River

The cost of the class is \$125. Raft, paddle and safety gear is included.

You MUST be a KCK member and attend the Safety Class!

Refund Policy: Refund must be requested by end of Safety Mtg. If we can fill your spot from waiting list after that point you also get refund.

Call 301-5629 to preregister. This class often fills!

Check KCK.org for late updates to class information.

Thanks to Jim Gonski for offering to teach the sea kayak and pacraft Class!

It's that time of year again! **Membership Renewal Time!** The April 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!!)
- 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 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
- The chance to feel good about helping pay for all this!

The Safety Meeting is FREE to all. You MUST be a KCK member to take any class after that. Member rolls and the class rosters will be cross checked. If you sign up for a class, please become a member!

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3-2012 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: ___ 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>					
___ 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: <u>Each</u> adult applicant must sign application. A parent/guardian <u>must also sign for each</u> minor. Applications missing any signatures will not be accepted.					