

# The DDRC Current News Flash

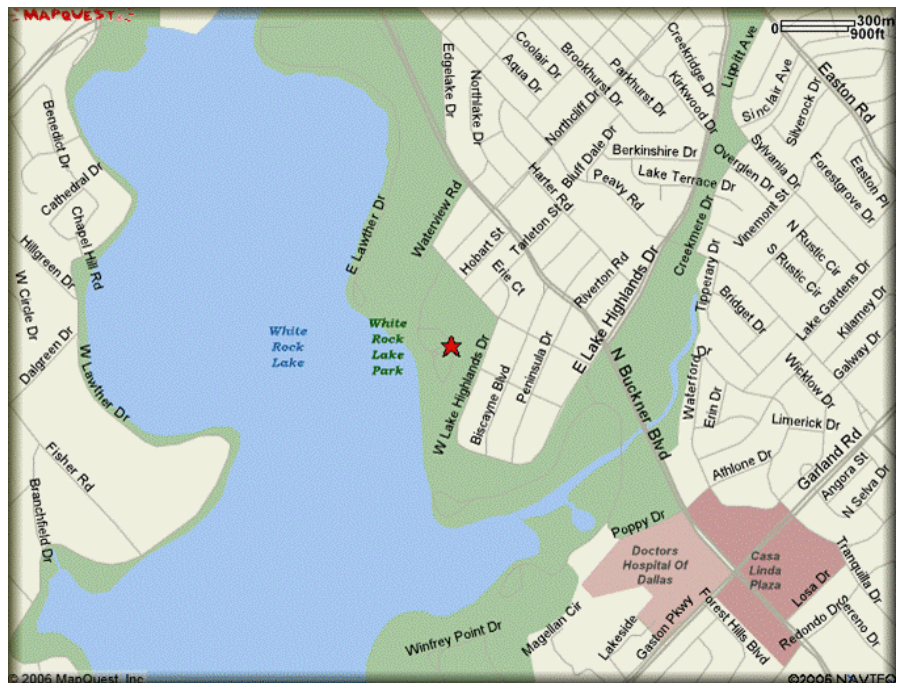
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We are having some computer software issues with the Monthly Newsletter, which will cause the May edition to be late. Look for it to be delivered around the 20<sup>th</sup>. There are several upcoming events that we thought you needed to know about in the meanwhile.

## May Monthly Meeting will be held at White Rock Lake

Our May monthly meeting will be held outside the Bath House Cultural Center at White Rock at 7pm. **BRING YOUR BOAT!** An extremely short meeting is planned followed by an evening paddle on the lake over to the Arboretum area of the lake. We will have a floating potluck; so don't bring any snacks that you have to cook (unless you have an aluminum boat).

If you would like to come along, but need a boat, Bob Narramore of High Trails Outfitters has graciously offered to bring some boats over that evening. They will be available on a first come, first served basis.



## GIANT POOL ON MAIN STREET IN GRAPEVINE

Kayak Instruction Inc. of Rowlett is joining in the fun of Main Street Days in downtown Grapevine May 18, 19 and 20, 2007. This year Texas Parks & Wildlife with the City of Grapevine is building a 50' X 70' pool for kayaking on Main Street. The pool will allow all children to try their skills in a kayak.

“This free kayaking experience will introduce children to the thrill of kayaking in the middle of Main Street. Parents can watch as their kid's find out what an exciting sport this is and how easy it is to paddle a kayak. We have several different models of boats and paddles for the kids to use so they can pick a style they like best,” states Dave Holl, president of Kayak Instruction, Inc. “You never know if the next Olympic champion kayaker will get their start at Main Street Days. We appreciate the opportunity of joining in all the excitement again this year.” For more information and scheduled times contact Dave Holl at 214-629-4794 or visit [www.kayakinstruct.com](http://www.kayakinstruct.com)

## **2007 Moonlight Float Schedule**

**June 30, July 28, August 25**

Meet at Riverside Park at Lake Whitney Dam at 5pm. Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy the evening with us as we float down the Brazos. For more info, contact Bonnie Haskins 972-254-9672 or Bryan Jackson 972-979-2519

## **Memorial Day Float Trip on the Little River - May 26-28**

We will meet at Ambush Adventures (located on the east side of the US 70 bridge over the Upper Mountain Fork) east of Broken Bow, OK at 9am Saturday to start loading boats run the shuttle. The plan is to be on our way by 10:30 or 11 am. Bring everything you need (within reason) for three days and two nights camping on the river. The current plan is to float down to Horatio, Ar, arriving there around noon Monday. Fishing is normally pretty good, so bring your pole. Hopefully there will be fresh fish for dinner Saturday night. Contact Bryan 972-979-2519 for additional info.

## **DDRC Family Campout – Saturday June 9, 2007**

Make your campsite reservations at Martin Creek Lake SP now for this new family based event. The focus on this special day of fun is to get our kids out from in front of the TV and excited about the outdoors. I would like some additional ideas, but so far the planned activities are a Fishing Derby for kids 12 and under, a paddling/safety clinic for the smaller or less experienced kids and maybe some sprint racing for the older ones, a dutch oven dinner prepared in part by the kids working in teams with adult supervision and plenty of time to enjoy the park. Martin Creek offers everything from primitive camping to enclosed shelters and RV sites, has a nice swimming beach, and lots of hiking trails. Anyone that has any ideas about additional activities or would just like to pitch in and help out is more than welcome to. Just call me at 972-979-2519. The response to initial idea of this event has been very strong; please help me make it a success!

**REI and Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World were among the first to sign on as sponsors for TRC XII.** Make sure you show your appreciation, if you happen to be shopping in their stores. Don't forget that TRC XII is not too far away. Early Registration opens June 15 and runs through August 25<sup>th</sup>. The Trinity Trash Bash is on August 25, Watermelon Cleanup is September 1 and TRC XII is September 8. **SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER NOW**, before all the good jobs are gone! We need Safety Team, Registration/Timing, Food Servers, Cleanup People, and Boatyard Judges and many more... See or call Sam Sloan to sign up 214-826-6159.

New TRC rules will be published soon on the TRC site. Changes for this year's race are minor but address some of the confusion experienced at last year's race. Exact and detailed definitions of each boat type will be published and our new Boatyard Judges will check out each boat before being sent to put in.

Of interest to some of you more experienced paddlers is a rule change that allows paddlers 50 and over to use a double blade paddle in the RECREATIONAL SOLO CANOE class.

A full copy of the new rules will be posted on the TRC Site before Early Registration opens.