



ETWC NEWSLETTER June 2012

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

Club Meeting

(See you in the fall!)

GO PADDLE!

OUR CLUB MEETINGS WILL BE ON HIATUS THIS SUMMER. WE WILL RESUME IN THE FALL. IN THE MEANTIME, ATTEND ROLL PRACTICE ON FRIDAY NIGHTS, AND MONITOR CLUB TRIPS VIA OUR CLUB FORUM AT:

<http://etwcweb.com/discuss/index.php>

Have a great summer, be careful, and have fun out there!

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A Message from our President

Another ETWC Clinic has come and gone and as a club, we welcome almost 20 new members. I hope that you new members will look at the conclusion of the clinic not as an end but rather as the beginning of your paddling career. The opportunities for enhancement of your paddling skills are numerous. There will be beginner trips scheduled throughout the summer on various regional rivers. The beginners trip schedule can be view at the ETWC club website (etwcweb.com). Taking advantage of these beginner trips gives you more cockpit time (practice). This combined with the informal instruction that invariably occurs on these trips will result in a rapid enhancement of your skills. In addition to beginner trips, ETWC sponsors Friday night roll practice at Clarke Center Park (the site of the ETWC Clinic). There will usually be an ETWC member(s) there who will be more than willing to assist you with your personal paddling problems. Additionally, impromptu trips are often arranged here.

If you have the desire to take advantage of the scheduled beginner trip(s) but don't have equipment, contact your instructor, myself, or another ETWC member, someone will more than likely be able to set you up with the necessary equipment. If you have decided that paddling IS for you and are ready to purchase equipment, talk to some club members, there is a wealth of knowledge contained within the ETWC membership.

Finally, if your paddling career ended on June 9, 2011 for whatever reasons, I want you to know that it was a pleasure meeting and working with you throughout the clinic week and I believe I echo the sentiments of all the ETWC membership associated with the clinic.

Whatever your chosen course, I hope the ETWC Clinic was an enjoyable start to what I trust will be a wonderful summer and once again, I look forward to seeing you on the river.

Rick Zingg

ETWC Beginners Clinic

We had a great group of whitewater beginners this year who participated in our clinic, and we hope they will continue to enjoy our wonderful sport. The following pictures were taken at the "Y" on the Little river near Townsend, and for most was their first exposure to whitewater.







Special thanks to MDKeough for the great pictures!

Beginner Trip Schedule:

Date	River	Trip Coordinator	Phone	Email
June 23	Lower Pigeon	David Fox	865-789-1777	oakridgefox@aol.com
June 24	S.N. Canoe Day	David Fox	865-789-1777	oakridgefox@aol.com
July 1	Hiwassee	Paul Wolf	865-789-2826	leonjeronimo@gmail.com
July 7	Nantahala	Denzil Britt	865-376-3732	denzilbritt@att.net
July 14 or 15	<i>OPEN</i>			
July 21 or 22	<i>OPEN</i>			
July 28 or 29	<i>OPEN</i>			
August 4	SWR Class at Bryson City, NC	Jay Wright	931-265-9503	jwright0627@yahoo.com
August 5	Nantahala	Jay Wright	931-265-9503	jwright0627@yahoo.com

TRIP REPORT: NPS' MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL KIDS PROGRAM, MAY 7 THRU 11 AND 16

In early May, ETWC volunteers supported the National Park Service (NPS) Obed Wild & Scenic River unit's program for Morgan County 6th Graders. The purpose of the program was to introduce the students to the outdoor recreation that they have available locally. The NPS hopes to be able to make this an annual event.

Each morning a school bus delivered between 25 and 45 6th graders with their teachers and chaperones to Lilly Bridge on Clear Creek. The students were split into two groups, with one going to the cliffs on River Right to rock climb and the other going to River Left for the water activities; the groups switched activities after the lunch break. For rock climbing, the NPS provided climbing ropes, harnesses and helmets, and Rangers belayed the students as each climbed to their personal limit.

On River Left the NPS provided boats (kayaks, inflatable kayaks or "duckies", and a canoe), paddles, PFD's and helmets for the kids. The morning group carried the gear down to the river, and the afternoon group carried it back up. At the river there were two activities. One was what I call "Critters in the Creek" that involved using seining nets to catch insect larvae, identifying them, and then using the results to prove that Clear Creek does indeed have outstandingly high water quality. The activity that ETWC assisted with was boating. Our objective was to make the activity fun for the kids, so we concentrated on the things important to safety like checking the fit of the PFD's and helmets, and then got them in boats quickly. The safety boaters gave advice when it was needed or requested, but usually circulated around to be sure that everyone was safe and happy. At the end of each session we gave the students the opportunity to swim, and they usually did – even on the coldest morning. The flow on the Lilly Bridge gauge was less than 50 cfs during the program, so there was very little current in the large pool, but some of the more adventurous students were able to explore the current at the bottom of the rapid upstream.

ETWC Volunteers that were able to come for a weekday or so were Bill Key and Rick Zingg, while Denzil Britt, Billy Bob and Kary Scarborough were "in for the duration". I'm sure that we all agree that it was fun to work with the kids and teachers, and with the great NPS staff.

As a volunteer it was rewarding to see kids enjoy learning boating skills, and to see the pride they took. I enjoyed dealing with well behaved kids who said “Thank you” without prompting from their teachers. At the end of each day there were several kids who would carry a boat to the parking lot and then voluntarily return to help their classmates with the rest of the gear. The most memorable thing though was heard on several days – “This is the best field trip EVER!”

Billy Bob







Billy Bob and Denzel Britt assisting students from Wartburg Central Middle School on Clear Creek

River Sports Pint Night



River Sports continues their Pint Night festivities this summer at their Sutherland Avenue location. For information see:

<http://www.riversportsoutfitters.com/t-PintNight.aspx>

Coupons!

Did you know that there is a 20% off coupon for River Sports Outfitters in the Knox County School Systems Annual coupon book? Next time you have a big purchase at RS find someone with a coupon book!

American Whitewater News

Did you know that scheduled releases will begin the fall on the Upper Nantahala, a Class IV/V section commonly known as the Cascades, see:

<http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Article/view/articleid/31413/>

Summer Roll Practice on Friday Evenings at the Clark Center.

Roll Practice has moved to the lake in Oak Ridge. We meet at the Clark Center after work (usually beginning around 5:30 to 6:30ish).

To get to Clark Center Park, which is also known as Carbide Park, from Oak Ridge - go to the intersection of Illinois Avenue and Scarboro Road and go south on Scarboro past the Y-12 Plant and over Chestnut Ridge. Go straight through the traffic light on Bethel Valley Road on Pumphouse road, and turn right at the gate and drive several miles to the park. Drive past the park headquarters and park on the right in the small lot. The place where we practice is directly across the lake from the boat ramp. When the swimming area is open, we park in the picnic area near our roll practice spot.

http://www.etwcweb.com/concrete/roll_practice/

Trip Reports!

For you creative writers out there:

Please send reports to Yours Truly at wclewis@tds.net.

PROGRAMS

We are always looking for interesting programs for our meetings. If you have a program or an idea please contact Paul Wolf at:

leonjeronimo@gmail.com or 865-789-2826.

ETWC Webpage

Did you know that our club has an excellent webpage including a forum where our members plan trips and share experiences and news? Check it out at:

<http://www.etwcweb.com>

**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

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)