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GCA Fall Gala Canoeing Affair

Mark your calendars! The 2003 GCA Fall Gala is scheduled for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 19-21. The Gala is a weekend of paddling and camping, featuring a catered dinner on Saturday evening (barbeque or meatless meals), club-sponsored trips on Saturday and Sunday, and the fine company of many, many GCA members.

This year the Saturday evening program will include a slide presentation and talk by Tom Wheatley of the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance — "Wild Utah: America's Red Rock Wilderness," including a special reading by Pulitzer Prize winning author Wallace Stegner from his famous Wilderness Letter. This inspirational and informational slide show is a must see for citizens wishing to become personally involved in this tremendous American public lands conservation effort, a model for other efforts to save public lands in the United States. This program was made possible through the generous donation of photos, music and words from concerned Utahans who wish to pass this heritage on to future generations.

The event will be headquartered at Nelson's Nantahala Hideaway, nestled in the heart of the Nantahala National Forest in Topton, NC. The registration form is included in this issue of *The Eddy Line*. Note the short registration period.

NEW INFORMATION — October Meeting, Paddle & Pizza Party

Come join us for a pizza party and paddle on Sunday, October 19 at Azalea Park in Roswell. We'll provide the pizza and drinks, you bring a salad or dessert. There will be lots of fun, boating stories, trying out each others' boats, and most importantly, voting on a new slate of officers. If you haven't attended a meeting lately, we hope you'll come and bring a friend. (This event is in lieu of the previously advertised Friday night meeting at Garden Hills on Oct. 17.)

The party starts at 4:00 p.m. at Azalea Park. A "Farewell to the Prez" paddle will begin at Island Ford at 1:30 p.m. Call Marvine Cole at 770.475.3022 to sign up (easy shoals and flat water).

To get to Azalea Park, from GA 400 North, take exit 6, Northridge Road. At the end of the ramp, bear right, and just over the overpass, turn right on Dunwoody Place. Then turn right on Roswell Road. Cross the Chattahoochee and make a left onto Azalea Drive. The park is down about one mile on the left (where the rowing club is housed).

To get to Island Ford, from GA 400 North, take exit 6, Northridge Road. At the end of the ramp, bear right, and turn right on Dunwoody Place (just over the bridge), then right on Roberts Road. Follow the signs to the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, Island Ford unit (brown park signs).

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Late breaking news — American Whitewater announces agreement with TVA on Upper Ocoee releases. See the article on page 22 for more information.

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Who Ya Gonna Call?

The following list is provided for your convenience:

For general information about the club - Call the club telephone number, 770.421.9729, and leave a message. Someone will get back to you.

To volunteer to help with club activities - Call President Marvine Cole at 770.475.3022 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 Mike Winchester at 770.319.8969.

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 Jim Albert at 770.414.1521.

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 Geoff Kohl at 404.457.3517 or Newsletter Editor Allen Hedden at 770.426.4318.

For information on videos and books available from the GCA Library - Call GCA Librarian Denise Colquitt at 770.854.6636.

Board of Directors Meetings

The Georgia Canoeing Association Board of Directors meetings are held quarterly on the first Thursday of the last month of the quarter (March, June, September, December) 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 Marvine Cole at 770.475.3022 so she can add your item to the agenda. Attending Board meetings is a great way to become more involved with the GCA.

GCA Executive Committee

President	Marvine Cole
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Member Services Chair	Vacant
Recreation Chair	Gretchen Mallins
Resource Development Chair	Cameron Pach
River Protection Chair	Jim Tibbetts
Training Chair	Jim Albert

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 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

September

4	Board of Directors Meeting — Members invited — Atlanta Botanical Gardens — Marvine Cole			770.475.3022
6	Toccoa	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jim Griffin	770.498.3695
6	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Mike Winchester	770.319.8969
6	Chattooga Section 4	Class 3-4 Advanced	Roger Nott	770.536.6923
7	Upper Amicacola	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Dave Chaney	770.973.7910
7	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Mike Winchester	770.319.8969
13	Toccoa	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Greg Spencer	404.892.6851
14	Upper Chattahoochee	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Tom Bishop	404.977.8971
21	Chattooga Section 3-1/2	Class 3-4 Advanced	Jodi Kaufman	706.207.0755
26	Chattooga Section 3-1/2	Class 3-4 Advanced	Jodi Kaufman	706.207.0755
27	Cartecay	Class 2-3 Intermediate	William Gatling	770.529.7103

October

4	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jack Taylor	770.998.0350
4	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Mike Winchester	770.319.8969
5	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jack Taylor	770.998.0350
5	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Mike Winchester	770.319.8969
18	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	William Gatling	770.529.7103
19	Chattahoochee (Note 1) Farewell to the Prez	Class 1	Marvine Cole	770.475.3022
19	Club Meeting and Pizza Party — Chattahoochee River Park, Roswell — Marvine Cole			770.475.3022
25	Metro Chattahoochee (Note2)	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Lindsay Meeks	404.872.5211

Note 1: Island Ford to Azalea Drive, 1:30 pm followed by a PIZZA PARTY & membership meeting. See cover story for details.
Note 2: Clean Up Trip w/ River Keeper. CANOES NEEDED!

I WOULD LIKE TO ADD A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS TO WILLIAM GATLING FOR HIS ASSISTANCE WITH THE CRUISE MASTER JOB! MANY THANKS ALSO TO THOSE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO COORDINATE TRIPS! - *Mike Winchester.*

Your Trip Could Be Listed in This Space — Call the Cruise Master and Sign Up Now!!

Signing Up: Call the trip coordinator listed to sign up for trips. Most trip coordinators will move a trip to an alternate venue if the water levels and conditions for a particular trip are not favorable. 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 was learned in the clinic and expanding skill levels.
To Volunteer To Lead Trips: Call the Cruisemaster, Mike Winchester, at 770.319.8969. 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 6:00 PM 'til dark May thru the end of Daylight Savings Time in October at the lake at Stone Mountain Park. See announcement in this issue of *The Eddy Line.*

GCA Library Items

The GCA Library has many videotapes and books available to any GCA member. All you have to do is call GCA Librarian Denise Colquitt at 770.854.6636 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:

Denise Colquitt
3794 Glenloch Road
Franklin, GA 30217

The following items are currently available:

Videos:

Canoes by Whitesell
Cold, Wet & Alive
Expedition Earth
Faultline (Will Reeves)
First Descents (North Fork Payette)
Grace Under Pressure (learning the kayak roll)
I Said Left, Stupid: A Video Guide to the Chattooga River (Sect. 2 & 3)
In the Surf
Introduction to Canoeing
Mohawk Canoes (promotional w/detailed boat outfitting instructions)
Mohawk Whitewater Canoes (promotional w/ detailed outfitting instructions)
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The C-1 Challenge
The Middle Fork of the Salmon River (Idaho) — by Photographic Expeditions
Trailside: White Water Canoeing the Chattooga River
Vortox -- low cost storm water sampler
Waterwalker (Bill Mason)
Whitewater Self Defense

Books:

A Canoeing and Kayakng Guide to the Streams of Florida
A Canoeing & Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Kentucky
ACanoeing and Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Ohio, Vols I & II
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Buyer's Guide 1994 (Paddler Magazine)
Buyer's Guide 1996 (Paddler Magazine)
California Whitewater - A Guide to the Rivers
Canoe Racing (Marathon & Down River)
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Carolina Whitewater (Western Carolina)
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Homelands: Kayaking the Inside Passage
Idaho Whitewater
Indiana Canoeing Guide
Kentucky Wild Rivers
Missouri Ozark Waterways
Northern Georgia Canoe Guide
Ohio County Maps & Recreational Guide
Paddle America (Guide to trips & outfitters)
Paddle to the Amazon - The World's Longest Canoe Trip
Paddling SC-Palmetto State River Trails
Path of the Paddle
People Proteeting Rivers
Pole, paddle & Portage
River Rescue
River Safety Anthology
River's End (Stories)
Sea Kayaking Canada's West Coast
Song of the Paddle
Southeastern Whitewater
Southern Georgia Canoeing
The Georgia Conservancy Guide to the North
The Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande
The Mighty Mulberry-A Canoeing Guide
They Shoot Canoes, Don't they?
White Water Tales of Terror
WhiteWaterTrips (British Columbia &Washington)
Wildwater (Sierra Club Guide)
WildwaterWestVirginia
Youghiogheny-Appalachian River

Maps:

The Big South Fork

Announcements

GCA Email List

The GCA email list has at this printing about 300 subscribers. Here's how the list works:

By sending an email to "gcalist@yahoogroups.com" you automatically reach all subscribers to the list with the message. Only those subscribed to the list can send email to the list.

To subscribe to the list, send an email to "gcalist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com". 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 gcalist@yahoogroups.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 continually adding information and links of value to paddlers. Send your ideas for updates to Web Master Allen Sinquefield by using the e-mail link for WebGuy at the site. Membership applications, GCA waivers and other forms for use by members are posted on the site.

Mail Failure Notices

Each month the *Electronic Eddy Line* receives numerous mail failure notices against members' email IDs. If your email address comes back with a mail failure notice, you will be deleted from the recipient list for the *Electronic Eddy Line* until we get a request to be added back with a current email address.

Also, if we get a number of mail failure notices against an email ID on the GCA Email List, that ID is automatically unsubscribed by the listserve software. It is the subscriber's responsibility to maintain the subscription with the current email ID. Your cooperation is appreciated — it makes less work for our all volunteer staff.

Support Our GCA Supporters

A new feature of the GCA web site will be a GCA Supporters page with links to the companies that support GCA financially by advertising with us. Help out those who help us out — patronize our financial supporters!! Thanks!

Weekday Paddlers

Did you know that GCA has a list of paddlers available to paddle during the week? We now have 70+ entries on the weekday paddlers list, including members who are retired persons, those with variable or non-standard work schedules, those availble to paddle weekdays when school is out (students and teachers), and even those who have a lot of vacation time to burn and want to take vacation days for paddling. The list includes members who paddle smooth water as well as all classes of white water.

If you would like to be included in the list, please call Allen Hedden at 770.426.4318 and leave your name, phone number, days of the week you are available to paddle, and class of water (flat, I thru V) that you are interested in paddling. You will then receive an up-to-date copy of the list. The list will be re-published quarterly (January, April, July, October).

Updates are available by request through the GCA phone line. If you received your copy of the list more than 3 months ago, you should request an updated copy . There have been considerable changes to the list. To receive an up-to-date copy, call the GCA phone line at 770.421.9729 and leave your name and address with a request for the updated list.

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Upcoming Events of Interest

September 6-7 — Tsali Challenge Triathlon — Tsali Recreation Area, NC, 800.232.7238 ext. 600, www.noc.com.

September 10-14 — ICF Flat Water Racing World Championships — Lake Lanier, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287.7888, ConHagler@aol.com.

September 19-21 — 2003 Gauley River Festival — Nicholas County Veterans Memorial Park, Rte 19, Summersville, WV.

Oct 30-November 2 — NOC GAF — Nantahala River, Wesser, NC, 800.232.7238 ext. 600, www.noc.com.

December 6 — NRC Jiffy Slalom Race — Tuckaseigee River, Bryson City, NC, Nantahala Racing Club, 828.488.2176 ext. 108, email: rhino@main.nc.us.

December 7 — NRC Wild Water Race — Tuckaseigee Gorge, NC, Nantahala Racing Club, 828.488.2176 ext. 108, email: rhino@main.nc.us.

GCA at GAF

This year, as a service to our members, GCA is once again renting a booth at NOC's Guest Appreciation Festival, October 31 through Nov. 2. If you've ever been to GAF, you know it's great fun as well as a great time to buy and sell used equipment. People from all over the southeast start showing up on Friday selling their gear and NOC's used gear sale begins Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. Look for everything from used spray skirts to paddling jackets, paddles, boats, rafts, bikes and more.

Here's how it's going to work. If you want to sell something, you'll need to staff the booth for a short period and mark your goods so others can sell them when it's not your turn to be there. Plan to do some people watching and introduce passers-by to the GCA, too. We'll have the booth with our display set up on Friday and Saturday. If you're willing to help with set up or take down, or have questions, please call Marvine Cole at 770.475.3022.

Creativity is great, but plagiarism is faster.

Summer Roll Practice

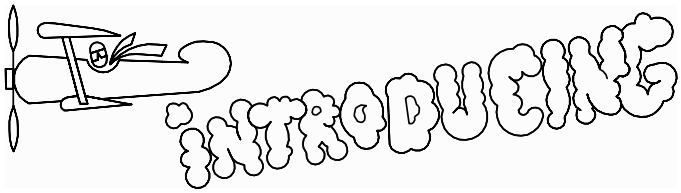
Joint AWC / GCA Summer Roll Practice will be held at Stone Mountain Lake this year beginning in May and running through the end of daylight savings time in October. Sessions are scheduled for Wednesdays at 6:00 (or earlier). Admission is free once you enter the park (a season pass is highly recommended if you plan 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!



Welcome New Members — Directory Additions

The following is a list of all members who have joined the club since the last update. We will try to include this information on an on-going basis so you can add new members to your Directory. New members are the life blood and the future of the club. Thank you for joining us!!

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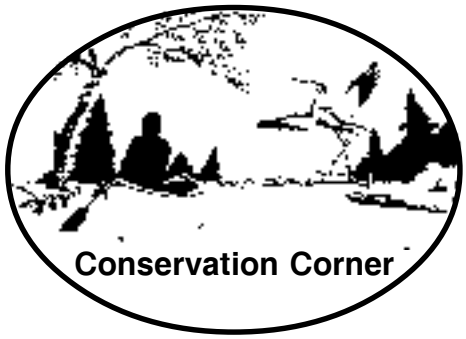

I noticed with enthusiasm that a rep from the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) will be presenting to the GCA at the fall Gala. In 1999 I traveled extensively in the four corners area of the Colorado Plateau. While there I learned of SUWA and subsequently became a member. Their environmental work is important, well executed and the issues they address hold serious implications for all areas of the US.

I encourage you to attend the presentation. I attended a similar event here in Asheville a couple of weeks ago. It was a good one with an excellent slide show. I have included below some information from their recent email list serve. There is good news (#3 below) and bad news (background). We must all pay attention these days; your government reps need your support to take tough stands in support of the environment. You do not need to be a member to join the list serve. For further info, check out the SUWA site: www.suwa.org

***** BACKGROUND *****

Earlier this year, the Bush administration resurrected a civil-war era statute referred to as Revised Statute 2477 (R.S.2477) that could allow special interests and local jurisdictions to convert thousands of miles of primitive rights-of-ways that cross federal public land — including old mining and livestock trails, footpaths, even streambeds — into damaging paved roads and highways, permanently damaging the very places Americans care most about.

This amounts to a massive give-away of OUR public lands nationwide. This little known loophole leaves no place off-limits; private interests could plow roads through any number of National Parks and Monuments, Wildlife Refuges, National Forests, even Wilderness Areas, without environmental review or meaningful public input.

In Utah alone, over 15,000 of these alleged "roads" have been claimed by state and county officials. Southern Utah counties now claim they have valid existing rights-of-way under the repealed law that entitle them to grade and pave phantom trails, including routes in OUR national parks and lands included in wilderness legislation in Congress.

These wilderness foes argue that these rough, unmaintained jeep routes, and wagon trails disqualify surrounding public lands for wilderness protection. Emery County has claimed hundreds of miles of new RS2477 routes in the national park quality lands of the San Rafael Swell. These "phantom highways" would slice and dice the spectacular landscapes and canyons proposed for protection in America's Red Rock Wilderness Act. Maps obtained legally, earlier this year show bogus road claims in every National Park and Wilderness Area in Utah.

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Natural treasures at risk from these "roads to ruin" include Utah's Canyon Lands, Zion National Parks and the Grand-Staircase Escalante National Monument. Other areas at risk in Utah include Harts Point proposed Wilderness Area, and Arch Canyon in San Juan County.

For additional information please refer to these websites:
www.highway-robbery.org
www.suwa.org
http://www.leaveitwild.org/takeaction/rs2477.html

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

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SUWA Action Alert
Subject: Utah Red Rock Report July 18, 2003

Over last few days the U.S. House of Representatives debated, voted on and ultimately passed the House Interior Appropriations Bill, which funds the federal agencies that fall under the Interior Department, namely the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife. Attached to the bill itself were several amendments that aim to change the bill in some way, often times a limitation or expansion of funding for a particular program, or a substantive change in policy.

In this case, most of the amendments dealt with policy that the environmental community is very invested in — forests, snowmobiles in Yellowstone, wildlife management and road building on public lands, yes the infamous RS2477 issue again. The Mark Udall amendment, that we alerted you to earlier, aimed at prohibiting funding in the 2004 Interior budget for processing RS2477 road claims, was passed, but was amended by a second order amendment from Representative Charles Taylor of NC.

Through your efforts we've succeeded in convincing the majority of Congress that the Bush administration's disclaimer rule is a threat to America's Wilderness. To read more detail on this interesting turn of events, please read on.

*******ACTION*******

1) CALL/EMAIL YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AND EXPRESS YOUR THANKS/DISAPPOINTMENT IN THEIR VOTE ON THE TAYLOR AMENDMENT.

It is incredibly important that we let our legislators know that we are paying attention to the outcomes of important votes like this one. In order to hold them accountable to us, their constituents, it is our duty as citizens to let them know how we feel about their vote on the Taylor amendment. It is just as important to thank your representative, as it is to express your disappointment when they don't vote the way that you would have wanted. Please use the below link to send a quick email to your representative: www.capwiz.com/awc/issues/alert/?alertid=2894521

You can, based on your zip code, find out how your representative voted, craft a customized message, and send it in a few quick minutes. Based on the way they voted, the service will create a message that will say "Thank you" for a NO vote on the Taylor amendment, or "I'm disappointed that you voted in favor of Taylor amendment."

We also encourage you to make a call to your representative's DC office if you would like to reinforce this message. To find your representative's contact information, please us the link below. http://www.capwiz.com/awc/dbq/officials/ Thank you for your activism!

*******EVENTS*******

2) SUWA ROUNDUP IN SEPTEMBER

Mark your calendars for the 2003 SUWA Roundup! Autumn may seem very far away, but it's not too early to mark your calendar for this year's annual membership gathering in the heart of Red Rock Canyon Country, scheduled for September 12-14. Set in the heart of the San Rafael Swell, the SUWA Roundup offers our members the opportunity to meet SUWA staff and enjoy the beautiful Indian summer of red rock country with fellow desert rats from Utah and around the country.

Activities include fun, hiking, celebrating what we have all worked so hard to save, a pot luck dinner, evening music around the campfire, good people and lots of laughs. Sunday morning you will awake to the aroma of freshly brewed coffee followed by a hearty breakfast prepared by SUWA staff in appreciation of all your support and dedication.

This year's Roundup will be extra special as SUWA celebrates 20 years of defending America's red rock wilderness. Watch for more details in upcoming email alerts, and if you have specific questions, please contact Margi Hoffman at margi@suwa.org

We'll see you in the red rocks!

*******UPDATES*******

3) INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS AMENDMENTS, 200 MILLION ACRES SAFE FROM BOGUS ROAD CLAIMS

Last night, thanks to terrific grass roots pressure for the Mark Udall amendment, the Republican leadership in the House believed it lacked the votes to stop the Udall amendment from passing. So instead, the Republican Interior Appropriations Chairman Charlie Taylor (R-NC) offered a second order amendment that included limited protection for public lands as to siphon off votes.

To pull enough support, Taylor had to exempt National Parks, Monuments, WSAs, Wilderness and Refuges from RS2477 claims under the disclaimer rule for one

year. The result being that the House republican leadership had to blunt the Bush administration's disclaimer rule by exempting 200 million acres from its wrath. The Taylor amendment passed the House 226 votes to 194, and in doing so replaced the language of the Mark Udall amendment. Even Don Young (R-AK) had to vote to protect Alaska parks and refuges from RS2477 claims to ensure the Mark Udall amendment was stopped. However, with Taylor's language, 400 million acres of public lands remain vulnerable. It is unclear whether this language will remain in the appropriations bill as it now moves through the Senate.

For Utah, the 3.2 million acres of WSAs and the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument would be OFF LIMITS to RS2477 claims for a year if enacted into law (as well as Canyon Lands, Salt Creek, and many other wild places). But the rest of the Red Rock and undesignated forest wilderness remains vulnerable to RS2477 claims.

The Taylor amendment also fails to protect millions of acres of public land within designated conservation units, such as Wild and Scenic River corridors, National Forests, and National Conservation Areas. It also leaves at risk the 2.5 million acres of roadless Utah public lands that the BLM found suitable for Wilderness Study Area designation in 1999.

Another issue with the Taylor amendment is that it does not address the threats that RS2477 claims present to private property. References were made on the House Floor last night to several instances in which private property owners are being adversely affected by bogus road claims that occur on their private property. A special thanks goes out to all of those who were brave enough to use their personal stories to raise awareness on this issue at the national level. Your efforts have educated Congress that RS2477 is an enormous environmental threat that the public wants stopped. Last night's vote sent the clear message that the Bush administration's extreme anti-environmental agenda is not supported by the American people or by many members of Congress on both sides of the aisle. Thank you for all your help!

To read press clips about the Taylor, Udall and other amendments to the Interior Appropriations Bill check out these links:
http://www.sltrib.com/2003/Jul/07182003/utah/76384.asp
http://www.rockymountainnews.com/drmn/state/article/0,1299,DRMN_21_2118673,00.html

And as always, for more information on SUWA and the work that we do go to www.suwa.org

Wild Water World Cups Fever

by Allyn Amsk, Kern Valley Sun

Thursday, July 3, 2003. If you missed out on the Wild Water World Cup races held on the Upper Kern River, you missed out on a remarkable sporting event. Wild water racing is one of the most challenging sports, requiring endurance, great athletic ability, strategy, and a keen knowledge of the river.

Races come in a series, with a longer, "classic" run on the first day, then a sprint race on the second day (where competitors run twice through the course), and then a day off.

"You can use this time to learn the next track," said Manfred Harzheim, team leader for Germany. Knowledge of the river is essential.

"If you take the long way," Harzheim said, "you lose seconds. The best athletes have a good memory. You must be very good with your brain."

Mistakes can be costly. A racer who gets caught in an eddy can lose 10 seconds or more. That can mean the difference between first and second place. In the K-1 women's race for the classic run at Limestone, Michala Strnadova of the Czech Republic finished first with a time of 12 minutes, 18.9 seconds. Sabine Eichenberger finished second with 12 minutes, 21.15 seconds, and Nathalie Leclerc of France finished third with 12 minutes, 32.49 seconds.

Harzheim said that if there are two possible courses, then each is timed, to see which is the fastest. To anyone watching the German team on Thursday in Race 4, it was clear they were all following the same track, as determined by their study the day before. Good balance and coordination is essential for this sport. "These boats are very tippy," Harzheim said. "If you are sitting still, you will tip over."

The team leader said the ideal age to train is 12, because youngsters can learn some skills that cannot be acquired when they are older. Endurance is also essential. Unlike football, for example, where athletes use a burst of power then rest between plays, wild water athletes, according to Harzheim, "must spread their power over the whole course."

From the race results, it is clear that Europeans dominate the sport. That, however, didn't deter the U.S. team from giving their best effort.

"The idea of having it here (in Kernville CA, USA) is absolutely terrific," said John Pinyerd of the USA team.

After 15 years of racing in slalom and wild water,

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Pinyerd decided to try retire from the sport and try something else. Then a few years into retirement, he learned that the Wild Water World Cup races were coming to America. So for nine months he maintained a rigorous training schedule. "I'm just an old guy who knows how to race," Pinyerd said. "But I love it and apparently I'm in it for life."

"In today's race," Pinyerd said after the Limestone Run on Saturday, "I never thought about competing or competition while I was racing. It was all about the river. This section of river that I raced today was one of the best I've ever been on and one of my favorite courses of all time.

John Pinyerd races through a classic race at the Limestone Run on Saturday. Pinyerd left retirement in order to compete in this unique event that has never before been held in the United States. Fourteen countries competed in the Wild Water World Cups races, temporarily putting Kernville and many parts of the Kern River Valley in an international spotlight.

It was a real pleasure."

"I've raced all over Europe," Pinyerd said, "but Kernville's hospitality was best."

Pinyerd said he would be happy to finish in the top 20. After the final sprint through Limestone Rapid on Sunday, though, he did even better, finishing 13th. John's results were as follows:

WC #1 - DNS - Dislocated Shoulder
WC #2 - DNS - Dislocated Shoulder
WC #3 - 14th
WC #4 - 12th
WC #5 - 14th
WC #6 - 13th

Based on his four best races, John finished 14th overall in the World Cup events.

-From the Kern Valley Sun. John Pinyerd is a GCA Life Member and a current and former US Wild Water Team member.

78 Countries for Lanier Canoe 2003

by Connie Hagler

The following countries are currently in our registration system for the Flat Water Racing World Championships. Sixty eight countries was previously the most countries ever to attend a Flat Water Racing World Championships. This record was set in Seville, Spain, last year.

Registered:

Albania, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Guatemala, Georgia, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, India, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Moldova, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Peru, Romania, Russia, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, Uruguay, USA, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Yugoslavia

The venue is going to be beautiful! Many, many thanks to Hogan Construction, Rochester & Associates, The US Corps of Engineers, Gainesville, Hall County and the State of Georgia. The progress has been amazing! You can see the construction progress on our Web Cam. Please go to www.LanierCanoe2003.org for more information!

Upcoming Dates:

August 1 No Wake Zone starts
August 4 Community meeting — for information on Lanier Canoe 2003 — 6:00 PM at the boathouse
August 11 Final LC2003 Committee meeting 6:30 PM at the boathouse
August 25 Volunteer training day 6:30 PM at the boathouse
August 27 Nominal entry deadline
September 1 Venue opens — lake closes....
September 6 Rotary, Kiwanis reception for ICF Developing Nation Program
September 7 Welcome the World — distance race!
September 9 Venue dedication 6 PM
September 10 Opening ceremony Georgia Mountain Center 6 PM — tickets $25
September 11 - 14 Competition

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Winyah Rivers Canoe & Kayak Challenge

by Dwight Fee, Promotion Coordinator

I hope you will mark your calendars (and register) for the Winyah Rivers Canoe & Kayak Challenge in Georgetown, South Carolina, on Sunday, October 19. Come join us for a great day of racing for serious and first-time fun competitors in solo & tandem canoes and kayaks. You may want to make a weekend of it since Challenge Day follows the really nifty Wooden Boat Show on Saturday.

Following are the particulars:

Six beautiful black water rivers flow into Winyah Bay at Georgetown creating a boater's paradise. The long race of 10 to 12 miles begins at 1 p.m. The short race of 3 to 5 miles begins at 2 p.m. Sprint races, from 1 to 2 miles, begin at the end of the other races. Sprint races are organized by cadets (under 16), open (16-39) master (40-49) and senior (50+). Registration fee (includes all events): $20 before Oct.6, $25 thereafter.

There's more info about registering on the web at www.winyahrivers.org or email winyahrivers@yahoo.com or call Keep Georgetown Beautiful at 843.545.4100.

For information on Georgetown accommodations go to: www.visitgeorgetownsc.com.

Happy paddling!

The Ohoopee at Flood

by William C. Reeves (The Hawk)

Tropical Storm Bill hit over Fourth of July weekend and the Ohoopee was running about 2K (10') so we gave it a try. We were lucky to paddle at flood stage because the river was over-bank and percolating through the forest at each major bend and ox bow. Or better said, the black water Ohoopee at flood stage was up to half a mile wide and resembled Tolkien's deep dark Mirkwood Forest. Even in the widest portions, towering bald cypress and willows shaded us. We were also lucky, because the Ohoopee drops about a foot per mile so flood stage on this river ain't like flood on Chattooga.

We probably would have gone even if it hadn't rained like stink, because the Ohoopee can be run as low as 200 cfs. At low levels, it will be very constricted and you will have to portage deadfalls. On the other hand, you'll be meandering through numerous gigantic sandbars, which provide outstanding locations for camping and picnicking. In other words, the Ohoopee can be run for most of the year, is in many ways as unique as the Okefenokee, and constitutes a mandatory trip for southeastern paddlers.

The Ohoopee can be experienced any way you like it,

Above is a rather typical sandbar camping site on the upper section. Below is another site about 4 miles up the middle.

This is what happens when the river gets over its banks. This was a shortcut around an oxbow on the lower section.

from a five-day expedition starting at the top and taking out at the Altamaha or as multiple day trips. Barb and the Hawk went on our own and did it our traditional way, paddling upstream and floating back to the put-in. We paddled three quite different sections. A local outfitter (Ronnie@canoecanoe.com) (912.526.8222) will run shuttle and will guide multi-day trips. Seriously consider contacting him because he is one of the most knowledgeable naturalists I have paddled with. On this trip, we based out of Vidalia and all the accesses we used were reached by driving east on 280 to Lyon and then taking either 152, 292, or 280 east to where they crossed the river.

Fourth of July — Hwy 152 bridge north to the intersection of Emanuel, Candler, Toombs, and Tattnall counties. This is considered close to the upper section and this intimate small meandering river running through a canopied tunnel of bald cypress, willow, pond cypress, swamp black gum, Ogeechee lime, ash, red maple, water oak and sweet bay immediately enchanted us. Numerous sandbars lined the banks even at flood and I can only imagine what this part must be like at low water. Civilization and people were rare for the first couple of miles, but as we neared the County Road 255 Bridge and Hwy 1, we began to encounter houses and people.

Getting to this part of the river is easy if you are based in Vidalia, just head east toward Lyon. Take 152 east out of Lyon and drive for 10 minutes or so until you cross the river. You'll find put-ins at either end of the bridge. Both allow you to drive right to the shore.

July 5 — GA 292 bridge north to Sand Hill Creek. This part of the river is considerably more settled but supports long undeveloped stretches. The river is wider and lacks the intimate quality of the upper sections. However, about two miles upstream from the Hwy 292 bridge you encounter some major meanders and a large

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beach on river left that on weekends is densely inhabited by the last remnants of Georgia's pioneering Crackers (AKA rednecks).

We encountered lots of local boaters on this section and had a great time visiting with them. Some were in canoes and others in johnboats and all were friendly, courteous, helpful, and truly loved the river and outdoors. In addition to its size, this section had the most sandbars with beaucoup areas for camping. It also had numerous sloughs, which were readily accessible because the river was at flood. We made it all the way to Sand Hill Creek and navigated half a mile or so up towards Sand Hill Lake.

Getting to this put-in is just as easy as the previous section. Drive east to Lyon and, rather than taking 152 east, take Georgia 292 until you cross the river. We were encouraged when we saw a paved access road just before the bridge, but it is blocked (as is an equally good paved access road at the other end of the bridge). Apparently, the county has decided that locals (AKA the resident taxpayers) shouldn't use the river and reasoned that if the roads were blocked their constituents couldn't get to the river.

However, being typical unimaginative bureaucrats, they did not anticipate local ingenuity and resident boaters have constructed a dirt road at the north east end of the bridge that cuts back to the river. It requires four-wheel drive, leads right to the bank, and allows parking under the bridge. If you don't have a jeep, just park on the roadside and carry down to the river on one of the paved access roads.

July 6 — US 280 bridge north to Pendleton Creek. Many feeder creeks have joined the Ohoopee by this point and it's 60 to 80 feet wide. This was the most scenic and interesting part of the river for us. This portion is sparsely inhabited and at flood it was over the top of the dike, which made all of the bordering sloughs and hardwood swamps accessible. Even better, as the river percolated over and through the banks it provided shortcuts directly through the many oxbows. It actually became slightly difficult to figure out the true location of the main channel. I don't have a clue what it would be like at normal or low flows. We made it to the intersection of Pendelton Creek, a must-do experience. At least it's must-do at flood, but Pendelton would be really tight at the usual July levels.

The dunes. The Ohoopee is one of the most exotic and beautiful rivers we have paddled in Georgia, in part because it's a black water river that runs through an ancient system of sand dune ridges that were laid down during the Pleistocene when the area was coast. These aren't your usual coastal sand dunes but rather reflect what happens to dunes when they sit around for 20,000 years and the coast moves 80 miles out. Erosion of the dunes accounts for the numerous large sandbars (AKA campsites) found in all sections of the river. The major and best-known Ohoopee dune ridge ecosystem surrounds the

Little Ohoopee, north of I-16. However, the sand hill ecosystem intermittently borders the Ohoopee for most of its length and periodically pokes through the dense oak/cypress forest on the parts we paddled.

Interestingly, sand ridges only occur on the north-eastern borders of the river (because that's were the coast was). Dunes soil lacks nutrients and moisture, so it provides a desert-like environment with relatively stunted vegetation interspersed in the more dense vegetation that borders most of the river. Dunes vegetation is primarily dwarf oak/evergreen/shrub forest. The most common trees are dwarf live oaks, turkey oak and impressive longleaf pine. Shrubbery includes sand hill rosemary, red basil, shrub goldenrod, and joint weed. If you look carefully and are lucky, you may find Ohoopee Dunes Savory, a shrub that smells like basil and is found only in the Ohoopee dunes.

If you get into the dunes, look carefully for sand hill-adapted animals (i.e., burrowers). Several endangered or threatened species live in the dunes. The most famous resident is the endangered gopher tortoise. However, the threatened huge black Eastern Indigo snake is found only in the dunes and if you're lucky, you may sight the endangered red cockaded woodpecker.

How to get there. First, since you're going to spend about four hours driving to Vidalia or its environs and a successful run on the Ohoopee is dependent on rainfall, check the gauge (Ohoopee River near Reidsville). Then depending on whether you're going to do multiple day trips or mount a multi-day expedition, either drive to Vidalia and get a hotel or just go to the put-in and start paddling. This article describes day trips based out of Vidalia so get a road map, drive to Vidalia and check in. Then drive on the only road east out of Vidalia to Lyon and take the appropriate highway to the appropriate put-in/take-out and paddle.

A shot of one of the dune portions of the lower section of the Ohoopee.

What you can paddle through after you get over the dike and into the swamp areas that border the river.

Sister Act, Part 2

by Marvine Cole

We left our story last month with the sisters somewhere between Gonzales (mile 85) and Hocheim (mile 123), just before dawn, swamped, and in a strainer in deep, swift water.

Into the Woods

The boat came to a stop with me and the stern hooked in a tree about fifteen feet upriver from another tree stretched across the current, and more brush downstream from that. There was a handy J shape to the bottom of the tree, and I positioned myself in that spot and wrapped the stern painter around the tree to ensure that the boat didn't slip further downstream. The bow of the boat was at a 45 degree angle to the current — caught on the water-level tree across the current — definitely in danger of catching the upstream edge and being pinned underwater.

Luling Dam. We actually portaged behind the dam. One of the easier portages.

I called out to everyone to make sure the upstream edge didn't go down. Ginger, in the bow, was hanging onto a branch of the large tree and using her dangling feet to keep the gunnels level some two or three feet away from her. Jackie had climbed out onto the same tree branch. Kaki was out of the boat, below the downstream tree, but above some serious strainer branches, frantically hanging on. She was in trouble.

We could see the bow lights underwater. Gradually, the boat got away from Ginger and moved downstream near Kaki, who was scrambling onto the tree. There was discussion of releasing the boat and hoping it would pass under the downstream tree. I didn't think we were serious about that, and I sure didn't think it would work. What we did do, however, was brilliant.

Kaki had managed to haul herself over the tree and stood on the gunwales of the bow under the water. We worked together to sink the bow enough to pass it under the tree while I pulled the stern back upriver. It was enough to allow the bow to come parallel to the current and pop back up at the end of the water-level tree. We turned the pumps on, bailed like crazy, and eventually had an empty boat.

Meanwhile, Jackie and Ginger were climbing the big tree to shore, with all our paddles. It was hairy for them. I was secure on my tree trunk, and Kaki was now in the boat, but if they came off their tree, they'd be quickly carried to pin on the downstream tree. I untied our spare paddles, Kaki took the stern, I took the bow (no discussion on this), and we paddled free of the strainer and eddied out downstream to pick up Ginger and Jackie. Just in time for a big thunderstorm.

It was now dawn, and several paddlers had come by while we were getting ourselves free. The first had eddied

Leaving Luling Dam. Working hard to make the river left channel.

out across the river to make sure we were okay and offer assistance. While the temptation was to accept help, any assistance other than verbal would have disqualified us. Besides, there wasn't anything that he could do for us that we couldn't do ourselves.

We sent him on with the news of our pinning to Billy, Coleman and Mama. Mama, of course, wanted to come find us. But Billy convinced her that we had great expertise in the boat and would be okay. The next boat carried the news that we were out of the trees, but on the shore — two of us passed out on the ground, and two huddled together (we were really resting while waiting out the thunderstorm).

Can you imagine being the mother of four daughters on an adventure race together and learning that they were "in the trees" three hours back upstream? I learned later that they took bets on who "took charge." Billy had said that Kaki and I had the most experience with white water and freeing boats, and that Ginger and Jackie would defer to us. As it turned out, Kaki and I were in the right place to get the boat free, and Ginger and Jackie got themselves out of danger and saved our paddles and some other gear. I was never afraid, but it was a dangerous situation that could have ended quite differently.

We found our Z-rest and several of our water jugs downstream, but never again saw one of the rain jackets, Jackie's shirt and several water jugs (although one of Ginger's showed up at the awards dinner).

We pulled into Hocheim mid-morning. Mile 123. Jackie was wearing my rain jacket to keep the sun off, and we were beginning to look weary. But we pushed on, and Sunday seems like a blur to me now. Except for Cuero. Lovely Cuero dam.

The Portage from Hell

Of all the portages, Cuero is my least favorite. In low water, you go over the concrete wall — 6' high and 5' wide, with a 15' drop on the other side, and a steep descent to the river. In high water years, you go around the wall to a slough and paddle out. This was a medium water year. We decided not to take the boat over the wall. Ginger said, "I know the way, we're going through the slough."

There was a professional photographer there, and as he snapped away, we dragged the boat over to the hill

Marvine in the boat. It's easy to zone out during the check points; at this point I was pretty well out of it.

Boat on car: Wondering how we haul a 32-foot boat around? Same as any canoe or kayak...pretty much.

(only one boat had gone this way, based on the crushed grass; why didn't we get the clue?) and down the steep incline. The briars and prickly plants were thick, and they tugged at our tights. But we persisted in lowering the boat down to the back water behind the dam. It was steep, and we knew that if we simply put the bow into the water, the bow would sink before the stern reached the water. So we brought the bow and stern down at the same time, parallel to the bank, and lowered the whole boat into the water at once. "Ginger, you're brilliant," Jackie exclaimed about the route.

A long silence followed as we began to realize that the boat was locked into shore by the curvature of the shore and two large trees pinning us in about mid-ship (Don't forget this boat is 32 feet long). We began the arduous task of getting the boat back out. None of us wanted to get in the water, but no one would say so, and so we all moved cautiously along shore like cats around a snake.

Finally, I jumped in and began to try to lift the bow out of the water. It was glued to the mud, it seemed (as my feet were), but Ginger and I finally got it out, and Jackie and Kaki guided it back through some trees and into the clear. Jackie and Kaki walked the boat, and I hopped in from where I was. Ginger was still on shore, and eventually had to jump in and swim to the boat. (Was this where I picked up the mysterious ailment on my feet that broke out

in blisters during my after-race shower? More on that later.)

As we got under way, turning the boat in place to avoid some large machinery in the slough, Ginger called out from the bow, "Oh, I forgot to tell you, we have to drag it across some more land." Not sure what my sisters were thinking, but I know what I was thinking... But we had all agreed that we wouldn't second guess anyone's decision. What was called was called, and we'd follow.

We moved about 20 feet across the slough and saw giant log jams and thick swampy areas in our way. Was this our second portage? Could she have really led us into this? "This wasn't here before. It's changed!" she exclaimed. So back to the backside of the dam we went, and hauled our boat out behind the dam. We had essentially gone around the dam via the slough and back up behind the dam. We all kept our mouths shut, but it was, as it always seems to be, no matter how you do it, the portage from hell.

The Second Night

We headed out from Thomaston Bridge, mile 178, just after dark. We knew we were headed for the rapids at Thomaston and Nursery, and that this section of the river was full of sweepers and strainers.

For the uninitiated, a sweeper is where the river runs sideways across a gravel bar as it turns, slams into the far bank and heads downriver. Inevitably, there's a strainer waiting for you at the bottom. During the day, it's a reasonable task to avoid the strainer, since you can see where you're going, line up the boat to drift perpendicular to the current on the gravel bar, and shoot off before hitting the strainer.

At night, it's a different story. Just before dark, we

Saltwater dam: The ritual unloading of unused and unnecessary items at Saltwater Dam, the last checkpoint before the bay crossing. In our case, we needed the boat as light as possible so it would ride high in the water.

Sister Act coming into Hocheim after their encounter with the strainer.

caught up with a friend of ours who lived on this part of the river, and had asked him if he minded if we ran with him that night. He said sure, he needed the company; he was paddling solo and hadn't slept.

We were down to two paddlers, since any more than that and we'd run off and leave him. We tried to make small talk, but every time we asked him a question, he'd stop paddling to answer it. Finally, we all got the hint and stopped asking.

As we approached each sweeper, he's lead us to shore, we'd jump out and line the boat down to the straight current, and get underway again. We were at our second sweeper, and were lining the boat down a cut in the gravel bar. Ginger seemed really anxious. I asked her if she was alright, and she said she was really freaked.

If you've ever been what I call freaked, you know what it's like. There's no rationale, no explanation for it. On the Safari, it seems to come on at night. It's a combination of extreme fatigue and fear. Rolled up into a nervous bundle of anxiety. Your awareness is heightened, but not in a positive way, more like sensory overload. I got it one year at night, and I couldn't paddle, I couldn't lie down and rest, I couldn't do anything but fret. You can't be talked out of it, you can't be distracted from it, you just have to get through it. With the help of your sisters, in our case.

I asked if she wanted me to take the bow, which I expected her to refuse, but she agreed. So off we went again. As we paddled downstream, she recalled another time I had helped her with her fear. We four were snorkeling in the Gulf of Aqaba in the Red Sea off the coast of Jordan. She had been freaked then, and I had taken her

Finish line: 57:26 hours, and feeling high as kites.

hand while we snorkeled to ease her fears. I then retold the story of when Ginger and I were young girls sharing a room. We slept in twin beds, and as we fell asleep, we'd hold hands across the aisle between the beds until the last one fell asleep. She didn't remember that story — but she thought it was sweet.

Rapid City

We came to Thomaston rapid, which we had practiced in the daytime. Now we couldn't remember our route. Our friend said he always enters center and moves left. I could see some large flat rocks in the moonlight across the river; I certainly didn't remember this. We couldn't see much else, certainly not the width or the depth of the rapid.

We entered where our friend had, and made our way down and across several small ledges. Jackie's driving was amazing and our teamwork was exhilarating. I was calling the route, Ginger and I were posting up front to guide the bow, Kaki was providing the power, and Jackie was driving from the rear, essentially by voice commands. Moonlight was her only light.

It was perfect. Not a drop of water in the boat. We were pumped.

But we had more sweepers to come. And Nursery rapid. The going that night was painfully slow. We were tired, as was our friend, and he turned over several times. Once he drifted downriver near us, unable to get back in his boat and over his head in the deep water. Finally, I said, "We wouldn't tell anyone if you came alongside and we held your gunwale and you got back in." I wasn't sure what response we'd get, since assistance is a no-no. His immediate and matter-of-fact response was, "Okay."

If you're not around the officials, you can hear a lot of talk about racers helping each other. I heard a story from some friends about coming up on a racer who had lost both his paddles. "Lost your paddle? Oh, I just happened to see one up ahead on the bank," as they left one of their spares for the racer. I guess technically it's not assistance, since any paddler would have the same opportunity to pick up that paddle. Nevertheless, it's comforting to know the racers stick together when they're out there.

Just before dawn, we were all so tired that we decided to tie up along shore and all of us rest for a while. Looking back, this was a big mistake. Even not paddling, just drifting, the boat would keep moving downstream in what little current there was. But tied up, we were going no where. Fortunately, the mosquitoes were at us immediately, and we were only there a few minutes.

Monday, Monday

Monday turned out to be excruciatingly hot. On the lower Guadeloupe, there's little shade, the river is slow and wide and not particularly pretty. We played name games until we were stumped for new names, and bored. The bubbles that we had focused on to show us the current throughout the race were gone. There was no current. So we agreed that in lieu of current, we would seek shade along the shoreline. So we took the straightest line from turn to turn, always seeking shade if possible. Until we lost Kaki.

Kaki was driving; we were in the shade along the bank. I ducked past a trot line hanging from the tree, and Jackie called out "watch the trot line!" In the effort to avoid the trot line herself, Kaki's paddle got all caught up in the line and she was in the water in an instant. She wasn't hurt; it only took time to get under way again, but we all decided that maybe the shore line wasn't the best path after all. So we were back in the sun.

At the finish line: The last portage. We're actually supposed to get help here, but we had to ask for it. No wonder, who would want to lift a 160 pound boat, now with water in it, up that sea wall?

We got to the Saltwater Dam, the last check point before the bay, around 2:00 p.m. This is where everyone unloads any extra gear that won't be needed for the bay crossing. Just about everything except your spray skirt, life jackets, which are required attire for the bay crossing, your flares, first aid kit, snake bite kit, all required, and any water and food you think you might need. You never really know how long a bay crossing can take.

As tired as we were, this took some time. I was amazed at how much food I had left over. I realized that I hadn't eaten much food at all on the race; only enough, it seems, to sustain me. My powder food, which I had fretted over so much before the race, had mostly gone unused. I had planned to mix six servings at a time (six hours worth), and I only ate one or two servings before I worried if it had gone bad in the heat.

It seems I just wasn't hungry, except for the Chex Cheddar mix, which was the best! But food is always a guess on the Safari, no matter how well you plan. Our plans for water, too, had changed dramatically. Instead of the careful calculations for how much water and where, Billy and Coleman simply showed up with dozens of chilled bottled waters from the local stores. So much for plans — you have to be flexible.

But we were soon on our way again, and feeling ready to be finished. Our land crew rolled into a driveway along the river a bit downstream and encouraged us on, and a friend of Ginger's met us at the wooden bridge, the last contact we'd have with anyone before the bay. It'd not good access for anything except cheering, which we needed.

Instead, Cindy was yelling sternly at us to get moving. "Don't stop for anything! Put your spray skirt on while you're paddling!" Then she pointed to the dark storm clouds on the near horizon and told us to paddle like crazy and get across the bay.

We went into overdrive. If I had still had my heart monitor on, I'm sure the reading would have doubled. Jackie started snapping the spray skirt to the boat, got her life jacket on and passed the rest of the skirt up to Kaki. She got into her "sleeve" and passed it on to me, and so on.

Hugs and hurrahs at the finish line.

The official finish line photo... land crew, sponsors and racers. (Left to right) Jackie, Mama (Leona), Kaki, Coleman, Billy, Marvine and Ginger.

Remember that Jackie's been wearing a rain jacket in this hot weather since she lost her sun shirt. Now she's got her heart rate up, her life jacket on, the rain jacket, and it's still hot as the blazes... you get the picture. She says, "I don't feel so good." She was breathing hard and gasping. It sounded like a panic attack to me. We backed off a bit, had her take some deep breaths, and we all began to settle down again.

On the Bay

We got to the bay before the storm, but it was dark and ugly over our shoulder. We headed straight across the bay, hoping to beat the storm to the other side, rather than heading diagonally across the bay to the finish line. I guess we figured that we might be able to continue along the shoreline if the storm wasn't too bad.

The wind was blowing cool air across the bay, and the water was pretty flat. I was yelling at the top of my lungs — it was so exhilarating to be so close. The air was electric and cool. Then the lightening struck. And immediately after, the thunder boomed. Ginger's stroke rate jumped from about 60 per minute to 100 per minute in nothing flat. We were paddling for our lives, holding our breaths.

The skies opened up on us about the time we made land. Bucketfuls. We eased the boat into a small inlet in the 8 foot reeds, tied it up, and moved away from it (after checking for alligators, of course).

I learned that day that carbon fiber (paddle and boat) attracts lightening. We huddled under what was left of our two torn space blankets in the cold rain, and waited for the

thunder to fade. It took a while.

At one point Kaki had to go back to the boat to get something, and as she headed for the boat, she said, "If I get struck by lightening, I love you." We had been talking about how horrible it would have been for Mama if we'd been struck on the bay.

We waited about 50 minutes before the thunder faded enough to continue.

On to the Finish Line

It began to clear, the rain eased up a bit, and the thunder was now distant. We bailed the boat, eased into the spray skirt, and headed out. It was very windy, and the waves were coming in sets. We hutted (switched paddling sides) one at a time so that we wouldn't have the wind whip our paddles out of our hands, and so that the boat would be more stable.

After each set of waves, I'd call for Ginger to turn on the pump, because I could see whether it was pumping water, and then call out "pump off" when it stopped pumping. It worked beautifully. The spray skirt was perfect, too.

As we paddled for the point, we could see a solo boat coming diagonally across the bay from the mouth of the river. He and a tandem boat had waited out the storm there. It broke our hearts that we were paddling as hard as we could, and he was easing away from us as we got closer to the point. The tandem boat was falling behind as we got closer.

The bay is an amazing place to paddle. It's open water, and for that reason, very intimidating. But there were places where our paddles wouldn't fully plant in the water it was so shallow. A large log was beached on a sandbar near where we came past. Sharks and stingrays frequent the bay, and no one wants to walk or swim in it for those reasons. And there's the ship channel to cross, where the water is, obviously, well over your head.

We rounded the point and saw the finish line. But getting there is often tricky. If you head straight for the finish line, you're paddling parallel to the sea wall, crossing old jagged pylons, and generally in very shallow, choppy water or crossways to the incoming waves. The wind pushes you into the seawall no matter how hard you try to stay out.

Someone said, "Let's walk the boat in." I yelled (the wind was ferocious), "We're all accomplished paddlers. We are NOT walking this boat in!" And that was the end of that discussion.

We headed straight out, kitty corner away from the finish line, so that we could hit the incoming waves at a slight angle, instead of sideways. When we were across from the finish, albeit a distance out from it, we turned quickly, between a set of waves, and headed straight in.

We finished at 6:26 p.m. Monday evening, with a total time of 57.26 hours. My goal had been 60 hours, and we were all elated. We stood for a few minutes in the water congratulating each other and feeling the "glory." And then there were pictures, and smiles, and stories. And then the showers. Bathroom showers. You know, the kind where you use soap and hot water. And get clean. And put on dry clothes and look like a real person again. Yes, those showers.

About the Foot Ailment

Oh, you're probably still wondering about the foot ailment. When I took off my shoes for my shower, my wonderful hot shower, the top of my foot began to burn, and blisters began to appear. I hadn't taken my shoes off the entire race. My feet had been wet the entire race. So what was this happening?

By the next morning, the top of my feet, especially one, was wall to wall blisters, swollen and red. I could hardly walk on it, and I sure couldn't put on shoes. Jackie was sure it was poison ivy. But how did I get it? Why didn't it blister before I took my shoes off?

Could it be some mysterious chemical reaction from the mud on the lower Guadalupe, perhaps from Cuero, or the Dupont processing plant, as some suggested later? We'll never know, since with the help of cortisone, it cleared up in about a week.

Aftermath

Jackie and Kaki were trying to sell the boat at the finish line. We figured the second place women's team might be interested in running a big boat next year. But I was so pumped, I was ready to do the race again, right then and there. I felt like yelling, "Let's go do it again. Now." Secretly, I couldn't bear to part with the boat.

I came home and enlisted my friends for next year. After all, we have the boat. We just need a driver (minor details), and some time together in the boat before the race. I can't get Knox, my husband, to even entertain the idea of racing with us. His idea of the race is "Muggy, buggy and boring." I explained, "It's not buggy when you're paddling because you have a breeze." He said, "Oh, just muggy and boring." I can't argue with him.

It's hard to explain why I do this. There's something about the accomplishment, certainly, and something about being really strong and in great shape. Something about the adventure, and the danger. It's not particularly hard to finish; you just have to keep at it. It's a bit harder to finish in 57 hours, but not really, if you have a fast boat, and if you've trained.

Now that I think of it, I really just can't understand why don't more of you do this!

The Old Days

by Ted Gearing

I wasn't going to bring it up. For one reason, these things always wind up sounding (at least, to me) like attempts to greatness by association. In any case, I felt that the media had overplayed and overwhelmed us this last year until most people were sick of the whole mess and why should I add to the overload.

However, as someone pointed out (and I suppose it's true) the story would eventually emerge, and better for it to be published in a respectable journal than one of the "Trash" magazines. So, this is the real story, or as close to it as I can recall.

It was, perhaps twenty years ago — or more. I was, some said — "wild" — a term I felt to be misleading. I preferred "active imagination" or maybe "over-active." Unfortunately, over-active imagination and caution do not always travel together. I'd been running white water for some time (stuff that would terrify me now) and had passed from the realm of adrenalin surge to a higher, abstract plane. "Why? — What if?" ideas filled my head and I began to look at more than just the outer shell of the water.

He was a fellow I'd met while strolling through the woods. Quiet, pleasant — at times — jovial. He came there to meditate. She was his fiancee — striking, with the face of — an angel? He was the moon to her sun. She was fearless — always ready for adventure. His world was shyer. Together, they made pleasant companions and wonderful sounding-boards for my frequent brainstorms.

He could not swim — was quite fearful, in fact, of water. She, on the other hand, must have been part fish. His "mermaid," he called her. She loved SCUBA diving. Strange how opposites attract.

Anyway, one night over a glass of wine, I shared an idea that I'd been mulling over for quite some time. I'd been running rivers for years. But, for the most part, had dealt with only the surface. She, on the other hand, had dealt only with the world below the surface. Shades of Jules Verne. What if we combined the two? Running below the white water surface, but with control from above.

I would paddle my canoe down Richland Creek. She would, with her vastly greater underwater experience, don her SCUBA gear and be strapped to the keel. The birth of a new enterprise. Underwhitewater Expeditions. He was not too thrilled. But, "Praise The Lord" he agreed to run shuttle.

It was late March and the rivers were running high when we reached the put-in. We had, I estimated, one hour of running lime (45 minutes for safety's sake) before I would have to eddy out and let her change tanks. The water was slow, at first. Time for me to adjust to the handling of the craft and for her to get comfortable in the underwater harness.

Then, the first major rapid. Control — somewhat sluggish, but adequate. Something, however (I couldn't quite put my finger on it) did not seem right. Suddenly, 35 minutes into the run, it hit me like a bolt from the blue! I pulled to shore and rolled the boat over. But, it was too late. My worst fears were confirmed.

She was alive, barely. But her face — was gone. I'd not realized that the water was constantly dropping — that the river was getting shallower and shallower.

We drifted apart after that. I went to work for the government. He went to work to pay for the many unsuccessful plastic surgery operations. Underwhitewater Expeditions was dissolved.

We still write each other. Occasionally I send her a case of Max Factor, and I wonder if Jim and Tammy Baker still laugh at the crazy times we had together.

- From "The Ozark Paddler," newsletter of The Ozark Mountain Paddlers, February, 1988.

Late News

Upper Ocoee Release Agreement Reached

American Whitewater, Outfitters and the Community Score Future Water for the Upper Ocoee

Asheville, NC — American Whitewater announces the planned signing of an agreement that will guarantee 54 days of water flowing in the Upper Ocoee River for the next fifteen years beginning 2004, a victory for all who benefit from the popularity of this Southeastern Tennessee River.

"On September 26th the Tennessee Valley Authority, US Forest Service, and Copper Basin (TN) Economic Development Association will sign a new water agreement and open new biking trails at the annual Ocoee River Days," comments Kevin Colburn, American Whitewater Eastern Conservation and Access Associate. "The agreement forecasts a 'win' for the region and thousands of white water enthusiasts who visit the Ocoee in increasing numbers, each year."

"We are thrilled with this announcement," says Larry Mashburn, owner of Ocoee Adventure Center and member of the 'Kitchen Cabinet,' and ad hoc team of businesses and agency stakeholders whose plan includes recreational

releases and a manageable fee to outfitters. "We owe thanks to American Whitewater, who kick-started the effort to institute a plan for releases that were recommended back in 1996, when the Olympics were held on the Upper Ocoee."

AW surfaced the threat of water discontinuation last October during the well-publicized Teva National Championships, after which 1,000 letters were sent to the TVA Commissioners, requesting them to reconsider their 'no water' position.

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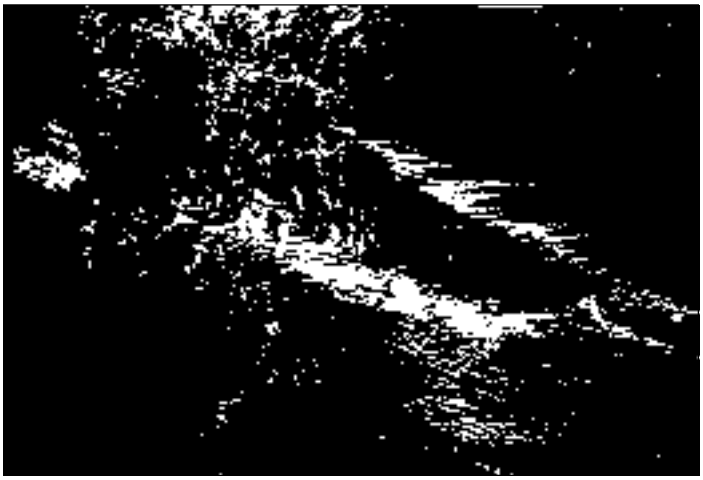
Fish Trap Dams

by Bill Frazier

If you are younger than 50 you may never have seen a fish trap dam in use, and may not have recognized these rows of piled stones forming a V-shaped dam. If not, here is what to look for while wading or floating a river or feeder stream. A long row of river rocks, either just beneath the water surface or during low water, even a little above water. Usually beginning at one bank or an island, and angling downstream. Normally, there will be another row of rocks extending from the other bank meeting the first row at or near mid-stream to form a V. As many as three distinct traps have been found on the wider streams (Etowah River) and only a single rock weir on some of the smaller streams.

Above: Fish Trap on the Toccoa River. Below: Fish trap on the Etowah River.



If the dam has remained relatively intact, it will be easy to visualize the dam's use, collecting the streams flow at low water and channeling it into the apex of the V, where the trap would have been constructed. On rare occasions the wooden remains of the trap may be found in the apex where the fish were trapped and held. Usually such structures will have been washed away or covered with silt.

Fish traps, like moonshine stills, were an important part of early Georgia history. Though illegal at times from 1870, it was not until the 1930s that a concentrated effort was made to destroy them by law enforcement.

The research into the history of Georgia's riverine cultural resources and in particular, the fish trap dams began by James H. Chapman (dec.) in the early 1970s on the Etowah River. Mr. Chapman located and reported 37 such fish trap dams from the Allatoona Dam 45 miles down river to Rome, where the Etowah meets the Oostanaula and together form the Coosa River.

Since the mid 1980s I have located in the field and thru historic documents in excess of 150 such locations. The traps varied in design from the cypress slat floored and walled trap of the Savannah River in Effingham County to the 100+ "buck" & "fall" traps on the shoals at Augusta. There were a number of traps placed in the ledges of North Georgia streams.

They may be found on all shoals in all streams within Georgia if they have not been destroyed. Please keep this study in mind as you enjoy the beauty of Georgia's outdoors. Send information to: Bill Frazier, Georgia's Streams / Fish Traps, 3160 Flamingo Drive Decatur, Georgia, 30033 404.292.9255, e-mail fishtrap@bellsouth.net.

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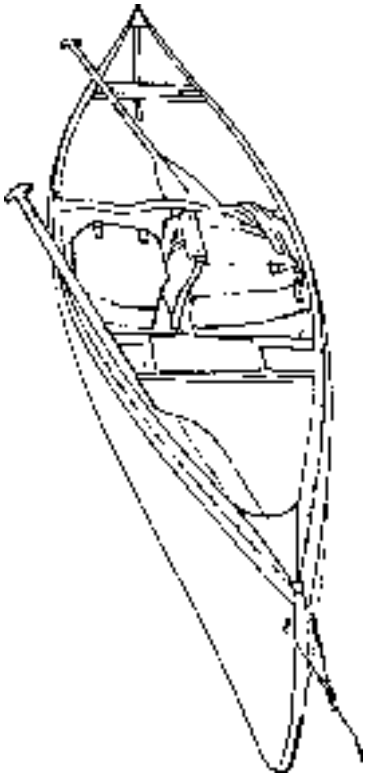

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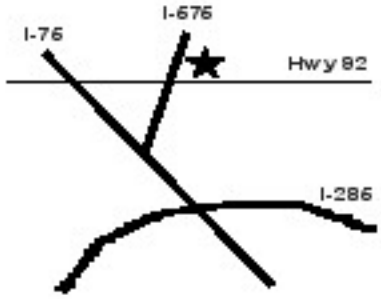

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(Each sleeps 12) $5.00/person/night Fri. _____ Sat. _____ $_____

Saturday Dinner:
# of Meals @ $10.00
Barbeque meals _____ Meatless meals _____ = _____ X $10.00 $_____

# of Meals (12 & Under)
Barbeque meals _____ Meatless meals _____ = _____ X $6.00 $_____

Saturday & Sunday Breakfasts:
Assorted bagels, pastries, muffins, coffee, tea, juice Sat. _____ Sun. _____ $_____

$5.00 LATE FEE if post-marked after September 12: $_____

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

Trip Coordinators Needed! Willing to lead a trip Saturday or Sunday on:
Cartecay:_____ Nantahala:_____ Tuckaseigee:_____ Pigeon:_____ Ocoee:_____ Upper Chattahoochee:_____ Chattooga:_____ Other:_____
Lake(s):_____

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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 FLAT/MOVING WATER:
For people who have never had a boat on moving water or want to improve their skills in a basic course. Full day Saturday flat water session emphasizing strokes, safety, self-rescues. Full day Sunday session on moving water river.

BEGINNING YOUTH WHITE WATER:
For younger paddlers 8 to 14 years old who are either just starting out in white water or have paddled before but are still at the novice level. This is a one-day class with a morning lake session followed by an afternoon river session at a difficulty level well within the experience and capabilities of the participants.

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. You must attend both the dry and flat water sessions to participate in the white water river portions of the course.

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, wish to master the roll in rapids (kayaks), 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 a class II-III river working on turns, surfing, eddy hopping, etc. Full day Sunday trip on a class II-III river.

DUCKY DAYS:
One day course for recreational kayaks, sit-on-tops and inflatable kayaks as an introduction to white water paddling. $15 for adult paddlers. Children are free!

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 site www.georgiacanoe.org for a membership application. Dues are $25 per year. Classes are $50 per person unless otherwise stated.

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 alll applicable fees payable to GCA. Please don't wait to register. All classes are subject to being closed due to student limits or being rescheduled or canceled if there are insufficient students registered. Registration closes ten days before each class due to insurance and planning considerations.

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 INSTRUCTION 2003

Canoe

White Water Canoe

+ Intermediate
  October 11, 12
  Coordinators: Gina & Haynes Johnson
  (770.971.1542)

Kayak

White Water Kayak

+ Trained Beginner
  September 13, 14
  Coordinator: Knox Worde (770.475.3022)

Sea Kayak

+ Introduction
  September 27, 28 (call for class fees)
  Coordinator: Steve Cramer (706.208.8382)

Registration: To register for one of these clinics you must be a member of the Georgia Canoeing Association. For an application to join the GCA go to the GCA Web Site at http://www.georgiacanoe.org/membship.htm or call 404.421.9729. Dues are $25. Classes are $50 per person unless otherwise stated. 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 appropriate fees. Please don't wait to register. All classes are subject to being closed due to student limits or being rescheduled or canceled if there are insufficient students registered. Registration closes ten days before each class due to insurance and planning considerations.

CLINIC _____

NAME _____ AGE _____ SEX _____

STREET_____

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