

2008 SRP/CIP PADDLE IOWA Calendar of Events

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2nd Wednesday every other month

Iowa Water Trails Advisory Committee meeting

Contact watertrails@dnr.iowa.gov

Thursdays 7-9pm, Sundays 11:30-1:30am

ISU Canoe Kayak Club State Gym pool practice – check schedule at

www.stuorg.iastate.edu/kayak/

January 1

New Year's Day Float - Des Moines River

Contact Steve at sbparrish@mchsi.com

January 1

New Year's Day Paddle - Lake Red Rock

Contact Scott at sevans@kach.org

January 5

Pool session - Basic paddle strokes

Holmes Jr. High, Cedar Falls

www.crawdaddyoutdoors.com

January 5

Annual Bald Eagle Watch

www.clintoncountyiowa.com

January 5

NSNWR Bird Count

www.fws.gov/midwest/nealsmith

January 9

SRP Annual Review

www.skunkriverpaddlers.org

January 12-13

Quad Cities Bald Eagle Days

www.visitquadcities.com

January 19

Red Rock Full Moon Paddle

Contact Scott at sevans@kach.org

January 19

Bald Eagle Watch

www.dubuquecounty.com

January 19

Bald Eagle Watch-Dubuque County

www.adubondubuque.org

January 20

Kayak Strokes Work Class

ISU Canoe Kayak Club/Iowa Whitewater Coalition (IWC)

www.iowawhitewater.org

January 22

Buchanan County Owl Prowl

www.east-buc.k12.ia.us/BCCB/home.htm

January 25-27

University of Okoboji Winter Games

www.okoboji.com

January 26

Eagle Watch-Des Moines County

www.co.des-moines.ia.us

January 27

Kayak Rolling Work Class

ISU Canoe Kayak Club and Iowa Whitewater Coalition

www.iowawhitewater.org

January 27

CIP Winter Planning Party

www.paddleiowa.org

February 2

Bike Ride to Rippey

www.perryia.org

February 2

Pool session - Self & assisted rescues, roll clinic

Holmes Jr. High, Cedar Falls

www.crawdaddyoutdoors.com

February 5

Owl Prowl - Des Moines County

www.co.des-moines.ia.us

February 8-9

Red Rock Bald Eagle Days

www.lakeredrock.org

February 8-10

Iowa PaddleSport Expo

www.canoesportoutfitters.com

February 17

Kayak Strokes and Rolling Check-Up

ISU Canoe Kayak Club and IWC

www.iowawhitewater.org

February 17

CIP Armchair Paddler Series

2-4 p.m. at Canoesport Outfitters

Pat Schlarbaum on DNR's Osprey

Reintroduction Program

February 23
Red Rock Full Moon Paddle
Contact Scott at sevans@kach.org

February 24
Flatwater Skills for Play Boaters,
ISU Canoe Kayak Club and IWC
www.iowawhitewater.org

February 24
Saylorville Lake Eagle Watch
Leah.C.Deeds@usace.army.mil

February 25-27
IDNR Water Monitoring Conference, Ames
www.wqm.igsb.uiowa.edu

February 28
Iowa Whitewater Coalition Annual Meeting
www.iowawhitewater.org

Thursdays 7-9pm, Sundays 11:30-1:30am
Except March 16, 20, 23 (spring break)
ISU Canoe Kayak Club State Gym pool
practice – check schedule at
www.stuorg.iastate.edu/kayak/

March (date tba)
CIP Armchair Paddler Series
2-4 p.m.at Canoesport Outfitters
Susan Heathcote, IEC, will speak about water
quality and stream designations

March 1
Life in the Raccoon:
What lives in and along the river?
DMACC West, West Grand Ave, 9:00-12:00
Public welcome/ Teachers wanted
www.northraccoon.org

March 1
SRP Annual Winter Campout at Bear Creek
www.skunkriverpaddlers.org

March 1
Jon Stravers and Big Blue Sky Band
Pella Opera House
www.pellaoperahouse.org

March 7-9
Canoecopia in Madison, WI
www.rutubaga.com

March 8-9
Sports Show - Kayak Demos
UNI Dome in Cedar Falls
www.crawdaddyoutdoors.com

March 15
St Patrick's Day Float
Medelaney54@aol.com

March 15
Pool session
Intro to Playboating
Holmes Jr. High, Cedar Falls
www.crawdaddyoutdoors.com

March 15, 16
Missouri Whitewater Championships
www.missouriwhitewater.org/mwc.html

March 16-23
Ozark Whitewater
Contact Ned at ned.mcpartland@doane.edu

March 22
Red Rock Full Moon Paddle
Contact Scott at sevans@kach.org

March 22
SRP Pancake Paddle
www.iowaarboretum.org
www.skunkriverpaddlers.org

Thursdays 7-9pm, Sundays 11:30-1:30am
(no pool session May 1 to September)
ISU Canoe Kayak Club State Gym pool
practice – check schedule at
www.stuorg.iastate.edu/kayak/

April (tba)
Pool session
Wartburg College, Waverly, IA
www.crawdaddyoutdoors.com

April 1
Master Conservationist Program begins
Polk County Conservation
www.conservationboard.org

April 4-6
Iowa Rivers Revival
Annual conference in Iowa Falls
www.iowarivers.org

April 6-12
River clean-up (location tba)
alandonaldson@sprintmail.com

April 12-13
Wapsi Cabin Float Trip, Linn County
Contact rick@skunkriverpaddlers.org
www.skunkriverpaddlers.org

April 12
Iowa Demofest - Lake Ahquabi
www.canoesportoutfitters.com

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April 12, 13
MWA Beginner/Intermediate Whitewater Clinic
www.missouriwhitewater.org/springclinic.htm

April 19
Red Rock Full Moon Paddle
Contact Scott at sevans@kach.org

April 19
Monthly Paddle
www.clintoncountyiowa.com

April 19-20
Yellow River and Sny Magill Slough
Mississippi River near McGregor
rbfortney@midamerican.com

April 19-27
NE Iowa Scenic Float trips
Prairie State Canoeists
alandonaldson@sprintmail.com

April 22
Indian Slough Earth Day Paddle
www.NaturallyLouisaCounty.com

April 25-27
Midwest Mountaineering Spring Expo
www.midwestmtn.com

April 26
Lynn's Birthday Float - Indian Creek
Contact Lynn at laldridg@uhl.uiowa.edu

April 26

Upper Iowa River - Lundy Bridge to Iverson
Bridge Access (14 miles) plus Slinde Mounds
State Preserve with John Pearson
rbfortney@midamerican.com

Tuesdays May 6-September 2
Paddling Safety Clinics
Lake Ahquabi
www.canoesportoutfitters.com

Wednesdays May 14 - Sept 17, 7pm
Paddlin' at the Pits
1st, 3rd, 5th Wed at Ada Hayden Park
2nd and 4th Wed at West Peterson Park
www.skunkriverpaddlers.org

Thursdays May - September, 6:30pm
Swiftwater Thursdays
Commerce Ledges
Walnut Woods State Park
www.iowawhitewater.org

Sat/Sun Memorial Day thru Labor Day
JAX Canoe & Kayak Rentals
11 am-5 pm
Ada Hayden Heritage Park
www.amesoutdoor.com

May (date tba)
1st Wausau release (Sat and Sun)
www.wausauwhitewater.org/Recreation/htm

May 3
North Skunk River
Mahaska County Conservation
www.mahaskaconservation.com

May 3
South Skunk River Canoe Float
www.storycountyconservation.com
www.skunkriverpaddlers.org

May 3-4
Upper Iowa River
wsgraham3@mchsi.com

May 3-4
Free Camping Weekend
www.iowadnr.com

May 4
SCC Partners Spring Festival & canoe rides
Walkin', Wadin', and Wanderin w/ Foster Brown
www.storycountyconservation.com
www.skunkriverpaddlers.org

May 5 & 12
Paddle Iowa Class
john@winninglistings.com

May 10
Boone River (stretch to be determined)
rbfortney@midamerican.com

May 10
Middle Raccoon Kayaking
Polk County Conservation
www.leadingyououtdoors.org

May 10
IOWATER Statewide Snapshot
www.iowater.net

May 10
Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge
International Migratory Bird Day
www.fws.gov/midwest/nealsmith

May 11
Mother's Day on the Marsh
www.NaturallyLouisaCounty.com

May 17
Monthly Paddle
www.clintoncountyiowa.com

May 17
Red Rock Full Moon Paddle
Contact Scott at sevans@kach.org

May 17-18
Volga River
Contact KJ at rebar@netins.net

May 17-24
North Raccoon River Water Trail
Expedition II Paddle
(Sac City to Des Moines)
www.northraccoon.org
Medelaney54@aol.com

May 18
Canoeing Basics
Polk County Conservation
www.leadingyououtdoors.org

May 24
Lower Raccoon River Cleanup
Contact James at pipewrangler@gmail.com

May 24
Boone River Canoeing
Polk County Conservation

www.leadingyououtdoors.org

May 29
Canoe Workshop
www.co.jasper.ia.us/conservation/

May 31
Middle Raccoon River - Panora to Redfield
rbfortney@midamerican.com

May 31
Odessa Water Trail Launch Event
www.NaturallyLouisaCounty.com

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Paddling Safety Clinics
Lake Ahquabi
www.canoesportoutfitters.com

Wednesdays May 14 - Sept 17, 7pm
Paddlin' at the Pits
1st, 3rd, 5th Wed at Ada Hayden Park
2nd and 4th Wed at West Peterson Park
www.skunkriverpaddlers.org

Thursdays May - September, 6:30pm
Swiftwater Thursdays
Commerce Ledges
Walnut Woods State Park
www.iowawhitewater.org

Sat/Sun Memorial Day thru Labor Day
JAX Canoe & Kayak Rentals
11am-5pm
Ada Hayden Heritage Park
www.amesoutdoor.com

June (date tba)
Great Ames Adventure Race (GAAR)
Contact Dave at davek_27@yahoo.com

www.skunkriverpaddlers.org

June (date tba)
Wausau whitewater weekend
(Fri, Sat, Sun release and races)
WACKO, Buttercup Series
www.wausauwhitewater.org/Events.htm
<http://swws-wis.com/buttercup/>

June (date tba)
St. Louis River Slalom - Carlton, MN
Buttercup Series
<http://swws-wis.com/buttercup/>

June 1-7
Tacitus Hussey Float
Humboldt to Des Moines
john@winninglistings.com

June 4
Kayak Workshop
Story County Conservation
www.storycounty.com

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Kayak Workshop
conservation@storycounty.com

June 5-6
Northern MO or Southern IA
Conditions will determine location
Contact Mark at metelmanus@yahoo.com

June 6-8
Scandinavian Days
www.storycity.net

June 7
3rd Annual Boone Bash River Dash
Webster City

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www.boonebashriverdash.com

June 7-8
Middle River Cleanup
Pammel to Peterson
Madison County River Rescue Alliance

June 7-8
Free Fishing Weekend
www.iowadnr.com

June 12
Canoe Workshop
Story County Conservation
www.storycounty.com

June 14
28th annual canoe & kayak race
www.waterloojaycees.org

June 14
Early Bird Clean-up
Cedar River Watershed
www.thecregproject.org

June 14
Monthly Paddle
www.clintoncountyiowa.com

June 14
Kayaking Basics
Polk County Conservation
www.leadingyououtdoors.org

June 14-21
Project AWARE
Cedar River Watershed

www.iowaprojectaware.org

June 18
Adult/Child Canoe Clinic
Contact conservation@storycounty.com

June 21
Boone River Canoe Trip
Story County Conservation
www.storycounty.com

June 21
Red Rock Full Moon Paddle
Contact Scott at sevans@kach.org

June 24
Canoeing Basics
Polk County Conservation
www.leadingyououtdoors.org

June 28
Lake Rathbun/Honey Creek Open House
Contact Steve at sbparrish@mchsi.com

June 28
Timber City Adventure Race
www.maquoketachamber.com

June 28
Iowa River Canoeing
Polk County Conservation
www.leadingyououtdoors.org

June 28
Bonaparte's Great Iowa Canoe Race
croma@netins.net

Tuesdays May 6 -September 2
Paddling Safety Clinics
Lake Ahquabi
www.canoesportoutfitters.com

Wednesdays May 14 - Sept 17, 7pm
Paddlin' at the Pits
1st, 3rd, 5th Wed at Ada Hayden Park
2nd and 4th Wed at West Peterson Park
www.skunkriverpaddlers.org

Thursdays May - September, 6:30pm
Swiftwater Thursdays
Commerce Ledges
Walnut Woods State Park
www.iowawhitewater.org

Sat/Sun Memorial Day thru Labor Day
JAX Canoe & Kayak Rentals
11am-5pm
Ada Hayden Heritage Park
www.amesoutdoor.com

July 4
Des Moines River – Des Moines
Boat Float & Picnic
rbfortney@midamerican.com

July 10
Kayaking Basics
Polk County Conservation
www.leadingyououtdoors.org

July 11-13
Cedar River Music Festival and Cleanup
www.thecregproject.org

July 12
Paddlefest – Raccoon River
Kinnick Feller Park, Adel
www.northraccoon.org
Medelaney54@aol.com

July 12
Raccoon River Overnight
Contact Lynn at laldridg@uhl.uiowa.edu

July 12
Raccoon River Canoeing
Polk County Conservation
www.leadingyououtdoors.org

July 12
IOWATER Statewide Snapshot
www.iowater.net

July 12-13
Canoe Van Buren County
www.800-tourvbc.com

July 13
Paddling the Cedar Valley Trail
<http://cedarvalleypaddlers.freehostia.com>

July 16
Adult/Child Canoe Clinic
conservation@storycounty.com

July 18-19
Odessa Full Moon Paddle and Campout
www.NaturallyLouisaCounty.com

July 19
Big Sioux River &
Gitchie Manitou State Preserve
rbfortney@midamerican.com

July 19
Red Rock Full Moon Paddle
Contact Scott at sevans@kach.org

July 19
Iowa Games Canoe and Kayak events
www.iowagames.org

July 19
Iowa River Kayaking
Polk County Conservation
www.leadingyououtdoors.org

July 19
Monthly Paddle
www.clintoncountyiowa.com

July 19
Adult/Child Canoe Trip
conservation@storycounty.com

July 23
Adult/Child Canoe Clinic
conservation@storycounty.com

July 24-26
Decorah Nordic Fest
www.decoraharea.com

July 26
Lake Odessa Water Trail
Louisa County in Southeast Iowa
rbfortney@midamerican.com

July 26
Adult/Child Canoe Trip
conservation@storycounty.com

July 26 - August 2
Great River Rumble

Red Cedar, Chippewa, Mississippi
www.riverrumble.org

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Paddling Safety Clinics
Lake Ahquabi
www.canoesportoutfitters.com

Wednesdays May 14 - Sept 17, 7pm
Paddlin' at the Pits
1st, 3rd, 5th Wed at Ada Hayden Park
2nd and 4th Wed at West Peterson Park
www.skunkriverpaddlers.org

Thursdays May - September, 6:30pm
Swiftwater Thursdays
Commerce Ledges
Walnut Woods State Park
www.iowawhitewater.org

Sat/Sun Memorial Day thru Labor Day
JAX Canoe & Kayak Rentals
11am-5pm
Ada Hayden Heritage Park
www.amesoutdoor.com

August (date tba)
St. Croix River slalom Taylor's Falls, MN
Buttercup Series
<http://sws-wis.com/buttercup/>

August 1-3
Red Rock Sea Kayak Symposium
www.canoesportoutfitters.com

August 2
Turkey River
Contact Bill at wsgraham3@mchsi.com

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August 5
Skunk River Focus
conservation@storycounty.com

August 6
Skunk River Focus
Contact conservation@storycounty.com

August 7
Skunk River Clean-up
conservation@storycounty.com

August 7-17
Iowa State Fair
www.iowastatefair.org

August 9
Pelican Paddle
www.NaturallyLouisaCounty.com

August 9
Boone River Cleanup
Briggs Woods Access
www.booneriver.org

August 9-10
East & West Nishnabotna
rebar@netins.net

August 16
River Kayaking
Polk County Conservation
www.leadingyououtdoors.org

August 16
River Run Garbage Grab
Des Moines River

www.riverstewards.org

August 16
River Cleanup
www.claytoncountyconservation.org

August 16
Red Rock Full Moon Paddle
Contact Scott at sevans@kach.org

August 17
Nishnabota Canoe Trip
www.millscoia.us/consboard/consmap.html

August 22-24
Lower Wapsipinicon River Clean-up
www.lowerwapsicleanup.org

August 31 (tentative)
Cy-Man Triathalon
www.triathlon.stuorg.iastate.edu

Wednesdays May 14 - Sept 17, 7pm
Paddlin' at the Pits
1st, 3rd, 5th Wed at Ada Hayden Park
2nd and 4th Wed at West Peterson Park
www.skunkriverpaddlers.org

Thursdays May - September, 6:30pm
Swiftwater Thursdays
Commerce Ledges
Walnut Woods State Park
www.iowawhitewater.org
September 4-Nov 26

Thursdays 7-9pm, Sundays 11:30-1:30am

ISU Canoe Kayak Club State Gym pool practice – See schedule at
www.stuorg.iastate.edu/kayak/

September (date tba)
White Lake, WI slalom
Buttercup Series
<http://sws-wis.com/buttercup/>

September 1
Labor Day weekend IWC Trip
Wolf River section IV and Wausau release
www.iowawhitewater.org

September 2
Paddling Safety Clinic
Lake Ahquabi
www.canoesportoutfitters.com

September 6
Skunk River Navy River Clean-up
www.biology.iastate.edu/SRN/SRN.html

September 6
Louisa County River Paddle
www.NaturallyLouisaCounty.com

September 13
2nd Annual Rathbun Rally and Full Moon Paddle
sbparrish@mchsi.com

September 20
Skunk River Navy River Clean-up
www.biology.iastate.edu/SRN/SRN.html

September 27
Skunk River Navy River Clean-up

www.biology.iastate.edu/SRN/SRN.html

September 15
Red Rock Full Moon Paddle
Contact Scott at sevans@kach.org

September 20 - 21 (overnight)
Monthly Paddle
www.clintoncountyiowa.com

September 20-21
Rendezvous at Motor Mill
www.claytoncountyconservation.org

September 27-28
Root River
Contact Bill at Wsgraham3@mchsi.com

September 28
Brushy Creek Fall Cruise
jdodd50@hotmail.com

September 28
Volunteers needed!
Amazing Prairie Festival at Chichaqua
Polk County Conservation
www.leadingyououtdoors.org

Thursdays 7-9pm, Sundays 11:30-1:30am
ISU Canoe Kayak Club State Gym pool practice – See schedule at
www.stuorg.iastate.edu/kayak/

October 4
Robin's Birthday Float
Des Moines below Red Rock
rbfortney@midamerican.com

October 4-5
Effigy Mounds Hawk Watch

www.claytoncountyconservation.org

October 11
IOWATER Statewide Snapshot
www.iowater.net

October 11
Red Rock Full Moon Paddle
Contact Scott at sevans@kach.org

October 11-12
Heritage Days
www.claytoncountyconservation.org

October 12
South Skunk River Fall Colors River Float
www.mahaskaconservation.com

October 18
River Kayaking
Polk County Conservation
www.leadingyououtdoors.org

Oct 18
Monthly Paddle
www.clintoncountyiowa.com

Thursdays 7-9pm, Sundays 11:30-1:30am
Except Nov 27, 30 (Thanksgiving break)
ISU Canoe Kayak Club State Gym pool practice
www.stuorg.iastate.edu/kayak/

November 2
CIP Fall Potluck
laldridg@uhl.uiowa.edu
www.paddleiowa.org

November 7-9
Lansing Rivers & Bluffs Birding Festival

www.lansingiowa.com

November 14-16
Midwest Mountaineering Expo
www.midwestmtn.com

[November 15](#)
[SRP Fall Celebration](#)
www.skunkriverpaddlers.org

November 15
Red Rock Full Moon Paddle
Contact Scott at sevans@kach.org

November 16
Hawk Watch
www.pottcoconservation.com

November 22
Turkey Float - North Raccoon River
Contact Mike at Medelaney54@aol.com

November 28
Des Moines River - Fraser Dam to Hwy 30
rbfortney@midamerican.com

December 1-12
Thursdays 7-9pm, Sundays 11:30-1:30am
ISU Canoe Kayak Club State Gym pool practice – See schedule at
www.stuorg.iastate.edu/kayak/

December 6
SRP Waffle Float
www.iowaarboretum.org
www.skunkriverpaddlers.org

December 13
Red Rock Full Moon Paddle
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December 14

Cedar River - Palisades-Kepler to Sutliff

rebar@netins.net

December 21

3rd Annual Winter Solstice Float

Des Moines River

john@winninglistings.com

January 1

New Years Day Float

Des Moines River

sbparrish@mchsi.com