



The

SOLAR RAY

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Red River Gorge Climbing in October 17 - 20

By Sherri Doebel



I had convinced Chris Myers that the weather would be just right for climbing, High 60's or low 70's in Kentucky. We departed on Friday, October 17th for Whittleton Campground, 6.5-7 hour trip. Whittleton Campground is part of the Natural Bridge State Park system. On Saturday, October 18th, we decided that since it was only hovering around 40 degrees, we could hike until the temperature rose. We hiked the Whittleton Arch trail which is right off of the northeast end

of the campground. By the time we reached the Arch, we were peeling of layers. There were other trails breaking off of the Whittleton Trail, but we decided to head back to camp, grab our climbing gear and go to Muir Valley.

Once we arrived, we headed over to Johnny's Wall (not a good idea since this is completely in the shade). We started our warm-ups on the far right of the wall. The first climb was "2 Chicken Butts", 5.9 sport, 45 ft and 5 bolts. It was totally in the shade, so I placed a hand warmer in my chalk bag. The temps stayed in the low 50s. Next, we climbed, "Thanks Holly", a 5.8 climb, 45 ft and 5 bolts. This climb felt a little damp, but it is a nice slabby arête. Our next climb was a little more challenging. It is called, "59" Drill Bitch",





5.10a, 45 feet and 5 bolts. Due to crowding, we moved to Tectonic Wall. We climbed the first climb open, "Plate Tectonics", a 5.9+, 65 ft and 6 bolts. This has a tricky start and leads to a pumpy finish. It has plates jutting out of the rock that are good for lie backs! At this point, we are finished climbing, since the tips of our fingers are numb. Interestingly, we could see our finger tips gripping the rock and see the friction, but could not feel the rock anymore. We would test out our next move by slowly shifting our weight to see if our fingers were going to stay or come-off the rock! Thrilling!

On Sunday, we awoke to frost on our tents (thankfully, we both have had Enjoying Michigan Winters class and were well equipped)! This time, we decided on a longer hike and eat the breakfast buffet at the Hemlock Lodge. We did not start climbing until sometime after 2:00PM. We chose to return to Muir Valley, but climb at Bruise Brothers Wall since it is in the Sun. We climbed "Rat Stew", 5.10a, 75 ft and 9 bolts. The only thing we did not like was the ledge half way up. This always scares me when I am leading that I will fall and hit the ledge on my way down, but we sent it anyways. We met some New Yorkers climbing next to us and one of them was from Lake Placid, so he and Chris were busy chatting about the Adirondacks. The owner of Muir Valley came by too for a chat, Rick. After an hour or more of socializing, we decide to head to our next climb. We chose to return to Tectonic Wall again. It was really crowded, very cold and we decided that it was a nice climbing project wall to work on in future trips, but when it is warmer.

On Monday morning, we awoke to frost on our tents again! Thankfully, we did not have plans of climbing this time and decided to hike the trail to the Natural Bridge Arch before breaking camp. The trail is short, but still has interesting features along the way to the top! The view is worth all the frost on my tent and numb finger tip

A Holliday Hike

By Jennifer Tislerics

On that most festive and patriotic of holidays, Black Friday, six SOLARites opted to skip the



shopping frenzy. They instead treated themselves to a different Holliday - the Holliday Nature Preserve in Westland.

The lines were incredibly short, the day commenced at the reasonable hour of 9:00 AM and everyone was patient and kind toward one another. It's surprising that shoppers at nearby Westland Mall didn't drop their bags and join us.

Ati Tislerics led our hike, having completed an end-to-end hike of the Holliday preserve once earlier this year. Accompanying him were his lovely wife, Jennifer Tislerics, Pablo Balan, Grey Ivanov, Jeff Enterkin and Bill Lynch.

Starting at the western end of the 500 acre nature preserve, we set off for an urban adventure, of sorts. We could hear the traffic on I-275 to the west, but we could see only trees, bushes and Tonquish Creek. The weather was cool and crisp, and it had not rained for days. We moved easily across the frozen ground of the wetland areas. At times the trail was hard to find, in areas that obviously see few visitors. Ati assured us it was much harder in the



summer with plants and bushes growing over the trail. This autumn trip was pleasantly free of mosquitoes, which were plentiful and hungry during his end-to-end hike in July.

We spotted the remains of three long-deceased animals on our hike – two deer and what we believed was a raccoon skull. One of the deer skeletons



was nearly whole and unmolested, its skull with a full rack of antlers (the exact number of “points” is unclear, although it had at least nine). Ati had heard rumor of a beaver living in the Newburgh section of the preserve. We were pleased to find plenty of evidence supporting this claim, although we never did find the beaver’s den.

We stopped to inspect some of the manmade relics along the trail, including an electric motor estimated to be more than 50 years old. Crossing bridges over Tonquish Creek was often an adventure, with missing floorboards and thin, rusted-out steel beams. (Crossing the creek on logs was lots of fun, too!) We passed an old shelter, with a tarp roof that no longer kept out the elements. We also saw a small campsite on the south side of the creek in the Ellsworth section of the preserve, although its inhabitants took little notice of us.

Perhaps the strangest sight on the trail, however, was four Wayne County Sheriff’s Deputies. They were helping a young family to search for lost car keys along the trail. That had us wondering, for quite a while, about the contents of the family’s car.

Not completely skirting our fiscal duties, we did contribute to the local economy in typical SOLAR fashion after the hike – we stopped for pizza at Buddy’s before heading our separate ways.

All in all, we had a very pleasant hike. We had nice weather, friendly company and lots of interesting things to see along the trail. If you’re in Wayne County and need a nature-fix, check out the Holliday Nature Preserve (maps are available at HYPERLINK "<http://www.hnpa.org>" www.hnpa.org).

SOLAR

2009 Introduction to Adventure Racing Class

Adventure Racing takes many of the activities you may already participate in and combines them into a single race, lasting anywhere from 2 hours to 10 days. Most adventure races include the basics: trail running/trekking, canoeing/kayaking, orienteering, mountain biking, and fixed ropes. More advanced races will also add other activities.

This class is designed to introduce you to the skills, training, teamwork, and equipment needed to complete a successful Sprint Adventure Race (6-8hours). The class will consist of formal classroom sessions, outside seminars, and training sessions, with the end goal being to participate in and complete an adventure race in June.

Topics to be covered:

- How to get started
- Basic Navigation for AR
- Training
- Teamwork
- Nutrition
- Equipment
- Disciplines (Mt. Biking, Canoeing, Trail Running)
- Tricks & tips

Class Dates:

- February - April: Four Wednesday evening classroom sessions (exact dates being finalized)
- April - May: Four one-day clinics running for 4-6 hours on a weekend day
 - o Canoeing
 - o Mt. Biking
 - o Navigation/Trail Running
 - o Mini 3-hr Adventure Race
- March thru June- Optional training sessions on weeknights/weekends
- June 13- Beginner Adventure Race (Stark Raving Mad, Muskegan, MI)

Class Cost:

- ♣ \$75 for SOLAR members (includes all clinics, canoe/PFD rentals, books, & class materials. Students must supply their own bicycle and other personal equipment)
- ♣ \$115 for non-SOLAR members (includes SOLAR membership, all clinics, canoe/PFD rentals, books, & class materials. Students must supply their own bicycle and other personal equipment)
- ♣ Not included: Stark Raving Mad race fees, 1-2 nights hotel for June 14 race weekend, transportation, food, personal equipment, etc.

Prerequisites: Sense of adventure, fun spirit, and commitment to train. Experience with map and compass are helpful but not required.

Class Size: Limited to 20 people.

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

1/5-31	Multi	Kayak Building	Mt. Clemens, MI	Chuck Smith	cbryansmit@aol
1/6	Tues	Monthly Meeting	Colony Hall	Cindy Taylor	SolarPresident@SolarOutdoors.org
1/6	Tues	Picture Contest	Colony Hall	Janet Duncan	SolarPrograms@solaroutdoors.org
1/16-18	Wknd	4 th Annual Lake Ann Cross Country Ski Weekend	Lake Ann, MI	Jim Coe	jimc36@comcast.net
1/16-20	Multi	Off-trail Winter Camping (more information at http://therucksack.tripod.com/trips.htm)	Hiawatha National Forest	Michael Neiger	mneiger@hotmail.com
1/23-25	Wknd	Crawlathon	Carter Caves State Park, KY	Leslie Cordova	lesliegene@aol.com
1/31-2/7	Multi	Down Hill Skiing	Steamboat, CO	Darrell Ahlberg	dahlberg7@comcast.net

JANUARY CLASSES

(con't) 1/7, 14, 10-11, 21, 30-2/1	Multi	Enjoying Michigan Winters	Berkley, MI	Tom Oloffo	mcmountainman@yahoo.com
(con't) 1/8 10, 15, 22-25, 29	Multi	Mountaineering	TBD	Lou Szakal	Everest2008@comcast.net
1/25	Sun	Cross Country Skiing Clinic	Roscommon, MI	Larry Mergentime	larry.mergentime@charter.net

FEBUARY ACTIVITIES

2/1-28	Multi	Kayak Building	Mt. Clemens, MI	Chuck Smith	cbryansmit@aol
2/3	Tues	Monthly Meeting	Colony Hall	Cindy Taylor	SolarPresident@SolarOutdoors.org
2/3	Tues	TBD	Colony Hall	Janet Duncan	SolarPrograms@solaroutdoors.org
2/6-8	Wknd	Hartwick Pines	Grayling, MI	Kevin Cotter	kdcotter@wowway.com
2/7-22	Multi	Arctic Ocean Expedition (James Bay) (more information at http://therucksack.tripod.com/trips.htm)	Moose River, Ontario	Michael Neiger	mneiger@hotmail.com
2/7-22	Multi	Costa Rica Adventure	Costa Rica	Maureen DeFrance	moelifeisgood@lavebit.com
2/20-22	Wknd	Cross Country Ski and Shoeshoe	Lake Ann, MI	Darrell Ahlberg	dahlberg7@comcast.net

FEBUARY CLASSES

(con't) 2/6-8	Multi	Mountaineering	TBD	Lou Szakal	Everest2008@comcast.net
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MARCH ACTIVITIES

1	Tues	Monthly Meeting	Colony Hall	Cindy Taylor	SolarPresident@SolarOutdoors.org
1	Tues	TBD	Colony Hall	Janet Duncan	SolarPrograms@solaroutdoors.org
3/8	Sun	American Lung Assoc. of MI Climb Detroit	Detroit Renaissance Center	Lisa Boose	elbows6000@att.net
3/8-14	Multi	Off-trail Winter Camping (more information at http://therucksack.tripod.com/trips.htm)	Pictured Rocks Lakeshore	Michael Neiger	mneiger@hotmail.com
1/7	Sat	Hoedown	Livonia, MI	Margaret Martin	mpluscat@hotmail.com

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

4/5-12	Multi	Return to St John USVI	Maho Bay Camps, St. John, USVI	Jim Gessner	gessnerj@comcast.net
4/24-27	Multi	Off-trail Backpacking (more information at http://therucksack.tripod.com/trips.htm)	Pigeon River State Forest	Michael Neiger	mneiger@hotmail.com
5/23-6/1	Multi	Off-trail Canadian Backpacking Expedition (more information at http://therucksack.tripod.com/trips.htm)	Lake Superior Provincial Park	Michael Neiger	mneiger@hotmail.com

If you would like to plan/lead a SOLAR activity, contact our Activities Chairperson, Samantha Schafer, at SolarActivities@SolarOutdoors.org.

If you would like to teach or suggest a SOLAR class, contact our Education Chairperson, Allen Duncan, at SolarEducation@SolarOutdoors.org.

SOLAR HAS A NO-REFUND POLICY. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND AN ACTIVITY, YOU MAY "SELL YOUR SPOT" TO ANOTHER CLUB MEMBER

Quotes Heard on the John Muir Trail
(collected by Jennifer "Scribe" Tislerics)

"Glenn, let's growl and bang our canisters tonight!" ~ Andrew

"I guess that's why they don't allow Ursacks here." ~ Many people, after a bear opened the Ursack.

"If you want to get our attention from a sound sleep, don't yell 'Bear!' - yell 'Naked Women!'" ~ Glenn

"Or 'Free Beer!'" ~ Andrew

"I've seen enough of your other side for one day, Kevin." ~ Jen

"There's a 5th Bittner, Leroy. He's sort of the black sheep of the family. You'll never get the others to admit he exists." ~ Ati

"Actually, I'm full." ~ Andrew

"WHAT?!?!~ Jen, Dave, Don

"Dave and Moe are full of sh*t - you can see the falls from the trail!" ~ Don and Andrew, as they took the same wrong turn from Red's Meadow that the DeFrances took two years ago.

"You know, I'm not very good with names." ~ Don

"I know, Don." ~ Bill (aka Tom)

"I don't get lost." ~ Kevin, the day after overshooting the meet-up point by 2 miles.

"I liked how she looked dirty." ~ Don

"You've won my heart, Ati!" ~ Kevin, after Ati used the economic term "marginal cost" in conversation.

"I'm not sure how I feel about that, Kevin." ~ Ati

"I haven't seen Kevin get that excited in a long time." ~ Steve, commenting on the preceding exchange.

"Guys, she's single!" ~ Andrew, about Sara, repeatedly.

"It's not even cold!" ~ Bert

"I can't catch my breath it's so cold." ~ Roxann, 5 seconds later, in the same lake.

"On this trip, if you're looking for water, just find Kevin. Kevin will be surrounded by a body of water." ~ Jen

"It's all downhill, except for the rises." ~ Don

"Don, Glenn's not in his sleeping bag." ~ Andrew

"Oh, he's probably just taking a p*ss." ~ Don, rolling over, as Glenn was "extremely perplexed" in the woods for three hours.

"It either goes in the bear canister, or it goes in Glenn." ~ Ati

SQUARE DANCE

By Margaret Martin

Do-si-do and swing your partner! Veteran squaredance caller Ed Richie will be on hand to lead you through this traditional country hoe down including squaredances, mixers and lots of fun! Hoe down dinner will be provided by long time Solar members Bob and Joan Westbrook.

Who: This is a family friendly event. All ages are welcome.

Where: St. Timothy's Presbyterian Church, 16700 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Just south of Six Mile on the east side of the street.

When: Saturday, March 21, 2009. Dinner 6-7:30 PM. Dance 7:30-10:00. (Afterglow for adults only at The Claddagh Irish Pub - (734) 542-8141 - 17800 Haggerty Rd, Livonia, north of Six Mile)

Cost: Recommended donation: \$15 per adult, \$10 per child under 12.

Please Bring: Dessert to pass. Western style attire recommended.

Babysitting could be provided if requested. Additional fee for babysitting.

Note: Since this is a family friendly event, please do not bring alcoholic beverages.

For more information call Margaret at 734-721-2821 e-mail mpluscat@hotmail.com.

Anyone who is available early, please come help decorate!

Attention All Lifetime Members

ALL Lifetime members are requested to complete the new membership application/waiver that will be available either at the general membership meetings or can be downloaded off the SOLAR website, HYPERLINK "<http://www.solaroutdoors.com>" www.solaroutdoors.com. Just mail the completed application to Mary Price at the address on the bottom of the form. If it is a Family Lifetime membership, be sure to have both adult members sign form. As a SOLAR member it is your responsibility to read the waiver prior to signature.

“The Best of the John Muir Trail”

8/16/08 Tuolumne Meadows - 8/29/08 Fresno

by Sara “Energizer” Cockrell

Sat. 8/16 The Bittner tribe, Roxann, Doug & Steve arrived on the bus from Yosemite Valley, and joined Kevin Cotter & I for a late dinner at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge.

Sun. 8/17 We enjoyed a leisurely hike through Tuolumne Meadows, along Lyle Fork to the Ireland Creek trail junction to meet the rest of the SOLAR group, who had hiking from Vogelsang High Sierra Camp. While we waited, for them we ate lunch, napped, and I used my Ridge-crest pad to ride the cascades over the rock ledge. After everyone arrived we set up camp, ate, then adjourned early. At 11PM, 2 thru-hikers who were camped between our tents & our bear canisters began yelling and waving their headlamps. A bear had ripped open a canvas Ursack, which had been used to store a few snack-size Snickers, and Crystal Light. We sorted out the mess strewn about and Ati burned the bruins ruins. Later during our journey, our friends Mary & Reid told us they were camped nearby, and the bear had visited them earlier, scratching her backpack only 5 ft from where they slept on pads. They had left a canister inside the pack. We learned our lesson the hard way, that Yosemite bears are too smart for Ursack's. Unfortunately, this area is frequented often, since it is only 2 miles from the “No Camping Zone”, at the first trail junction, so careless backpackers provide an opportunity for the bear to get a Free Meal at the “McDonald's Campground”. For the rest of the trip, we took extra precaution to keep 3 separate sites for camping, dining, and canister storage.

Mon. 8/18 It was a cold morning, as Ati packed up the ashes, and everyone got ready to leave. We climbed up switchbacks in Lyle Canyon, crossed Lyle Forks bridge, then gathered for lunch at an alpine pond, enjoying vistas of Mts Lyle & Maclure, and their glaciers, above us. Then, more climbing to Donohue Pass at 11,060 ft, before descending into Rush Creek meadow, which was very cold & windy, as the sun set early behind the pass.

Considering the conditions, Moe insisted that I sleep between her & Dave in their tarp, with a warm Nalgene bottle, which was very toasty. It was a bright moonlit night, reflected on the gray granite walls

surrounding us, as we took turns getting up during the night.

Tues. 8/19 Two had experienced intestinal problems the afternoon before, so we were glad they felt better in the morning. As we hiked along Rush Creek's cascades and waterfalls up to Island Pass at 10,205 ft, we admired the Ritter Range peaks to the southwest. We stopped for lunch on a rock cliff, overlooking dramatic Thousand Island Lake, with Banner Peak towering above, a view memorialized by Ansel Adams' famous photographs. As we ate, a ranger visited with us about an aggressive area bear due to improper food storage, and recounted the Ursack incident. Most of us camped in a meadow near a beach, where we rinsed off, and enjoyed the reflections of Banner Peak & Mt Ritter. We were especially careful here, leaving our empty backpacks near our bear canisters, instead of in the tent area, as there had a bear encounter the night before.

Wed. 8/20 I woke up to frost on my boots & condensation on my tent, which was a first. The waterfalls



Pigging out at Reds Meadow Resort

on Shadow Creek were even larger than Rush Creek, and all enjoyed lunch together at Shadow Lake, where there was a warm spot to dip. Then, 23 switchbacks up to Rosalie Lake, camping at Trinity Lakes, which was clear but

stagnant, so all water was boiled. Unfortunately, we had another victim of intestinal upset today. Dave made our first campfire here, and most joined in for the camaraderie, enjoying Ati's rendition of Monty Python's Galaxy song.

Thurs. 8/21 We hiked the dusty trail past Devils Postpile, dropping our backpacks to climb to the top of the columnar basalt, then on to Reds Meadow and lunch at Reds Meadow Resort. Afterwards, Glenn joined me for a hike to 101 ft Rainbow Falls, where Kevin was swimming, and then to Lower Falls, where Jen & Ati were enjoying a dip. Then, back in the heat of the day for a hot springs shower, pack our resupply, and laundry, before a hearty dinner at the resort.

Fri. 8/22 After breakfast, we headed down the hot, dusty, overgrown trail through the 1992 lightening-caused Rainbow Fire, where some new growth was making progress, then up a ridge past the northern Red Cone and Crater Meadow to Deer Creek. Kevin & Glenn had passed by the sign with Mary & Reid, not believing they could already be there, so went on to Duck Lake creek, without leaving a note. And, Don & Andrew took a wrong turn to Rainbow Falls, hiking an extra 5 miles, so didn't get into camp until 5PM. The rest of us napped, and enjoyed the afternoon sitting by the creek, while we waited for everyone to regroup, and decide if we wanted to continue on, but it was too late. After dinner, Joanne led some yoga moves, and we had another campfire, before turning in early.

Sat. 8/23
When we reached Duck Lake creek, we all shared lunch along the cascades together, before switch-backing up to Purple Lake, and then Lake Virginia. Moe wanted to consider moving on, closer to Selden Pass, but we all agreed to camp here, and some took dips. As the sun set, reflected on the lake & peaks, it turned from fiery red to lavender.

Sun. 8/24 This

was another cold morning in a valley, with frost on my backpack, bear canister & tent. But, the hike was one of my favorites, first around the lake, then switchbacks down to Tully Hole & Fish Creek's cascades & waterfalls, through Cascade Valley, with the Silver Divide range towering above us, with its pointed, dark peaks, before climbing up to Silver Pass at 10,750 ft. Since it was another hot afternoon, and Moe doesn't fare well in the heat, they passed by Silver Pass Lake, where we had planned to camp, before the rest of us. When Dave came back, we were all gathered in the area, and only Bert, Joanne & I decided to stay, while the others continued on, so they could catch the morning ferry to Vermilion Valley Resort & Campground. Once the others left, we enjoyed dips, dinner & yoga on the rocks at sunset, entertaining Jeff & Ed farther down the trail. When I got up during the night, the Big Dipper was twinkling so bright & big along the edge of the Mt across the lake that it looked more like a Xmas decoration than the real thing.

Mon. 8/25 We got ready leisurely since the next ferry was not until the afternoon, but when a passed a hiker mentioned that our group might require more than one boat I hiked down Mono Creek alone. When I got to the ferry sign, it was another 1.5 hrs over rocks to get to the low-level dock on the exposed shoreline, and only about 2 more miles to hike the rest of Lake Thomas Edison trail along the north shore. Since



Mary & Reid were waiting, we enjoyed lunch together, before continuing on, instead of waiting 3 hrs, which gave me time to shower and resupply before Chef Roy's hearty dinner at Vermilion. We all enjoyed getting our clean clothes back from the laundry, before retiring for the night.

Tues. 8/26 As we were packing up before breakfast, Moe bent over the picnic table reaching for something, and doubled over from back pain. Dave got her into bed while Andrew filled her Platypus bladder with hot water. Then, Jeff & Ed brought her some Ben-gay, and I gave her some Ibupro. After the heat worked its magic, she was able to walk to breakfast, but their hike was over. Since Mary & Reid were taking a "zero" day before leaving the trail, they worked out details to meet the SOLAR group's shuttle back to Fresno in 3 days, the rest of us chose a more scenic route back to the JMT/PCT along Bear Creek, with its constant cascades & pools, but also less-traveled, rockier & steeper trail. Kevin found a campsite between the river & trail, and was enjoying his lunch, when we arrived & set up close by. Afterwards, we rinsed in the creek, shared dinner on the rocks, then another campfire, since we were below 10,000 ft again.

Wed. 8/27 Today was another favorite hike, as we climbed up to Selden Pass at 10,890 ft, enjoying Rosemarie Meadow, pyramid-shaped Mt Hooper, and spectacular Marie Lake along the way, its dark blue waters dotted with islands. Then, down to deep Heart Lake, before crossing on the peninsula between the 2 Sallie Keyes Lakes. We set up camp, then all took dips before an early dinner & game of Euchre. During the night, Glenn got up, and couldn't find his way back through the woods on this small peninsula, so built a campfire to keep warm, until his tarp mates found him 2 hrs later. He was only 100 yards away, but didn't have a headlamp, only a small pin light, and didn't want to disturb anyone sleeping. Thurs. 8/28 Everyone enjoyed Glenn's adventure during breakfast, before heading down the dusty trail to Muir Trail Ranch,



and our campsite along the San Joaquin River. This was our last evening together, enjoying a campfire & Euchre again.

Fri. 8/29 The trail from Muir Trail Ranch to Florence Lake was dusty again, crossing a 2-track dirt road many times, as the terrain became more high desert, with lots of lizards. As we got to the ferry dock, it was a bittersweet ending to a fairy tale journey. Dave & Moe and Mary & Reid arrived on the shuttle, after we'd gorged ourselves on snacks at the ferry dock, then off we went for a wild ride on the narrow, winding road down to hot Fresno, where we enjoyed a festive SOLAR dinner.

Sat. 8/30 We all went our separate ways, as our exciting John Muir Trail adventure had ended. Several others had spent the last 3 weeks in the area hiking, too, so most were tired, ready to get home. What an opportunity, thanks to Dave & Moe DeFrance for organizing, Don Wold & Kevin Cotter for co-leading, and all of our team members, sharing each day together, Jen & Ati Tislerics, Glenn Schultz, Joanne Sarrasin, Bert Courson, Roxann, Doug & Steve Bittner, Bill Lynch, and Andrew Dalian.

WHAT IS SOLAR?

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

MEMBERSHIP

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, scenic shorelines, and the experiences to be found there.

MEETINGS

Our monthly 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 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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