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SOLAR Election Results

By Pam Riehl

Thank you to all the SOLAR members who participated in the elections, to Lou Szakal for his help with the elections and to the Members at Large that assisted with the ballot counting. Congratulations to all those elected- the results are listed below.

A BIG thank you to all the outgoing Steering Committee members for their hard work and dedication: Peggy Medved, Denise Kordle, Laura James and Roger James.

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COVERED BRIDGE BIKE TOUR June 6-8, 2003



Imagine biking down dirt roads, riding through small historic towns and visiting approximately 10 covered bridges. Or maybe stopping along a few of the 3 wineries along the route. Over the weekend you are invited to experience these sites along a 54 mile route (ride as little or as much as you want.) Cost of \$25.00 per person includes 2 nights of camping. Bring a pot luck dish for Saturday night. Location: Ashtabula, Ohio (Northeastern Ohio)

For more information call Jonnie at (734) 398-5315



May 17th, 2003 Wildflower walk in Holly at Doug Lanyk's house. Organized by Margaret. Article on Page 3
Photo taken by - Jim Coe

Flat Water Canoe Class - June 21, 2003

With the warmer weather my thoughts are turning to spending time in my canoe. Floating and or paddling in the canoe is one of life's simple pleasures. Unfortunately for many beginners it isn't quite as simple as it looks. This leads to frustration and a reduced value of your chill out time. Fortunately for SOLARites the Flat Water Canoe class is there to help. We will be teaching the nomenclature of the canoe and its accessories, canoe safety, the basic strokes, several ways to steer, how to keep the people side up, and what to do if you end up with a canoe full of water. For beginners we'll get you started, for intermediates we'll tweak your stroke into a ballet of motion.

Information you need. Class is on at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 21 2003. Location is at my house in Rose Township Michigan. 10541 Tamryn Blvd. Holly, MI 48442 (248) 634-4551. dsiany@earthlink.net. Cost \$22.00 Class will run until 3:10, and a potluck lunch will follow.

Stuff you need for the class: Clothes to get wet in, eye glass straps, sunglasses, sunscreen, a dish to pass.

We will provide: Canoe's, paddles, lifejackets, beverages, class notes.

Instructors please contact me.

Non-students are invited to the potluck.

From the SOLAR Program Director - By Pam Riehl & Lou Szakal

Upcoming SOLAR Program Schedule

June- Michigan Cougars, MI Wildlife Conservancy

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

JUNE PROGRAM- "MICHIGAN IS COUGAR COUNTRY"

Will be presented by: Dennis Fijalkowski, Executive Director of the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy

The Michigan Wildlife Conservancy has rediscovered the cougar (*Puma concolor*) in Michigan. In 2001, this non-profit organization proved the existence of the big cat in the Upper Peninsula with a variety of evidence including tracks, cougar-killed deer, and DNA from scats (droppings).

The Conservancy recently proved with DNA and other evidence that cougars exist in the Lower Peninsula counties of Emmet, Presque Isle, Alcona and Roscommon. They are currently tracking cats in a number of other Lower Peninsula counties including Benzie and Leelanau. Two cougars were actually observed during the fieldwork in Benzie and Roscommon Counties.

The presentation of this scientific information has not yet persuaded the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to fully acknowledge and protect Michigan's cougar; however, the Conservancy's discovery lends credibility to the large number of sightings of cougars in Michigan throughout the 20th century.

Mr. Fijalkowski will present the findings described above, how the Cougar needs to be preserved in MI and what you can do to help this effort. He will also answer questions about Michigan cougars after his presentation.

Dennis Fijalkowski has graduate degrees in both Wildlife Ecology and Forestry. He has worked his entire career in the private sector, with more than five years at the Michigan United Conservation Clubs. For two years Fijalkowski was a private environmental consultant, his primary client being the Michigan Senate. In 1982 he co-founded the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation and has been the Executive Director since. He also co-founded the Michigan Chapter of The Wildlife Society and the Michigan Wild Turkey Federation. Fijalkowski is active in farmland and open space preservation and moving society towards environmental sustainability.

Kayak Class June 28-29, 2003

Taught by Ron Smith, Black Parrot Paddling, Silver Lake State Park, Mears, MI

\$175 - with Ron's equipment (includes campsites)

\$145 - your own equipment (includes campsites)

The first 12 people to place their \$25 deposit will receive confirmations.

Others will be put on a waiting list, in case of cancellations. Neither the deposit nor the fee are refundable.

The campsites will be reserved and Ron's services booked for the weekend. I cannot get refunds from the State Park or Ron. However, you may sell your spot. Silver Lake State Park has a beautiful day use beach in addition to camping. Ron Smith will provide all equipment for those who need it. Kayak, paddle, PFD, wet suit, etc. If you are using Ron's equipment we need your height and weight so that Ron can fit you for a kayak and wet suit. Ron provides insurance and waivers for this class. We will have the campsites reserved for Friday night June 27 and Saturday June 28. You can check in after 3 on Friday and must check out by 1 on Sunday. You will need to buy a State Park sticker, however, the site fees are included in the class fee. Two tents are allowed per site, two persons per tent. You will receive a reservation number when the deposit is made. You may make your camping and site arrangements according to your own preferences. Bring your own meals, potluck on Saturday night.

Course: Basic to intermediate kayaking skills. Kayaks, kayaking equipment, entering and exiting a kayak, paddle strokes, wet exits, using paddle float, reentering the kayak individually and with assistance (rescues), basic tips on weather, navigation, eskimo rolls and about anything else you would like to learn. If there is a specific skill you want to learn beyond the basics, let me or Ron know.

John Moffat, 248-515-7489, johnmoffat@yahoo.com

Solar Club Activity Listings

Introduction to 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, June 14
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, 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 for 4+ hours

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 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.

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

BASIC LAND NAVIGATION

When: June 14 & 15, 9am - End of Class
Where: Burns Cabin #1, Waterloo Recreation Area
What you will learn:



- * Map Reading Skills
- * Taking & Plotting compass bearings
- * The 3 north's & Declination
- * Navigation strategies
- * Primitive Navigation
- * You will be participating in a cross-country route finding exercise.

Cost: \$30.00
Contact: Karl Overhaul, PH (612) 670-2554
CyberNomad@Backpacker.com

CAESAR CREEK STATE PARK LITTLE MIAMI STATE PARK AND RIVER JULY 3-6, 2003

Come join SOLAR as we celebrate the July 4th holiday. This kid and dog friendly outing is close to home, only a 4 hour drive, basically just South of Dayton Ohio.



Caesar Creek State Park is highlighted by clear blue waters, scattered woodlands, meadows and steep ravines. The park offers some of the finest outdoor recreation in west Ohio including boating, hiking, camping and fishing. There are 43 miles of hiking trails, 8.5 miles of mountain biking trails, a lake with a 1.30 mile beach and fossil hunting. Nearby is the Little Miami paved bike trail system with over 100 miles of trails. There is also a bike rental, ice cream store and winery nearby. We are going to paddle or kayak the Little Miami River on Sunday and have a traditional potluck dinner on Saturday night.

We will be camping at the Group Horsemen's Camp within the park. We will have the entire camp to ourselves. There is a pit toilet, but no running water. Please bring a water container with you that you can fill at the main campground, which also has showers.

Cost is: Adult Camp and canoe \$30, camp and kayak \$40, camp only \$15

Child Camp and canoe \$20, camp and kayak \$25, camp only \$5

Dogs \$5, not allowed in canoes or kayaks and must be leashed at all times.

If you are interested please contact Leslie Cordova at (248) 547-5626 or lesliegenc@aol.com

It will be first pay first go with a strict limit of 30 human participants.



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!

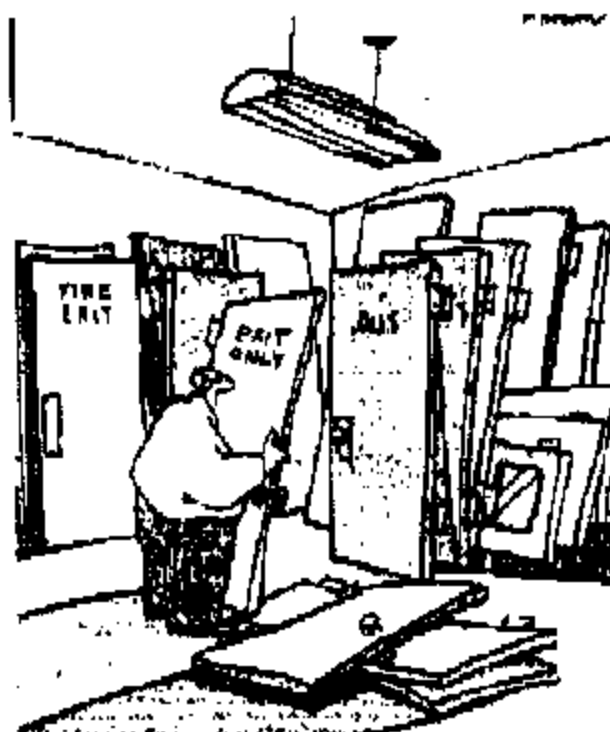
If you want more information, Derenda Howard and her team will be at the June SOLAR meeting, or e-mail her at howardd@co.oakland.mi.us. Please ask her how you can help. Take part in a fun, satisfying and educational opportunity!

Archeology Dig

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.

Two trips being offered:
June 26-28 and July 25-27.



Jim loved the outdoors. Wound up with quite a collection.

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 klynn_rekk@msn.com. **Climb Safe!**

The Did you know...

You can make an excellent lightweight mattress by packing several heavy-duty trash bags. Fill them with soft leaves, and lie down on top. If a cold front moves in, fill several more and use them as comforters to augment your bag. EXCELLENT TIP if trying to save some extra room in your pack.

~ Backpackers Magazine

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.

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

Sunday, June 8thOrtonville Recreation Area

Time:0930 Hike leader: Needed!

Directions: Take M-15 north, from I-75 exit#91, 10 miles to Oakwood Rd. Go east on Oakwood for 3.5 miles to Hadley Rd. Turn north on Hadley Rd., go approximately 1.25 miles to Big Fish Lake and another 1/4 mile to Park Headquarters, go to Bloomer #3 unit.

Web address:

<http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/ParksandTrailsInfo.asp?id=481>



Saturday June 14thPinckney Recreation Area

Time:0930 Hike leader: Tom Hayes

Directions: Take I-96 to exit 49, North Territorial Road, 10 miles west to Dexter Townhall Rd. Turn right on Dexter-Townhall Rd. park entrance is on the left, go to the first parking lot, Silver Lake Parking lot on the right.

Web address: <http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/ParksandTrailsInfo.asp?id=484>

Sunday June 22ndPontiac Lake Recreation Area

Time:0930 Hike leader: Tom Hayes

Directions: Take I-75 to M-59. Take M-59 west thru Pontiac and into Waterford, airport will be on right, just past the airport is Williams Lake Rd. Turn right on Williams Lake Rd. then turn left on Gale Rd. Park entrance is on left, park in the most rightwrc (facing lake) parking lot, closest to lake.

Web address: <http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/ParksandTrailsInfo.asp?id=485>

Saturday, June 28thBrighton Recreation Area

Time:0930 Hike leader: needed!

Directions: Take I-96 to exit#147 at Brighton. Go west approximately 6 miles to Crofton road, and drive south 1 1/2 miles to Bishop Lake Rd. to parking. Trail starts at east end of Bishop Lake.

Web address: <http://www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/ParksandTrailsInfo.asp?id=438>

If anyone would like to volunteer to lead the hikes where Tom and I are listed please let me know. Hope to see you all out there. Reggie Hayes



Photo: Spring Backpacking practical at Waterloo.
Aaaah how sweet, Jim has an admirer...(kinding of course)
Can you name the guy trying to give Jim Coe a big kiss???

Check our WEBSITE out -
www.solaroutdoors.org

LONDON TRIP

I am organizing a trip to England the last two weeks of June. We will be staying three days in London then spending some time going to Stonehenge, Avebury Circle, Bath, and Bristol. Planning a walk in the Cotswolds or the Brecon Beacons. Probably a hike called the three castle walk. We will be staying in youth hostels for the first part of the trip and the rest will be in a cottage that I can rent from the London Mountaineering Club. This is not a backpacking trip just day packs required.

There is plenty to do around the cottage, mountain walking and rock climbing right outside the door. There are several castles in the neighborhood and the North Atlantic beach is not far away. It

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

This is one of Michigan's Best Sea Kayak Symposiums. It's great for beginners, intermediate and advanced paddlers. In addition to learning just about every topic there is in sea kayaking, you also get many chances to test paddle about 100 different kayaks. If that's not enough, you also get to camp next to Lake Superior, participate in a day trip to world class paddling locations and you get to hang out with a few Solar Club buddies. There's also a guided night paddle, evening slide shows, on the water and inside classes.

I almost forgot, there's an original UP pasties 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.

SOLAR UPDATE

As some of you are aware, last year the Steering Committee chose not to renew SOLAR's insurance policy because of the poor or non-existent coverage available under that policy. Steering Committee members, along with other volunteers, have been working diligently to find a new policy without any luck to date. We are discovering that because we are an independent, non-profit, volunteer-run club with a small budget, offering a variety of activities, including many in other countries, we are unable to secure an adequate replacement policy.

Every member, upon completing their Membership Application, has signed an Assumption of Risk Agreement and Liability Release waiving all rights to bring any personal injury suits against SOLAR or its representatives in the event of injury while participating in activities or classes.

If you have any questions about SOLAR's insurance coverage, please contact Tom Oloff in person or at tommountainman@yahoo.com

could be the Irish sea come to think about it.

There is a lot of biking around and bikes can be rented. If anyone is interested there are climbing classes up to what ever level you aspire to, also white water and sea kayaking classes guaranteed to get you rolling. Equipment for all can be rented.

I took peoples names and email at the meeting and sent out invitations to join the Forwydar web site as of now only one person has replied. This is how I am going to put this trip together so if you plan on going you really should reply. I have already sent out some messages. This trip will be limited to 12 people because of the cottage sleeping capacity. I estimate the cost at \$1550 including air fare but not food.

Contact me Peter Lamb at petekandu@yahoo.com



SCHOOL FOR OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP, ADVENTURE & RECREATION

JUNE 2003

4TH	TUES.	GENERAL MEETING - COLONY HALL / SOUTHFIELD		TOM OLOFFO	mcmountainman@yahoo.com
6-8th	Wknd.	Bike the Covered Bridge Tour	Ashtabula, Ohio	Jonnie Kostshak	jandruck@c.net
6-8th	Wknd.	Rock Climbing	Rattlesnake, Canada	David Fay	dfay@wideopenwest.com
7th	Sat.	National Trails Day**	Island Lake or Proud Lake	Laura James	laura4991@prodigy.net
8th	Sun.	Day Hiking**	Ortonville Rec. Area	VOLUNTEER LEADER NEEDED!!	
13-27th	Week	London Trip	England	Pete Lamb	petekandu@yahoo.com
14th	Sat.	Day Hiking**	Pinckney Rec. Area	Tom Hayes	thomashayes@wideopenwest.com
21st	Sat.	Flat Water Canoe Class	Rose Township	Doug Lanyk	dslanyk@earthlink.net
22nd	Sun.	Day Hiking**	Pontiac Lake Rec. Area	Tom Hayes	thomashayes@wideopenwest.com
26-28th	Wknd.	Archeology Dig	Rattlesnake, Canada	Gloria Fontaine	gloriaont@aol.com
28th	Sat.	Day Hiking**	Brighton Rec. Area	VOLUNTEER LEADER NEEDED!!	
28-29th	Wknd.	Kayak Class	Silver Lake State Park	John Moffat	johnmoffat@yahoo.com
30-July 3	Week	Day Camp	Oakland County Parks	Derenda Howard	howardd@co.oakland.mi.us

JUNE CLASSES

14th	Sat.	Kayaking Class	T.B.D.	Matt Dalton	mdalton@ameritech.net
14-15th	Wknd.	Basic Land Navigation	Waterloo Rec. Area	Karl Overheul	cybernomad@backpacker.com
17th	Tues.	Wilderness 1st Aid Class 1	T.B.D.	Mary Price	mathildet@voyager.net
19th	Thurs.	Wilderness 1st Aid Class 2	T.B.D.	Mary Price	mathildet@voyager.net
24th	Tues.	Wilderness 1st Aid Class 3	T.B.D.	Mary Price	mathildet@voyager.net
26th	Thurs.	Wilderness 1st Aid Class 4	T.B.D.	Mary Price	mathildet@voyager.net
28th	Sat.	Wilderness 1st Aid Practical	Maybury State Park	Mary Price	mathildet@voyager.net

JULY 2003

JULY 2005					
1ST	TUES.	GENERAL MEETING - COLONY HALL / SOUTHFIELD		TOM OLOFFO	mcmountainman@yahoo.com
3-6th	Wknd.	Hiking, Biking, Canoeing & Kayaking	Caesar Creek State Park	Leslie Cordova	lesliegene@aol.com
12th	Sat.	Kayaking Class	T.B.D.	Matt Dalton	mdalton@ameritech.net
17-20th	Wknd.	Great Lakes Sea Kayak Symposium	Grand Marais / Pictured Rocks	Matt Dalton	mdalton@ameritech.net
18-20th	Wknd.	Solar Kids Backpacking**	T.B.D.	Jim Hoffer	jimhoffer@compuserve.com
21-25th	Week	Day Camp	Oakland County Parks	Derenda Howard	howardd@co.oakland.mi.us
25-27th	Wknd.	Archeology Dig	Canada	David Hynes	cavidjameshynes@hotmail.com

JULY CLASSES

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

August 2009					
5TH	TUES.	GENERAL MEETING - COLONY HALL / SOUTHFIELD		TOM OLOFFO	mcmountainman@yahoo.com
11-15th	Week	Day Camp	Oakland County Parks	Derenda Howard	howardd@co.oakland.mi.us
16th	Sat.	Kayaking Class	T B D	Matt Dalton	mdalton@ameritech.net
23-Sept. 7	Week	Backpacking Trip	Glacier Nat. Park, Alaska	Karl Overheul	cybernomad@backpacker.com
24-31st	Week	Camping and Kayaking	Glacier Nat. Park, Alaska	Matt Dalton	mdalton@ameritech.net

AUGUST CLASSES

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

Mondays	Walleyhall**	Westland	Chip Kleinbrook	mrchip1234@aol.com
Thursdays	Rock Climbing**	Planet Rock, Pontiac	Michelle Delaporte	tazspaz2@hotmail.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 / LEAD A SOLAR ACTIVITY, CALL PAM RIEHLE

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 Activity (Solar will not be held responsible for these activities).

SOLAR is looking for Trip Leaders. - Interested???? Doesn't matter what kind of trip or event that you would like to lead. Come on out to our Membership Meetings and talk to one of the Committee members about leading one.

Day Hiking on the weekends - Also looking for new volunteers as well. If you are interested let the President or Activities director know that you would like to volunteer so we can put your schedule in the calendar and a way to contact you.

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

<i>President</i>	Tom Oloffo	<i>Equipment</i>	Carol McCrinn
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<i>Education</i>	Harry Price	<i>Web Master</i>	Karl Overheul

At Large: Mike Banks • Moe DeFrance • Al Fylak • Steve Gardner
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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 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, hmpriec@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, June 15th * Sunday, July, 20th * Sunday, August, 17th



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