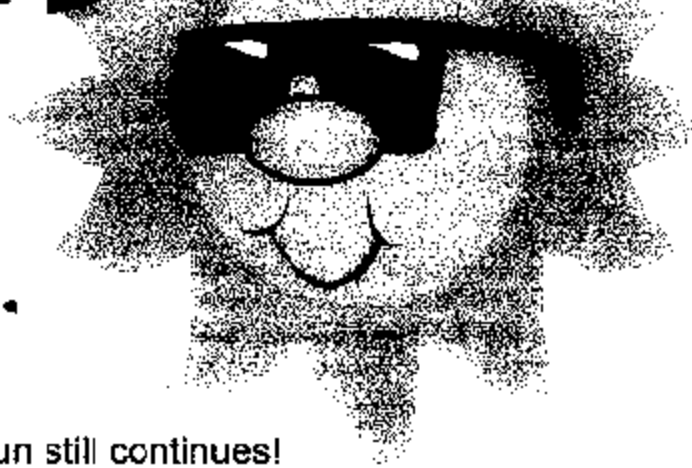


SOLAR RAY

August 2000



*"The END is near" issue...
(The summer, that is!)*

The summer is almost over, but the fun still continues!
Check out the calendar of events and activities. There's
something for everyone!



Dave Foerster is going to give us a wonderful
presentation on backpacking for the
August SOLAR meeting.

Join us right after the meeting for this motivating
and energizing event.

Who knows? You may just be inspired to take
on the trails you always wanted to conquer!





It's time for the 8th Annual DeFrance/Albin Canoe Outing! Join in on the fun August 18-20 for a weekend of canoeing, hiking, card games, chilling out at the campfire. **BUT NO PROJECTS!** Saturday morning brings the makings of a great breakfast. Later you can bike, swim, play volleyball, or whatever your heart desires. Saturday night brings the SOLAR pot-luck. Don't forget to bring your dish to pass.

Sunday morning we'll be paddling on the AuSable river for 5 hours of wet fun.

All this for \$20 per person, which includes 1/2 canoe rental, Saturday breakfast, use of the stove, microwave, running water, and the pit toilets.

The outing is 2-1/2 hours from Detroit near Hale. Maps will be available at the SOLAR meeting.

Contact Moe DeFrance at (313) 552-3660 or email DeFrance@ismil.net



Looking for some great deals on outdoor clothing or equipment?

The following outfitters give discounts to SOLAR members, by just showing your membership card! (Don't leave home without it!)

Surplus City
Berkley & Ann Arbor
10% standing discount

Joe's Army/Navy
Waterford & Royal Oak
10% standing discount

Moosejaw
Birmingham
10% standing discount



The Rattlesnake is usually something to avoid, but **THIS Rattlesnake** is something you'll want to get close to! This Rattlesnake is a Provincial Park in Milton Ontario, about 4 hours from Detroit. There are several waterfalls in which you can get refreshed under August 4-8th. Swimming, hiking, biking and numerous other activities are yours to enjoy. Contact Laura Albin at (313) 552-3660 for more information.





GO WEST YOUNG MEN... WOMEN TOO!



Lisa Boose is planning a trip to the **Double J Ranch** in Rothbury, Michigan the weekend of October 27 - 29. Rothbury is approximately 3 hrs from Detroit, 20 miles north of Muskegon. This weekend should be a BLAST! Ride, golf (or both!) packages are available, with all meals, activities, accommodations, and FUN, for \$275 per person. You provide your own transportation, we provide the fun.

The horseback package includes one scheduled or corral ride per day.
The golf package includes up to 18 holes per day.
The golf and horseback package includes 18 holes of golf per day, plus daily horseback riding.



All packages include a Corn Roast & Hayride on Friday night, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and dinner on Saturday. Parties and shows are also included!

The packages are non-refundable, but is transferable to someone else if you can't attend. See Lisa Boose at the SOLAR meeting, or call her on 248 681-3617.

Learn how to minimize!



The Basic Backpacking Class is starting soon!
Learn the basics of backpacking equipment, FOOD, clothing, minimizing, FOOD, safety, hygiene, FOOD, Leave No Trace ethics, and enjoying the outdoors with friends. (let's not forget the FOOD!)

UPCOMING SOLAR CLUB ACTIVITIES

August 1 General Membership Meeting
Colony Hall
Southfield

August 4-6 Rattlesnake Provincial Park
Milton, Ontario
Laura Albin 517 381-8978

August 5 Drum Making Workshop
Eastpointe, Michigan
Catherine Krueger 810 774-9697

August 17-20 Great Lakes Primitive Gathering
Bois Blanc Island
Lester Mok 519 256-0324

August 18-20 DeFrance Canoe Outing
AuSable River
Moe DeFrance 517 552-3670

August 18-20 Car Camping & Hiking
Bruce Peninsula, Canada
Mary Price 313 532-7498

August 25-27 Nordhouse Camping w/kids
Nordhouse Dunes, Michigan
Jim Hoffer 248 360-4854

September 8-10 Hazelhurst Cabin Weekend
Harbert, Michigan
Margaret Martin 734 721-2821

September 15-17 Butterfly Migration
Pointe Pelee, Canada
Rob Mair 248 559-4287

September 17 Canoe w/Special Needs
Proud Lake
Margaret Martin 734 721-2821

September 13-15 White Water Rafting
New River, W.Virginia
Johnnie Kostishak 734 398-5315

September 6, 13, 20, 27 (Wednesdays)
Fall Backpacking Classes
Carol McCririe 517 548 5732

September 23/24 Backpack Practical #1
Pinkney Recreation Area

October 7-8 Backpack Practical #2
Pictured Rocks National Shoreline

October 20-22 Biking / Canoeing
Wolf Lake
Moe DeFrance 517 552-3660

October 27-29 Double J Ranch Resort
Lisa Boose 248 681-3617

October 20-22 Halloween Weekend
Bald Mountain Recreation Area
Lisa Boose 248 681-3617



PRIMITIVE DRUM MAKING WORKSHOP

"All life is rhythmic. We hear it in the patter of rain, the repetition of footsteps, and the beating of the human heart."

Instructor Hugh Hill is a Native American Oneida, living in St. Thomas Ontario. He is offering to pass along the gift he has been given as a drum maker. You will be given some of the history and the teachings that has been passed on by others.

Hugh and his partner, Darquise, will bring all of the necessary materials (red cedar hoop, hide, and all of the tools) to make your own drum.

Date: Saturday August 5

Time: TBD in the afternoon, approximately 3-4 hours.

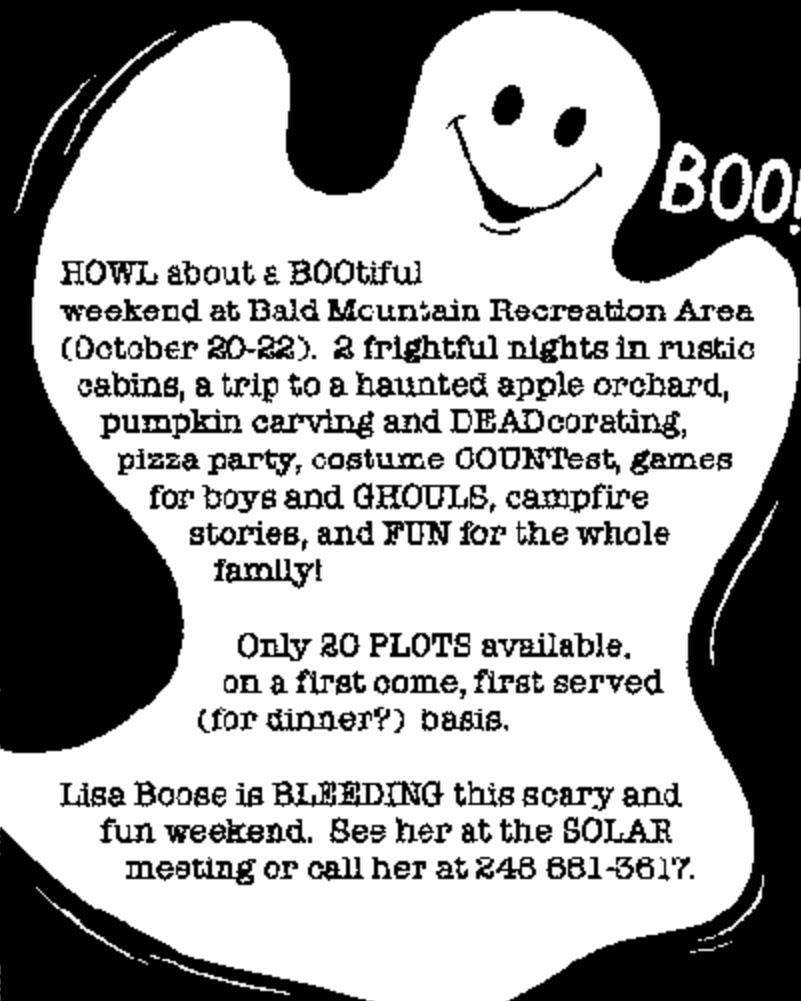
Place: Home of Glen and Katherine Krueger, Eastpointe (9 and Gratiot area)

A potluck is to follow, so bring a dish to pass.

This is a non-SOLAR event. Minimum of 15 to a maximum of 25 students. Please contact Katherine Krueger by phone on (810) 774-9697, or email at Astrlsiren@AOL.com



HAPPY
HALLOWEEN



BOO!

HOWL about a BOOtiful weekend at Bald Mountain Recreation Area (October 20-22). 2 frightful nights in rustic cabins, a trip to a haunted apple orchard, pumpkin carving and DEADcorating, pizza party, costume COUNTest, games for boys and GHOULS, campfire stories, and FUN for the whole family!

Only 20 PLOTS available, on a first come, first served (for dinner?) basis.

Lisa Boose is BLEEDING this scary and fun weekend. See her at the SOLAR meeting or call her at 248 681-3617.

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Meeting Location: Join us on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall, located at 21780 Evergreen Rd., between 8 and 9 Mile Rds., in Southfield at 7:30 PM. **Visitors can attend the meetings for FREE.** Membership dues are:
Individuals- \$30 annually or \$150 lifetime.
Family- \$45 annually, or \$225 lifetime.



The SOLAR Club is a non-profit organization of people interested in promoting appreciation of outdoor activities through education and practical experience. The club offers educational programs and various activities, which are listed inside.

We sponsor trips as well as informal gatherings to provide an exchange of expertise, experiences, and information. All of these contribute to fellowship among its members.

The SOLAR club activities will enhance and further the skills and information taught in the basic and more advanced classes through active participation.

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