



SOLAR BAY

2 AUGUST 3



Donna Cooking

The July 4th weekend at Caesar Creek State Park, near Dayton, Ohio, offered spectacular fireworks provided by nature. Thursday night, as a group of 26 SOLARites arrived at the Group Horseman's Camp, we were greeted by continuous firefly lights twinkling like mini sparklers, through the trees and by the call of five different frog species including the sounds of Blanchard's Cricket Frogs, a species rarely heard in Michigan.

Friday, most of us biked North along the 100 mile paved bike trail, covering approximately 46 miles along scenic rolling farm fields, with a stop at the historic Xenia Railway Station and an ultrasteop stop at a coffee and ice cream shop in Cedarville. Then we came back to camp where a few of us went swimming and everyone else settled down to a meal.

Clean up was greatly accelerated when a massive thunderstorm blasted in on us with little warning. We all scrambled, as what the local radio station described as "60 mph hurricane-like winds and fatal lightning" swept through, knocking the trees and making us run like chickens trying to escape a hungry fox. Judy Spitzer's tent was rolling like some huge tumbleweed and Mary's tent was blowing away as we all tried to rescue food, cooking equipment and tents. Dick had an umbrella, which he was attempting to catch the abundance of jumping frogs which had jumped in our frenzy around camp.

Saturday morning brought beautiful songbird serenades as we arose to eat breakfast and prepare for the day's activities. Some SOLARites enjoyed hours of "circular biking" around all kinds of terrain. Some of us took off for a 34 mile bike ride or the south leg of the bike trail dodging limbs and fallen trees on the trail, from the previous night's storm. A few turned around early and made it back to Xenia, being unhappy with the random candy losses by children in the parade, was making specific candy demands, which the little tykes were all too happy to fill.

Saturday night, right after our "sleazebag" off, now! Could Jenny really be a Weather Witch? Don't mess with Mother Nature. Jenny, within minutes, the previous night's storm events revealed themselves with a little less intensity. Thanks to Jenny, we were again sent scrambling to save food, stoves, tents etc! The storm soon people sat around in the light drizzle, taking, singing and watching fireflies.

The skies dawned bright and beautiful for our Sunday morning paddle down the Little Miami River. When we arrived at the river, we were told the river was closed the day before, because of unsafe conditions. Seems their insurance company would not allow them to put boats into the raging rain-swollen river. We knew we were in for a fast ride, as twenty-two of us set out in 6 kayaks and 6 canoes. The fast current took us past many species of turtles, frogs, ducks and herons and surprised a few people with some unplanned swims. It was a truly gorgeous day on the water that ended much too soon!

Thanks, Les &, for putting together another great trip. Mary Boush

IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE CITY OF SOUTHFIELD HAS POSTED NO PARKING SIGNS ON THE SIDE STREET NEXT TO COLONY HALL. THEY ARE ENFORCING THIS NEW ORDINANCE BY ISSUING RATHER COSTLY PARKING TICKETS. JUST ASK THE UNFORTUNATE SOLAR MEMBER WHO RECEIVED ONE AT THE JULY MEETING. PLEASE TRY TO PARK IN AN ORDERLY FASHION IN EITHER THE PAVED PARKING LOT OR ON THE LAWN. WE NEED TO PARK AS MANY CARS IN THESE TWO AREAS AS POSSIBLE.



Mark, Don, Grey & Rob at Saturday night's potluck

Oakland County Parks is once again sponsoring their Wild Adventures Day Camp, this summer. Derenda Howard, Oakland county Recreation Specialist, is asking for our support to help lead, and teach, some of the activities. This is the last session of "Day Camp". This sessions associated date and age group is:

Session III Aug. 11-Aug.15 6-10 years old

For those of you, unfamiliar with the Wild Adventures Day Camp, please read the following description, from the introduction to the daily schedule. *"Wild Adventures Outdoor Camp promotes outdoor recreation while focusing on outdoor safety and the development of teamwork and communication skills." "The importance of a healthy environment, including conservation, is emphasized throughout the camp."*

These commendable goals closely parallel those of the SOLAR Club, and are worthy of our support. This years activities will include "Outdoor Survival Skills", "Compass Skills & Scavenger Hunt", "Natural Navigation/Blind Hike", "Hiking", "Fire Building & Safety" & "Stargazing".

Please get involved! The Oakland County Parks need our support. In these days of state budget cuts, the Parks Department rely more on volunteers like us. Come on; share your knowledge and enjoyment of the outdoors with these very grateful and enthusiastic kids! You can have a positive impact on the latest generation of outdoor adventure enthusiasts!

If you want more information, email Derenda Howard at howardd@co.oakland.mi.us. Please ask her how you can help. Take part in a fun, satisfying and educational opportunity!



Above: Leslie & Margaret chowing - July 4th, Caesar Creek, Ohio



Below: Judy & Rob - July 4th, Caesar Creek, Ohio

Solar Club Trip

Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska

Camping and Kayaking with Solar Club Friends and Humpback Whales

Trip Dates:

Sunday, Aug. 24 to Sunday, Aug. 31, 2003

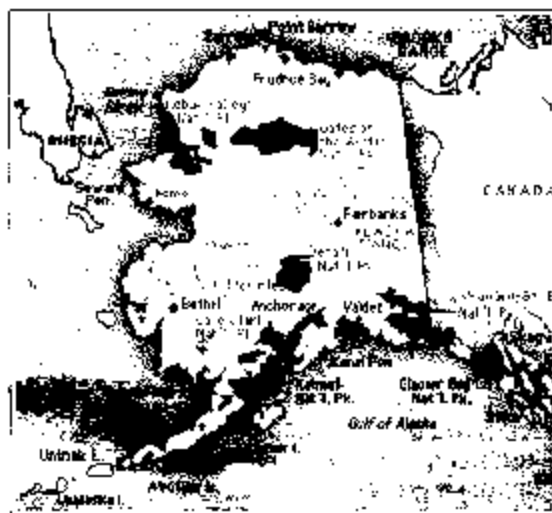
Last year I camped and kayaked in Glacier Bay Alaska, it was incredible and memorable. This August (6 to 12) Solar Club members will venture out to experience this remote and exciting part of Alaska and all it has to offer. Humpback whales, puffins, sea otters, seals, Orcas, salmon and some incredible wide-open spaces will be truly enjoyed.

Trip participants must be experienced wilderness campers and have expedition quality tent and associated gear. There is an incredibly accommodating lodge within Glacier Bay National Park but we aren't staying there. Ok, maybe one night. Participants also must have intermediate kayaking skills and warm and waterproof kayak clothing, boots and more outdoor gear. You also must be able to control your excitement

and or fear of sharing a large body of water with the largest mammals in this corner of our globe.

Estimated trip expense, not counting a fare to Juneau or Gustavus, Alaska will be between \$500.00 and \$1000.00. It depends on how many souvenirs and salmon dinners you purchase. Trip participants will meet several times throughout the summer to trip plan and paddle together. You must be available and attend pre-trip activities.

Contact
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Dalton
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0031
or
mdalton@ameritech.net



Letters from the Road - Part one

I have had my fill of students, parents and professors for another school year. My sanity desperately demands this vacation. This ride will be the longest one to date. A nine-week slice of heaven served on two wheels. Sixty-three days solely at the whim of the winds. No agenda, no reservations, no expectations, just the open road. I look forward to rekindling old friendships and harvesting new ones along the way. I yearn to share the miles with friends cut from leather cloth. Road warriors with names like Jenny, Crash, Wolf, Montana, Ponyexpress and Twisted Sister. I have been in the wind over most of North America a lifetime on motorcycles. I will spend this summer meandering through places I have never experienced before. I left Detroit on Friday, June 13th persuaded by a westerly wind.

Sincerely, Tom Dunn



To: SOLARites



VISIT OUR WEBSITE

WWW.SOLAROUTDOORS.ORG

WANTED: GEAR TESTERS NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Once again, Italian trekking pole manufacturer, Gabel Group has shipped SOLAR numerous pairs of trekking poles to demo. There are 5 different models to choose from, including a photo monopod model. Gene and Leslie Cordova and Maria Edwards had originally met the President of Gabel, Gianpietro Beltramello, on an airplane from Amsterdam to Detroit 2 years ago.

Each year since then he has provided SOLAR with trekking poles so that we can evaluate them for his company. Gianpietro has made many modifications to his poles as a result of feedback provided by SOLAR members.



this summer? How about out west, or are you lucky enough to go out of the country this year? Take a set of trekking poles with you.

Sounds too good to be true? Okay, there is one catch, Gabel wants feedback on the poles, so if you agree to be a gear tester, you will be expected to fill out a brief questionnaire. Also, a fully refundable deposit of \$50 is required and will be returned only when you return the trekking poles AND the questionnaire.

Please keep in mind that, although Gabel has generously loaned these poles to SOLAR for our use, they are doing this so that we can evaluate their product (pro and con) and Gabel can make improvements as needed. Please understand, it is because of our valuable feedback that we enjoy the benefit of using these poles!

Sound like something you would be interested in? Call or e-mail Leslie at (248) 547-5626 or lesliegene@aol.com.

Gabel Group

So, are you planning a backpack or hiking trip in Michigan

Great Recipe Idea: Tortilla French Toast

- 1 egg or 1/4 cup liquid egg substitute or reconstituted powdered egg
- 1/2 cup reconstituted powdered milk
- 8 6 inch flour tortillas
- topping options: jam, brown sugar and cinnamon, maple syrup

In a cook pot or bowl, combine the egg and milk. Heat a nonstick pan over a moderate flame. Dip tortillas into the egg and milk mixture one at a time and cook for about 2 minutes on each side. Add desired topping. Serves a total of 4 people or 1 very hungry person.



Coming in September is one of SOLAR's most popular classes, the beginning Backpacking Class. Beginning Backpacking teaches basics about trip planning, equipment, food, and other backpacking issues. It also gives you hands on experience at practicals, fun times, and new friends.

This class is for those of you that a) never backpacked and have always wanted to try it, b) new members that need the class as a

prerequisite for other advanced classes or just to meet people, or c) members who just want a refresher or need an excuse to backpack.

Class begins September 3 and runs for five consecutive Wednesdays (9/3, 9/10, 9/17, 9/24 and 10/1). The weekend practicals are September 20-21 and October 3-5. Class time is from 6 to 9 pm.

In order to get a certificate for the class, you need to participate on a weekly basis and complete the entire 1st practical in September. The certificate for the class qualifies you for the Intermediate and Advanced Backpacking Classes, Wilderness Canoeing, and Enjoying Michigan Winters.

Locations for the classes and practicals are to be announced, however, we traditionally do our final practical at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. Stay tuned for final information at the August and September SOLAR meetings.

The only prerequisite for the class is that you are a current paid member of SOLAR and that you are interested in new experiences, new friends, or both!

Space is limited so sign up and pay early. The cost of the class is \$100 and includes a textbook, a class handbook, and most fees related to Practical 1. Please bring cash or a check payable to "SOLAR" when you sign up (Sorry, no credit cards.) This will guarantee your spot in the class.

Any questions regarding the class should be directed to Carol McCrie at (810) 523-0132 or cam@ismi.net.

JOHN BRYAN STATE PARK - Dayton, Ohio CLIFTON GORGE STATE NATURE PRESERVE

CAMPING, HIKING, BIKING, CANOEING,
ROCK CLIMBING, REPELLING

SEPTEMBER 12 - 14, 2003

Come join S.O.L.A.R. as we explore John Bryan State Park and Clifton Gorge State Nature Preserve, just South of Dayton, on September 12-14, 2003

John Bryan is the most scenic State Park in western Ohio. The park contains a remarkable limestone gorge cut by the Little Miami River, which is designated as a state and national Scenic River. A portion of the gorge itself is designated as a national natural landmark. Nature lovers can enjoy any of the ten different trails found in the park. The trails follow the scenic river gorge and meander through majestic woodlands.

Drive down Friday night (3 1/2 - 4 hours) and spend 2 nights camping and exploring. This is going to be a loosely organized trip. There are a lot of things to do in the area. The main plan is to hike the trails at John Bryan State Park and Clifton Gorge State Nature Preserve. If there is time, we can hike part of the 100 mile paved bike path that is in nearby Little Miami State Park.

If you wish to canoe, there are canoe liveryes in the area. Also, you will need to register with the park if you want to rock climb or rappel. I will not be bringing rock climbing gear down.

There will be the traditional SOLAR (too much food) potluck on Saturday night. The rest of your meals you will be on your own. Bring a camp stove, and rain tarp (just in case).

All this fun can be yours for \$10 adults, \$5 kids under 18 and \$5 dogs (must be on leash).

Interested contact

Leslie Cordova at
(248) 547-5626 or
lesliegene@aol.com



The Editor of the Solar Ray would like to give her apologies if any articles or information was left out of this August newsletter issue. An unfortunate problem has happened to my computer. It finally took a turn for the worst. Until I am up and running, please direct all RAY NEWSLETTER emails and attachments to daydreamer07@yahoo.com until further notice.

Thank you for your patience. Stacie "editor" Kitchen

Attention All Paddlers!

It's the 14th Annual DeFrance/Albin Canoe Outing!

Come join the fun on September 5-7th. This year promises to be better than ever! The event starts on Friday when you arrive to late night card games, setting up by feel, and sitting around the campfire or on our bug-free porch. On Saturday morning, we provide (the ingredients for) breakfast as well as opportunities to go biking, hiking, swimming, volleyball and anything else you can imagine. Saturday night you provide a dish to pass for the traditional "SOLAR Potluck" followed by evening hikes and swim, more cards, more campfire, and whatever else you want. Sunday morning we get up and head to the canoe livery (for 9 a.m.) where we paddle down the Au Sable river (Comins Flats to 4001 Bridge, 4-5 hrs). The cost this year is still \$25 for $\frac{1}{2}$ of a canoe, breakfast Saturday morning, camping in our luxurious forest, and access to amenities like our top of the line pit toilet facilities, (probable) running water, microwave, stove, and the cabin in general.

If you have any questions or can't wait to sign up, contact **Maureen De France** at 517-552-3660! (moedefrance@aol.com) Don't forget the sun screen and bug juice!!! This is near Hale off of M-65 about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours from Metro Detroit. Maps at the August and September Meeting.

- This outing is friendly to well-parented kids and dogs.
- We have had 13 years of perfect weather in a row. (Knock on wood).



Above: Bonnie blowing out candles on her b-day cake.

July 4th
2003 -
Ceasar
Creek,
Ohio

Below: Mark & Grey fixing Mary Bogush's van



SOLAR AUGUST 2003 CALENDAR

SCHOOL FOR OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP, ADVENTURE & RECREATION

AUGUST 2003

1-9	Week	Climbing & Backpacking	Yosemite	Rick Walker	248-414-5991
5TH	TUES.	GENERAL MEETING - COLONY HALL / SOUTHFIELD		TOM OLOFFO	mcmountainman@yahoo.com
		PROGRAM: Preview of SOLAR Classes for Year		Lou Szakal	ljsdid409@aol.com
17th	Sun.	Canoeing**	Argeo in Ann Arbor	Margaret Martin	mlmpluscatl@cs.com
23-Sept. 7	Week	Backpacking Trip	Glacier National Park	Karl Overheul	cybernomad@backpacker.com
24-31st	Week	Kayaking Trip	Glacier Bay, Alaska	Matt Dalton	mdalton@ameritech.net
29 Sept.	Week	Camping, Wineries, Plays, Biking, Etc.	Watkins Glen State Park, NY	Tim Klepaczyk	timothyk@comcast.net

AUGUST CLASSES

16th	Sat.	Kayaking Class	T.E.D.	Matt Dalton	mdalton@ameritech.net
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SEPTEMBER 2003

2ND	TUES.	GENERAL MEETING - COLONY HALL / SOUTHFIELD		TOM OLOFFO	mcmountainman@yahoo.com
		PROGRAM: SOLAR Annual Gear Swap		Lou Szakal	ljsdid409@aol.com
5-7th	Wknd.	DeFrance Annual Canoe Outing	Hale, Michigan	Moe DeFrance	moeofrance@aol.com
12-14th	Wknd.	Hiking & Biking	John Bryan State Park, Ohio	Leslie Cordova	lesliegene@aol.com
13th	Sat.	Rafting**	Gauley River, West Virginia	Linda Hill	riverwoman@comcast.net
14th	Sun.	Canoeing***	Shiawasee	Margaret Martin	mlmpluscatl@cs.com

SEPTEMBER CLASSES

3rd	Wed.	Basic Backpacking	T.B.D.	Carol McConrie	cam@ismi.net
10th	Wed.	Basic Backpacking	T.B.D.	Carol McConrie	cam@ismi.net
13th	Sat.	Kayak Class	T.B.D.	Matt Dalton	mdalton@ameritech.net
17th	Wed.	Basic Backpacking	T.B.D.	Carol McConrie	cam@ismi.net
24th	Wed.	Basic Backpacking	T.B.D.	Carol McConrie	cam@ismi.net
20-21st	Wknd.	Basic Backpacking Practical	Pinckney	Carol McConrie	cam@ismi.net

OCTOBER 2003

1ST	TUES.	GENERAL MEETING - COLONY HALL / SOUTHFIELD		TOM OLOFFO	mcmountainman@yahoo.com
		PROGRAM: Tentative - Search & Rescue		Lou Szakal	ljsdid409@aol.com
12-14th	Wknd.	Hiking & Biking	John Bryan State Park, Ohio	Leslie Cordova	lesliegene@aol.com
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14th	Sun.	Canoeing***	Shiawasee	Margaret Martin	mlmpluscatl@cs.com

OCTOBER CLASSES

1st	Wed.	Basic Backpacking	T.B.D.	Carol McConrie	cam@ismi.net
3-5th	Wknd.	Basic Backpacking Practical	Pictured Rocks	Carol McConrie	cam@ismi.net
8th	Wed.	Search & Rescue Class	T.B.D.	Tom Hayes	thomashayes@wideopenwest.com
15th	Wed.	Search & Rescue Class	T.B.D.	Tom Hayes	thomashayes@wideopenwest.com
22nd	Wed.	Search & Rescue Class	T.B.D.	Tom Hayes	thomashayes@wideopenwest.com
24-26th	Wknd.	Search & Rescue Practical	T.B.D.	Tom Hayes	thomashayes@wideopenwest.com

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Mondays	Walleyball**	Westland	Chip Kleinbrock	mrchip1234@aol.com
Thursdays	Rock Climbing**	Panel Rock, Pontiac	Nichelle Delaporte	taspoz2@hotmail.com
Sat. Or Sun.	Day Hiking**	Locations Vary	Reggie Hayes	585-778-3589
Sat. Or Sun.	Day / Night Hiking**	Locations Vary	Jeff Ganley	
Sundays	Canoeing**	Locations Vary	Margaret Martin	mlmpluscatl@cs.com

For information on joining the SOLAR CLUB, contact Mary Price (248) 477-7547 or visit www.SOLAROUTDOORS.org

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLAN AND/OR LEAD A SOLAR ACTIVITY, CONTACT:
PAM RIEHL (248) 685-0367 OR PARIEHL1@NETSCAPE.NET

SOLAR has a NO-REFUND Policy, if you are unable to attend an activity you may "sell your spot" to another club member.

****Denotes NON-SOLAR activities (SOLAR will not be held responsible for these activities).**



Watkins Glen State Park in the Finger Lakes region of New York Labor Day weekend, August 29-Sep 1, 2003

I AM LEADING A TRIP TO WATKINS GLEN STATE PARK IN THE FINGER LAKES REGION OF NEW YORK. THE TRIP WILL BE LABOR DAY WEEKEND, AUG 29-SEP 1, 2003. I HAVE CAMPING RESERVATIONS AT WATKINS GLEN FOR FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND SUNDAY EVENINGS. TOTAL DISTANCE IS ABOUT 420 MILES, SO I RECOMMEND AN EARLY START OR (THIS IS MY PLAN) TAKE A VACATION DAY ON FRIDAY.

SKILL LEVEL IS BEGINNER. CAMPSITES MAY HAVE UP TO SIX PEOPLE, TWO VEHICLES, AND TWO TENTS. ACTIVITIES INCLUDE HIKING AT WATKINS GLEN AND OTHER TRAILS IN THE AREA (THERE ARE PLENTY TO CHOOSE FROM). I WILL ALSO LEAD A 20-30 MILE BICYCLE

RIDE ONE DAY, WITH AN OPTIONAL STOP AT A LOCAL WINERY.

COST FOR THREE EVENINGS CAMPING AT WATKINS GLEN STATE PARK IS \$20 PER TENT IF YOU SHARE A CAMPSITE WITH ANOTHER TENT. OR \$60 PER SITE.

NOTE: I PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED AN OPTION OF LEAVING SUNDAY EVENING TO GO TO A PLAY AT THE SHAW FESTIVAL IN NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, ONTARIO. THIS INCLUDES ONE EVENING AT A BED & BREAKFAST. THIS OPTION IS STILL AVAILABLE IF ROOMS AND TICKETS TO ONE OF TWO PLAYS ARE STILL AVAILABLE WHEN YOU SIGN UP. AS OF LATE JULY, BOTH ARE STILL AVAILABLE.

ACCURATE COST IS DIFFICULT

TO ESTIMATE PRIOR TO GETTING AN ACCURATE COUNT OF FINAL SIGN-UPS. I AM ASKING AN ADDITIONAL \$100 PER PERSON. ALTHOUGH I'M OPTIMISTIC I'LL HAVE SOME MONEY TO REFUND FOR THIS OPTION.

TRIP EXPENSES DO NOT COVER COST OF WINERY TOUR.

JOIN ME FOR A FUN WEEKEND! TIM KLEPACZYK, TIMK@PEOPLEPC.COM



**FOR
SALE**
SOLAR GEAR



*JULY RAY,
Editor error!
There is
NO BARBEQUE
during the 3rd Annual
SOLAR GEAR SWAP*

3RD ANNUAL SOLAR GEAR SWAP



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2003 at COLONY HALL, SOUTHFIELD

- HAVE OUTDOORS GEAR YOU NO LONGER USE?
- HAVE SEVERAL OF THE SAME ITEMS YOU HAVE ACQUIRED OVER THE YEARS?
- OR JUST TRYING TO PAWN OFF THE OLD STUFF ON SOMEONE ELSE?

**WELL HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO SELL OR BARTER YOUR
UNUSED/UNWANTED GEAR AND HELP OTHER SOLARITES AT THE SAME TIME**

BRING YOUR OUTDOOR GEAR TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING AND BE
READY TO SELL IT TO OTHER NEEDY PEOPLE*

Any questions, contact Lou Szakall at ljsdid409@aol.com

*SOLAR TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR WARRANTY, GUARANTEE, QUALITY, PRICE OR SATISFACTION OF THIS OUTDOORS GEAR

From the SOLAR Program Director

By Lou Szakal

Upcoming SOLAR Program Schedule

August - SOLAR Classes Presentation
September - SOLAR Annual Gear Swap
October - Tentative - Search & Rescue

Please note: all programs will take place at Colony Hall immediately following the SOLAR Business meeting

Canoeing for the day with friends.
Argo in Ann Arbor - Sunday, August 17th
For more information contact
Margaret Martin, mimpluscatl@cs.com

Kayaking is a very fun, safe and exciting water sport, when proper paddling and safety techniques are used. Michigan has many options for world class paddling adventures. Small private lakes, famous rivers and incredible National Sea Shores surround us. Experiencing any of these from a kayak is more than just a memorable experience.

Learn correct paddling and rescue techniques from a certified ACA kayak instructor. Introduction to kayaking classes are listed below and more advanced kayaking class will be scheduled, based on demand.

Saturday, August 16th • Saturday, September 13th

Additional times and dates can be made available based on individual and group needs.

Class Times 12:00 Noon till 4:00 PM

Location: TBD options include: (Cass Lake, Island Lake, Heaven's or a lake of your choice) Class size will be limited to no more than 6 students. More advanced kayak classes can be scheduled for advanced paddlers or graduate students

Price: \$50.00 with equipment or \$30.00 with your own equipment

All kayaking equipment will be provided. You will receive a list of what to expect and what you need to bring. Classes will cover topics on land and on the water. Discussions and demonstrations related to selecting a kayak to car topping and transporting a kayak will be covered. Basic paddle strokes, rescue techniques will be demonstrated and practiced.

The end of the class will include some fun and relaxing paddling. Advanced rescues, Eskimo rolling or rolling Eskimos, extreme surf kayaking and going over waterfalls will not be covered... at least not in the Introduction Class.

All classes scheduled are Introductory Classes. Students may sign up for more than one class and have a chance to practice skills learned in previous classes. Depending on class size and existing skill level of students, classes can focus on specific group requested skills.

Matt Dalton is an ACA certified kayak instructor, he kayaks locally and he has kayaked in 4 of the Great Lakes, California, Oregon, Texas, Florida and Alaska.

Contact: Matt Dalton: 248-360-0031 or email: mdalton@ameritech.net



Right Photo: Beginner or not enjoy Kayaking with John Moffat & also the Black Parrot instructors. A trip to the other side of the lake to Silver Lake Sand Dunes.

Thanks John and Black Parrot. You guys are great instructors and your knowledge of this water sport is never ending.

Photo by: Starle "editor" Kitchen

KAYAKING CLASSES

Howdy y'all -

Spurs' on! The Double JJ trip for 2003 is rapidly approaching!!

2003 ANNUAL HALLOWEEN BASH AT DOUBLE JJ RANCH

Here's the lo-down for this years Non-Solar event (meaning all your friends can come):

Date: Friday, November 7 - Sunday, November 9

Price: \$242 - \$281 per person for Horseback Riding All Inclusive Weekend Package

Deposit: \$50, non-refundable.

Replacements for your spot are allowed with no penalty up to two weeks prior to arrival.

Inclusions: 2 nights accommodations in a basic cabin-style room with up to 4 beds (doubles available on request for couples), bonfire/hayride/cornroast/haurted barn/dancing Friday night... Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner/horseback riding/halloween party w/dancing Saturday night/Breakfast/Lunch horseback riding on Sunday.

NOTE: Horseback riding program is an hour. Lessons are available with 3 levels of rides going out about four times a day on Saturday and Sunday.

Mark the date on your calendar and get your deposits in if you are thinking about going. This weekend is a blast. EVERYONE who has ever gone (and we mean every single person) has had a great time. We both guarantee you will too.

Let us know if you are considering going. Beds can only be reserved 10 at a time, and they require deposits within 2 weeks. Once the 10 deposits are in, we can hold another 10 beds.

New this year...the price is based on supply/demand. As it gets closer to the weekend, they will fill up and the price can go as high as an additional \$42 pp. We've been told that we are probably OK from now until September. We'd like to get all our deposits in by September 1, just to be sure.

EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEHHHHHHHHHHHAAAAHHHH! Hope you can make it,

Lisa Boose - Elbows6000@aol.com / Bill Cowdin Cowdin@accentremodeling.com

Co-Leaders -yes its that big we need two of us to handle it!!

SOLAR Article
Deadline Dates:
September 2003 Issue - Aug. 17th
October 2003 Issue - Sept. 21st
November 2003 Issue - Oct. 19th
December 2003 Issue - Nov. 16th

Send articles snail mail to Stacie Kitchen
IF YOU PLAN ON SENDING THEM VIA
EMAIL, PLEASE CALL ME 1ST AT
586-212-2335



Left Photo: Black Parrot Instructor teaching us paddle techniques or keeping you self a float.

Right Photo: Getting ready do to self rescue and also the T-rescue techniques...

Run's group that did the rescues (you know who you are). What a team we had. FOUR of us helping one kayaker (helping the person get in the kayak as well as bailing the water out.). Great Job you guys and gals.

Photo by: Stacie "editor" Kitchen

SOLAR is a non-profit club with 400-plus members dedicated to the intelligent enjoyment of nature and outdoor pursuits.

Membership is only \$40 a year per person (\$55 per family) and includes discounts to a number of retail outfitters, access to club-owned equipment, a monthly newsletter, and a chance to meet hundreds of other like-minded adventurers drawn together by a common love of pristine lakes, breathtaking vistas, virgin forests and scenic shorelines, and the experiences to be found there.

SOLAR Steering Committee

President	Tom Oloffo	Equipment	Carol McGrie
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Education	Harry Price	Web Master	Karl Overheul

At Large: Mike Banks • Moe DeFrance • Al Fylak • Steve Gardner
Bill Halvingis • Cindy Harrison-Felix • Doug Lanyk • Larry Martin
Joar Ryan • Leslie Cordova • Joan & Bob Westbrook

SOLAR MEETINGS

Are held the first Tuesday of every month in Southfield at the Colony Hall, 21780

Evergreen
(between 8 & 9
Mile Roads)
at 7:30 p.m.

Visitors can
come for FREE!



SOLAR Steering Committee Meetings - The Steering Committee meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. These meetings are usually open to the general membership. Anyone who is interested in learning what topics are being discussed, the decisions being made, or contemplating running for a position on the Steering Committee, is welcome to attend. If you are interested in attending the Steering Committee Meeting, contact Tom Oloffo at (313) 386-0057 or mcmountainman@yahoo.com.

SOLAR RAY is a monthly publication of SOLAR and is sent free to current dues-paid members. If you change your address please tell the membership chairman, Mary Price, mprice@ameritech.net.

Submission Guidelines:

SOLAR events have priority over non-club events; events in the next 2 months have priority over other events. Please submit all articles and photos to:

Stacie Kitchen, 239 E. 12 Mile Rd. Apt 17, Royal Oak, MI 48073
or call (586) 212-2335 (leave message w/your ph. #)
emailing me???? Call me 1st - Computer is in shop for a week.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.SOLAROUTDOORS.ORG



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