



School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure & Recreation

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Kayaking Classes

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, July 12
Saturday, August 16

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, Heavener'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
\$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 ear 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 3 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.

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Archeology

There is a unique archeology experience awaiting you in Ontario, Canada. No experience necessary! Dr. Finlayson is very knowledgeable and will teach you everything you need to know. You'll get to experience the dig, wash the treasures you find and plot the area you dig. In the past we have found many beautiful pieces of pottery, a few beads, stone tools and a sewing needle made from a small, thin animal bone. Come and spend a day and a half digging for Iroquois artifacts from a longhouse settlement! The trip includes lunch on Saturday and Sunday and a steak dinner on Saturday night. We will camp at Rattlesnake Friday and Saturday night. Come on along! Details at Membership Meeting.



July 25-27

Contact:

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JULY PROGRAM-

Solar Annual **Summer Picnic**

**SOLAR WILL PROVIDE THE MAIN
COURSE AND BASICS....**

**YOU BRING A SIDE DISH TO PASS-
DESSERT, SALADS, ETC.
AND ANY DRINKS YOU WOULD LIKE.**

**SO COME JOIN US FOR A RELAXING
EVENING IN THE SUMMER!**

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. The "Day Camp" will be broken down into 3 sessions by dates and age group. Those sessions with associated dates and age groups are:

Session I	June 30-July 3	6-15 years old
Session II	July 21-July 25	11-15 years old
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 year's 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, Derenda Howard and her team will be at the June SOLAR meeting, or e-mail her at howardd@co.oakland.mi.us. Please ask her how you can help.

Take part in a fun, satisfying and educational opportunity!

Good little boys and girls By the Solar Santa

This past winter Santa decided that several Solzrites were especially good throughout all the years. In consideration for all the generous things that they have done for this club Santa and his elves decided that they should be rewarded with a special gift built just for them.

It is not too often that the toy-shop is devoted to building commodes. In this case two very special outhouses were prepared for this unselfish couple. The men's outhouse is solidly built with enough diffused light to allow you to read unobstructed. There even is a magazine rack to help the guys pass the long hours on the throne. The Man's Show would be proud!! The ladies outhouse was built in keeping with the outdoor nature of this club. There is a mirror on the wall so

that the ladies can look their best even in the woods. The ladies throne even has a basket to hold flowers, although right now it is holding corncobs you wouldn't want to waste Charmin on them. The most obvious difference between the two outhouses is that the ladies one is devoid of walls. Maybe Martha Stewart can get paroled in time to help decorate the ladies room.

Santa wishes to invite as many members as possible to register for the DeFrance canoe weekend this summer and help Dave and Moe christen their outhouses built for two.



Left Photo: Women's Bathroom
Right Photo: Men's Bathroom



Great Lakes Sea Kayak Symposium
Grand Marais, Michigan/Pictured Rocks
July 17-20, 2003

There's also a guided night paddle, evening slide shows, on the water and inside classes. I almost forgot, there's an original UP pastes dinner fund raiser for \$10.00 and a few kayak races.

Attendance is usually 200+ students and about 50+ teachers. Some of the teachers are world class paddlers. People who have written kayak books, produced kayak videos and kayaked in remote places we've never even heard of. It's an excellent event.

This is a non-Solar Club event and the cost is \$100.00 before July 9th and \$140.00 at the symposium. This covers the symposium, camping is extra, it's about \$7-8.00 a night. Bring your own sea kayak and gear, if you don't have anything, several companies are renting boats and all the gear you would need. A list of these companies is available if needed.

Contact Matt Dalton at 248-360-0031 or mdalton@ameritech.net for more information and a brochure and registration form.



ROCK CLIMBING WORKSHOP

Top Rope Anchors

Sunday July 13, 2003 This workshop will teach two different top rope anchor systems. If you are a rock climber and don't know how to set up an anchor for safe climbing then this workshop is a must for you. If you need a refresher class or are a beginner, then come out and you'll be taught. We will not be climbing. This workshop will take place at a local park. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Location has not been determined. Contact Rick Waller 248-414-6991 or klymp_rekkt@msn.com.

Climb Safe!

Solar Club Trip



Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska
Camping and Kayaking with Solar Club
Friends and Humpback Whales

Trip Dates:
Sunday, August 24 to
Sunday August 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 airfare 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.

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Watkins Glen State Park in the Finger Lakes region of New York

Labor Day weekend, August 29-Sep 1, 2003

My plan is to drive to around Buffalo on Thursday evening, August 28. Friday morning I will drive the rest of the way to the Finger Lakes. I have camping reservations at Watkins Glen for Friday through Sunday, August 29-31. Note, total distance is about 420 miles.

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 one day of bicycling, which will include a stop at a local winery. This will require a moderate to high level of skill if you want to keep up with me, with options for slower cyclists.

I'll be leaving Sunday afternoon for a Bed & Breakfast and play at the Shaw Festival, again near Buffalo. *If you want to join me for the festival, bring money to the July meeting!*

I've estimated the cost for two options - with and without the Shaw Festival. Neither option includes hotel or camping Thursday night, or the optional winery tour.

Option 1: three evenings camping at Watkins Glen State Park. Cost to you is \$36 per TENT. Note, person limit of six per site still applies!

Option 2: two evenings camping at Watkins Glen and one evening at a B&B and one play at the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario. Camping cost to you is \$24 per TENT. Shaw Festival portion is \$120 per PERSON. Note, you will have a choice of two plays.



Note, my cost estimates are conservative for the festival. If I get much better prices, I will try to refund the difference.

Please join me for a fun weekend!

Tim Klepaczyk

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JOHN BRYAN STATE PARK CLIFTON GORGE STATE NATURE PRESERVE CAMPING, HIKING, BIKING, CANOEING, ROCK CLIMBING, RAPPELLING

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 bike part of the 100 mile paved bike path that is in nearby Little Miami State Park.

If you wish to canoe, there are canoe liveryies 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 campstove, 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



2ND ANNUAL SOLAR GEAR SWAP



& END OF SUMMER BARBEQUE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2002
COLONY HALL, SOUTHFIELD

DO YOU HAVE OUTDOORS GEAR YOU NO LONGER USE?
DO YOU HAVE SEVERAL OF THE SAME ITEMS YOU HAVE ACQUIRED OVER THE YEARS?
DO YOU 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*

WHILE THIS IS HAPPENING, WE WILL HAVE THE
SOLAR END OF SUMMER BARBEQUE:
SOLAR WILL PROVIDE THE MAIN COURSE AND BASICS,
YOU BRING A SIDE DISH TO PASS- DESSERT, SALADS, ETC.

Any questions, contact Pam Riehl at parich11@netscape.net or 248-554-0424

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

From the SOLAR Program Director
By Lisa Szokol

Upcoming SOLAR Program Schedule
July- SOLAR Annual Summer Picnic
August- Upcoming SOLAR Classes Presentation
September- SOLAR Annual Gear Swap

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

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Point Pelee 2003



**Little
Raccoon**



We got off to a questionable start as far as the weather was concerned, and campers were dropping out like flies. We had to go, we were the trip leaders! Turns out, the only rain we got was Driving home on Monday!



Even with the peak migration two weeks earlier, there were still many birds to see, as well as other creatures all around the park. We even had the namesake of our campground visit several times looking for any forgotten or un-secured treats! Good thing they taught bear bagging in backpacking Class!



We had all the right things for car camping. Big tents, air mattresses (with compressors to blow them up), Hot showers and flush toilets, and a big fire ring with wood provided and delivered daily! We watched a good sunset, had smores around the fire, and took naps in the mid-afternoon. This is the hectic pace we kept up all weekend long.



We had a total of seven campers including John and Amy's newest camp mate, Eliza! The weekend was totally relaxing and we can't wait to go again next year. Those of you who missed out this time will have your chance again next May for Solar Point Pelee 2004!

Tom and Hope

SOLAR JUNE 2003 CALENDAR

SCHOOL FOR OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP, ADVENTURE & RECREATION

JULY 2003

2nd	TUES.	GENERAL MEETING - COLONY HALL / SOUTHFIELD	TOM OLOFFO	mcmountainman@yahoo.com
		PROGRAM: SOLAR Annual Picnic-Bring a Dish to Pass	Lou Szakal	ljsdid409@aol.com
10th	Wknd.	Hiking, Camping, Biking, Canoeing & Kayaking	Caesar Creek State Park	Leslie Cordova
12th	Sat.	Kayaking Class	T.B.D.	Leslie Cordova
13th	Sun.	Canoeing	Heavner at Island Lake	Margaret Martin
17-20th	Wknd.	Great Lakes Sea Kayak Symposium**	Grand Marais / Pictured Rocks	Matt Dalton
18-20th	Wknd.	SOLAR Kids Backpacking**	T.B.D.	Jim Hoffer
19-21th	Wknd.	Backpacking	Manistee River	Dick Ebenhoe
21-25th	Week	Day Camp**	Oakland County Parks	Derenda Howard
25-27th	Wknd.	Archaeology Dig	Canada	Gloria Fontaine
25-27th	Wknd.	Canoeing	Manistee River	Tom Oloffo
28-29th	Wknd.	Birdwatching, Biking, Hiking, Fishing, Etc.	Pelce Island, Ontario	Leslie Cordova

JULY CLASSES

13th	Sun.	Rock Climbing Workshop	T.B.D.	Rick Waller	248-414-6991
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AUGUST 2003

1-9	Week	Climbing & Backpacking	Yosemite	Rick Waller	248-414-6991
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	Argo in Ann Arbor	Margaret Martin	mimplusatl@cs.com
23 Sept-7	Week	Backpacking Trip	Glacier National Park	Karl Overheul	cybemomad@backpacker.com
24-30	Week	Kayaking Trip	Glacier Bay, Alaska	Matt Dalton	mdalton@ameritech.net
29-Sept-1	Week	Camping, Wineries, Plays, Biking, Etc.	Watkins Glen State Park, NY	Tim Klepaczyk	timothyk@comcast.net

AUGUST CLASSES

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

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2ND	TUES.	GENERAL MEETING - COLONY HALL / SOUTHFIELD		TOM OLOFFO	
		PROGRAM: SOLAR Annual Gear Swap		Lou Szakal	ljsdid409@aol.com
12-14th	Wknd.	Hiking & Biking	John Bryan State Park, Ohio	Leslie Cordova	lesliegene@aol.com
14th	Sat.	Rafting	Gauley River, West Virginia	Linda Hill	diserwoman@comcast.net

SEPTEMBER CLASSES

T.B.D.		Basic Backpacking	T.B.D.	Carol McCririe	carm@ismi.net
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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Mondays	Walleysball**	Westland	Chip Kleinbrook	mrchip1234@aol.com
Thursdays	Rock Climbing**	Planet Rock Pontiac	Michelle Delaporte	tuzspaz2@hotmail.com
Sat. Or Sun.	Day Hiking**	Locations Vary	Reggie Hayes	586-778-3500
Sundays	Canoeing**	Locations Vary	Margaret Martin	mimplusatl@cs.com

For information on joining the SOLAR CLUB, contact Mary Price (248) 477-7647 or visit www.SOLAROUTDOORS.org

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLAN AND/OR LEAD A SOLAR ACTIVITY, CONTACT:
PAM RICHIE (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.

SOLAR is a non-profit club with 100-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

<i>President</i>	Tom Oloff	<i>Equipment</i>	Carol McCririe
<i>Vice President</i>	Tom Hayes	<i>Historian</i>	Meg Braun
<i>Secretary</i>	Cindy Taylor	<i>Membership</i>	Mary Price
<i>Treasurer</i>	Reggie Hayes	<i>Programs</i>	Lou Szikal
<i>Activities</i>	Pam Richl	<i>Pub Relations</i>	Jenny Couch
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<i>Education</i>	Harry Price	<i>Web Master</i>	Karl Overhaul
<i>At Large</i>	Mike Banks	Moe DeFrance	Al Fylak
	Dill Halvingis	Cindy Harrison-Felk	Doug Lanyk
	Joan Ryan	Leslie Cordova	Joan & Bob Westbrook
		Steve Gardner	Larry Martin

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 last 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 Oloff 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, hmpri@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 email skitchen@wowway.com or rayeditor@solaroutdoors.org

FUTURE ISSUE DEADLINES:

Sunday, July, 20th * Sunday, August, 17th

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