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# The Eddy Line

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## GCA Meetings

The Demo Day / Boat Swap for the July GCA meeting was a rousing success. Turn-out was good and there was a wide variety of boats to sample. As we were packing up, a huge wind storm came up and nearly blew people and boats out of the park. We plan to do another of these in the near future if you missed this one. Our thanks to Cameron Pach for coming up with the idea and runing with it.

There will be no GCA meeting program for the month of August. See the September newsletter for information on the September meeting.

## Fall Gala Canoeing Affair

The GCA's Seventeenth Annual Fall Gala Canoeing Affair is scheduled for October 6-8 at Nelson's Nantahala Hideaway in Topton, NC. Join us for this long-standing tradition of paddling, camping, food and fun.

We will be running trips on as many rivers as have water in the area, and the Saturday night dinner features beanie weinies and burgers for a bargain price. There will be a free trip coordinating mini-clinic on Friday evening as well as paddling videos for entertainment. See the flyer in back of this issue of *The Eddy Line* for more details and for the map & registration form. There is a $5.00 late registration fee after Septeember 15, so register early and reserve your spot! For questions, contact Denise Colquitt at 770.854.6636.

See you there!

## Spotlight on Fee Demo

This issue of *The Eddy Line* is highlighting the Fee Demonstration Program and the recreation industry's attempts to make the program permanent. See the "River Access" section of the newsletter for more articles and information on this important topic. Recent developments include both a rider to a House Appropriations Bill and a new Senate Bill attempting to make Fee Demo permanent. It is critical that we all act now to prevent the permanent imposition of this program by the government — recreation industry coalition.

There is also a report on the Fee Demo Protest Day held in June, with participation by GCA and other outdoor groups, as well as articles on how Fee Demo is being fought in other parts of the country. If you are not involved in this issue, GET INVOLVED! Fee Demo is possibly the worst thing to happen to our public lands since the conception of the US Forest Service under the Department of Agriculture. Don't stand idly by and allow the Disneyfication of our national treasures.

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"Ne'er saw I, never felt, a calm so deep!
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And all that mighty heart is lying still."

*- William Wordsworth*
*Composed upon Westminster Bridge*

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## Who Ya Gonna Call?

The following list is provided for your convenience:

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**To volunteer to help with club activities** - Call President Brannen Proctor at 770.664.7384 or contact the committee chairperson for your area of interest.

**For information on payment of dues or membership status** - Call Treasurer Ed Schultz at 404.266.3734.

**To sign up for a club trip** - Call the trip coordinator at the number listed on the activity list.

**To sign up to lead a club trip** - Call Cruisemaster Jim Griffin at 770.498.3695.

**For change of address or for *Eddy Line* subscription information** - Call Ed Schultz at 404.266.3734.

**If you didn't receive your *Eddy Line*** - Call Ed Schultz at 404.266.3734.

**For information on GCA clinics** - Call the clinic coordinator listed on the clinic schedule, or call Training Director Gina Johnson at 770.971.1542.

**For information on winter roll practice** - Call Revel Freeman at 404.261.8572.

**For information on placing want ads in *The Eddy Line*** - Call Newsletter Editor Allen Hedden at 770.426.4318, or see "To place an ad" in the Want Ad section of *The Eddy Line*.

**For information on commercial ads** - Call Advertising Director Jim Kautz at 770.321.9826 or Newsletter Editor Allen Hedden at 770.426.4318.

**For information on videos and books available from the GCA Library** - Call GCA Librarian Rachel Gates at 404.296.4480.

## Board of Directors Meetings

The Georgia Canoeing Association Board of Directors meetings are held on the first Thursday of even months (February, April, etc.) from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Atlanta Botanical Garden, located on Piedmont Road at the Prado, next to Piedmont Park. All members are encouraged to attend. If you have an item for discussion, please call GCA President Brannen Proctor at 770.664.7384 so he can add your item to the agenda. Attending Board meetings is a great way to become more involved with the GCA.

### GCA Executive Committee

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| President | Brannen Proctor |
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## Submitting *Eddy Line* Material

Deadline for material to be submitted for publication in the next *Eddy Line* is the fifth of the month, i.e., for the January issue, material should be submitted no later than December fifth. The editor must receive all articles, trip reports and want ads by the deadline or they MAY NOT be published in the next issue. To submit material via EMAIL, send to **gacanoe@mindspring.com**. The text of an article can be placed in the body of a message, and photo images can be attached to the message as attached files. To submit material via COMPUTER DISK submit articles or trip reports on a 5-1/4 or 3-1/2 inch IBM/DOS formatted disk as an ASCII text file labeled with a ".txt" file extension, or as a text file on a 3-1/2 inch high density MacIntosh formatted disk, and include a printed copy (Disks returned only if requested). To submit material via U.S. MAIL, send to: **Allen Hedden, 2923 Piedmont Drive, Marietta, GA 30066**. All classified ads will be run for two months unless otherwise requested. Hand-written or phoned in material CANNOT be accepted. Contact Newsletter Editor **Allen Hedden at 770.426.4318** for questions. Thanks for your cooperation.

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# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**August**

| | | | | |
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| 3 | Board of Directors Meeting | Atlanta Botanical Garden | Brannen Proctor | 770.664.7384 |
| 5 | Hiwassee | Class 1-2 Trained Beginner | Jim Griffin | 770.498.3695 |
| 5 | Upper Toccoa | Class 1-2 Trained Beginner | Jim Kautz | 770.321.9826 |
| 5 | Nantahala | Class 2-3 Intermediate | Brannen Proctor | 770.664.7384 |
| 6 | Hiwassee | Class 1-2 Trained Beginner | Jim Griffin | 770.498.3695 |
| 6 | Nantahala | Class 2-3 Intermediate | Tom Ottinger | 706.276.2375 |
| 12 | Hiwassee | Class 1-2 Trained Beginner | Alex & Mary Ann Pruitt | 770.439.1825 |
| 12 | Upper Hooch | Class 2-3 Intermediate | Kathy King | 404.633.6547 |
| 12 | Leader's Choice | Class 2-3 Intermediate | Jason Schnurr | 770.422.9962 |
| 13 | Hiwassee | Class 1-2 Trained Beginner | Alex & Mary Ann Pruitt | 770.439.1825 |
| 14 | Nantahala (Monday) | Class 2-3 Intermediate | Patrick Gourley | 770.422.1689 |
| 19 | Hiwassee | Class 1-2 Trained Beginner | Charles Clark | 770.998.9544 |
| 19 | Upper Hooch | Class 2-3 Intermediate | Nancy Barker | 404.874.8897 |
| 19 | Nantahala | Class 2-3 Intermediate | Ray Channell | 404.636.5944 |
| 20 | Tuckaseigee | Class 1-2 Trained Beginner | David Welden | 770.985.8883 |
| 20 | Cartecay | Class 2-3 Intermediate | Edward Stockman | 770.441.9767 |
| 20 | Nantahala | Class 2-3 Intermediate | Stacy Patterson | 770.466.7538 |
| 24 | Ocoee (Thursday) | Class 3-4 Advanced | Allen Hedden | 770.426.4318 |
| 26 | Broad | Class 1-2 Trained Beginner | Jeff Engel | |
| 26 | Metro Hooch | Class 1-2 Trained Beginner | Tom Martin | 770.662.0058 |
| 26 | Upper Ocoee | Class 3-4 Advanced | Charles Bruce | 770.974.2481 |
| 27 | Metro Hooch | Class 1-2 Trained Beginner | William Gatling | 770.516.0852 |
| 27 | Nantahala | Class 2-3 Intermediate | Mike Christison | 770.973.6482 |

**September**

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| 2 | Leader's Choice | Class 1-2 Trained Beginner | John McCorvey | 770.921.5116 |
| 2 | Hiwassee | Class 1-2 Trained Beginner | Jim Griffin | 770.498.3695 |
| 2 | Pigeon | Class 2-3 Intermediate | Susan Oehler | 828.253.6058 |
| 2 | Nantahala (Note 1) | Class 2-3 Intermediate | Brannen Proctor | 770.664.7384 |
| 3 | Hiwassee | Class 1-2 Trained Beginner | Jim Griffin | 770.498.3695 |
| 3 | French Broad | Class 2-3 Intermediate | Susan Oehler | 828.253.6058 |
| 21 | Club Meeting — Entertainment — Fun — Episcopal Church of the Atonement — Kay Redmond | | | 404.237.7242 |

**October**

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| 5 | Board of Directors Meeting | Atlanta Botanical Garden | Brannen Proctor | 770.664.7384 |
| 6-8 | Fall Gala Canoeing Affair — Nelson's Nantahala Hideaway | | Denise Colquitt | 770.854.6636 |
| 14-15 | Fall River Safety & Rescue Clinic — M.O.E., Ellijay, GA | | Mike Winchester | 770.319.8969 |

Note 1: Paddle with the Prez.

**Signing Up:** Call the trip coordinator listed to sign up for trips. Call early in the week to ensure you get a spot on the trip, and in consideration for the coordinators, PLEASE avoid calling late in the evening.

**Training Trips** are a combination of recreation and training designed to attract those boaters who have completed a formal training clinic and would like some on-the-river time with instructors practicing what you learned in the clinic and expanding your skill level.

**To Volunteer To Lead Trips:** Call the Cruisemaster, Jim Griffin, at 770.498.3695. As usual, we need trip coordinators for all types of trips, from flat water to class 5 white water. Our excellent trip schedule depends on the efforts of volunteers, so get involved and sign up to coordinate a trip on your favorite river today! The GCA needs YOU!

**Chattooga Trips** are limited to 12 boats on ANY section on ANY trip, club trip or private (USFS regulation). Your cooperation in protecting this National Wild and Scenic River is appreciated.

**Roll Practice:** Wednesday evenings from 7:00 until dark May thru September at the lake at Stone Mountain Park. See announcement in this issue of *The Eddy Line*.

# GCA Library Items Available

The GCA Library has many videotapes and books available to any GCA member. All you have to do is call GCA Librarian Rachel Gates at 404.296.4480 to find out what is available. The cost is $3.00 per tape or book for postage and handling.

Any / all donations or loans to the library are welcome. (Please, no bootleg video copies.) Send them to:

Rachel Gates
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The following items are currently available:

**Videos:**

A Second Helping - A Review of Kayak Basics
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Kayak 101 (mastering the basics)
Kayak Handling - The Basic Strokes
Only Nolan (Canoe Technique)
Path of the Paddle: Quietwater
Path of the Paddle: Whitewater
Performance Sea Kayaking (the basics & beyond)
Plunge!
Prijon Wildplay Wildwasser Sport
Solo Playboating!
Take the Wild Ride
Tallulah Gorge (Rob Maxwell)
The C-1 Challenge
The Kayaker's Edge
The Open Canoe Roll (Bob Foote)
Ultimate Canoe (Niagara Gorge & Other Rivers - Whitesell)
Waterwalker (Bill Mason)
We Come to Play (Orosi)
Whitesell
Whitewater Groove

**Books:**

A Canoeing and Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Florida
A Canoeing and Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Ohio, Vols I and II
ACA Canoeing & Kayaking Instructors Guide
A Hiking Guide to the Trails of Florida
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People Protecting Rivers
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River Rescue
River Safety Anthology
River's End (Stories)
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Song of the Paddle
Southeastern Whitewater
Tennessee Canoe Guide
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The Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande
They Shoot Canoes, Don't they?
White Water Tales of Terror
White Water Trips (British Columbia & Washington)
Wildwater (Sierra Club Guide)
Wildwater West Virginia
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## Announcements

# GCA Email List

The member response to the GCA email list has been great. We have at this printing over 350 subscribers. Thanks to Mike Kaplan and our friends at Kaplan Communications (an Internet Access Provider) for providing software and server space for the GCA email list.

Here's how the list works:

By sending an email to "gacanoe@kapcom.com" you automatically reach all subscribers to the list with the message. Anyone can use the address — it's just another email address — and all subscribers will get the email. The list is an "open list", i.e., anyone can subscribe to it mechanically by sending an email to "majordomo@kapcom.com" and on the first line of the body of the message type:

subscribe gacanoe

You will receive a verification that you are subscribed and a welcome message with instructions on how to unsubscribe and various other commands available through the service. Be sure to save this information for future reference.

All GCA announcements and forwarded email from other sources concerning new river access issues, late breaking news items of interest to the paddling community, etc., will be sent out via the GCA email list at gacanoe@kapcom.com. If you want to receive any of this information, please subscribe to the list using the above instructions. Also, don't be shy about using the list to send out or to request information about paddling related topics, rivers you're interested in, etc.

By the way, should you change or lose your email ID, please take a minute to "unsubscribe" your old ID and/or to "subscribe" your new one.

# GCA Web Page

Check it out at http://www.georgiacanoe.org. We are adding information and links of value to paddlers with each update. Send your ideas for updates to Allen Sinquefield at asinquefield@corecommerce.com

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The .pdf version requires only Adobe Acrobat Reader (or some equivalent) software in order to view it. Acrobat Reader is usually present on most PCs running Windows 95 or Windows 98, or can be downloaded for free from the Adobe web site at http://www.adobe.com.

To subscribe to the email version of *The Eddy Line*, send a request via snail mail to (& enclose a check for $5.00 made out to GCA):

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Or on your annual renewal form, just check the block for the *On-Line Eddy Line* and include the extra $5.00 with your check for your annual dues.

In either case, BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS so we can send *The Eddy Line* to you electronically.

## *Electronic Eddy Line* Email Failures

Not getting your electronic version of *The Eddy Line*? The following email IDs had mail failure notices for the May *Electronic Eddy Line* mailing. Send any corrections or changes to Ed Schultz, 3060 Pharr Court North #315, Atlanta, GA 30305, or call Ed at 404.266.3734, or you may email him at heloeddy@mindspring.com.

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fulleroy@prodigy.net
abrewer@armstronglaing.com
terrytater@hotmail.com (exceeded size allocation)
roborav@cs.com
mjgrhg95b@cs.com

## Summer Roll Practice

Joint AWC / GCA Summer Roll Practice will be held at Stone Mountain Lake this year beginning in May and running through September. Sessions are scheduled for Wednesdays at 7:00 (or earlier). Admission is free once you enter the park (a season pass is highly recommended if you intend to attend multiple sessions).

To get there, enter the park from the Stone Mountain Freeway (East Entrance) and take the first left. Continue about a mile until the road crosses the dam and take the first right into the parking lot. The boat ramp is on the right.

Use the area around the ramp to load and unload boats only. There is a fair amount of power boat traffic putting in and taking out at the ramp. Once in the water, try to stay clear of the ramp for the same reason.

Note: Park regulations do not allow "swimming" at this location, so if you are in the water spotting for someone, an explanation to the park officials may be in order. So far no one has been cited for a violation there.

Volunteers are needed to help with kayak, canoe and C-1 rolling. Your help is appreciated!

## Upcoming Events of Interest

August 8-12 — USACK Sprint National Championships, Lake Lanier, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287 .7888, ConHagler@aol.com.

September 1-3 — Marathon World Championships —

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Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.
September 8 — First Gauley Release of the 2000 season.
September 16 — Gauley Fest 2000 — Nicholas County Veterans Memorial Park, Summersville, WV.
September 22-24 — Lanier Paddlefest — Lake Lanier, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287.7888, ConHagler @aol.com.
October 14-15 — GCA Fall River Safety & Rescue Clinic — MOE, Ellijay, GA, Mike Winchester, 770.319.8969
October 27-29 — NOC Guest Appreciation Festival — Nantahala River, Wesser, NC, NOC Programs Office - 888.662.1662.
December 2 — Bryson City Jiffy Slalom — Tuckaseigee River, Bryson City, NC, NOC Programs Office - 888.662.1662.
December 3 — NRC December Wild Water Race — Nantahala or Tuckaseigee River, Bryson City, NC, NOC Programs Office - 888.662.1662.
April 13-15, 2001 —World Cup #1 Sprint Canoe / Kayak — Lake Lanier, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287 .7888, ConHagler@aol.com.
August 7-12, 2001 — USCA National Championships — Sprint & Marathon, Lake Lanier, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287.7888, ConHagler@aol.com.

## Paddle Against Domestic Abuse

This year during the month of October — Domestic Violence Awareness Month — thousands of paddlers across the United States will participate in "PADA — Paddle Against Domestic Abuse." Anyone can be a part of this national initiative by simply planning and implementing a paddle trip during the month of October, 2000.

PADA is endorsed by the YWCA and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and 100-percent of money raised by participating individuals and groups will go to local, non-profit agencies that offer grassroots support to victimized women, men and their children in the locations in which the trips take place.

Joy Godsey, executive director of PADA and avid kayaker, has developed a web site, http://www.riverwomen .com, that paddlers can visit to learn more about this unique opportunity. For more information, Joy can be reached via email at joy@riverwomen.com.


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## Lanier Paddlefest 2000

The Lanier Paddlefest 2000 will be held September 22 - 24 at the Olympic Venue for Sprint Canoe / Kayak in Gainesville, Georgia. The third annual Paddlefest is a celebration for everyone who paddles, including equipment demonstration and sales, competition in Olympic sprint boats, USCA boats, sea kayaks, outriggers and canoe polo and a variety of classes.

Ken Fink will be returning for sea kayaking instruction as will Sea Kayak Georgia. Tony Hall — LCKC head coach and former Canadian Olympic coach will teach training and technique for sprint paddling.

The Community Olympic Development Program will bring in Olympic athletes and will demonstrate the Atlanta CODP sports. CODP will also host an athlete testing center!

The Volunteer Resource Center will host a 5 Mile Fun Run from the square to the boathouse on Saturday morning, a Chicken City Chicken Chili Cook-off and a Battle of the Bands on Saturday evening. We will have a radio "Live on Location" during the event as well!

The Gainesville Times will sponsor printing materials for the event as well as some advance publicity! We are pleased to announce that the Trade Association of Paddlesport will be a marketing sponsor!

We are currently registering additional vendors, sponsors and manufacturers for the event. Please contact the LCKC if you would like additional information. The format for Lanier Paddlefest 99 can be found on our web site at www.lckc.org. The 2000 Lanier Paddlefest format will be similar, but Bigger and BETTER!

For more information please contact Connie Hagler at 770.287.7888 or email ConHagler@aol.com.

## Break-Ins at the Ocoee

You all might want to consider where you park the next time you run the Ocoee. It seems that someone has been busting windows and stealing valuables out of cars at the pull-off below the old take-out on river right. One paddler is now minus a wallet which was stolen from his car Saturday afternoon. The window was broken out and his wallet stolen. Broken glass a couple spaces down shows that this may not be an isolated incident. So

beware. The problem is that the thief can hide behind cars on the river side of the road and be unnoticed by passing cars.

I would recommend paddling down to the lower put-in, where cars are in the open and there is more traffic. We can thank the state parks for barricading the parking lot adjacent to the old take-out for rafting bus parking, which, as a matter of fact, seems to stay vacant for most of the day! Thanks a bunch...

*- From the TVCC email list.*

## 2000 Gauley Season Dates

**by Joe Greiner**

The Gauley season consists of five each four day (Fri-Sat-Sun-Mon) weekends and one each two day weekend (Sat-Sun). That makes a total of SIX Gauley weekends and 22 days of releases. The FIRST Gauley weekend is ALWAYS the first weekend AFTER Labor Day weekend. (Occasionally legends get started when Labor Day falls "late" in September that the first Gauley weekend is the first weekend in September... WRONG!!)

The AWA Gauley festival is usually the THIRD Gauley weekend. In 2000 it will be the SECOND Gauley weekend. Sept 16.

So 2000 GAULEY SEASON dates are:

Sep 8-11
Sep 15-18 AWA Gauley Festival Weekend
Sep 22-25
Sep 29-Oct 2
Oct 6-9
Oct 14-15

RELEASE VOLUMES AND TIMES:

The Corps Of Engineers (COE) white water operating plan used to call for 2400 cfs as the "peak" recreational release volume (flow) based on experience in the 1980's. Technology changed, and so did the number of people enjoying the Gauley. No-bail rafts can take a higher flow, and a higher flow makes traffic management easier, which means less waiting time at each rapid. So, the outfitters asked COE to change the peak flow to 2800 cfs.

So, starting about 1993, the operating plan changed to 2800 cfs. Depending on the year and the lake level, the "off time" flows will vary. The times given below represent peak flows of 2800 cfs. There is a transition time (usually called "steps") between the peak flows and the "off-time" flows. Those steps and their timing depend upon the "off peak" flow. The important point is that the dam does NOT go from a very low flow to 2800 cfs (peak flow) all at once. Nor does it go the other way (from 2800 cfs peak to ??? cfs off time flow) all at once. Instead there are "steps".

The timetable below represents the time that the final step up is completed and the time when the first step down is initiated at the dam (considered mile zero).

Friday 0700 to 1300
Saturday 0600 to 1400 (except Gauley Festival Sat = 1500)
Sunday 0600 to 1400 (except Gauley Festival Sun = 1500
Monday 0700 to 1300

In periods of low runoff when Summersville Lake is getting low inflows during Gauley season or when the Lake is low for other reasons, Summersville Lake levels may start to approach what is known as the "lower limit rule curve". When that happens the COE is required under their operating plan to modify either release volumes or release times or numbers of release days.

Historically, the COE has not had to cut back on numbers of days (happened once in 1988). Instead they have been able to modify release times or release volumes or some combination of both. Interestingly, the COE reports that 1999 was a worse drought year than 1988 but water conservation measures in 1999 saved considerable water in the Summersville reservoir and 1999 was mostly a "normal" Gauley season.

Typically it takes about 3 to 3-1/2 hours for the peak flows to reach the 14 mile mark just above Koonce's Flume, which many people use as the start of a Lower Gauley trip. That time will depend upon how high are off-time flows.

LINKS TO COE

There have been a number of inquiries into Gauley and Russell Fork release schedules and how to find out if they have modified for a particular weekend. Here's how to access them on-line if you don't have it already.

1. Huntington District Corps Of Engineers has a home page. Huntington is the COE district that controls the Gauley and Russell Fork releases. The people who control the water have a "water control home page". http://www.lrh-wc.usace.army.mil/ or go directly to http://www.lrh-wc.usace.army.mil/wc/whitewater.html. This page will give you the latest flows in cfs and feet over the New and Gauley Basin.
2. From the white water page... look at the heading... there is a pointer to release schedules. It is in small letters and depending on the colors of your screen... it may be easy to overlook.... click on that and the current Gauley and Russell Fork releases are posted with dates... times... and projected flows... The COE will update these generally on a Wed or Thurs of a Gauley week or Russell Fork week if there is to be a modification in release times and/or volumes. It is too early for 2000 Gauley and Russell Fork to be "up" but keep checking. They will be

"up" prior to the first Gauley weekend.

WVRC AND PARKING AND THE UPPER GAULEY SHUTTLE:

The Gauley Shuttle referred to above is provide by the WVRC with the cooperation of the outfitter (Class VI) who owns what most of us know as the "Panther Creek Road". (In reality it is named the Mason Branch Road. The road terminates at the river near where Panther Creek joins the Gauley.) For boaters running the Upper Gauley who have parked at the field (leased for Gauley season by the WVRC and provided to the boating public courtesy of WVRC) and who are taking out at the Panther Creek take-out (about mile 10), that shuttle costs about $5.00 per boat. The boat rides and you walk. It has been available in the past ONLY on Saturdays and Sundays.

The "Gauley Shuttle" is an important fund raiser for the WVRC. And it is a great service to the boating public. The field that the WVRC leases is also very important for logistics along the Upper Gauley take-out road. Without it parking would be (was) a nightmare. The boating public owes WVRC a lot (not just for what they do surrounding the Gauley season). The Gauley season and the Gauley Festival (they will have a booth) make a good time to continue your support of this fine group. Also check out their web site at www.wvrivers.org for more info.

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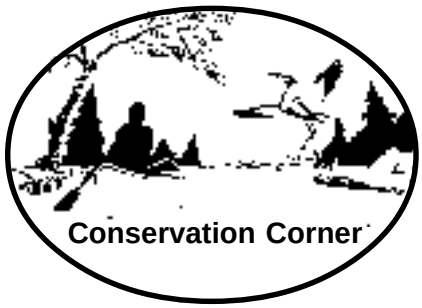
- *From the CCC email list.*

# Atlanta Chamber of Commerce Clean Water Initiative

**by Dan MacIntyre**




The Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, building on their success in spearheading the education reform movement which resulted in substantial legislation earlier this year, has taken on clean water as their next project. They have created the "Clean Water Initiative" to carry this project forward.

The basic premise of the Clean Water Initiative is that the water quality in Georgia's rivers has reached a crisis point. Poor water quality is beginning to interfere with quality of life and with economic development. The goal of the Clean Water Task Force is to develop a set of recommendations upon which it can build a consensus and use those recommendation as a basis for legislation to be introduced in January of 2001.

The underlying premise of the recommendations that are beginning to emerge is that we have reached a point of diminishing returns focusing all of our water quality efforts on regulating point source pollution, such as sewer discharges. We must now begin to seriously address the total pollution load that our rivers a carrying. Much of that total load comes from storm water runoff. Storm water runoff brings to the rivers (1) Fertilizers and pesticides from yards and grounds, (2) Oil and trash from parking lots and roads and (3) Sediment and mud from construction sites.

The answer to these problems is to control the quantity and quality of storm water runoff. This must begin by identifying which streams are polluted and what the source of the pollution is. No group is in a better position to do this than paddlers.

I plan to appear before the Clean Water Initiative and propose that they enlist the paddling community in this process. To do that effectively, we need some support from them on our access and passage issues. We also need sedimentation and setback laws that have some teeth in them and some real enforcement behind them. It would be my hope I might get some interested parties to paddle the Cartecay, the Upper Chattahoochee and some of the other north Georgia rivers which are being badly overdeveloped without regard to environmental consequences.

Below is a schedule of the public hearings planned by the Clean Water Initiative. The more paddlers who can participate and attend, the better. If you can not attend, but have some good ideas that you think should be passed on to the committee, you can contact me through GCA or directly.

TASK FORCE MEETINGS

May 11, 2000. 2:00 - 4:00 PM, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. Kick-off meeting. Introduction of initiative, objectives and goals. Present current water challenges. Build consensus on scope of project, timing, approach and roles.

June 13, 2000. 2:00 - 4:00 PM, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. Review current situation. Present the case for action. Build consensus on need for action and consequences of inaction

July 6, 2000. 2:00 - 4:00 PM, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. Present best practices from other cities and regions. Review potential solutions for Atlanta

July 18, 2000. 1:00 - 3:00 PM, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. Public / organization input session

August 8, 2000. 2:00 - 5:30 PM, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. Further discussion of best practices. Discuss best options for Atlanta and potential road blocks. Public/ organization input session

August 30, 2000. 2:00 - 5:30 PM, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. Present prioritized list of options for Atlanta. Select optimal solutions and make preliminary recommendations. Public/ organization input session

September 20, 2000. 2:00 - 4:00 PM, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. Finalize recommendations. Public input session

## Another Hazard on the Upper Hooch

by Charlie Pirtle

Paddling is and should be an ongoing learning/growing experience. None of us should EVER let our self-evaluated skills or our familiarity with a certain run lull us into thinking that our success (or even survival) is for certain because we have "done this run sooo many times, or run sooo much bigger/harder rivers, surfed this hole and even swam in it and nothing ever happened".

Case in point:

Having run the Upper Hooch uncountable times in the last couple of years, due to work and financial considerations (it's the closest to me), I tried to make the best of what I had to work with and tried to find new ways to enjoy the same river. Having seen Bill Reeves and having read his article in *The Eddy Line* about the almost-eddy on river left just above Third Ledge, and the description of how you could ferry out to the center of Third Ledge and drop in for a side surf from the top, I just had to try it. Especially since I had surfed Third Ledge on the left and right you know how many times.

After a period of trial and error, I got the hang of catching the almost-eddy. Next to get up the gumption to ferry out and drop in. Got it the first time! Came out upright (though with a boat load of water), thinking, "Man, that was GREAT!"

O.K., I was also thinking, "Man, I must be good." I had to go do it again. Same results. I know the others want to get on down the river, but just one more time, please. I guess that most of you can see what's coming. Of course my euphoria and over-confidence caused me to become a window shade, but what shocked and scared me was what I found out about The River and myself as I went over.

First, since I was so totally confident that I was about to repeat my two previous performances, my brain had no plan as to what to do if I did happen to flip. So I went to reflex mode. My right hand went out to grab something (?) and found a crack between two rocks that fit my hand and half of my forearm. Then the boat began to float off downstream. I snatched my arm out and came out of the boat.

The recovery was uneventful, but as soon as it was over, the reality of what had just occurred hit me. All in all, it was another fine day on the river, but I have since pondered on other hidden, yet to be discovered surprises The River has in store for me, and go forward with a renewed respect and the knowledge that self-confidence is a two-edged sword.

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## Fall River Safety & Rescue Clinic

The GCA will be holding the annual Fall River Safety and Rescue Clinic on October 14 and 15 at M.O.E. on the Cartecay River in Ellijay. We will have a dry land instruction day on Saturday, reviewing first aid, rope throwing, Z-drags, walking and working in the river

safely, knot tying, and other fun stuff. Jay will cook us a spaghetti dinner ($10) Saturday night. On Sunday, we will have a river trip on the Cartecay where we get to practice what we learned on Saturday.

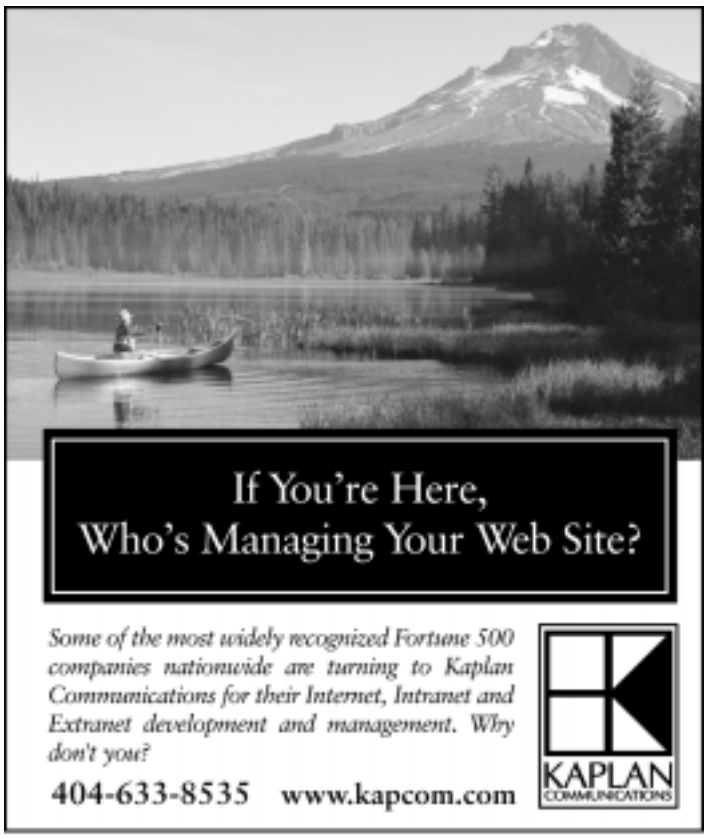
Price is $50 and the participants will be limited to 25 lucky GCA members. Please call Mike Winchester to register (use the application in the Instruction Flyer in this month's *Eddy Line*). You are not registered until Mike has your money!!!

Thanks, all. Mike Winchester's home number is 770.319.8969.

## Just call me Catch Of The Day

It hurts. Fortunately no damage to the eye. It was quite fun driving around Cary with a fishhook in my eye socket. The line that was still attached to the hook (after my momentum finally broke the line) was really annoying. Of course the fact that the worm was still on the hook made the experience that much more enjoyable.

I went to a Doctor's Urgent Care Center that was open until 8:00. The doors were locked up tight at twenty til 8. A nurse let me in and I could see her knees buckle when she realized I had a hook in my head. Said to the other nurse, "You've got to see this!"




After checking with the doctor she told me they didn't have the tools necessary to remove the hook safely and I'd have to go to the emergency room. Had a great time there laughing and carrying on. Finally saw a doctor who had to pull the hook down evidently from behind the eyebrow bone and then he drove the point of the hook up, through and out of my eyebrow. All the while I am making him stop to take photos every so often.

After the point of the hook had been driven farther into my head the doctor said, "I guess I should get the rest of that worm off." Ahh! Made me feel really good to know that a worm was being shoved into me. The doc then cut the point off the hook and pulled the rest of the rusty hook back out the original hole. Got a tetanus booster.

I hadn't really foreseen this as being a potential hazard of white water paddling. I kind of thought that the branch would just bounce off my head as I pulled into the eddy. Let me take this opportunity to warn everyone about all the rivers and creeks that have vegetation overhanging the banks. There may be more than just twigs and leaves on those branches, so please take extra care to avoid them if at all possible. Maybe I can prevent someone else from experiencing the same type of accident just by letting them know of this one more potential paddling danger.

Y'all have fun paddling. See you on the river, and fortunately with both eyes.

Wally

*- From the CCC email list.*

### Intruction / Training

## The J-Stroke Vs. the Stern Pry

**by Frank Jones**

I have seen many new paddlers and even some new instructors confuse the J-stroke and the stern pry. These are two different strokes that have different purposes and different modes of execution. Both are valuable when used properly.

The J-stroke is used by a solo paddler or by the stern paddler of a tandem team. Its purpose is to keep the canoe going in a straight line on flat water, or to maintain the proper angle in moving water. Since the canoe has a tendency to turn away from the paddler's on-side, the J-stroke is used to push the stern away from the paddle, so that the bow turns back toward the paddler's on-side. The J-stroke is most effective when the canoe has some forward momentum.

The first part of the J-stroke is the same as a forward stroke. If the forward stroke is not executed

properly, the canoe will tend to turn away from the paddler's on-side. New paddlers are often reluctant to get their T-grip hand out over the water, and so they do a sweeping stroke, which turns the canoe strongly away from the paddler's on-side and makes correction more difficult.

The power phase of the forward stroke ends when the paddle is about even with the paddler's knees. At this point, the thumb on the T-grip hand (control hand) is turned down as the blade continues its path toward the stern, so that the blade finishes perpendicular to the surface of the water as it is pushed out away from the hull. This feels really awkward at first, and most beginners do not turn the grip enough.

Many paddlers sometimes lever off the gunwale toward the end of the stroke. Some call this the "Lazy J". The ACA describes a "modern J-stroke" that is shorter and faster than the classic J-stroke, and it also ends with a lever off the gunwale.

These are variations of the J-stroke, and they are similar in that the thumb of the control hand is always turned down. This keeps the same side of the blade pushing against the water throughout the stroke, making a smoother stroke, and saving energy. If the canoe has forward momentum, the blade can stay in the water toward the stern, and act as a rudder for a few seconds. The control hand remains out over the water, or at least over the gunwale.

In contrast, the stern pry is a forceful stroke that can exert a strong turning force on the canoe. It is also done by a solo paddler or by the stern paddler of a tandem team. It differs from the usual pry in that the blade is sliced in close to the hull far astern, well behind the paddler, and the shaft is at an acute angle to the surface of the water. The blade is not very deep in the water, but there is still a lot of the blade exerting force on the water.

Using the gunwale as a fulcrum, and not the hull as in a regular pry, the blade is forcefully levered away from the stern as the T-grip is pulled in toward the center of the canoe. The thumb on the T-grip hand is turned up, so that the wrist is straight and the stroke is stronger.

This stroke causes some loss of forward momentum if the canoe is moving forward, but it does not require that the canoe be moving. The stern pry is useful for correcting your angle during a ferry in fast water, for surfing, or any time that a quick turn toward the paddler's on-side is needed.

A J-stroke is not forceful enough to substitute for a stern pry when you need that quick, strong turn. On the other hand, a stern pry is a very poor substitute for a J-stroke on flat water or during an easy ferry. It is tiring to watch beginners wearing themselves out doing a sweeping stroke that turns the canoe away from their paddling side, then a strong stern pry which slows the forward momentum and overcompensates by turning the canoe toward the paddler's on-side. How much more pleasant it is to watch an experienced paddler using a smooth J-stroke to ferry with seemingly very little effort.

*-From "The Watershed", newsletter of the Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association.*

# Beginning Race Clinic Helps Two Recreational Boaters in Southeasterns

**by Doug Pratt**

Two first time racers who completed the Georgia Canoeing Association's race clinic for recreational boaters won cheers from the crowd as they competed in the Southeastern United States Slalom and Wild Water Championships on the Nantahala River in Wesser, North Carolina.

Marcia Jenkins, paddling a Perception Pirouette kayak in the K-1 Women's Master Class, won the first place Gold Medal in the down river race. Linda Delery, paddling her Mohawk Probe 11 canoe in OC-1 Women's Master Class, had a second run in the Slalom event which was almost two hundred points better than her first.

Marcia, who had been paddling seven months, raced in the Sunday Fun Race from the Ferrebee put-in to just above Nantahala Falls, a distance of about three miles of class II rapids. Marcia said she felt great about finishing because she had never imagined herself racing at all, much less in the Southeastern US Championships. She learned in the GCA Race Clinic that the Southeasterns are organized to encourage recreational boaters to try racing, as well as to challenge more serious racers.

The long history of the Southeastern US Slalom and Wild Water Championships has been the story of Georgia Canoeing Association recreational boaters having fun with slalom and down river events and encouraging enhanced skills through racing. In the last six years or so, racers paddling lightweight decked boats designed exclusively for racing have been attracted in greater numbers.

There is an impression among some that racing might exclude paddlers with intermediate skills or plastic boats who want to have fun with a different challenge than river-running. The sport of open canoe slalom racing

(L) Getting ready to practice Saturday on the flat water gates: Mike Ivey, Deborah Ivey, Mike Beesch, and Marcia Jenkins.
(R) Marcia Jenkins, enjoying practice. The last thing on her mind was that she'd win a Gold Medal as a first time racer.
*- Photos submitted by Doug Pratt.*

is not supported by international competitions and our Southeasterns in one of a handful of races which help keep open canoe racing alive.

Linda Delery has been paddling four years, and readily recalls that Nantahala Falls made her nervous for a long time. After completing her last of two allotted runs on the slalom course, which had fifteen gates above the falls and ten gates after running the falls, Linda said she felt, "Triumphant! I finished it and was so happy that I did it!"

One of the things Linda learned in the Race Clinic was that focusing on the gates decreased her anxiety about the rocks, holes, waves and other challenging features between the gates. She enhanced her boat control and became more strategic in working her way down the river.

Marcia enhanced her sweep stroke and learned to rely less on the pry stroke, which allowed her to correct her line while maintaining forward momentum.

Most of the five students (Michael Beesch, Mike and Deborah Ivie, Linda, and Marcia) were intermediate level paddlers. The American Canoe Association Certified Instructor was Doug Pratt, who has been racing in the recreational class since 1987.

"Clinic's not over til we eat." Linda Delery, instructor Doug Pratt, and Marcia Jenkins after Sunday practice at the race site. *- Photo submitted by Doug Pratt.*

Mike Ivie said, "It was really helpful to practice boat control on the flat water gates Saturday before practicing on the white water slalom course." Mike Beesch, who had an effective Dufek stroke before the clinic, said he liked re-learning the Dufek for slalom maneuvers by breaking it down into small steps.

Jenkins, inspired and in training for the 2004 Olympics, says the most important thing she would share with beginning racers is never to ask for women-only Race Camp.

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## GCA Member Medals in Open Canoe Slalom National Championships

The 2000 Open Canoe National Championship Slalom and Wild Water Races were held the week of the Fourth of July on the Dead River at The Forks, Maine. The wild water course ran from the put-in above Spencers Rip to the take-out below Lower Poplar Falls, some 14 to 16 miles, depending on who you hear it from. The slalom course ran from just below the first series of ledges in Lower Poplar Falls for about 1/4 mile, some 24 gates in solid class III water.

The races were sponsored by the Maine Canoe and Kayak Racing Organization (MaCKRO) and sanctioned by the American Canoeing Association through the Wild Water Open Canoe and Slalom Open Canoe Committees. The challenging slalom course was designed and mostly constructed by John Kazimierczyk of Millbrook Boats, who took at least a week away from his business to volunteer his time for the race.

GCA member and ardent racer-head Gabriella Schlidt took the silver medal for second place in the Slalom OC-1 Women's Short Race (Championship) Class, paddling her Kazimierczyc-designed Ignitor. Holding first place after the first heat, Gabriella was edged out for the Gold in the second heat by Sandy Powell of Parksburg, PA, who had a slower raw time, but fewer penalty points on her second run (Slower is faster, as the Slalom Coach always said). This was Gabriella's first National Championship Race in the Race Class, although she has competed in the Women's Recreational Class before.

Other Southeastern paddlers at the race were Ron Green of Greenville, SC, Allen Hedden of Marietta, GA, Susan Herring of Huntsville, AL, Paul Joffrion of Durham, NC, Julie Keller of Tucker, GA, Bunni LaBadie of Roswell, GA, William & Lynne McDuffie of Ellerbe, NC and David (Psycho) Simpson of Cleveland, SC.

Complete results of both the Slalom and Wild Water Races can be seen at the MaCKRO web site at www.mackro.maine.org/national/results.

**River Access**

## Protest Against Fees at the Nantahala

**by Lindsay Meeks**

Saturday, June 10th was the second annual nationwide protest against the Fee Demonstration Project. The day consisted of over 35 demonstrations in 16 states including the put-in at the Nantahala. Members from the GCA, the Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association, the AWA, ACA, and the Sierra Club met independently to protest against the fee.

The focus of the demonstration was to educate the paddling community and the general public about the dangers of the fee and solicit letters to Washington. There were hand-outs for all the visitors to the put-in, literature, banners, posters and signs waved at every car passing by on US 19. Some of us paddled the river afterwards. The more noble even went to the Chattooga to pass out more flyers.

GCA Fee Demo protesters targeting motorists on US 19.
*- Photo by Lindsay Meeks.*

Some of the literature focused on the frightening fact that the main proponent of this fee is the American Recreation Council. This group contains members like Exxon, Yamaha, KOA, Chevron, and worst of all, Disney.

The logical conclusion to these fees is concessionaires in all of our National Lands. This will turn them from areas to be preserved to profit centers. Our National Lands have been conserved for all of us by removing the possibility of personal gain. These fees are diametrically opposed to that goal.

We do not need a KOA at the Nantahala put-in. The Chattahoochee National Recreation Area does not need a water slide. And when we go to the Chattooga River, we do not need roller coasters! (Bull Sluice is quite enough, thank you.)

If you think this is a little far-fetched, just take a look at our own Stone Mountain Park. After the State of Georgia instituted fees on its state parks, a concessionaire was brought in to manage the park. Fees went up, amenities were cut, and now there is talk of building an amusement park.

In fact, nationally, many of the protests specifically

Peaceful protest against Fee Demo at the Nantahala put-in.
*- (Top) Photo by Dave Chaney.*
*- (Bottom) Photo by Joe Nelson.*

targeted Disney, which has been instrumental in promoting the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program (http://www.freeourforests.org/arc_quote.htm). Protests targeting Disney were held at a number of Disney retail stores around the country, including the New York City store in Times Square. A large demonstration was also held at Disneyland in Anaheim, California.

It is not too late to help! Write Washington and let them know how you feel. Call your Representative, Senators, and the Vice President (Don't e-mail — they don't care about that). Need more info? Check out these web sites:
http://www.wildwilderness.org/
http://www.freeourforests.org/
http://www.canoekayak.com/issues/March2000/Fees.htm

Don't know who represents you? Don't feel bad. Check these out:
http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW.html
http://www.senate.gov/contacting/index.cfm

## Calls Needed to Stop Fee-Demo Rider!

**by Lindsay Meeks**

Events are moving very quickly on Capitol Hill after the House passed its version of the Interior Appropriations Bill Friday, June 16. Now we learn that the US Senate's version of the Interior Appropriations Bill is being littered with riders, including one that would extend the Recreation Fee Demo Program by a year, until September 30, 2002. The bill also includes a request from the Administration to make the program permanent. The full Senate may vote on this bill as early as Tuesday, June 27.

WHAT TO DO:

* Call both of your Senators in Washington DC.
Max Cleland 202.224.3521
Paul Coverdell 202.224.3643 (At this writing, Sen. Coverdell's replacement has not been named.)
* Ask both Senators to strike the rider in the Interior Appropriations Bill which extends or makes permanent the Rec. Fee Demo Program.

## Permanent Fee Demo Legislation Introduced

**by Scott Silver**
**Wild Wilderness**

*This could be good news as we now have a specific piece of legislation to oppose. Call, fax, and write to let your representatives know your feelings about this bill. Do it often!*

On June 29, 2000, Senators Slade Gorton (R-WA) and Bob Graham (D-FL) introduced legislation to "establish permanent recreation fee authority" for the USFS, NPS, USFWS, BLM and BoR. The Bill is S. 2817 and can be read on line at http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c106:S2817:

Slade Gorton is a villain with close ties to the American Recreation Coalition. He needs no introduction and his support of this legislation needs no explanation. Senator Graham of Florida has never before been an active player in the recreation fee-demo issue. I find it difficult to explain why he would co-sponsor this legislation.

The only potential explanation that springs to mind is Senator Graham's connection with the Walt Disney Company as elaborated in: "Disney in Washington — The Mouse That Roars." http://www2.cnn.com/ALLPOLITICS/1998/08/10/cq/disney.html. Could Mickey Mouse have

whispered something in Bob Graham's ear? — Perhaps. It certainly wouldn't be the first time if this proves to be the case!

Folks, I don't know what to say to you at this time that I have not said to you dozens of times before. If this bill passes, then recreation user fees will be here to stay. Personally, more frightening is the certain knowledge that if user fees are made permanent, then Disneyfication of the Wild will follow.

Let's make certain that this legislation is stopped dead in it's tracks.

## Meters Help Cherokee Pay Its Way

**By Ron Clayton, Correspondent**

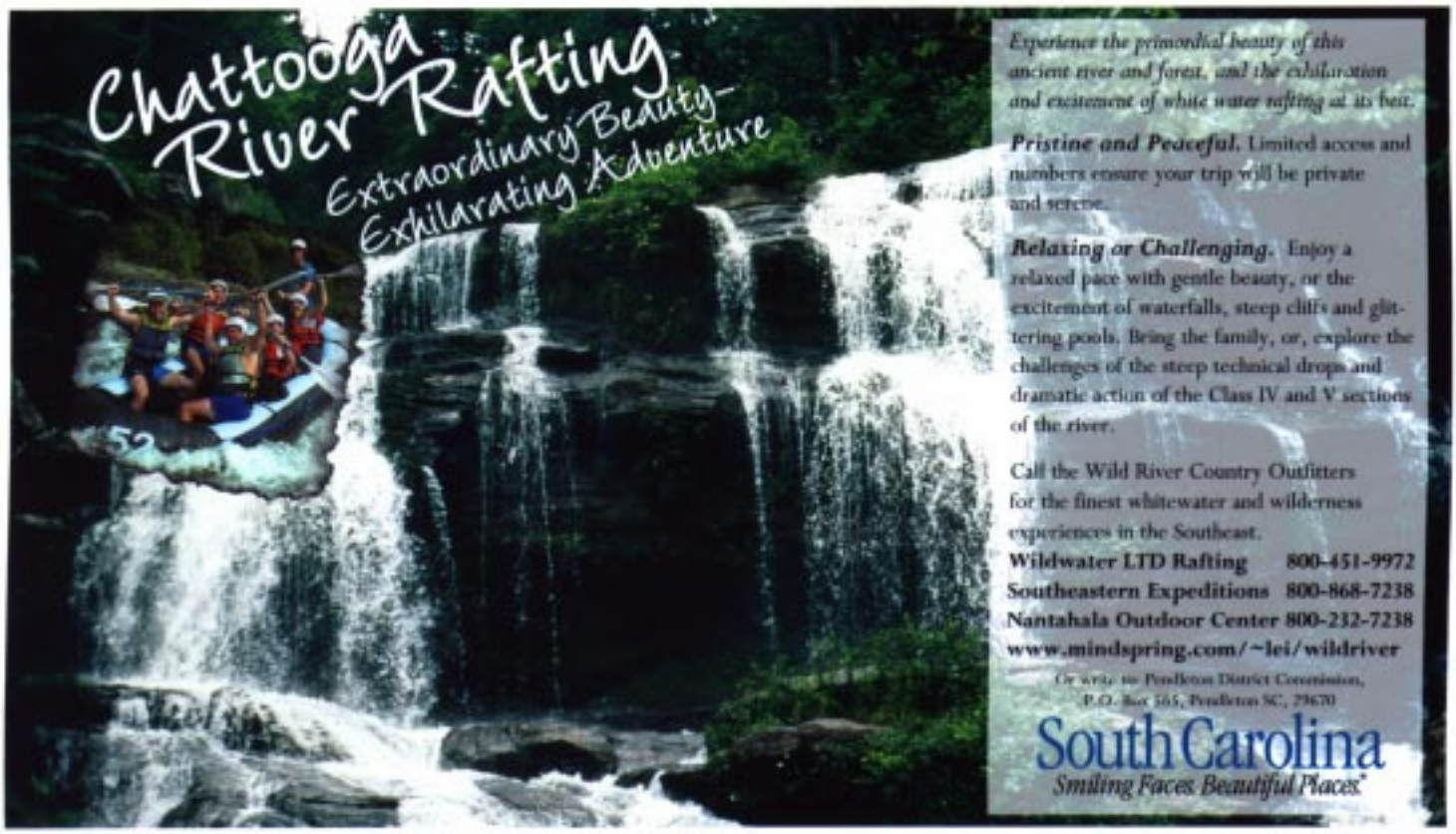
*This story appeared in The Times & Free Press (Chattanooga) on Monday, July 17, 2000.*

Ocoee, Tenn. — Visitors to the Cherokee National Forest's Ocoee White Water Center are often surprised to find a new critter sitting near the center. The gray-metallic skin of the new breed greets visitors even before they stop their cars.

"Parking meters?" asked Sherry Lockmueller of Evansville, Ind., as she and her family got out of their car. "I thought this was a national forest." The Lockmuellers are spending a week in the Ocoee Region, and wanted to hike along the Ocoee River. A sign tells visitors that parking in the lot nearest the center requires a 25-cent charge for 15 minutes. However, a day-parking permit for $3 can be purchased to park in lots located farther from the center.

White Water Center Director Frank Lewis admits that the parking charge isn't always appreciated by visitors, but the $75,000 it and other fees bring into the center are necessary to keep the facility operating. Owned by the US Forest Service, the center is expected ultimately to operate on a break-even basis. And with a $250,000 per year operating budget, increased use by visitors and rising costs, that means imaginative ways of funding are needed. "All of the fees go into the operation and maintenance of the White Water Center," Ranger Lewis said.

Previously all of the money except for 15 percent went to the federal government — and that small percentage had to be used in connection with fee collection, such




as fee box upkeep. But a new program begun in January earmarks local fees for local projects. Ranger Lewis said the program has helped because now he can use the fees for paying the light bill at the center, or other needs.

Expenses at the center include salaries, upkeep, utilities and improvements. Another expense is newly hired conservation education coordinator, Mary Burke, who guides tours and runs an education program for school and other group tours. A gift shop, donations for maps and other items, conference room rental, vending machine proceeds and a small food service also add to the center's income.

A fee for commercial outfitters to use the Upper Ocoee is also a revenue source Mr. Lewis admits is not looked on favorably by the businesses. Commercial outfitters pay 50 cents per head for raft trips on the upper Ocoee. Private boaters are charged $3 per day. "Since the Olympics, the outfitter fee had been waived," said Ranger Lewis, allowing them to help establish their businesses. But it is now levied on the outfitters.

"One-third of that money goes to TDEC (Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation) to pay for a ranger at the put-in, one-third goes to the White Water Center for use (restrooms, etc.) and one-third goes to Thunder Rock Campground, where most trips stop for a lunch break."

Charges are also levied for special use permits, such as American Whitewater's rodeo, and various slalom races. But in an effort to help establish various races on the river, that amount has also been minimal, often amounting to only $30.

However, the Fee Demonstration Program is not limited to the White Water Center. Campgrounds, picnic areas and other user fees in the Cherokee also go to the local ranger district. "The user fees are intended to be put back into our recreation areas to repair and improve the facilities," said Ocoee/Hiwassee District Ranger Jim Maxwell. "We decide what work to do based on our own appraisal of obvious needs, but even more on the feedback provided by our visitors."

His district covers an area from the Georgia border to the Hiwassee River in northern Polk County. In that district, projects have ranged from improvements to campgrounds and day-use areas, to installing bear-proof trash containers, as well as new targets at the district's two shooting ranges. "In addition, we have used this Recreation Fee Demo money to repair and replace all bulletin-board information at all our fee areas."

"I don't think this typical of parks," said Don Lockmueller, after his son, Evan, put quarters into the parking meters. "We haven't had to do this before." He questioned why tax money doesn't support the center. Ranger Lewis cites budget cuts, higher use and the public demanding expansion of recreation areas as the primary reasons. And if the trend continues, Forest Service officials say it won't be long until user fees are the norm at most National Forest areas.

But considering costs at most private theme parks, White Water officials say for a day of hiking, swimming or just relaxing, $3 is a real bargain. *[Yeah, right — until the business gets established and/or concessionaires take over the administrationof fees and collection, then watch the fees soar! - Editor.]*

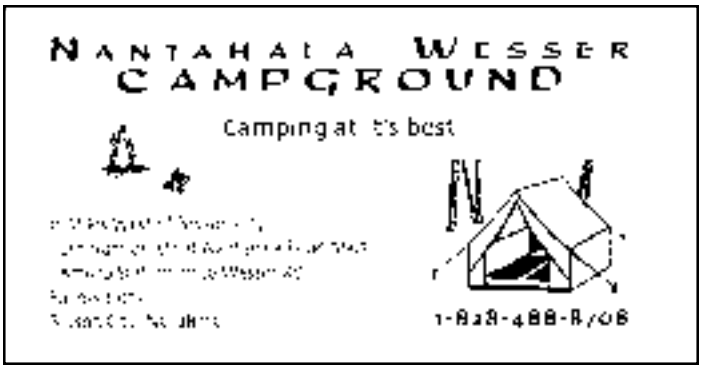
## Activist Hawks Keep Eye on Rogue

***The Oregonian*; Portland, OR; July 2, 2000; Beth Quinn - Correspondent**

*Given all the recent talk about user fees, some of you might find this post from an Oregon list to be of interest. Obviously, this battle is nationwide.*

White water boaters tend to be an independent lot, but in recent years some have banded together to protect the rivers and recreation they love. On Washington's Nisqually River, kayakers in 1994 persuaded federal regulators relicensing a hydropower dam to require water releases for white water recreation. On Eastern Oregon's Snake River, float-boaters in 1998 won a limited ban on motorized boats along a 21-mile reach within Hell's Canyon. And on Southern Oregon's Rogue River, activists in May derailed — at least temporarily — plans to build an $800,000 visitor's center in the Rogue canyon.

"The way resources are dismantled is frequently one little step at a time — one little nibble here, one little nibble there. The Rogue River has been nibbled a lot, and we've just stepped in to say, 'No more nibbling.' We're drawing the line in the sand,' " said Larry Laitner of Ashland, who helped organize independent boaters into a watchdog group called Riverhawks.




"We found out that there were laws and regulations against changes in the river," says Lloyd Knapp of Applegate, a longtime member of Northwest Rafters Association. "They didn't think that anybody was looking, but the private boating community is now watching."

National conservation groups say such home-grown watchdogs can be important allies. "It really is important for any of us who work in this area to have local groups who know their watersheds, who know their backyard rivers, to be there as well," said Katherine Ransel, director of American Rivers' regional office in Seattle. "They give the real heart and soul to the arguments about restoring these places."

Place is the central issue for river watchdogs. Rather than the regional and endangered species approach of many local environmental groups, activists like Riverhawks keep a narrow focus, in this case the 84-mile stretch of the Rogue River from Wilderville to Lobster Creek protected since 1968 as a wild and scenic river.

"There are perfectly good laws that protect endangered species, but we look at the Rogue River corridor as an incredible natural asset, with or without the issues that go with timber harvests or endangered species. It's just this gorgeous natural asset and it needs to be protected," says Laitner. Within that narrow corridor, activists may take on a wide range of issues. For Riverhawks, those issues include decreasing jet boat traffic, controlling nuisance bears at some campsites, enforcement of development restrictions on wilderness lodges, and making sure snow is removed on a back country shuttle route.

When the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife transferred Rogue River management from offices in Coos Bay to Central Point, John Thiebes became responsible for a population of bold bears whose cooler raids were a growing concern. He credits Riverhawks with alerting wildlife managers to the problem.

"They were invaluable in helping me realize that there was an advantage to solving this problem," he said. "I think they came to us as advocates for the river itself."

A major concern for river activists is how federal resource managers will spend the fees collected from boaters. If as expected Rogue River boaters on guided, commercial trips are required to pay the $12 a head charge now only collected from private floaters, those fees could total $292,000 per year.

Despite a reported $300,000 maintenance backlog in the river corridor, the Bureau of Land Management at

first earmarked $127,000 in user fees for a new visitor's center that many river activists say isn't needed or wanted. When a Riverhawks' challenge forced BLM to take public comment on the proposed visitor's center, 138 of the 141 comments received opposed either the scope or location of the center.

"They certainly have a powerful voice," says Jim Leffmann, BLM river manager. "We'll cooperate with anybody who is interested in management of the river."

In April, BLM responded to that opposition by approving a scaled down version of the visitor's center that wouldn't be paid for with user's fees, but last month Riverhawks appealed the decision to the Washington, D.C.-based Interior Board of Land Appeals. If the Interior Department's administrative law judges uphold the BLM decision, the river watchdogs vow to defend their line in the sand by filing suit in federal court.

"We went at this with the attitude that we were fighting the battle for us and our children and our children's children," says Laitner. "We're only 30 years into 'in perpetuity,'" says Knapp. "A lot of it has been given away already. Do we just keep giving it away and giving it away?"

## Cheoah River Study

*Here is a report on the Cheoah from Rod Baird with the Western Carolina Paddlers. The river is located in Western North Carolina near the Tennessee border. The Tapoco Division of Alcoa Power Generating Inc. released water into the Cheoah from Santeetlah Dam for a four-day white water and fishing study as part of a dam relicensing process. Normally water is diverted from this 8-mile section through pipes and tunnels.*

*Tapoco is not expected to file relicensing applications for Santeetlah and three other dams before 2003, so regular releases will not happen anytime soon. White water releases will cost the power company money in lost generation and negotiations will continue for many years.*

*- Bob Brueckner.*

"I've seen the promised land; it was today's flow." (Comment by Chris Bell, a participant in the Cheoah white water feasibility study, after paddling the river at 1,130 CFS flow). Boaters summed up the unique benefit of the Cheoah as 'warm western [white] water [in the southeast]'.

Approximately 45 different individuals paddled one or more of 4 flows over a three day period. Craft included canoes, kayaks and rafts. The following flows were paddled during the demonstration, with my personal subjective summary of comments made by participants:

Flow #1 - 950 CFS - bony for rafts, quality river running for hard boats

Flow #2 - 670 CFS - unacceptable for rafts, undesirable for hard boats

Flow #3 - 1130 CFS - thrilling for rafts, unique for hard boats

Flow #4 - 1010 CFS - excellent for rafts, high quality for hard boats

The river presented boaters with 7 miles of nearly continuous rapids (by eastern standards). The upper 5 miles are primarily ledges and wave trains. The lower 2 miles are bedrock defined drops and chutes strewn with large rocks and boulders. Average gradient is about 100 feet per mile with the greatest relative drop in the lower two miles and, to a lesser extent a one mile reach of the upper section.

There are lots of bad places to swim, but the majority of participants felt the river didn't deserve a class 5 rating for either difficulty or safety. For perspective on this, the same discussion gave me the impression that the group felt the Upper Gauley was about the same difficulty.

Boaters found plenty of fine points to debate about the relative merits of flows number 1, 3 and 4. Either flow 3 or 4 seemed to have preference over flow 1 for everyone. There was an emotional majority for flow 3 (most fun) and a rational (economic) preference for flow 4 (10% less water but still big fun).

Several things will happen next:

- opinion surveys every boater completed (up to 9 separate questionnaires!) get crunched.
- The existing technical studies work group goes back to the grunt work of relicensing — debating, drafting and editing reports based on the surveys and discussions.

These comments are my personal opinion only and written solely to give folks who didn't participate an idea of what type of potential resource appears to be, once again, lying dormant in Graham County.

*- From the CCC email list.*

## Paddlers Excited About Cheoah's Recreational Potential

**By Morgan Simmons, News-Sentinel staff writer**

July 17, 2000, Robbinsville, NC. For years white water paddlers driving past the Cheoah River on Highway 129 have stared at the steep, boulder-choked river channel and salivated. Instead of rivulets and pools, they imagined pounding rapids and play holes. Instead of dry rocky ledges, they envisioned waterfalls.

For four days last week the Tapoco Division of Alcoa Power Generating, Inc. spilled water from Santeetlah

Dam, and the Cheoah River became the world class white water run paddlers have dreamed about. The purpose of the releases, held Tuesday through Friday, was to test the Cheoah River's potential for angling and white water boating. Because nine miles of the Cheoah River below Santeetlah Dam are bypassed by a pipe that runs to a powerhouse, the river bed is normally dry.

To prepare for the recreational flow study — one of a dozen technical studies undertaken by Tapoco as it prepares for relicensing — a small army of paddlers recently spent more than a week removing the trees and brush that have reclaimed the river bed over the years. At approximately 5 a.m. Wednesday, Tapoco began emptying water into the river channel, and four hours later, the Cheoah had come alive.

The river, which initially flowed frothy and brown from a buildup of sediment, impressed onlookers who watched from the shoulder of the road, eager to try it out. "I've driven by it and tried to imagine what it might look like," said Chuck Estes, conservation chairman for the East Tennessee Whitewater Club, based in Oak Ridge. "What I'm seeing is a step above the Ocoee (River), kind of narrow, and obviously rocky. Nothing I'm looking at would be horrendously dangerous for the well-equipped, experienced boater."

To test the Cheoah's white water recreation potential, about 30 paddlers had been invited to run the rapids in boats ranging from six-man rafts to open canoes to the latest in high-performance "squirt boats."

The study participants comprised a veritable "who's who" of the Southeast's white water community, people like Nolan Whitesell, who pioneered the design of solo white water canoes back in the 1970s; Payson Kennedy, the 66-year old founder of the Nantahala Outdoor Center; members of Knoxville's Chota Canoe Club; and a number of professional white water rodeo paddlers.

Following a safety run Wednesday morning, the paddlers were shuttled to the put-in for the first official run of the study. Over the next several days they would run the river at various levels to determine optimal white water flows in terms of safety and performance.

Starting two miles below Santeetlah Dam and ending at a take-out on Calderwood Lake, the test section was seven miles long. Participants filled out evaluation forms at the end of each trip and convened at night at the Tapoco Lodge, headquarters for the four-day study, to participate in focus groups.

John Gangemi, conservation director for American Whitewater, said World War II-era hydropower dams all across the United States are coming up for relicensing and that because a license lasts for 30 to 50 years, relicensing is literally a once in a lifetime opportunity to change the way a dam operates.

"When these dams were constructed, no one knew much about aquatic habitat, and white water recreation wasn't even invented," Gangemi said. "We're not trying to take away hydropower. We see this as an opportunity to strike a balance."

The Cheoah River is surrounded by the Nantahala National Forest, with easy access into the Joyce Kilmer Wilderness Area. Steve Hendricks, recreation and wilderness program manager for the Cherokee National Forest, said he was on site to run the river and evaluate its potential as a white water "safety valve." "A resource like this could help take the pressure off some of our white water rivers that are nearing full capacity," Hendricks said.

David Cody, who runs Tapoco Lodge with his family, said that as a businessman, he supports regular recreational releases on the Cheoah River. "The economic benefits to this county would be unmatched," Cody said.

The consensus among the paddlers on Wednesday was that the Cheoah's seven-mile stretch ranges in difficulty from class III to class IV. Three-quarters of the way down the run there is a 6-foot ledge with a vertical waterfall in the middle and a fast chute — which most paddlers chose to run — on the right.

Chuck DeRosa, a 28-year-old white water instructor for the Nantahala Outdoor Center, ran the Cheoah River twice on Wednesday and described it as, "fairly continuous, moderately hard, and fun." "It gets tighter and more technical the farther down you go," DeRosa said. "On both a commercial rafting and private boating level, it has awesome potential."

*- From the Knoxville News-Sentinel via the CCC email list.*

## New River Access Problem

**by Lonnie McBride**

The access to the Hudson River at Highway 29 has been fenced off. This is a tributary to the Broad River outside of Athens. It is primarily a flat water section, but is used as a nice easy scenic float.

The DOT has been contacted and is looking into the fact that the fence may be on the right of way. I will let you know more later.

"It is better to be a coward for a minute than dead for the rest of your life."

*- Irish proverb (applicable to river running)*

# Banning Jet Skis — A Different Perspective

**by David Schloss**

*A little story (true):*

*Be Careful What You Ask For — You May Get It*

In addition to being a kayaker, I'm a mountain biker (and road rider). I have been for years. I've been a cycling advocate for nearly a decade, and have been a cycling journalist since '95.

Most of the parks mountain bikers ride in are shared use parks. Very little space exists for the sole enjoyment of mountain bikes. As a result, many of the areas where we ride are also ridden by motocross bikes, used by equestrians, and walked by hikers.

Trail damage, in order of severity comes from the motocross guys, then the equestrian guys, then we mountain bikers, then the hikers.

A few years ago a movement to ban the motocross riders began. Trail users complained of their noise, their pollution, their speeds. They made the mountains less enjoyable, it was argued. They damaged the trails, and endangered other users.

Parks across the country began to ban motocross, to the dismay of the riders but the joy of the other users. Peace prevailed. The parks were quiet. We all had our access, just not those noisy motocross bike lovers.

Then the horse lovers and the walking lovers decided that mountain bikes were too much of a nuisance on the trails. Forget the fact that there are almost no instances of bike/horse or bike/pedestrian accidents in parks. Forget the fact that we're quiet, and actually do less long-term damage than horses.

No, mountain bikers, in our baggy clothes and flashy bikes, are a menace. Soon parks began to close their doors to us. Many multiple use trails now ban bicycles.

Opponents of bicyclists argue that there are plenty of "other" places we can ride. They say it doesn't matter if we are limited in our choice of "put-ins."

The issue of course should REALLY be about working to create safe, limited contact usage, where all users respect the rights of others. Instead, it's about shutting off access.

The Moral: The river is a large place. For millennia it has been enjoyed by its inhabitants. Certainly the first few hundred years saw only hand made canoes and swimmers, but gradually sailboats, sloops, barges, tankers, tugs, cruise ships, destroyers, aircraft carriers, submarines and more began to sail her waters. Jet skis are annoying. Powerboats are annoying. They are noisy; many are piloted recklessly. They don't play well with others.

Kayak access to the river is limited. Some argue that kayak put-ins shouldn't be shared with power craft. Powerboats race on the river; the race should be banned. It's loud and it's dangerous.

Which is all fine and good. Except it's the wrong perspective. Public access to the river should be guaranteed, not restricted. Anyone who wants to use the water should be able to. It's a natural resource. It's only through increased awareness of our waterways that activism will spring up, bringing a ground swell of people who want to clean and protect them.

Ban the jet skis from a public launch, and someone will certainly want to ban kayaks at some point, closing a public space forever. Eliminate the powerboat race and the sailing regatta dies next. And then we end up with no place to launch, no place to pull out, and a lot of very sad, landlocked paddlers.

*- Adapted from the nyckayaker email list, originally written about the Hudson River in New York, but applicable to most waterways.*

## Letters

Dear Editor:

This past weekend a resident of Blackberry Mountain, Mr. Frank Barron of Rome, stopped by at M.O.E. to tell me he owed me some money. I couldn't think of anything I had done to earn it and asked him what it was for. He said a large tree had fallen across the river in front of his home and he had called the DNR Commissioner to see if they could provide any help. DNR's policy is to let nature take it's course.

After returning to his home a few weeks later, he noticed the tree was gone. I told him it was due to the folks involved in work parties with MOE/GCA (Edward Stockman's group), and other volunteer help. I told him it was not that we removed his tree, but had trimmed it to allow safe passage on the river, and after a couple of flushing rains, it had done what he had seen.

Mr. Barron insisted on doing something, so enclosed is his check for a $100 donation to GCA's River Access Fund. This shows what the paddling community has done to help with public relations here in Gilmer County.

Jay Srymanske,
Mountaintown Outdoor Expeditions

*Jay & Edward:*

*Thanks on behalf of GCA for all your help with the Cartecay.* *- Editor*

# Hudson River

**by Dan Roper**

June 3, 2000. The Hudson River is one of northeast Georgia's paddling gems. It meanders through Banks County and forms the border between Franklin and Madison counties before joining the Broad River. It is a pretty river with a watershed consisting almost entirely of farmland and forest.

There are no urban areas nearby. As a result, the river channel is unusually clean and there is no trash to distract the eye from plentiful trees and rock formations along its banks. On the other hand, the water carries a heavy load of silt and sand. Land clearing and farming probably account for this blemish, but the chocolate-colored water does not seriously detract from the overall experience.

The lower section of the Hudson has quite a few shoals and rapids. According to Northern Georgia Canoeing, it has a gradient of 5.4 to 8.9 feet per mile, making it roughly equivalent to Big Cedar Creek or, on a smaller scale, the Coosawattee River.

I paddled the Hudson twice in 1991 and thus I was familiar with the terrain. Although Northern Georgia Canoeing indicates that the stretch we covered (Sections E to F) is 3.7 miles long, it is actually about 6 miles. "Below GA 326 the Hudson changes its character and becomes more lively," notes the book quite accurately. "Many rippling shoals keep the boater entertained, but none of the shoals is a problem to navigate. The best section is from Ga. 106...to the Broad River junction."

Due to Georgia's severe, three-year drought, I worried that the water level would be too low for paddling. I envisioned us laboring beneath a blistering, near-solstice sun, dragging our canoes across high and dry rocks that used to form those "rippling shoals." I have learned, however, that almost anything is preferable to canceling a GCA paddling event. Last summer I had to call off a Terrapin Creek trip at the 11th hour due to drought, and those who had signed up were understandably disappointed and displeased.

Rather than backing out this time, I adopted a new approach — reverse psychology. Whenever a paddler telephoned to inquire about the Hudson River trip, I simply warned them that we might encounter terrible paddling conditions. Surprisingly, everybody that called ended up registering for the trip — and all of the registrants showed up! They were like soldiers intent on becoming army Rangers or navy SEALS: The greater the challenge, the more determined they were to take it on.

When we arrived at the put-in at the Ga. 106 bridge (which has good access and parking), we were pleasantly surprised to discover a low yet respectable water level. The north bank had about 12 inches of mud between the water surface and the vegetation — so the Hudson was down about a foot. During the course of the day, we scrunched across many sandbars and scraped a multitude of rocks, yet we had remarkably few pinnings and there were always navigable routes through even the shallowest stretches.

After running shuttle to the take-out (US 29), our party of ten embarked at 11 a.m. on a sunny, summer-like morning. For the first hour, we meandered slowly down the channel, admiring the abundant riverside vegetation, numerous turtles and other wildlife, and rock outcroppings. Other than one small shoal and a few dead falls, there were no hazards to speak of and our party occupied itself with sightseeing, water-cannon fights, and Frisbee toss-

Pablo Murphy paddles the Hudson's largest rapid.
*- Photo by Dan Roper.*

On the Hudson River (L-R): Pablo Murphy, Ted and Lissa Jackson, Michel Laxson and Jerry Simms.
*- Photo by Dan Roper.*

John and Michel Laxson re-run the lunch-rock rapid.
*- Photo by Dan Roper.*

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An hour downstream we encountered the first notable rapid -- a class II- with a mid-channel drop of a foot or two. Enticed by the presence of a shaded rock on the right side of the river, we stopped for lunch. We spent an hour here eating, exploring, swimming, fishing, and re-running the little rapid.

Downstream from our lunch spot lies the most interesting section of the Hudson. Between there and the take-out are eight to ten shoals and rapids ranging from class I+ to class II- in difficulty. About an hour downstream (near the midpoint of the trip) is a rapid that rates class II+ at normal water levels. It begins with a technical rock garden followed by a drop of about six feet over a distance of perhaps 15 yards.

The first part of the drop is just to the right of a large, mid-river rock where the main current angles to the right, followed by a sharp turn to the left. In July of 1991, after heavy thunderstorms the previous day, this rapid had proven quite challenging and entertaining. On this day, however, the lack of water made it quite a bit easier.

The large, mid-river rock is a nice place to scout the rapid, portage to re-run it, relax, and take pictures. Just downstream, a county park on the river's south bank provides public access to this area. We saw several families picnicking, fishing and swimming there.

At this point, we had been paddling for two hours (not counting lunch time) and were only half way to the take-out. I was surprised because my July of 1991 trip had taken only two hours from beginning to end. Thus, we faced an additional two hours under what had become a fiercely hot sun.

The second half of our trip had its share of the mild shoals referred to above along with pretty scenery, but the brutal heat made this an endurance test of sorts. I believe everybody was relieved when we finally arrived at the Highway 29 bridge. The Hudson, though, had one more pound of flesh to exact.

The take-out path on the south bank of the river is nearly vertical. Everybody pitched in to pull, push and carry our water craft up the steep incline. Finally, nearly spent, we loaded our gear and climbed into vehicles that had baked under the sun for hours. Air conditioning and refreshing beverages were foremost on our minds.

Joining me (OC-l) for this hot yet enjoyable and scenic trip were Jerry Sims (K-l), Ted and Lissa Jackson (OC-2), John and Michel Laxson (sit-on-tops), and, in OC-ls, Allan Wadsworth, Cathy Overby-Dyche, Marty Dyche, and Pablo Murphy.

This was a capable and congenial group of paddlers and I heard not one complaint. We parted ways vowing to return to the Hudson one of these days after a good rainstorm.

**Need paddling equipment? Want to get a jump on the other members? Come to an *Eddy Line* Mailing Party and check out the Want Ads early!! Call Rachel at 404.296 .4480.**

**Restaurant Review**

## Good News Cafe

**by Dane White**

Whenever in the Ellijay area, after doing the Cartecay or even passing through, you must stop at Good News Cafe. This is one of my favorite restaurants and I recommend it to all.

The scene: Casual, family dining in an old storefront building with beautiful hardwood floors and high ceilings.

The food: Excellent! Home style cooking with a twist, some examples not to be missed are the apple Cole slaw (Susan Martin loved it) and mashed potato pizza (an appetizer, sounds crazy but very good!) They have great veggie plates if you're not of the carnivore type.

The service: Friendly, attentive service. The food can be a little slow arriving, but then again this is not McDonald's. I don't know or remember if they accept credit cards or will separate checks.

Price: Reasonable, with most dinners around $7-10, on the cheap end are the sandwich/burger plates and the high end the meat/fish dinners.

Its nice to find a non-chain, independent restaurant that is so good. They are deserving of our business more than a giant corporation, I think. Good News Cafe is located in downtown Ellijay. As you are leaving the Cartecay, it will be on the left just before the square.

## A New Rating System

*Just a little humorous reminder that: If we aren't swimming right now — we are just between swims! This is not my article. This was forwarded through about 100 people and so I'm having trouble IDing the author. I'd love to give him or her credit. In any event, I thought it worth sharing. - Editor.*

Someone was asking me about my class IV comfort level the other day, and my answer was something like, "I'm comfortable that I can usually find an eddy to swim to." This inspired me to write Dave's International Scale of River Difficulty:

**Class I:** Easy. Fast moving water with riffles and small waves. Swimming is pleasant, shore easily reached. Almost all gear and equipment is recovered. Boat is just slightly scratched.

**Class II:** Novice. Straightforward rapids with wide, clear channels which are evident without scouting. Swimming to eddies may require moderate effort. Climbing out of river may involve slippery rocks and shrub-induced lacerations. Paddles travel a great distance downstream, requiring a lengthy walk. Canoe hits a submerged rock leaving a ding on gunwale.

**Class III:** Intermediate. Rapids with moderate, irregular waves which may be difficult to avoid. Water is swallowed. Legs are repeatedly ground against sharp pointy rocks. Several eddies are missed while swimming. Difficult decision whether or not to stay with boat is made. Decision to stay with boat results in moment of terror when swimmer realizes they are downstream of boat. Paddle is recirculated gently in small hole way upstream. All personal possessions are removed from boat and floated in different directions. Paddling partners run along river bank shouting helpful instructions. Boat is munched against large boulder hard enough to leave series of deep gouges. Sunglasses fall off.

**Class IV:** Advanced. Intense, powerful but predictable rapids requiring precise swimming in turbulent water. Swimming may require 'must' moves above dangerous hazards. 'Must' moves are downgraded to 'strongly recommended' after they are missed. Sensation of disbelief is experienced while about to swim large drops. Frantic swimming towards shore is alternated with frantic swimming away from shore to avoid strainers. Rocks are clung to with death grip. Paddle is completely forgotten. One shoe is removed. Hydraulic pressure removes car keys and credit cards from zippered paddle jacket pocket. Paddle partners running along stream look genuinely concerned while lofting throw ropes 20 feet behind swimmer. Paddle partners stare slack-jawed and point in amazement at canoe, which is finally stopped by major feature. Climbing up river bank involves an inverted tree. One of those little spring-loaded pins that attaches watch to watchband is missing. Contact lenses are moved to rear of eyeballs.

**Class V and beyond:** Expert. Not recommended for swimming.

You should see my rock-climbing difficulty rating system for true naked terror... >:) - Dave P.

*- From the CCC email list.*

"Who so walketh in solitude,
And inhabiteth the wood,
Choosing light, wave, rock and bird,
Before the money loving herd,
Into that forester shall pass,
From these companions,
Power and grace."

*- Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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**FOR SALE** - Canoe, Dagger Encore, very good condition, nicely outfitted with saddle, air bags, knee pads, etc. $650. Ron 770.435.0903.

**FOR SALE** - Canoe, Dagger Rival, purple, solo saddle with Yakima adjustable foot pegs, thigh straps and air bags. Used as instructor's boat at NOC. $550. Contact Tim at 850.545.7555, e-mail: sidekick@nettally.com.

**FOR SALE** - Canoe, Dagger Rival, 1998, purple, brand new, never paddled, with Dagger air bags. $925. Bryan 770.886 .2705.

**FOR SALE** - Canoe trailer, 8 position. Make offer. Ron 770.435.0903.

**FOR SALE** - House & land. Secluded mountain retreat near Franklin, NC - cascading waterfall, beautiful mountain creek, swimming pond, meadows, garden, gorgeous mountain views are just a few of the natural features of this 20-acre property. Spacious owner-built cypress home with over 3000 sq. ft. of living space - 17 ft. cathedral ceilings in great room, darkroom, 5 bedrooms, family room, office, greenhouse, separate workshop, many skylights and windows - surrounded by 140 land-trust acres. Proximity to many mountain rivers make this a paddler's dream - 2-1/2 hours from Atlanta. Call 828.369.6491 for more details.

**FOR SALE** - Kayak, Dagger Crossfire, red, stored inside. Also 4 float bags, spray skirt, life jacket, helmet(s), Patagonia paddle jacket (long sleeve), paddle jacket (short sleeve), throw bag, gear bag. All for $530. Also Stohlquist dry top for $110. Contact Russell at rbailey@trinityconsultants.com or 770 .518.6120.

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**FOR SALE** - Kayak, Dagger Crossfire - blue and black fade, fully outfitted with air bags and backband, includes Spectrum wooden paddle. $350. Call Beth 770.785.7645.

**FOR SALE** - Kayak, older fiberglass boat, cruising lay-up. Floats. $30. 404 .636.9339.

**FOR SALE** - Kayak, Perception Sparc, purple and red fade. Good condition. Good beginner boat or general purpose intermediate boat. $500. 706.746.3652.

**FOR SALE** - Kayak. Migo 240. Black, used once, gently. $550. Charles 770.974 .2481.

**FOR SALE** - Kayak, Prijon T-Canyon, blue, excellent condition, includes HP5 Rhino paddle (like new) float bags, PFD, skirt, helmet. $690 o/b/o. Call Rick@770 .538.0008 or email Rickterray@aol.com.

**FOR SALE** - Kayak, Perception Proline ARC. Almost new. Green and Purple color. Used one season and none this year at all. No damage and only light to normal bottom wear. Good beginners boat or for transition to play. Includes: new cockpit cover, Perception paddle (great shape), full set of flotation bags. Great deal at only $495. If interested reply to: kevin_l_williams@hp.com or call 770.795.6496 days.

**FOR SALE** - Kayak, Savage kayak by Fury, with skirt. $350 or best offer or trade for a bigger kayak. 770.938.5892.

**FOR SALE** - Inflatable Kayak, Watershed "Stiletto" model. Excellent condition, perfect for beginners or spouses who paddle occasionally. This boat is stable, but has also won rodeos. It has thigh straps and footpegs. It is self bailing with a folding foam floor and only weighs 34 lbs. Blue hull with yellow floor and thwart, includes pump. Asking $750. It was $1,250 new. If interested, please call Dave Logan at home, 770.993.1997 before 9:30 PM or email me at dave.logan@mindspring.com. Thanks, Dave.

**FOR SALE** - Utility Trailer. 4'x8' tilt bed utility trailer. It is perfect for hauling ATV's, lawn tractors, motorcycles, or bringing stuff home from the home improvement store. The whole bed tilts so you can drive things onto it. I have put in new wheel bearings and 3 new wheel/tires (includes new spare tire). They are the 12" tires that ride well on the highway. I have also completely primed and painted the whole trailer as well as adding a new deck, new wiring, lights, safety chains, tie downs, etc. You get the idea, it's as good as new. I'm only asking $450 OBO. I have that much in new parts. Call me at 770.993.1997 before 9:30 PM or email me at dave.logan@mindspring.com if you're interested. Thanks, Dave.

**FOR SALE** - Vehicle, 1999 Tahoe, loaded, OnStar system. Take up payments of $385. Ron 770.435.0903.

**HELP WANTED** - Yes, the GCA needs your help. We need volunteers to serve on committees, label and mail newsletters, etc. Call 770.421.9729 and leave a message.

**TRADE** - Sit-on-Top. Prijon Twister high performance sit on top kayak. Includes back brace, thigh braces. Good rocker, thin tail, great boat for someone wanting to play but uncomfortable in a kayak. Wanted... canoe suitable for flat water and class 1-2 white water. Call Mark Hoyle 770.321.4728 or e-mail mahoyle@mindspring.com.

**WANTED** - C-1, Dagger Cascade. Contact J.D. Forrester at 770.806.6587 or email clanforrester@yahoo.com.

**WANTED** - Kayak. Touring kayak for family outings. 770.394.5051.

**WANTED TO BUY** - Sit-on-top kayak, Dagger Pegasus. Call Deborah at 770.599 .3567 or email iviem@mindspring.com.

**WANTED TO TRADE** - Kayak for Keowee. Tired of rolling? I have a forest green Perception Keowee [very stable, great for lakes & easy rivers] in very good condition, willing to swap (with $ adjusted?) for your used or surplus "beginners" white water kayak. Make, model and color not critical, "old school" boat OK. Must be suitable for 130 lb teenager and be in fair/good condition. Atlanta area. Call 404.325.5549.

# Seventeenth Annual

# GCA FALL GALA CANOEING AFFAIR

## October 6, 7 & 8

### NELSON'S NANTAHALA HIDEAWAY

**www.nantahalacampground.com**
**Topton, NC**

### Reserved for GCA Members

**Hot Showers, Meeting Room**
**Fishing, Biking Trails**
**Hiking Trails, Horse Back Riding Nearby**

**CAMPING: (most sites have power/water hookup) $12.00/site (2 persons)/night**
**$2.00/night for each additional person camping**
**CABINS: (sleep 4 – 16 people, 1 bathroom, cable TV) $10.00/bed/night**
**BUNKHOUSES: (sleep 12 people w/easy access to large bathhouse) $4.00/bed/night**

**No pets allowed in cabins or bunkhouses — Must be on leash in camping area**

### FRIDAY EVENING:

**FREE Trip Coordinator Mini-Clinic 7:00 at Meeting House**
**FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES — Bring your favorite river videos to share!**

### SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER:

**Best Wienies and Burgers in the South!**
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**With all the fixins' you can stand**
**Price: $7.00 (Children 12 & Under $5.00)**

### Register Early – Late Fee Applies After September 15

### BOATING SATURDAY & SUNDAY:

**Meeting House at 8:30 a.m. to Organize Trips**

### RIVERS (water level permitting):

**Ocoee, Nantahala, Tuckeseigee, Little Tennessee,**
**Pigeon, French Broad, Nolichucky, Chattooga,**
**Upper Chattahoochee, Nacoochee Hooch, Amicalola, Cartecay**

### Lakes:

**Nantahala, Fontana**

**For further information, contact:**
**Denise Colquitt 770.854.6636 or NEICEYC@aol.com**

# GCA FALL GALA CANOEING AFFAIR

**Registration Form**

**To Register – Fill out registration form below and mail QUICKLY (first come, first serve) with your check made out to "GCA" to**:

**Denise Colquitt**
**3794 Glenloch Road**
**Franklin, GA 30217**
**For questions, call: 770.854.6636**

**Name** _____ **Phone** _____

**No. in Party** _____

**Address** _____

**Camping:**
**Number of tents @ $12.00 (includes 2 people) Fri.** _____ **Sat.** _____

**Extra people @ $2.00 each (over 2 people) Fri.** _____ **Sat.** _____ **Total $**_____

**Cabins:**
**(Kitchen, bathroom, cable tv) $10.00/person Fri.** _____ **Sat.** _____ **Total $**_____

**Bunkhouse:**
**(Each sleeps 12) $4.00/person Fri.** _____ **Sat.** _____ **Total $**_____

**Saturday Dinner - Number of Meals @ $7.00 (adults) $6.00 (12 & Under):**
**$7.00**_____ **$5.00**_____ **Total $**_____

**$5.00 LATE FEE IF POST MARKED AFTER SEPTEMBER 15 $**_____

**Make check payable to : GCA for Grand Total $**_____

**Willing to lead a trip Saturday or Sunday on:**
**Cartecay**_____ **Nantahala**_____ **Tuckasiegee**_____ **Pigeon**_____ **Ocoee**_____
**Upper Hooch**_____ **Chattooga**_____ **Other:**_____
**Lake(s):**_____

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**TOPTON, NC 28781**

See their website for a map/directions/cabin pictures/hiking trails/area information and more

GEORGIA CANOEING ASSOCIATION INSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

# CANOEING & KAYAKING INSTRUCTION

## PADDLING CLINIC INFORMATION

Clinics will be taught by ACA-certified instructors and qualified assistants. In order to provide individual attention, the maximum student-to-instructor ratio is 4:1. Space is limited.

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

**BEGINNING WHITE WATER:**
For people who have never had a boat on moving water. Three-hour evening classroom session with videos and lectures covering equipment, safety, river features and paddling techniques for tandem and solo boaters. Full day Saturday flat water session emphasizing strokes, wet exits. Full day Sunday session on a class II river practicing ferries, eddy turns, peel-outs, running rapids, self rescue and assisted rescue. You must attend both the dry and flat water sessions to participate in the white water river portions of the course.

**BEGINNING YOUTH WHITE WATER:**
Same course as above, but designed for youths ages 16 and under.

**TRAINED BEGINNER WHITE WATER:**
Participants should have had recent beginner level instruction or 5 days of white water experience. Polish-up beginner skills, plus bracing and rolling (kayaks).

**INTERMEDIATE WHITE WATER:**
Intermediate clinic participants should be comfortable paddling class II-III white water such as the Nantahala, and wish to master the roll in rapids, and learn how to play confidently in Nantahala-type waves and holes. Intermediate kayakers should have a 100% flat water roll and a 50% reliable combat roll in class II rapids. Saturday morning lake session working on strokes and rolls (kayaks) and an afternoon session on the Nantahala working on turns, surfing, eddy hopping, etc. Full day Sunday trip on a class II-III river.

## ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES

**GCA MEMBERSHIP:**
All participants must be current GCA members. To join the GCA, call the GCA at 770.421.9729 or go to the GCA web page www.georgiacanoe.org for a membership application. Dues are $25 per year.

**REGISTRATION:**
Call the coordinator of the clinic you want to take for more information. You will NOT be registered, however, until the coordinator receives a check for $50.00 per person payable to GCA. Call early, clinics fill quickly.

**CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:**
If you wish to cancel or switch to another date, please notify the Clinic Coordinator as soon as possible. If you cancel at least 10 days before the first class session your fees will be refunded. After that, refunds will be made only if a replacement is found. Clinics will be conducted rain or shine. No-shows and those not completing the full course are ineligible for refunds.

**AGE:**
If you are under 18, all liability releases must be signed by a parent or guardian, who must also provide suitable power-of-attorney for medical care. Except for youth clinics, pre-teens will not be enrolled unless they have had suitable paddling experience in the Training Director's judgment.

**SWIMMING ABILITY:**
You must be able to swim and should not panic with your head under water. Beginning kayak clinic participants will spend a lot of time upside down inside their kayaks on the lake. All students will practice swimming & self-rescue skills in rapids.

**PHYSICAL CONDITION:**
White water paddling is a physically and mentally challenging activity that requires fitness, flexibility, and a positive attitude in stressful situations. Kayaking is a high-risk activity for individuals with a history of shoulder dislocations. Applicants should discuss potential physical limitations with the Coordinator before signing up.

**EQUIPMENT:**
You must furnish all of your own equipment. You will receive a detailed list of required and recommended equipment well in advance of the clinic.

INSTRUCTIONS & REGISTRATION FORM ON REVERSE SIDE

# GCA CANOE AND KAYAK INSTRUCTION

**SPRING AND SUMMER 2000**

## PADDLE GYMKHANA
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SATURDAY, APRIL 15
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GINA JOHNSON 404.257.3160

## CANOEING

### BEGINNER WHITE WATER

AUGUST 8 (EVENING), 12,13
MARVINE COLE 770.475.3022

### TRAINED BEGINNER WHITE WATER

AUGUST 12-13
MARVINE COLE 770.475.3022

### INTERMEDIATE WHITE WATER

MAY 20-21
OREON MANN 404.522.3469

### TANDEM WHITE WATER CANOE

JUNE 24-25
HAYNES AND GINA JOHNSON
770.971.1542

## SAFETY AND RESCUE

### SWIFT WATER RESCUE

MAY 20-21
DAVID MARTIN 404.351.8208

### FALL RIVER SAFETY & RESCUE

OCTOBER 14-15
MIKE WINCHESTER 770.319.8969

## KAYAKING

### BEGINNER WHITE WATER

AUGUST 8 (EVENING), 12,13
KNOX WORDE 770.475.3022

### TRAINED BEGINNER WHITE WATER

AUGUST 12,13
KNOX WORDE 770.475.3022

### INTERMEDIATE WHITE WATER

MAY 6-7 REVEL FREEMAN 404.261.8572
JUNE 23-24 PATTY CAMPBELL 828.526.9018

## SEA KAYAKING

MAY 20-21
STEVE CRAMER 706.208.8382
THIS COURSE WILL HAVE A SEPARATE FEE

Registration: to register for one of these clinics you must be a member of the Georgia Canoeing Association. To join the GCA or for an application call 404.421.9729. Dues are $25. To register for a clinic, call the coordinator of the clinic for more information. You will NOT be registered until the coordinator receives this completed form and a check for $50.00 per person. Call early because the clinics fill quickly.

CLINIC _____

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ AGE _____ SEX _____

ALLERGIES OR PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES _____

_____

DISABILITIES OR PHYSICAL PROBLEMS _____

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# Instructional Workshops FALL 2000

## Fly Fishing

Learn the art of fly fishing while enjoying a great weekend get-away in the quaint mountain town of Copperhill, Tennessee. Master fly fisherman Casey Jones, will share his vast knowledge of the sport through lecture and practical experience. Stay in the Ledge at Copperhill, a bed and breakfast similar in design to pensions in Europe and soak up the true Appalachian culture of the area. The workshop begins at 8 p.m. Friday night.

***Instructor: Casey Jones***

**Workshop 1**
Friday-Sunday, August 25-27

**Workshop 2**
Friday-Sunday, September 8-10

**Cost: $195**
includes instruction, use of equipment and two-night stay in the B&B

***Limited to 10 participants.***

For more information about any of these workshops, call 770-806-6001.

## Wilderness Living Basics– Outdoor Survival Skills

Fundamental skills for wilderness living provide for a safe enjoyable experience as well as prepare one to endure a possible wilderness survival situation. This comprehensive, hands-on course will teach you how to be comfortable and stay safe and alive in the woods. The subjects include making good judgements, finding water, finding/making shelter, fire making, signaling, making simple tools, finding emergency food and using what Mother Nature provides. A Thursday night classroom session will be held from 6-9 p.m. in Duluth. The field experience on Saturday will take place in Dekalb County from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

***Instructor: Larry Polk***

**Workshop 1**
Thursday, September 7 and Saturday, September 9

**Workshop 2**
Thursday, October 26 and Saturday, October 28

**Cost: $95**
includes instruction, handouts, supplies, leadership and survival book

***Limited to 15 participants.***

## Orienteering

Any trip into the wilderness will benefit from good navigational skills. This course will teach the fundamental uses of map and compass with an emphasis on topographical maps, use of orienteering compass and wilderness navigation by land and water. Practical experience will focus on score and point-to-point orienteering. A Thursday night classroom session will be held from 6-9 p.m. in Duluth. The field experience on Saturday will take place in Dekalb County from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

***Instructor: Larry Polk***

**Workshop 1**
Thursday, September 28 and Saturday, September 30

**Workshop 2**
Thursday, November 9 and Saturday, November 11

**Cost: $95**
includes instruction, handouts and compass to keep

***Limited to 15 participants.***

## REGISTRATION FORM

*Photocopy this registration form for additional registrants.*

Workshop Name(s) _____

Workshop Dates _____

Trip Cost(s) per person $ _____ Total Amount Enclosed $ _____

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Fax _____ E-mail _____

Mail this form, along with your check to: Class V Outdoors, Inc. • 3483 Satellite Boulevard • Suite 200 • Duluth, GA 30096

**Cancellation policy**
Notification of cancellation must be made in writing. Cancellations made less than one week in advance of the activity date will not receive a refund. Cancellations made more than one week in advance will receive a refund minus a $10 administrative fee.

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