

# SOLAR RAY

SEPTEMBER 2000

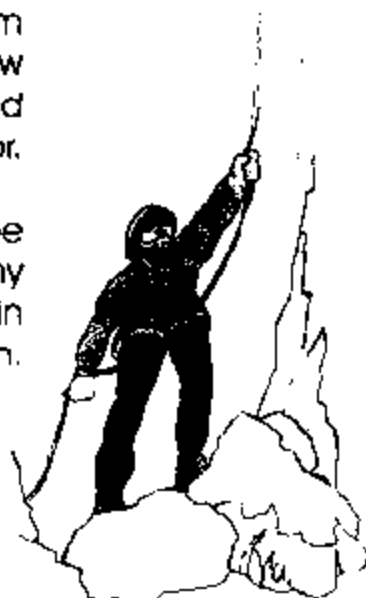


**Superior Ice** is the name of this month's program presented by Shaun Parent. The slide show examines hundreds of ice climbs found around the north and east shore of Lake Superior.

Orient Bay is considered to be number three in climbing destinations in North America. Many world class climbs are located both here, and in the newly developed Agawa Canyon.

Shaun has been climbing and developing this area since 1981!

He will also promote the new climbing guide called "Superior Ice" due out November 2000.



**DON'T MISS THIS! - POLAR FLEECE, FULL ZIP SHIRTS WITH SOLAR LOGO. AVAILABLE TO BE ORDERED AT THE SEPTEMBER SOLAR MEETING**

**WITH THE FALL WEATHER COMING 'QUICKLY' YOU'LL NOT WANT TO MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY!**

**PRICING OF THE FLEECE TOP WILL VARY FROM \$30.00 TO \$70.00 DEPENDING ON STYLE CHOSEN FROM COMPANY THAT WILL PRINT. A \$25.00 DOWN PAYMENT PAYABLE THE EVENING OF THE SEPTEMBER SOLAR MEETING WILL HOLD A FLEECE FOR YOU, AND THE REMAINDER WILL BE PAYABLE AT THE OCTOBER MEETING.**

# 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 \$225 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.

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## ROB AND CHARLES COLOR BIKE TOUR

(nature photo workshop offered day 2)

**Date:** September 23 - 24

**Time:** 9:30 departure from Legs Inn 9/23 - you may want to carpool or caravan up with us Friday evening. Call for details.

**Route:** biking along the Lake Michigan coast to Harbor Springs, Ramona Park, and back to cabins at Legs Inn.

**Sleep:** Sleep one or both nights at cabins behind Legs Inn/Restaurant  
616-528-2281

**Cost:** 20 bucks/night for cabins, and 15 bucks for sag wagon and refreshments at planned rest stops

**Bring:** Bike, helmet, sleeping bag, \$\$ for Legs Inn...YUM!

**Contact:** Rob Nani 248-608-2818 rjnani@home.com

Charles Hailey 248-524-1273 charles.hailey@eds.com

# ATTENTION ALL PADDLERS AND BIKERS

It's the remake of the Hart/Montague trail ride  
combined with Muskegon River adventure

Come join the fun on October 20-22!

- : Camping on Wolf Lake: 231-788-4219
- : Biking from Montague to ??? (How much ice cream can you eat?)  
A paved rails to trails park with lots of rest break stops
- : Canoeing Sunday am, on the scenic Muskegon with the  
River Rat Outfitters: 231-834-9411  
Anderson Flats to the River Rat - a 7 hr. float or 4 hr. paddle
- : Driving to the White Lake pier for the sunset
- : The SOLAR group dinner at camp

**COST:** \$35.00 for 1/2 canoe, and 2 nights camping.

**LOCATION:** North of Grand Rapids and East of Muskegon.

Any questions or can't wait to sign up, contact....

**MAUREEN DEFRANCE** at 517-552-3660 (defrance@ism1.net)

Maps available at the October meeting



This new and small, but eager, outfitter has only 14 canoes and 5 kayaks.  
When they are sold out, they will negotiate hauling our boats around. Let  
us know your status when you sign up. We'll check out the arrangements.



Have you read travel articles in magazines and newspapers and wondered if YOU could write one?

Solar member, Kim Osborne, and Quantum Training Centers in Troy have a deal for you!

### Travel Writing Class

Learn approaches and techniques for turning a weekend trip, vacation, or other travel experience into features for newspapers, magazines, and most importantly, FOR THE SOLAR RAY!

Explore techniques for capturing atmosphere, color, and mood with words, with the goal of creating publishable material.

We will explore the travel writing field, basic article structure, how to write an effective query letter, set up and conduct interviews, and use other research outlets. We will discuss photography, working with editors, and making use of other industry professionals.

No previous writing experience is necessary!

Date: Saturday, November 18, 2000

Time: approx. 9 am to 5 or 6 pm

Place: Quantum Training Centers in Troy

Cost: \$10 or less (a longer version of this class will be offered at Macomb Community College for \$50)



To sign up, contact Kim Osborne at 810-558-5769 or email her at: [kim\\_osborne@juno.com](mailto:kim_osborne@juno.com)

# UPCOMING SOLAR CLUB ACTIVITIES

September 5 General Membership Meeting  
Southfield - Colony Hall

September 6, 13, 20, 27 Backpacking Class  
Farmington Hills - Benchmark  
Carol McCririe 517 548 5732

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

September 8-10 Rattlesnake Conser. Area  
Milton, Ontario  
Dave Foerster

Solar Appreciation 20% Off Sale  
EMS - Farmington Hills  
30837 Orchard Lake Rd/14 Mile

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 23 - Doug's House Party  
10541 Tamryn Holly, Mi.  
248-634-4551

September 23/24 Backpack Practical #1  
Pinckney Recreation Area

September 23 -24 Bike Tour  
Harbor Springs to Ramona Pk.  
Rob Nani 248-608-2818  
RJNANI@HOME.COM

October 3 General Membership Meeting  
Southfield - Colony Hall

October 6-8 Backpacking Practical #2  
Munising - Pictured Rocks

October 13-15 Whitewater Rafting  
W. Virginia - Gauley River  
Tom Dunn 248 883-9817

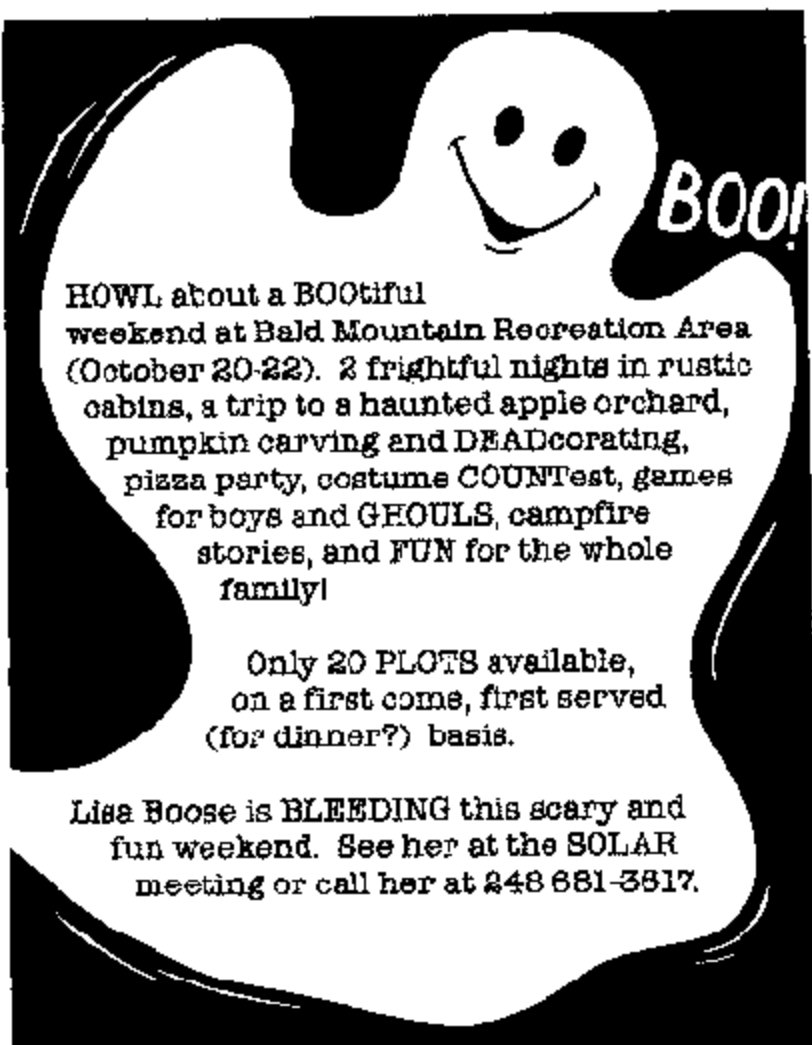
October 20-22 Halloween Weekend  
Bald Mountain Recreation Area  
Lisa Boose 248 681-3617

October 20-22 Color Tour/Bike/Canoe  
Wolf Lake - Hart/Montague Area  
Moe DeFrance 517 552-3880

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

Land Navigation and Orienteering  
Dates and Location TBA  
Pat Murad 248 887-3887





**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 **DEAD**corating, 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 248 681-3817.

HAPPY  
**HALLOWEEN?**



**SOLAR CLUB @ Point Pelee National Park**  
Monarch Migration - camping trip, Sept. 15 -17

Anyone want to see an 8th wonder of the world?  
Join your Solarite friends for camping and the miraculous sight of watching the Monarch butterflies take flight to the skies!  
Cost of trip is \$10.00 for 2 nights camping (covers park admission too).

**SUGGESTED EQUIPMENT:** Tent, warm & cool clothing, rain gear, light footwear, cooking and eating equip., extra stove

**RECREATIONAL OPTIONS:** Canoeing/swimming at West Beach, cycling, hiking, bird and wildlife watching.

For more info. contact **ROB MAIR** at 248-559-4287 or [grosbecs@aol.com](mailto:grosbecs@aol.com) for map, more information, itinerary sheet



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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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