



March, 2008

Our Aims

PROMOTE canoeing and kayaking as a water sport
TEACH boating techniques and water safety for river travel
PRESERVE our remaining wilderness rivers for future generations

March Presentation

Frank Modine will give a presentation on sea kayaking on the Great Lakes. See inside for details.

The Craft Room

Oak Ridge Civic Center

Tuesday
March 18, 2008
7:30 pm

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!!!! Renew Your Club Membership Now !!!!

East Tennessee Whitewater Club Membership Renewal for 2008

Dues are \$15 per year for family membership. Our dues year is the calendar year, Jan 1 to Dec 31. Please renew early in the year.

Send the membership for on the back of the newsletter with a check (payable to ETWC to:
ETWC P.O. Box 5774 Oak Ridge, TN 37831-5774

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theSmokies	(Out of Town)

(NOTE: There is a \$2.00 charge for this call that helps to support the continued operation of the gauges.)

Meeting Presentation

Frank's presentation will cover two separate sea kayaking trips. The first part will cover a trip from Lake Nipissing to Georgian Bay via the French River. The French River is on the historic route of the fir traders traveling from Montreal to Lake Huron and points west. With its thousands of islands, Georgian Bay is probably the worlds best fresh water sea kayaking.

The second half of the presentation will cover a trip along the wild Pukaskwa Park area of the Lake Superior coast. This coast line is the most remote and wild on the Great Lakes, and arguable the best sea kayaking trip on the Great Lakes.

Roll Practice

The remaining sessions and associated supervisors are shown below. The bold dates still need volunteers certified in CPR and First Aide. If interested you can sign-up at the meeting (March 18) or e-mail zinggds@hotmail.com with the date(s) you would be willing to work.

If you would like to take a turn but are not First Aid/CPR trained, the club is planning to offer First Aid/CPR training in early 2008. The club will cover the cost of training if you sign up for a pool session. If interested contact Mark Pruitt (mapkyk37@hotmail.com) or Rick Zingg (zinggds@hotmail.com).

2007 - 2008 ETWC Roll Practice Schedule Oak Ridge Civic Center Pool Friday Nights, 8:30 – 10:00 p.m.

March	14	Chris Keeble
	21	NO POOL SESSION
	28	Rick Zingg
April	4	Rick Zingg
	11	
	18	
	25	
May	2	
	9	
	16	

Upcoming Events

March 14 **Grand Canyon Adventure, River at Risk** an IMAX 3D film by Greg MacGillivray opens at the Tennessee Aquarium IMAX Theater in Chattanooga, TN. Visit http://www.tnaqua.org/IMAX/grand_canyon.asp for more information.



April 19 Watershed Association (ERWA) is once again hosting the **Discovery Fest** this year in Wartburg (Morgan County).

April 19 **Paddle the Obed** – A paddling trip for legislators and local land managers with the goals of raising awareness of the Obed River System as recreational asset and raising the money necessary for the purchase of the remaining ~1000 acres of land originally authorize for inclusion as part of the Obed Wild and Scenic River. If you are interested in providing logistical support (safety boater, help with shuttle, etc) contact Frank Hensley, 865-250-1158, fwhensley@aol.com.

May 3 **Obed Wild and Scenic River Cleanup**. Most of us make extensive use of this resource. Plan now to give a little back. Meet at the Wartburg Ranger Station at 9:00 AM (Eastern Time). If it is like last year, the National Park Service will provide lunch.

**EAST TENNESSEE WHITEWATER CLUB
MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL FORM**

Dues: \$15.00 Yearly Family Membership (*January 1 renewal date*)
Send to: East Tennessee Whitewater Club, P.O. Box 5774, Oak Ridge, TN 37831-5774

Name(s) _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ Email _____

I would like to receive my newsletter by email. (circle) Yes No

Membership Status? (circle) New Renewal

What boats do you paddle? (circle) Kayak C-1 C-2 Solo Canoe Tandem Canoe Other

What is your paddling ability? (circle) Beginner Intermediate Advanced Expert
Class I-II Class III Class IV Class V

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I, _____, desiring to join my fellow paddlers in the East Tennessee Whitewater Club (ETWC), do hereby declare that I fully understand and accept the following facts of life on the river:

1. Canoeing, kayaking, or rafting, particularly on whitewater rivers, exposes the participants to various safety hazards, including but not limited to, water hazards (boulders, undercut rocks, trees, strainers, water formations such as water falls, holes, keepers, hydraulics, and other obstacles), swimming in turbulent water, using paddling equipment, accidents or illness in remote places without medical facilities, and travel in a vehicle not driven by me.
2. No one but I am responsible for my safety when I choose to paddle a particular river or a particular rapid.
3. I further understand that I have no legal duty to assist others, nor does anyone else have a legal duty to render such assistance to me. I certify that I am in good physical condition, that I can swim, and that I have no physical defects or injuries that would prevent me from participating in this activity. I fully understand and agree that, when I participate in canoeing, kayaking, or rafting, there is always the possibility of unknown, uncontrollable dangers and accidental or other physical injury and death. I know I can be killed, and I willingly assume the risks referred to in Paragraph 1 and elsewhere in this release.

Therefore, in consideration for granting me the right to join and participate in ETWC activities, and intending to be legally bound, I hereby release, waive and discharge my right to sue ETWC, its trip coordinators, instructors, leaders, officers, directors, representatives, agents, employees, and affiliates, and also any landowner or governmental unit which may allow ETWC to use its property, for any and all loss or damage on account of injury to my person or property or on account of my death, which may occur during, in preparation for, or in transit to or from an ETWC activity.

I further understand that ETWC carries no insurance for the protection of participants in whitewater activities, and any insurance coverage existing with respect to ETWC shall not alter the terms of this waiver nor impose any liability on ETWC.

This waiver applies only to acts or omissions of ordinary negligence and to any deliberate act intended to promote my safety or well being.

This waiver is signed by me in the interest of permitting ETWC to exist and to serve the paddling community, and to enable me and my fellow paddlers to feel free to donate their services to improving the sport and to help in training those less skilled in the sport without fear of liability.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

(Parent or guardian if participant is under 18 years of age)