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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION of articles, announcements, events, trips, etc. is the 1st Thursday of the month. It is on a come first served basis therefore sooner is better.

DDRC BOARD MEETINGS are held every second

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter content needed— Hey gang...Please share your adventures, recipes, photos, classifieds with us for our reading enjoyment. Email content to newsletter editor Carolee Doty at la_sirena_84@yahoo.com.

Volunteers needed for the TRC and other upcoming events. Please see page 8 for more info.

Trips and Events

Aug. 25—Moonlight float

Aug. 25- Trinity River Trash Bash

Sept. 1 -Watermelon Cleanup

Sept. 8 -TRC XII

Oct. 6-7—Swift Water Rescue Class

Oct. 20—Back-up date for TRC XII

Oct. 27-28—Caddoween

Win This Canoe



Plus 2 paddles and 2PFD's. Drawing will be held at the awards ceremony at TRC XII. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and will be available at the July and August meetings, on Race Day and by mail at "I Want That Boat" c/o DDRC P.O. Box 820246 Dallas, TX 75382

Paddling Events — See the online events calendar for more details

August 25— Moonlight Float on the Brazos River at the Lake Whitney Dam. We will put in at the boat ramp just below the dam at 5:30 and take out at the Outpost 8 miles downriver, provided they are releasing enough water to get us all the way down. The take-out fee at Outpost is \$6. Bring your dinner, beverages and head lamp. Call Jerry Johnson at 817-354-5395 for details.

August 25—Trinity Trash Bash. We will team up with Keep Carrollton Beautiful to put as many as 75 volunteers out on the river in canoes to pick up trash as well as give some folks a taste of what paddling is like in the DFW area. Paddle Bound Outfitters, Kayak Power and North Texas Canoe rental have provided rental canoes free of charge to accommodate about 60 paddlers, and DDRC members provided enough to handle the rest.

September 1—Annual Watermelon Cleanup. We will focus on cleaning up the park area where we hold the race, getting the last of the river trash that was missed the previous week and removing any major obstructions that could pose a hazard on race date.

September 8— Trinity River Challenge XII at McKinnish Park, Carrollton.

October 6-7— Swift Water Rescue Class To be held on the San Marcos River at Rio Vista WW Park. Our group will be camping at Shady Grove (Spencer's) and we will be planning a fired chicken pot luck dinner for Saturday night. You have a choice of a one day essentials class (Saturday) or a two day full class (Saturday and Sunday). Contact Bryan for more details (972)- 979-2519.

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If the TRC is forced to be postponed by high water, the backup schedule below will apply and a two night canoe camping trip on the Lower Mountain Fork/ Little River will be added on the weekend of Sept 1-3.

October 13- Trinity Trash Bash/Watermelon Cleanup "rain/flood " backup date

October 20— TRC XII "rain/flood " backup date.

October 27-28— Caddoween Our yearly trip to Goat Island, Spooky times indeed! Details coming soon.

November 10—11 Hill Country Paddle Trip Depending on river levels, we will paddle either the Medina or Upper Guadalupe, with the San Marcos as a last ditch backup. Camping details later.

November 23-25 DDRC Thanksgiving Trip Camping at KRiver Campground, and featuring our Cajun Fried Turkey Thanksgiving potluck /feast. Paddling the Kiamichi on Saturday with possible side trips to other local rivers and creeks on Friday and Sunday.

December 13 - DDRC Christmas Meeting/Party At White Rock Lake. Note that it will be held the second Thursday of December.

Wet Summer Weather Provides Benefits and Challenges

If you had told me in January that in mid July we would be cancelling Moonlight Floats, paddling the Glover and the Paluxy or that the Trinity would be running at or over flood levels for months, I would have never believed it. Here we are in August and at this writing, the Brazos and the Elm and East Forks of the Trinity are still running at very high levels thanks to all the rain we received in May, June and July.

According to the Corps of Engineers, the Brazos below Lake Whitney should be back to safe levels by the next Moonlight Float on 8/25. Hope everyone can turn out for it since it will be the only one this year.

We are currently monitoring the levels on the Elm Fork, where levels have been steadily at or above flood stage for over a month. Lake Ray Roberts, Lake Lewisville and Lake Grapevine are all several feet above normal and are being drained into the Trinity. There is a real possibility that the Trinity Trash Bash, Watermelon Cleanup and TRC XII will have to be postponed to give the water levels extra time to drop. We will make a go/no go decision on August 20 for all three events. If we decide to postpone, the backup dates will be October 13 for a combined Trash Bash/Watermelon Cleanup and October 20 for TRC XII.

If you missed the Kiamichi River trip (July 14/15), you missed a truly great weekend. The weather was very nice, with temps in the 80's and low humidity and the river was at super high levels thanks to all the rain. On Saturday, one group paddled from Clayton back to KRiver (43 miles), while another group did a 13 mile run. That evening, we had one of our best dinners ever, featuring fresh fried fish, homemade onion rings and lots of (cont p 6)



Trinity River Challenge XII

An 11-mile paddlesport race

Start/Finish at McInnish Park, Carrollton, TX

Saturday September 8, 2007

Backup date October 20, 2007

Registration/Check In 7:00 am

Race begins at 9:45 am

Pre-Register by 8/30 \$20 (includes lunch and race tee shirt)

Race day \$25 (includes lunch and tee shirt as available)

For more info go to WWW.down-river.org/trc

Or Contact Bryan Jackson 972-979-2519

TRC_X_Info@peoplepc.com

Trinity River Challenge XII Official Entry Form

Racer #1 Age Shirt Size

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Racer #3 Age Shirt Size

Street Add. City

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Racer #4 Age Shirt Size

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Type of Boat Boat Length

If your boat exceeds the maximum length for the class you have registered in, it will be reclassified by the registrar.

Number of Racers X \$20.00

Number of Extra Shirts X \$12.00

Number of Extra Meals X \$7.00

Total Due

Sizes

This year you have two options to pay:

1: Print this form and mail it along with your check to : TRC Registration
P.O. Box 820246
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OR

2: Email the form and pay at check -in on race day. We will verify your form and email you the total due before race day.

NOTE: Shirt Sizes Small and XXL will be ordered based on pre registration quantities and will be in limited supply on race day. Pre Registering guarantees you the correct shirt size

Benefits and Challenges (cont. from P3) other great dishes. On Sunday, we broke up into two groups again. The first group paddled from KRiver to the US 271 bridge in Antlers and the other group made the 50mile commute over to the Glover for a 10 mile run between Jones Ranch Rd and Golden Gate. The Glover was running someplace in the neighborhood of 1500 cfs and it was truly the perfect level, being almost 700cfs higher than when we were up there a few weeks earlier made quite a difference. All those big rocks that were previously waiting just under the surface to make your life miserable were all sufficiently covered to allow total enjoyment of the ledge drops that eventually lead to Wolf Falls and Meat Hollow. Aside from some traffic congestion at the take out is was a perfect run.

We also met up with David MacDonald, who is one of the local stream contributors for American Whitewater. He was up by KRiver paddling Buck Creek, which enters the Kiamichi just past the campground. Buck Creek is a steep wild looking run from up in the mountains which is normally too low to paddle, but it was going gangbusters that weekend thanks to the recent rains. If you get a chance, check out the pictures he put up on the American Whitewater site from Buck and Pine creeks. Both are only a few miles from KRiver. We will be heading up there to try them out next time they get a good rain.

You should all be aware that we have changed the location of our monthly meeting to the Circle Grill beginning with the August meeting. Details on the location are on the back page of the newsletter. The location should lend itself to better meetings since it is a larger and quieter meeting place. Let me know how you like it. Sam will be presiding over the meeting this month as I will be on vacation. Hope you are all having a great summer! Bryan

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Rowlett, TX - Rowlett Parks and Recreation & Kayak Instruction, Inc. are offering several special kayak Twilight Paddles on Lake Ray Hubbard this summer. The launch location is Paddle Point Park, across from Lakeside Park off of Miller Road, and gives access to 100+ acres of backwater on the lake. Paddle dates are August 16, and September 13 from 7 – 10pm. Come dip your paddle and enjoy the sunset and early evening with other paddlers, you do not have to be a resident of Rowlett to participate.

Dave Holl of Kayak Instruction Inc. explains, "You will be able to listen to the sounds of the evening while we paddle on the lake. Having a group go out and share in an event like this is very enjoyable. Paddlers of every age and skill level will be welcome, you can bring your own equipment or rentals will be available. We will make sure you have what is needed for this event."

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TRC XII Boat Classification Changes

For 2007, we have changed how the Recreational Kayak boat classes are set up. This was done to eliminate some of the confusion we experienced last year. The new kayak definitions are as follows:

Recreational Kayak: any single kayak, sit on top or surf ski with a maximum overall length of 16' and a 4" waterline beam of at least 22".

Sea Kayak: any single kayak with a maximum overall length of 18' and a 4" waterline beam of at least 8.5% of length with bulkheads and hatches fore and aft.

Touring: Any single kayak with a maximum overall length of 20' and a 4" waterline beam of at least 18".

Tandem Kayak: Any double kayak, sit-on-top or surf ski with a 4" waterline beam of at least 22".

Additional rules for both single and double kayaks

Flip up rudders not included in the length.

Recreational Kayak may be made of any material.

No hull modifications.

Kayaks may be paddled with either a single or double bladed paddle.

The Race Classes for Rec Kayaks are:

Whitewater / Small Recreation Kayak – Any Recreational Kayak as described above with a maximum length of 10'.

Recreational Kayak - Any Recreational Kayak as described above with a Minimum length of 10' 1" and a Maximum length of 16'.

Sea Kayak – Any Sea Kayak as described above.

Touring Kayak – Any Touring Kayak as described above.

Tandem Kayak – Tandem Kayak as described above .

Canoes and USCA racing boats are basically the same as always, except that there are some maximum length and minimum width requirements added. Please refer to the TRC Official Rules, which can be found on the TRC Website.

Racers over the age of 50 may now use a double bladed paddle if racing in a Solo Canoe.


If you are unsure which class your boat belongs in for the TRC, simply write in the make, model and length on the entry form and we will class it for you.

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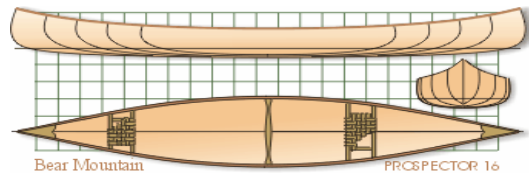
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Attention all DDRC Members:

During the year, various local groups, paddling clubs and the TRPA will be hosting cleanups on rivers around the state.

1) Any DDRC member that participates in any two TRPA river cleanups will receive a FREE DDRC T- SHIRT and 25 miles credit towards the 2006 most miles paddled award (for each cleanup). 2 cleanups = 50 miles, the more you clean the more you earn.

2) Any DDRC member that participates in any two TRPA river cleanups and one of either Watermelon Cleanups in preparation for TRC XII, races for free in TRC XII.

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