

The SOLAR RAY

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Membership Matters

by Jennifer Tislerics

SOLAR Membership Chairperson

Annual club memberships generally run from January 1 – December 31 (those who join the club from October 1 – December 31 get to extend their membership to the end of the following calendar year). **If you have not yet renewed your annual membership for 2012, please do so by the March meeting.** After the March 6 meeting we'll need to purge the roster, Yahoo and Meetup groups of people who have discontinued their memberships.

If you won't be at the March meeting, you can always print the application off our website (www.solaroutdoors.org/Downloads/Solar_Membership_Application.pdf) and mail it with a check to the address listed on the bottom of the form. Note that this new form for 2012 is double-sided! If you have a Family Membership, there is now a spot on the back to provide contact information for all family members.

Lifetime members need to sign and submit a new application/waiver every year, too! Please mail it to the address on the bottom of the form, or scan the application and email it to SOLARmembership@SOLARoutdoors.org.

Several Hostelling International (HI) members have taken advantage of the discounted SOLAR membership that HI sponsored in 2011, but not as many as we'd anticipated. With that in mind, the SOLAR Steering Committee extended the HI discounted memberships through June of 2012. If you meet one of our new members who came to us through HI, please extend a warm welcome.

Have you ever met someone on the trail, or while paddling, and said, "You would be a great fit for SOLAR!" We have business cards with the club's website address, to help those future-members learn more about us. Please stop by the Welcome Table at the next meeting and pick up a few to carry with you!

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SOLAR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation

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| Name: | | <i>Check one:</i> |
| Address: | | New Membership Renewal |
| City: | | <i>Type of Membership (check one):</i> Single Annual Membership (\$40) Single Lifetime Membership (\$175) Family Annual Membership (\$55) Family Lifetime Membership (\$250) <i>Please list family members on the reverse.</i> |
| State: | | |
| Zip Code: | | |
| Email: | | |
| Home Phone: () | | |
| Mobile Phone: () | | |
| Payment Type: | Cash Check #: _____ <i>Make checks payable to SOLAR</i> | |

- Members' contact information (name, address, phone numbers and email addresses) are printed in a membership roster and made available to other SOLAR members, unless otherwise requested.

Please check if you DO NOT want any of the following published:

Address Home Phone Mobile Phone Email Address

- The SOLAR Ray newsletter is available online; would you like to receive it by mail, also? Yes No
- How did you hear about SOLAR? _____

SOLAR Liability Waiver

I, _____, understand that SOLAR provides a forum for the exchange of ideas, information, skills, and equipment as well as the planning and conducting of outdoor activities and classes by and with people who share similar interests. SOLAR does not directly provide activities or classes, and the individuals who lead and participate in such events as members of SOLAR are not professional guides or outfitters. SOLAR is a volunteer organization made up of people who enjoy outdoor recreation and are interested in sharing this enjoyment with others.

I understand that there are risks inherent to participation in outdoor activities. These risks include, but are not limited to: falls, burns, dehydration, exposure to the elements, drowning, insect and animal bites, human errors, equipment failure, and falling debris that may result in serious injury or even death. I understand these risks and agree to assume them.

I hereby release from any and all liability, for myself and my heirs, any and all members, participants, instructors, or organizers of events offered through SOLAR; SOLAR steering committee members; and the SOLAR organization itself for any harm or injury that I suffer as a result of my participation.

This release is to include any risk or harm listed above, as well as any and all risks, known or unknown, which I may encounter through my participation in the activities in which I may choose to engage. This would include risks associated with the transportation to and from such activities, except as allowed by Michigan Law for Negligence of a driver of an individual automobile (not owned by SOLAR) who may be at fault in a personal injury accident. I understand that SOLAR does not provide insurance for such risks and any automobile insurance is solely the responsibility of the owner of the automobile.

Date: _____ Signed: _____
(Member's signature)

Date: _____ Signed: _____
(Co-Member's signature)

Mail check and completed application to:

SOLAR Membership, 33228 W. 12 Mile Road #220, Farmington Hills, MI 48334



The SOLAR RAY needs YOU!

Notice anything missing in this month's Ray? maybe an article about that awesome activity you participated in in February? Maybe a line about the spontaneous xc ski group that took advantage of February's singular snowfall?

The Ray doesn't happen without your help. We need articles and stories and pictures from your adventures. In addition to being published on the web, the Ray gets dropped at local REI and other sporting goods stores; it is perhaps one of our best advertisements/recruiting tools. I want each issue to be an issue that we as a group can be proud of..."hey, look at all this cool stuff we're doing!" kind of proud.

We also need assistant editors to proof articles and help authors turn them into works that they can be proud of too. The work is pretty minimal. If you have a talent for writing or editing, drop me a line at solarrayeditor@solaroutdoors.com.

Finally, have you thought about running for editor? SOLAR elections are coming up and I'm all for a little healthy competition!

SOLAR works because its members work. Volunteer!

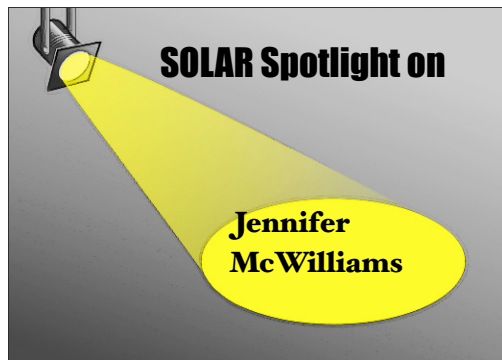
SOLAR WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:



Nora Curiel
Paul Daniels
Brooke Ratliff

New Lifetime Members

Pete & Sharon Lamb
Rosemarie Attilio



How long have you been a member of SOLAR?

I have been a member of SOLAR since November 2007.

How did you learn about SOLAR?

I learned about SOLAR from my husband Jeff, who had run across the club on the Internet. The first activity I attended was the holiday party in 2007. I was taken aback by how genuinely friendly everyone was.

What are some outdoor activities you enjoy?

I, like many other people in SOLAR, love just about anything that takes me outdoors. But I think that my favorite is adventure racing. It has become somewhat of an addiction. Unfortunately, a few injuries have sidelined me over the last couple of years but I am hoping to participate in a race or two this year.

What has been your favorite trip/activity so far?

I would have to say that my trip to Isle Royale in August of 2009 has to be my favorite to date. Our group was one that meshed very well and we had a fantastic time despite nearly 36 hours of continuous rain and temperatures that were a bit on the cool side. I had never tried a thimble berry until that trip and found that they are particularly yummy.

What's the most challenging thing you've done through SOLAR?

Without a doubt the most challenging thing I have done through SOLAR is taking the Enjoying Michigan Winters class. I am, by nature, always cold. I couldn't imagine how I would stay warm camping outdoors in the winter. What surprised me about the

class is that it was actually more of a mental problem than a physical one. All of the instructors in the class were very helpful in teaching me how to keep warm and have fun.

Which classes have you taken through SOLAR?

Classes I have taken through SOLAR are Spring Basic Backpacking, Adventure Racing, Search and Rescue, Enjoying Michigan Winters, and SCUBA.

Tell us something about you that would surprise us! I attended three years of high school in Sault Ste Marie and then moved my senior year to Rogers City, Michigan.

Do you have any pets? Kids? Significant Other?

I have been married to my husband, Jeff, since 1991. We have one daughter and three cats. I do like dogs but have a pretty bad allergy to them.

What would you like to see changed in SOLAR in the next year?

I would like to see the general meeting time change to 7pm to accommodate those people who have to get up early the next day.



SOLAR's Reimbursement Process

One of the benefits of getting your class or activity on the SOLAR calendar is access to SOLAR's funds. SOLAR funds can be used for deposits, reservations, books, or other costs of running a class or activity that is put on the SOLAR calendar. As we grow as a club, it becomes more important that we have a consistent process, especially for money.

The activities or education chairperson can help you with the process of planning and funding your adventure. To get started, the chairperson will need a plan of what is going to happen and a budget. The budget needs to include the anticipated costs and income of your event. If deposits are needed, include the purpose, amounts, timing, and where the money should be sent, as well as a description of the refund policies for any deposits if the event is cancelled. You should also include a "fudge factor" to cover unexpected expenses, and to help support the club. Actually, SOLAR's dues provide a relatively small portion of our budget, the support from the "fudge factor" provides most of the club's funding.

Ideally, schedule the closing date for sign ups by club members while it is still possible to get a full refund if for some reason your event does not sell. This might be weeks before the event, so planning is crucial.

Class and activity sign ups can happen at the meetings, on Meetup, via snail mail, or any other way that works for you. SOLAR provides sign up sheets, money envelopes, and summary sheets to help you keep track of who is interested and who has paid for your event. (In general, our Meetup settings won't let people sign up for a paid event without paying on-line, so if someone is on the attendee list, they've paid. If you have questions, ask the appropriate chairperson to check payment status for you.) As always, payment secures a spot.

At the end of each monthly meeting at which you've collected payment, give the money envelope to either the activities or education chairperson, as appropriate. Note the names of those who have paid on the event summary sheet and include it in the envelope. To be reimbursed for expenses that have been paid by you or another, fill out the summary sheet with the amount and brief description (e.g. "Cabin/2 nights") of each expense, the name we should put on the check, and the address to which we should mail the check and submit it, with receipts, in the money envelope. Please keep a copy of your receipts.

The appropriate chairperson will review the expenses and will approve them for payment as long as they were in the budget. We strive to process payments within a week of when we receive the request. It takes Chase Bank five days to mail the check, so you should have your reimbursement within about 14 days, if all the information on the summary sheet is complete and accurate.

We understand that sometimes an event will lose money, despite the most careful of plans. An occasional loss is okay and the club is ready to absorb it in order to encourage our members to offer new and interesting classes and activities. If a particular person or event consistently loses money for the club, the

chairperson may suggest a price increase or may opt to not have the expenses and payments run through SOLAR.

It's important that we treat our members' money carefully and fairly and that we can account for how this money has been spent. The activities and education chairpersons are there to help you. If you are thinking about running something, have any questions or could use help, please contact them at either SOLAReducation@solaroutdoors.org or SOLARactivities@solaroutdoors.org.

Chuck Smith,

President



SPRING BACKPACKING CLASS

Are you interested in learning basic backpacking skills? Do you want to refresh skill that you haven't used in some time? Perhaps you are an experienced outdoors person but want to learn new skills and meet new people? This Class is for you!

The Spring Backpacking Course offers an overview of basic backcountry skills including subjects such as clothing, shelters, packs & pack fitting, boots, water filtration & treatment, stoves & cookware, food, maps and more! The Field Day and weekend practicals provide hands-on experience and opportunities to enjoy the outdoors.

Classroom: Thursdays March 29th, April 5th, April 12th, & April 26th. 6-9 p.m at the Berkley Community Center, 2400 Robina Ave, Berkley.

Field Day: Saturday April 7 8:30-5pm, Maybury State Park, Northville.

Practical I: April 14 & 15, Waterloo State Recreation Area.

Practical II: May 4-6 (May 4th is not required). Location TBA.

Cost: \$110*. Make the checks payable to SOLAR. *All participants must be current SOLAR members. Additional costs may be incurred for students needing personal items such as boots, clothing, toiletries and food. Some tents, backpacks, sleeping bags, pads, & stoves may be borrowed from SOLAR through SOLAR's usage policy.

Contact:

Meetup.com/SOLAR-outdoor to sign up for

the class and Michael Banks and Glenn Schultz at gunghoglenn@yahoo.com or c: [734-751-3769](tel:734-751-3769) with any questions.

Upcoming SOLAR Programs

Programs follow the monthly business meeting at Colony Hall on the first Tuesday of the month.

February 7. *Living in the Shadow of the Moon Dog: A South Pole Diary*

Just days before Paul C. Daniels left Detroit to spend nine months locked into the most remote and isolated outpost on the face of the earth, he bought a Sony-Handy-Cam to keep a video-diary of his experience. He captured everything from melting ice for drinking water, to his five jobs, to his social life as a "POLIE." Through equipment failures, conflict, and crisis, the scientists and crew members of the US Antarctic research station could rely on no one but each other to survive.

March 6. *Hiking the Buckeye Trail: A 1,400 Mile Journey Around Ohio*

In March 2011 Andy "Captain Blue" Niekamp set out on a hiking journey from Dayton on Ohio's Buckeye Trail. His goal was to hike on the Buckeye Trail for as long as it was fun. Over 1,400 miles and 88 days later Captain Blue returned to Dayton on the Buckeye Trail, the longest circular trail in the nation. His presentation will take you on a foot journey around Ohio with his beautiful photos and narrative. Come get acquainted with Ohio's backyard trail.

April 3. *A Photographic Journey through Baja* Adventurer and mountain climber Steve Jochmans will share photos and stories from his expedition to Baja California with National Geographic. A must-see presentation for lovers of marine mammals, especially whales!

May 1. *Steering Committee Elections* As a volunteer-run organization, SOLAR depends on members to step up to fill leadership position. Run for one of 12 steering committee positions. Even if you can't run, vote!

Whirlyball

Tentative Date/Time:

Saturday, March 3, 2012, 1-3 pm

Organized by: Jeff Enterkin

jente69690@aol.com, (248) 224-4384

Whirlyball is a fast-paced game that combines basketball, hockey, bumper car, and jai-alai. There are 10 cars on the court with five person teams driving them. The court is set up like a basketball court with a vertically hung backboard at both ends. The backboard has a 15 inch hole in the middle with a swing gate. The object is to drive a bumper car to your opponent's net and using a (jai-alai style) plastic scoop throwing a whiffle ball at their net. The team with the most points wins. Each game typically runs 13 minutes long.



When: The tentative date and time will be Saturday February 3, 2012 at 1 pm going to 3 pm. I am using a Groupon for this event, so I cannot reserve that date and time until a week ahead of time. I will let you know if the date and time are confirmed or if I have to change it.

Where: Whirlyball Novi, 41550 Grand River Ave., Novi MI 48375. Tel: 248-788-8900. The building is located behind the mini mall on the north side of Grand River just west of Meadowbrook Rd. The Whirlyball entrance is located on the West side of the Total Sports Complex building.

Cost: \$22 per person. This includes 2 hours of playing time (four games per person), pizza, bread sticks, salad, and soda.

Who: SOLAR members, friends, and family. Children are welcome but all participants must be 54" tall. Looking for 20 people.

From Whirlyball: Remember, Whirlyball is a play at your own risk activity! As with any contact sport, there is the possibility of injury. While the risk of injury is minimal, Whirlyball assumes no responsibility for any injuries incurred while playing. Be careful and have fun! Persons with heart conditions, back or neck problems, pacemakers and pregnant women are not recommended to play! A height of 54" must be met to participate. No outside food or beverage permitted at any time.

Let's do some curling!

Organized by Kurt LaFrance, kklafran@comcast.net



I've never tried this before and it sounds like a lot of fun. The Detroit Curling Club has curling sheets available for rent and provides all the special equipment and instruction on how to play.

WHERE: Detroit Curling Club, 1615 E Lewiston, Ferndale, MI, 248-544-0635

WHEN: Sunday March 11, 2012. Show up before 11:30 AM to be ready for the instruction. The actual play will begin at noon and we will have the ice until 2 PM.

RATES: \$25/person, includes instruction and equipment. There is a maximum number of 8 players per sheet. I have reserved two sheets, so we need 12 to 16 people to play.

PAYMENTS: Preference is signing up and paying on Meetup. Otherwise sign up at a SOLAR meeting, or contact Kurt LaFrance to arrange payment.

AGE: 18 years or older (12 - 17 year olds can participate if accompanied by parent). Please let me know ahead of time if you plan to bring someone under 18 years old.

WHAT TO WEAR: Loose fitting clothing (i.e., jogging pants), short jacket, hat, gloves, CLEAN tennis shoes (Please carry in the shoes you will be wearing on the ice). The arena temperature is usually around 40 degrees.

BEVERAGES & FOOD: There is no food service provided by the club, so you may want to bring a snack. Soft drinks, juice, water can be purchased from the club's beverage counter. **NO ALCOHOL IS PERMITTED.**

OTHER INFO: You will have to sign a liability waiver before you can enter the rink. There is an observation area if anyone just wants to hang out and watch.

I am planning to go to lunch afterwards. I have no knowledge of the area since I live in Jackson so suggestions are welcome! Contact Kurt LaFrance by email or 586-248-2081.

Hocking Hills State Park Camping Trip

Memorial Day Weekend 2012
Friday, May 25 - Monday, May 28

Family Friendly! Dog Friendly!

Perhaps no other area in the state of Ohio is as wild, romantic and picturesque as Hocking Hills State Park. Massive sandstone outcroppings, deep cool gorges, towering hemlocks and glistening waterfalls characterize the Hocking region...

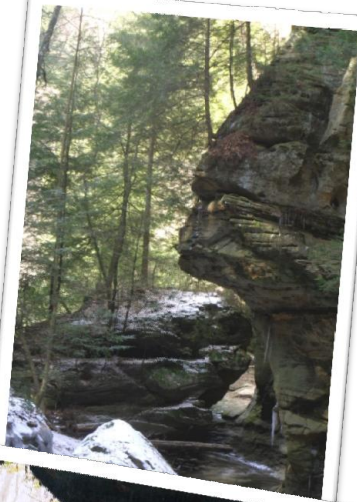
Location: Hocking Hills State Park is located in Logan, OH, 58 miles southeast of Columbus, OH. It is 275 miles from Warren, MI, about a 5 hour drive.

Campsites: SOLAR has 2 group campsites reserved at Old Man's Cave Campground for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. The sites are non-electric and have pit toilets. It is a short walk to the facilities with flush toilets and showers. Campsites are pet friendly.

Things to do: *Hiking!* Numerous scenic hiking trails in and near Hocking Hills State Park, featuring geological formations, streams and waterfalls. *Horseback Riding!* 1-2 hour rides to include interesting geological features.

Paddling! River trips of varying lengths down the Hocking River. Some take you near a natural arch. Night paddles, too. *Ziplines and Canopy Tours!* Over a beautiful valley, waterfalls, and a natural cave. There's also a quarter mile SuperZip. *Rail Trail and Road Biking!* 18 beautiful, twisting miles on the Hocking Adena Bikeway or ride the scenic roads. *Mountain Biking!* Lots of trails in the area, including Ohio's top-rated trail at nearby Zaleski State Park. *Rock climbing and Rappelling!* Equipment rental available. *The Columbus Zoo!* A nice stop when driving to/from the Hocking Hills. Zoo features a manatee exhibit and polar exhibit.

Cost: Adults/couples \$20 per person. Families (with children under 18 staying in one tent) \$50. Space is limited so sign up early. No refunds for cancelations but you can sell your spot.



INTERMEDIATE BACKPACK CLASS

Thursday April 26, 2012



Have you taken the beginning backpack class? Are you looking to put your new found skills to the test, but need a little more guidance? Are you ready for your next big adventure in backpacking? Then this class is for you!!

Class will be held on Thursday April 26th from 7 – 9 PM at the:

White Construction Company – directions on the back.

You and your fellow students will plan your own backpack trip, from start to finish. Class will start out with a 2-hour lecture on trip planning. After that, where, when and how often we meet is up to you. The cost is a mere \$10 to cover materials and handouts. This class will be limited to 12 students.

The only rule is that the trip must be within a 12-hour drive of the Detroit area. Learn to pick the area to backpack, when to go, who to go with, how to obtain permits, local regulations, climate, trail conditions, crowds, trail difficulty, hiking speeds, take training/conditioning hikes, etc.

The practical will be September 21 – 24 and will require 2 days off of work for those who work a Monday thru Friday schedule. Weekend training hikes are encouraged but not mandatory.

If interested, contact Leslie Cordova at (248) 421-2080 or lesliegene@aol.com

SOLAR MARCH 2012 CALENDAR

www.SolarOutdoors.org

Click to get
the details on
Meetup.com!

Winner of the February Activity Organizer Drawing: Leslie Cordova, Chinese New Year Dinner

| SOLAR MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS | | | | | |
|--|------------------|--|--|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 3/6 | Tues | Monthly Meeting 7:30 pm | Colony Hall | Chuck Smith | SolarPresident@SolarOutdoors.org |
| | | Program: Thru-Hiking the Buckeye Trail | Colony Hall | Christine Pawyl | SolarPrograms@SolarOutdoors.org |
| 3/27 | Tues | Steering Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm | TBD | Chuck Smith | SolarPresident@SolarOutdoors.org |
| 4/3 | Tues | Monthly Meeting 7:30 pm | Colony Hall | Chuck Smith | SolarPresident@SolarOutdoors.org |
| | | Program: A Journey through Baja | Colony Hall | Christine Pawyl | SolarPrograms@SolarOutdoors.org |
| 4/24 | | Steering Committee Meeting, 7:30 | TBD | Chuck Smith | SolarPresident@SolarOutdoors.org |
| 5/1 | Tues | Monthly Meeting, 7:30 pm | Colony Hall | Chuck Smith | SolarPresident@SolarOutdoors.org |
| | | Program: Steering Committee Elections | Colony Hall | Christine Pawyl | SolarPrograms@SolarOutdoors.org |
| 5/29 | Tues | Steering Committee Meeting, 7:30 | TBD | Chuck Smith | SolarPresident@SolarOutdoors.org |
| SOLAR RAY DEADLINES | | | | | |
| 3/16 | Fri | April SOLAR Ray Deadline | | Sheila Smith | SolarRayEditor@SolarOutdoors.org |
| 4/13 | Fri | May SOLAR Ray Deadline | | Sheila Smith | SolarRayEditor@SolarOutdoors.org |
| 5/18 | Fri | June SOLAR Ray Deadline | | Sheila Smith | SolarRayEditor@SolarOutdoors.org |
| ACTIVITIES | | | | | |
| 3/1-5 | Multi | Winter Camping Trip: Upper Peninsula | TBD, U.P., MI | Heidi Tietjen | h_tietjen@yahoo.com |
| 3/3 | Sat | Whirlyball | Novi, MI | Jeff Enterkin | Jente69690@aol.com |
| 3/4 | Sun | SOLAR Stair Stars Do the American Lung Association Fight for Air Climb | Detroit, MI | Mary Donahue | Mldonahue824@gmail.com |
| 3/11 | Sun | Curling | Ferndale, MI | Kurt LaFrance | kklafran@comcast.net |
| 3/17 | Sat | Think Spring/Mid-Tax Season Sanity Break Party | Howell, MI | Carol McCririe | cmccririe@sbcglobal.net |
| 5/25-28 | Wknd | Hocking Hills Memorial Day Weekend | Logan, OH | Nancy Prall | pralln@yahoo.com |
| 10/20-27 | Multi | Cape Hatteras Wind and Water Trip | Cape Hatteras, NC | Chuck Smith | cbryansmit@gmail.com |
| CLASSES | | | | | |
| 3/29, 4/5, 4/7, 4/12, 4/14-15, 4/26, 5/4-6 | Thur, Sat, Multi | Beginning Backpacking | Berkley Community Center, Waterloo Rec Area, TBD | Glenn Schultz, Michael Banks | gunghoglenn@yahoo.com |
| 4/26, 9/21-24 | Thur, Multi | Intermediate Backpacking | TBD | Leslie Cordova | lesliegene@aol.com |
| 5/23, 5/30, 6/6, 6/9-10 | Wed, Multi | Basic Land Navigation | Berkley Community Center, Waterloo Rec Area | Jeff McWilliams | jeff.mcwilliams@gmail.com |

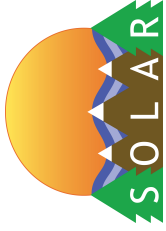
SOLAR HAS A NO-REFUND POLICY. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND AN ACTIVITY, YOU MAY "SELL YOUR SPOT" TO ANOTHER CLUB MEMBER

You Can Organize a Class or Activity! If you would like to teach or suggest a class, contact our Education Chairperson, Kevin Cotter at SolarEducation@SolarOutdoors.org.

If you would like to organize or suggest an activity to share with other SOLAR members, contact our Activities Chairperson, Heidi Tietjen at SolarActivities@SolarOutdoors.org.

SOLAR General Meetings take place on the first Tuesday of the month at Colony Hall, 21780 Evergreen, Southfield, MI, at 7:30 pm. The business meeting is followed by a chance to sign up for classes and activities and then a program on a topic of interest to members.

SOLAR Steering Committee Meetings take place on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm, except for December. All members are welcome to attend. The meeting location varies. Contact SOLAR President, Chuck Smith, at SolarPresident@SolarOutdoors.org for information.



WHAT IS SOLAR?

SOLAR is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization with 400-plus members who enjoy the outdoors. Members share their knowledge and experience with each other by leading classes and coordinating activities/trips.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is only \$40 a year per person (\$55 per family) and includes free access to most 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, tranquil forests, scenic shorelines, and the experiences to be found there. Lifetime memberships are available for \$175 (single) and \$250 (family).

MEETINGS

Our monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month in Southfield at Colony Hall, 21780 Evergreen (between 8 Mile & 9 Mile Roads) at 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SOLAR RAY NEWSLETTER

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Submissions for the SOLAR Ray are due on the Thursday three weeks prior to the monthly Membership meeting. Articles, poems, recipes, etc. should be submitted in electronic format. Please attach images separately as JPG files. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila Smith at SOLARrayeditor@solaroutdoors.org.

STEERING COMMITTEE

OFFICERS

President: Chuck Smith
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STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

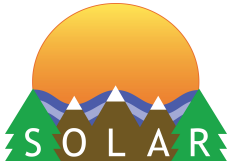
The Steering Committee meets on the last Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm. These meetings are usually open to the general membership. Anyone who is interested in learning about the decisions being made or contemplating running for a position on the Steering Committee is welcome to attend. If you are interested in attending the Steering Committee meeting, please contact Chuck Smith at SolarPresident@solaroutdoors.org.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE SOLAR RAY ASSISTANT EDITORS

Karen DeCoster, Heather Hall, Jennifer Hill, Ken Lemieux, Helen Peters, Janet Schester, Pamela Schmelzer-Anzicek, Elizabeth Shaw, Ati Tislerics and Jennifer Tislerics.

MORE INFORMATION

Please visit our website at www.solaroutdoors.org or attend one of our monthly meetings.



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