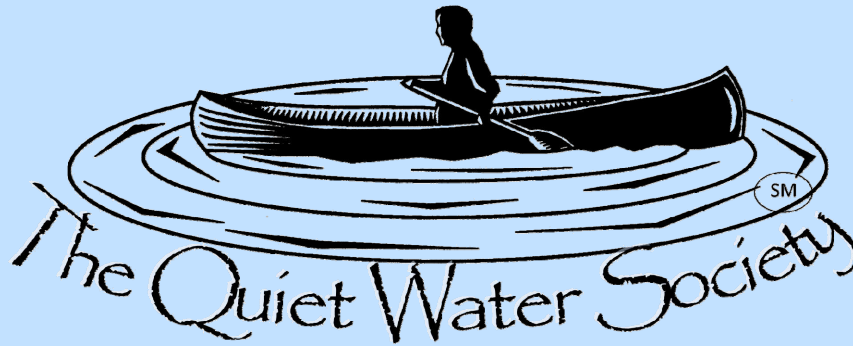


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March 3, 2018

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9:00 AM to 5:30 PM

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### Using This Program

This program should be your guide to the 23rd Quiet Water Symposium. Here you will find maps to locate each venue as well as speaker topics, bios, times and locations. You can use this program to find the booths of the many organizations that support the symposium. In addition, it has maps to help you locate all of our guest accommodations including restrooms, food and our information booth. Should you need personal assistance, stop one of our volunteers, wearing the easy to spot red vests or blue bandanas.

The Quiet Water Society hopes you will keep this show program and use it as a reference to help you contact and patronize the organizations and businesses that attend the show and advertise here.

### The Mission of the Quiet Water Society:

To educate the public and to encourage participation in non-motorized outdoor recreation; to promote public concern for the water resources of the Great Lakes Region; to support the environmental stewardship and conservation of natural resources; and to plan and execute annual and special events for any or all of these purposes.

## Greetings From the Quiet Water Society Board President



### Welcome Friends!

For the 23<sup>rd</sup> year, the Quiet Water Symposium (QWS) brings people together who love the outdoors. Our speakers' program allows attendees to meet experts in many areas of non-motorized outdoor recreation. The exhibit floor is packed with displays of how to, where to, and why to get outdoors.

The Quiet Water Symposium offers beginners and experts a chance to learn more about outdoor clubs, friends' groups, watershed protection activities, boatbuilding skills, outfitters' services and equipment suppliers. Our goal is that you leave the event with new knowledge, new plans, and new friends.

The focus of QWS 2018 is again on safety. This year, we have added a panel discussion of outdoor safety issues featuring some of your favorite QWS experts. If you attend and only learn one new thing, it will be worth the time spent. Do not think of the outdoors as a dangerous place. That attitude will cut you off from the joys of being surrounded by beauty. Do remember that there are things out there that can hurt you. Know what they are. Look for them. Learn how to avoid them. If disaster strikes, have a backup for your backup plan.

We hope you remember many of our speakers and exhibitors from prior years. We never tire of the new adventures and the new stories told by those who have been with us for many years. Still we have tried to add a few new faces, and we think they will keep you coming back for many years to come.

For 22 years, QWS was the work of a dedicated core of volunteers, many of whom had to rob both Peter and Paul to make the time needed to pull QWS together. This year, we got some help. The Board of Directors of the Quiet Water Society hired Keystone Solutions located in DeWitt, MI, to help make QWS happen. Tammi Connell and Lisa Hoffer have been learning our systems and sharing new ideas. I trust that you will sense a new level of professional event management in our 2018 show. If you love QWS, you want to see it come back bigger and better every year. I think Tammi and Lisa will make that happen.

QWS would not exist without our sponsors. Special thanks to our friends at the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, who have stood by us for 23 years to bring you the best possible event. Thanks also to Williams Subaru, who is our "Show Sponsor," and to the Michigan DNR Parks and Recreation Division, who is our "Main Stage Sponsor." The "Red Cedar Room Sponsor" is Founders Brewing Company and the "Grand River Room Sponsor" is EagleMonk Pub and Brewery. Look for their flags as you leave the room.

And thanks to all who have joined us today. When a volunteer tries to add up the countless hours given to bring you 2018 QWS, it is easy to think that this is just plain crazy. Your support of QWS proves that we are not crazy. In fact, those of us who love non-motorized, outdoor recreation are the sanest people on the planet. We get it. To us, it is not getting away. It is going home.

Be safe,

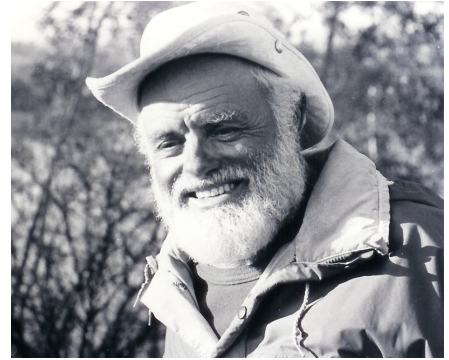
Gary De Kock, President  
Quiet Water Society



# The Quiet Water Society Honors Great Stewardship

## The Verlen Kruger Award

**Verlen Kruger (1922 to 2004)**, a world record canoeist from Delta Mills, Michigan, was named "The River Guardian" at the 2003 Quiet Water Symposium. This was a heartfelt honor from the entire mid-Michigan paddling community. Verlen was recognized for his outstanding achievements and records in paddle sports, for bringing international awareness to our environmentally sensitive waterways, and for fostering stewardship of our treasured water resources.



As a further honor to Verlen, the award was named for him for subsequent years, becoming "The Verlen Kruger Award". It is given annually to a person (or persons) who has supported and promoted paddle sports along with water conservation, education, or history in Michigan. The recipient of this award receives a commemorative paddle, and a brick on which the date and the name of the recipient is engraved. A duplicate brick will be added to the walkway around the Verlen Kruger Memorial located by the Grand River in Portland, Michigan. The recipient's name is also engraved on a plaque that is housed at the AuSable River Center in Roscommon, Michigan.

This year, the Quiet Water Society congratulates Tom and Connie Cannon, who have been selected as winners of the 2018 Verlen Kruger Award. Tom and Connie are the ones who pass you every time you paddle the Hugh Heward Challenge. They have been racing together since their first canoe race in 1988. Tom can even boast that in 1980, at age 24, he raced in the Au Sable River Canoe Marathon alongside of Verlen Kruger. At least he was alongside for the first 50 feet but then lost sight of Verlen for the next 120 miles.

Connie Cannon grew up in a family of canoe and kayak racers. She raced in her first Au Sable River Canoe Marathon in 1990 with Tom as her partner. They finished just out of the top ten at number 11 in the Expert Division. In 2013, Connie placed first in the C1 Woman Senior class at the National Canoe and Kayak Marathon Championships hosted by the United States Canoe Association.

Tom and Connie actively participate in river maintenance activities and in bringing new people into the sport of paddling and racing. They will always be champions to their friends in the paddling community. Please join them at 1:00 PM today in the bleacher area of the arena for the presentation of the 2018 Verlen Kruger Award. - By Gary De Kock

## Verlen Kruger Award Recipients

<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Verlen Kruger	James C. Woodruff	Janet Gross & Dave McCune	Gloria Miller
<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Albert Schultz	Dan Smith & Mike Smith	Karl Pearson	Charlie Parmelee
<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Doug Carter	Jay Hanks	Russ Hicks	Jean Kinnear
<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Ron Sell	Tiffany & Patrick Van DeHey	Dean Sandell	Tom & Connie Cannon

The Quiet Water Society mourns the passing of Jim Woodruff. Jim was a noted historian, paddler and outdoorsman. He was also the 2004 winner of the Verlen Kruger Award and played an integral role in the founding of the Quiet Water Symposium and the Hugh Heward Challenge. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

*"Skill and strength are less important than spirit when facing the unknown."* Verlen Kruger



## The Quiet Water Society



The Quiet Water Symposium is one way in which the Quiet Water Society fulfills its mission to promote non-motorized outdoor recreation. The Society has traditionally been supported in this the by Quiet Water Symposium Planning Committee which had done the day to day work of organizing the Symposium. The growth in complexity of the symposium and the retirement of some of our long time volunteers has led us to some substantial organizational changes.

The Quiet Water Society welcomes Keystone Solutions of Dewitt, MI as a new business partner. Keystone owners Tammy Connell and Lisa Hoffer are experienced event planners and graphic media consultants. As we move into our third decade, Connell and Hoffer are providing the support and valuable information which will aid the

Society as it brings you the best symposia possible.

This does not mean that we no longer need volunteers; we do. If you are ready to pay back some of what you have gained from the pleasures of recreation, talk with someone at the Information Booth or flag down one of our Blue Bandana-wearing volunteers. We need you to join the Quiet Water Society to help with event promotion, recruiting advertisers, production of this magazine, exhibitor recruitment, speaking and many of the other tasks required to put on a successful event.

Even if you cannot attend planning meetings regularly, it is possible to support the Quiet Water Society by working online, or visiting folks in your community. We always need help before the event on Friday during set up or on the day of the show. Check out our new web site at [QuietWaterSociety.org](http://QuietWaterSociety.org) for more ways to volunteer that will keep The Quiet Water Symposium part of our community for generations to come.

We are grateful to all of our volunteers, a few of whom have served since the first symposium in 1996. This represents over two decades of effort by people who continue to give back to the sport. Their hope is simply that you who love to move on water, wheels and foot will continue to come together to learn, teach, share and laugh. The symposium staff hopes and trusts that you will help us bring together others who share a love for the outdoors and for the lessons we learn when we venture beyond the familiar.

Thank you to all who join us and who return year after year to keep the community of outdoor enthusiasts alive and well. We believe that as long as nature provides a path, we and our friends will set out to discover where it leads. Please help us keep this belief alive by joining the Quiet Water Society as we build the 24th Quiet Water Symposium. You can find out more on opportunities to share your talents and keep the symposium going by sending us an e-mail or by joining our Facebook Page.

The Quiet Water Society

[info@quietwatersociety.org](mailto:info@quietwatersociety.org)

## Congratulations to our 2017 Photo Contest Winners

Our thanks to the many photographers who have volunteered to share their efforts for a good cause. Their excellent submissions made the job of the judges a very difficult one. In the end, eight photos were selected for use in publicizing the 2018 Quiet Water Symposium. These photos were used on our posters, counter cards, billboards, advertisements and on the cover of this publication. If you recognize these photographers here at the symposium, make sure to stop them and share your appreciation: Don Bray, Henry Davies, Cynthia Donovan, Michelle Guilbault, David Haberek, Teresa McConnell, Josh Spina, Phil Staggs and Mark Walton.

Watch our Facebook page for the opportunity to submit your photos for use in the 2019 effort.

## Main Stage (Auditorium off the Lobby)

**Cliff Jacobson**

**9:30—10:30 AM**

### **Canoeing the Boundary Waters in Style**



If you've ever been to the Boundary Waters and competed for campsites on a popular lake, fussed with fire on a rainy day, slept in a wet tent or been bugged by bugs, bears or rodents, this fast-paced session is for you. You'll learn how to get away from the crowd, choose essential gear, and stay dry when it rains all day. We'll check out equipment that works, and that which doesn't. also, recommendations for tripping with teenagers. Based on Cliff's Book, "Boundary Waters Canoe Camping, 3rd Edition".

Cliff Jacobson is one of North America's most respected outdoors writers and wilderness paddlers. He is a retired environmental science teacher, an outdoors skills instructor, a canoeing and camping consultant, and the author of more than a dozen top-selling books and a popular video on canoeing and camping.

**Jim DuFresne**

**10:45—11:45 AM**

### **A Place Called the Porkies**



The Porkies, the beloved mountains of the Midwest, are the scenic and rugged heart of the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. This 60,000-acre park features entire rivers, 25 miles of Lake Superior shoreline, dozens of waterfalls and the most extensive virgin forest between the Adirondacks and the Rocky Mountains.

Jim DuFresne will lead you through Michigan's largest state park with adventures ranging from some of the best hiking and backpacking in the Midwest and renting a walk-in cabin to experiencing the northern lights from a mountain-top campsite.

Jim DuFresne is a regular contributor to [www.MichiganTrailMaps.com](http://www.MichiganTrailMaps.com) and author of some of the best known outdoor guidebooks in Michigan.

**Kevin Callan**

**12:00—12:45 PM**

### **Paradise Below Zero**



Kevin Callan is back - his new book, *The Complete Guide to Winter Camping*, covers advice on cold camping and hot tenting, choosing a sleep system and warm clothing, hauling gear on a pulk or freight toboggan, animal tracking and checking ice thickness. *The Happy Camper* ensures you'll have a good time once you're all bundled up!

Kevin Callan is a Canadian canoe enthusiast, media personality, and author of sixteen books, including the bestselling *The Happy Camper* and "A Paddler's Guide To" series. For more than 25 years, Kevin has spoken and given key note presentations at major canoe and wilderness events across North America. Callan is also a columnist for *Explore* and *Paddlers* magazine.

**Doc Fletcher**

### **So Many Rivers So Little Time**

**1:00 to 1:45 PM**



The Quiet Water Society is happy to announce the return of Doc Fletcher to the 23rd annual Quiet Water Symposium. After a one year sabbatical, Michigan's greatest paddling raconteur will share "*So Many Rivers, So Little Time*", a Paddlers' Perspective of the Great State of Michigan, winding through thick forests, by dunes, and alongside open spaces as we head downstream on a virtual tour of several rivers stretching from the Lower to the Upper Peninsula.

Doc Fletcher was selected winner of the Michigan Library Association's 2017 Michigan Author Award. For Michigan-Out-Of-Doors segments, Doc joined co-host Jimmy Gretzinger in paddling the length of the Sturgeon River and the Pere Marquette's headwaters, two of 66 Michigan rivers he has traversed. Doc has had 8 books published.

## Main Stage (Auditorium off the Lobby)



**Phil Stagg**

**2:00 – 2:45 PM**

### **Waterfalls of Michigan**

Come see spectacular pictures of Michigan's wonderful waterfalls, presented by Phil Stagg, photographer and author of the Waterfalls of Michigan guidebook series. Experience the waterfalls through the seasons, viewing them through the eyes of the foremost authority on these watery wonders!

Phil Stagg is a nature photographer and the author of the wildly popular Waterfalls of Michigan guidebooks. He speaks throughout the state, sharing his knowledge and photos of Michigan's waterfalls in libraries, churches, photography clubs, and art venues.

**Henry Davies**

**3:00—3:45 PM**

### **Exploring the Isle Royale Archipelago by Sea Kayak**



Isle Royale is the least visited and most revisited park in the National Park system. It is home to ancient rock layers tilted to form ridges, prehistoric and 19th century copper mines, and the longest running predator/prey study in the world. Henry Davies has sea kayaked at Isle Royale five times including two circumnavigations. He has seen unique rocks, beaches, plants, critters, historic buildings, and old fish camps.

Henry has been paddling nearly all his life, including multi-day trips in Pukaskwa, Isle Royale, Pictured Rocks, Grand Island, Sleeping Bear Dunes, Lake Superior Provincial Park and the "Grand Traverse" between the UP of Michigan and Door County Wisconsin. Henry is a sea kayak guide along the Pictured Rocks, an ACA Coastal Kayak instructor, and has been teaching in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota for over a decade. His passion is using a Greenland paddle.



**Gary & Joanie McGuffin**

**4:00—5:00 PM**

### **"The Canoe"**

Film maker Goh Iromoto produced this gorgeous 26 minute film celebrating our human connections to the iconic canoe. The film takes place in five Ontario wilderness landscapes: Quetico Park, Lake Superior, Lake Ontario, Algonquin Park and the Madawaska River. Gary and Joanie McGuffin, QWS speaker favourites, are the subject of "The Explorers, one of the film's five stories. They will be presenting this film in conjunction with a slide show "Building Safety and Accessibility into the Lake Superior Water Trail."



*A lake is the landscape's most beautiful and expressive feature. It is earth's eye; looking into which the beholder measures the depth of his own nature. ~Henry David Thoreau*



## The Grand River Room (East side of Exhibition Hall)



**Michael Gray**

**9:30—10:30 AM**

### **Great Lakes Greatest Hits**

From Isle Royale to Georgian Bay to Canada's Northshore, this program highlights the hidden wilderness paddling gems of our inland seas. No carrying gallons of drinking water, no salt-encrusted footbraces, no rushing to snag a campsite...just 1000 of miles of islands, dune shores, craggy cliff faces and places you would never expect to see in the middle of the country.

Michael Gray founded Uncommon Adventures in 1984, a couple of years after getting a degree in Environmental Interpretation at MSU. With over 30 years in the business, Michael is one of the most experienced instructors and guides in the Great Lakes region.



**Darlene Patterson**

**10:45—11:45 AM**

### **Baffin Island: Zooming in on the High Arctic/Photography**

Baffin Island is located in the Canadian Territory of Nunavut. To get there, as the crow flies, head north over Hudson Bay and slightly east past the land mass the Huron/Iroquois called "Kanata". Join Darlene Patterson as she shares her adventure in this land of the midnight sun. Colorful stories will include three different experiences.

1. Photographing and teaching at the Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association (Inuit arts and crafts). 2. Canoeing the historic Soper River using inflatable S.O.A.R. boats and a PakBoat (and camping in a polar bear enclosure). 3. Surviving a solo backpacking trip in the Pang pass when the wind peaked at 188 kph.

Darlene Patterson has been exploring remote places in the world since the late 1980s.



**John Van Barriger**

**12:00—12:45 PM**

### **Paddling, BBQ & Floods: A South Carolina Sampler**

What happens when a northern paddler travels below the Mason-Dixon Line for his first paddling trip in the South? Last winter, writer/photographer John Van Barriger kayaked sections of five different waterways in the Palmetto State, including the endangered Edisto River, the longest free flowing black-water river in the U.S. In doing so, he discovered some great paddling, challenging water-use issues, unique historic sites, the destructive results of Hurricane Matthew (now compounded by this past season's hurricanes) - and a destination worth returning to again and again.

John Van Barriger is an award-winning writer/photographer and chair of the "[SupportTheFirst.org](http://SupportTheFirst.org)" campaign, which aids first responders in rural and wilderness areas and educates outdoor enthusiasts on the prevention of wildfires and other emergencies. A lifelong outdoorsman, Van Barriger considers himself outrageously lucky to have paddled, hiked, camped, backpacked, biked, motorcycled or gone scuba diving on five continents.



**Nick Meekhof**

### **10 Lifetime Goals to Up Your Pure Michigan Game**

**1:00—1:45 PM**

Have you ever seen the sunrise over Lake Huron and the sunset over Lake Michigan in the same day? How does reading Hemingway's "Big Two-Hearted River" on the Two Hearted River, while drinking Two-Hearted Ale sound? Ever considered surfing Superior in the dead of winter? If you fancy yourself a faithful patriot of the Great Lakes State, then this list of epic lifetime goals are for you. Not intended for the faint of heart, the casual tourist, or the flaky traveler, this bucket list will take you from the gritty towns of metro-Detroit to the farthest reaches of Isle Royale, and quite literally everywhere in between.

A tenacious advocate for all forms of Michigan outdoor recreation, Nick has written for the MSU-Extension, Gociety.com, the post calvin, and various other sources championing the depth of recreational opportunities all throughout the Great Lakes State.

## The Grand River Room (East side of Exhibition Hall)



**Tom Funke**

**2:00—2:45 PM**

### Hike and Canoe the North Country Trail

Tom Funke, the author of [50 Hikes on the North Country Trail](#), is back to share “Hike & Canoe the NCT”. There are many opportunities to combine a hike and paddle on the North Country Trail & several of our great Michigan Rivers; The North Country Trail stretches over 1000 miles through Michigan. Many segments parallel our great rivers, making paddle-hike opportunities for those who like to self-shuttle.

Thomas Funke is the author of [50 Hikes on the North Country Trail](#) and [50 Hikes in Michigan's Upper Peninsula](#), and has hiked over 2000 miles of this National Scenic Trail. Funke is also the owner of Trailspotters, an outfitting company specializing in spotting canoers & backpackers.

**Jay Hanks**

**3:00—3:45 PM**

### Paddle and Portage: Exploring Michigan's Wilderness Area

Michigan has many designated Wilderness Areas that can be accessed by a variety of methods. Big Island Lake, Sylvania, and Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Areas offer the opportunity to get in and out of your boat while exploring these beautiful places. Planning and preparing for these will be discussed during the presentation, along with Wilderness Area policies.

Jay has been paddling and hiking for over 40 years. He is the current President of the Lansing Oar and Paddle Club and has led trips for the club for the past 30 years. He has planned and led trips in Michigan, the Eastern United States, and Canada. Jay Hanks was awarded the Verlen Kruger Award in 2012 for his lifetime contribution to the paddle sports.



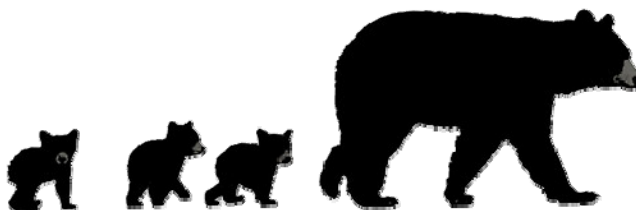
**Cliff Jacobson**

**4:00—5:00 PM**

### Bear Proofing Your Camp

Supported by the latest research, here's the low down on protecting yourself and your food from bothersome bears. You'll learn that the recommended method of “storing food in trees” doesn't always work. Know how to properly use pepper spray to discourage a bear. Understand behavioral differences between black bears and grizzlies. What should you do when you meet a bear on the trail? Here's practical up-to-date information about bears that you can use whether you trek to the Arctic or the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

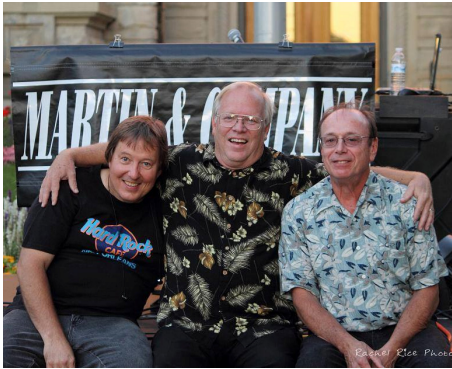
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## Take a Break In the Bleachers (In the Arena Bleachers)

Noon



**Martin and Company**

Join Martin and Company for a musical interlude in the Arena bleachers. The band members are: Gordy Martin, Randy Pratt and Charlie Parmelee. Charlie is the winner of the 2010 Verlen Kruger Award.

We thank this talented trio for donating their musical skill for the second year.

1:00 to 1:45 PM

### Award Presentations



Join us for the 16th annual presentation and celebration of the Verlen Kruger Award and the inaugural presentation of the Stacey Smith Volunteer Award.

Each year the Quiet Water Society recognizes someone for his/her outstanding lifetime of achievements in paddle sports, for bringing awareness to our environmentally sensitive waterways, and for fostering stewardship of our treasured water resources. This year the Quiet Water Society recognizes Tom & Connie Cannon for their accomplishments in the paddle sports.

The Stacey Smith Volunteerism Award will be presented in 2018 for the first time. This award will be presented by the Quiet Water Society to the Smith family on Stacy's behalf at the 2018 symposium and then given yearly to a person deserving of recognition for continued willingness to pitch in and help without thought of reward or personal gain. We hope the award will exemplify the spirit of Stacey Smith, "**Ms. Full Charge**" who accomplished so much for her community and causes.

2:00—2:45 PM

### Safety in the Outdoors

Join our outdoor experts for a panel discussion focused on getting the most enjoyment of your outdoor adventure while maximizing the safety in your experience.

The Quiet Water Society thanks our panel of experts for volunteering to take part in this panel discussion.



Darlene Patterson



Cliff Jacobson



Kevin Callan



John Van Barriger



Jonathan Ahlbrand



## The Red Cedar Room (North of the entry gate)



### **Jonathan M. Ahlbrand, Commander USCG Auxiliary** 12:00—12:45 PM **Paddling Safety and Cold Water Considerations**

According to US Coast Guard statistics, canoes/kayaks are ranked as the #2 vessel type for deaths on the water. A key contributing factor is water temperature. Most paddlers do not consider water temperature and the potential risk it poses. This presentation will provide insight into the science of cold water and risk management as well as rescue and recovery.

Jonathan M. Ahlbrand: Jonathan is an active member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Commander of the Lansing Flotilla, he is boat crew qualified and operationally certified. As a USCG Auxiliary leader; he focuses on public education and "on the water safety" for all.



### **Thomas Hurst** 1:00—1:45 PM

#### **Isle Royale : Wolves, Moose, Beavers & Backpacking**

A look into backpacking and day hiking options on the east end of the island with a few gems not on the maps. The presentation will also provide a quick update on the Isle Royale Wolf-Moose dynamic.

Tom has been bushwhacking around Isle Royale for the past 12 summers as a moosewatch leader and guide. He has led groups on and off trail to collect moose bones and ecological data, guided youth and family groups and taught field science workshops for teachers. Thomas Hurst is long time advocate for the role predator prey systems play in healthy ecosystems.



### **Michael Gray**

#### **Caribbean Reef Paddling Adventure** 2:00—2:45 PM

A complete "how-to" guide to enjoying a paddling adventure in these beautiful Caribbean Islands off the coast of Honduras. Topics will include how to get there, what to take, routes, local politics and unusual things to expect. You'll see images of the Bay Islands just 90 miles East of Belize: Roatan, Utila and the Cayos Cochinos...all soaked in tales of rum, pirates and undersea treasures galore...this place is the definition of adventure.

Michael Gray founded Uncommon Adventures in 1984 a couple of years after getting a degree in Environmental Interpretation at MSU. With over 30 years in the business, Michael is one of the most experienced instructors and guides in the Great Lakes region.



### **Mark & Julie Walton**

#### **Biking the Netherlands** 3:00—3:45 PM

Quiet Water Society Board of Directors member Mark Walton and his wife Julie Walton will present on biking the Zuiderzee Route. Mark and Julie will share their 13 day, 267 mile, biking trip along the canals and waterways of the Netherlands via the Zuiderzee Route. "Please come join us on this trip of a lifetime. "

Mark Walton is a frequent speaker at the Quiet Water Symposium. He is an avid canoeist, biker, and sailor. Julie Walton holds a PhD in Exercise Physiology and is a retired college professor. In retirement she enjoys writing, cycling, hiking and kayaking.



### **John E. Van Barriger**

#### **Packing the Perfect 'Oh Sh!t Kit', a Murphy's Law Adventure Guide** 4:00—5:00 PM

Whether you're planning a pond paddle or multi-week adventure, a good emergency kit can help you get safely back home when trouble arises. Writer/photographer John Van Barriger shares the contents of his "Oh Sh!t" emergency bag, as well as critical items that most first aid kits leave out. Van Barriger, who's discovered a multitude of ways to hurt himself while paddling and camping, also will tell tales of how these items became necessary kit components.

John Van Barriger is an award-winning writer/photographer and chair of the "[SupportTheFirst.org](http://SupportTheFirst.org)" campaign, which aids first responders in rural and wilderness areas and educates outdoor enthusiasts on the prevention of wildfires and other emergencies.

## The Betsie River Room (North of the entry gate)

**Kristen Bennett**

**9:30—10:30 AM**

### **The Iron Belle Trail**



Michigan is a very diverse state, but many visitors only think about it as the place where Detroit is struggling. That is not our entire story, nor is it the real story of Detroit. The Iron Belle Trail is the longest state-designated trail in the nation and aims to tell some of the real stories of the State and showcase our beautiful natural and cultural resources. In this presentation, the DNR will bring you up to date on the development of the trail and share some stories from the places that may not be familiar to everyone.

Kristen Bennett started her career with the Michigan DNR, Parks and Recreation Division in 1994. She has a degree in Landscape Architecture from Michigan State University. For over 15 years she worked as a Regional Field Planner on many projects that will provide a lasting imprint on Michigan State Parks, including the redevelopment of a brownfield site in the City of Detroit into a State Park. In 2014 she shifted her focus to Trail Design and leads the Non-Motorized Trail Program for the DNR Trails Section. She has been the Iron Belle Trail Coordinator since 2013 and will be guiding communities to create a seamless trail from Detroit to Wisconsin.

**Jean Tsao**

**10:45—11:45 AM**

### **Prevention of Lyme and Other Tick-Born Diseases in Michigan**



Lyme disease, human anaplasmosis, babesiosis...the risk of tick-borne diseases in Michigan used to be relegated to the Upper Peninsula. By the early 2000s, however, the blacklegged (= deer) tick became established in southwestern Michigan and ever since, has been spreading across the Lower Peninsula. Come learn about resources to inform and you of the actions you can take to reduce your exposure to ticks and tick-borne disease while enjoying Pure Michigan.

An Assoc. Prof. at Michigan State University, Dr. Tsao has worked for two decades in multiple regions of the US to improve the understanding of the ecology of Lyme and associated tick-borne diseases. She conducts research with colleagues at other academic institutions as well.

**Bob Wilson**

**12:00—12:45 PM**

### **Great Lake to Lake Trail System**



Bob will be sharing an overview of plans to create five new destination trails that will traverse the state from one Great Lake Shoreline to another. The focus will be on creating multi-jurisdiction Trailways Councils that comprise trail managers from the various local trails that allow for consistent management and sustainability of trails. Both land and water trails can be a part of this vision!

Bob Wilson is the Executive Director of the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance. He brings over 28 years of legislative experience working in Michigan Senate in natural resources related issues including development of the Michigan Trailways. Bob Wilson is also a professor of Environmental Law at Michigan State University and has taught the same course at Western Michigan University .

**Joel Wickham**

**1:00—1:45 PM**

### **All About DALMAC**



A look at what is DALMAC, the Who, What , Where , Why, and When, of Michigan's epic end of summer bicycle ride. A brief history of the tour will be given, along with tips for preparing your family to ride DALMAC. (Dick Allen Lansing to MACkinaw)

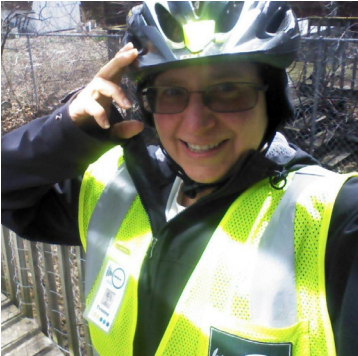
Joel is the current tour director for DALMAC and he has 15 years of experience with DALMAC. He started as a five time rider, moved to many years of on route assistance to the riders , and then moved to the Director's position before the 2017 DALMAC. He has been involved with the "nuts and bolts" of presenting this tour to the bicycling community and hopes to share his passion with attendees.



## The Betsie River Room (North of the entry gate)

**Yvonne LaFave**

**2:00—2:45 PM**



### **Go Green Trikes: Saving the Planet One Delivery at a Time.**

Go Green Trikes uses heavy duty, electric-assist trikes, bikes and trailers capable of carrying up to 500 pound payloads. They've done everything from deliver groceries to help folks move with these green vehicles! Launched on Earth Day (April 22nd), 2014, they're one of the few triple bottom line businesses in the area, and the owner will share photos from their "hauls of fame" album along with a compelling story about living green in Greater Lansing.

Most would be content to JUST ride a bike, but Yvonne likes to HAUL things with hers. Her business combines her love of green transportation, community activism, and hauling into one neat sustainably-wrapped package!

**Larry Lindsay**

**3:00—3:45 PM**



### **Canoeing in Algonquin Park**

This is an audio-visual slide presentation showing a week-long canoe-camping trip in Algonquin Park, Canada. The trip was designed for scouts, 11-16. This program will show the kinds of food and clothing needed for such a trip. Checklists will be passed out. Maps showing circular routes will also be passed out, since these are very limited. Algonquin is a wonderful place to get high on life.

Larry Lindsay has taken The Naturalist Scouts camping in 38 states and Canadian provinces over the years. These trips have included backpacking in 10 states, biking across the U.S.A. twice, winter camping at -32 F., and 10 canoe trips in Algonquin Park. Mr. Lindsay earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Toledo.

**Linda De Kock & Alisun De Kock Liu**

**4:00—5:00 PM**



### **To the Bottom of the Grand Canyon and Back**

If you have ever thought of hiking to the bottom of the Grand Canyon but were hesitant to give it a try, this session will explain why you should do it and how to prepare for this "bucket list" experience!

When Alisun was a toddler, her parents dragged her kicking and screaming (literally) on a canoe/camping trip in Algonquin Provincial Park. Although it was several years before she could be convinced to get back in a canoe, she loved hiking and camping, and now she is dragging her parents on backpacking adventures, that is, when she is not busy acting as the support crew for their canoeing expeditions!



**Putting together a first rate slate of speakers is a Herculean task. The Quiet Water Society wishes to thank Linda De Kock for her superb effort on the 2018 Quiet Water Symposium speaker panel.**

**When you see Linda today, stop and let her know you appreciate her efforts; she deserves your praise.**

**In fact, if it is not too much trouble, let everyone you see in a red vest or blue bandana know how much you appreciate their efforts.**

## The Ausable River Room (North of the entry gate)



**Csilla Gutay**

**9:30—10:30 AM**

### **Global Dragon Boat Paddling in Mustang Patty +22**

Motor City Dragons is a Dragon Boat Team with a 40' boat (visualize: stretched canoe with room for 20 paddlers, one drummer and room of a sweep) named Mustang Patty! We paddle in the Detroit River (Trenton Channel) out of the Ford Yacht Club (FYC) on Grosse Ile's south tip! Our Co-Ed Team consists of Breast Cancer Survivors (BCS) and Supporters! Our BCS team is going to Florence, Italy to race in IBCPC Festival in 2018 with 120 other teams from around the world, all BCS Teams!

Csilla Gutay is Founder & Past President of Motor City Dragons (MCD)



**Jerry Vandiver**

**10:45—11:45 AM**

### **Songs for the Heart of the Paddler**

A fun musical approach to our paddling addictions! Singer/songwriter Jerry Vandiver along with fiddle player extraordinaire Amberly Rosen perform original songs about everything outdoors. From "Camp Coffee" to "Leave No Trace" to "Too Many Boats", this will be a unique and enjoyable presentation for the Quiet Water Symposium experience.

With song credits on over 15 million records and paddling credits on countless streams and lakes, Jerry Vandiver has combined his love of music and wilderness paddling by recording three commercially and critically successful CD projects all about paddling and the great outdoors. Sponsored by Northstar Canoes.



**LaNae Abnet**

**12:00—12:45 PM**

### **Garden to Gulf: Preparing Affordable & Healthy Expedition Meals**

While preparing for her expedition, it was clear to LaNae Abnet that affordable, healthy, adventure meals were not readily available. The cost was prohibitive and the ingredients difficult to pronounce, creating an uncertainty about what she would be putting into her body. So she determined to use what she grew in her garden and her husband hunted, to dehydrate 720 breakfasts-lunches-dinners-deserts- snacks for their planned four months on the river. Let her show you how.

LaNae Abnet has cycled the Appalachian Mountains, kayaked in the Arctic, train hopped through the interior Canadian wilderness, paddled the big waters of Lake Huron and is the first woman ever to kayak the 1600 mile source-to-sea journey from the headwaters of the Wabash River to the Gulf of Mexico. LaNae is an avid gardener.



**Mark & Hugh Walton**

**1:00—1:45 PM**

### **Paddling Lake Superior Provincial Park**

Mark and Hugh will present their seven day trip, paddling Kruger Canoes on Lake Superior in the Lake Superior Provincial Park. Lake Superior Provincial Park is 618 square miles of northern Ontario wilderness along the shore of Lake Superior - the largest lake in the world. The park is a diverse landscape of forested hills, clear lakes, streams and rivers, and a Lake Superior shoreline with features ranging from the 650 ft cliffs of Old Woman Bay to the two mile long beach at Agawa Bay.



Mark and Hugh are frequent speakers at the Quiet Water Symposium. Both are avid canoeist and sailors, and like to take their Kruger Canoes on extended wilderness trips. Recent extended trips include the BWCA, Apostle Islands, French River, Missinaibi River, Bustard Islands, Killarney Provincial Park, circumnavigation of Philip Edward Island, Pictured Rocks and the Keweenaw Peninsula.

## The AuSable River Room (North of the entry gate)



**Loretta Crumb**

**2:00—2:45 PM**

### **Paddling the Everglades: A Seven Day Journey**

A photo travelogue of wilderness tripping by canoe and kayak in Everglades National Park from its northernmost point in Everglades City to the southern tip of Florida in Flamingo. Learn tips for camping in a saltwater environment, navigating the mangrove channels, challenges from weather and tides, and day by day trip planning.

Loretta Crum has been paddling since 1997 and serves on the board of directors for the Lansing Oar and Paddle Club (LOAPC) and the Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds (MGROW). Through LOAPC she organizes local trips in the Lansing area on the Grand River and its tributary streams, and she's helping with planning for MGROW's Grand River Expedition 2020.



**Chris Hanna**

**3:00—3:45 PM**

### **Backcountry Cooking: Simple and Satisfying Solutions**

Assembling food and cooking equipment for backcountry travel is all about balancing taste, nutrition, and portability. The presentation will provide emphasis on key ingredients, packing strategies, free resources, taste tests, and multi-use equipment. There will be something for everyone's taste, especially first-timers new to backcountry travel. Bring your imagination and ideas before planning your menu!

Chris has been a lifelong paddler starting in Boy Scouts, family canoe trips, and beyond. As he is often as the designated chief cook and bottle washer, packing and preparing food on the trail is being continually refined. For the past three summers he has worked at the Canadian Border Outfitters in Ely, MN packing food for backcountry travelers in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area and Quetico Provincial Park.



**Dwight Washington**

**4:00—5:00 PM**

### **Beyond Boundaries: Adventures in Water Recreation Diversity and Environmental Justice**

Like a canoe that transports a paddler across a body of water, our bodies carry water across terrestrial landscapes. During this facilitated discussion, we will explore perceptions and relationships to water by sharing water stories to engage diverse populations and enrich the quality of water recreation. Attend this discussion to learn more about who is using and how to provide access and support to populations underrepresented in outdoor water recreation.

Dwight Washington has a PhD. Natural Resources from Michigan State University, is a Clinton County Commissioner and he is an activist for water quality and natural resource policy.



*Swift or smooth, broad as the Hudson or narrow enough to scrape your gunwales, every river is a world of its own, unique in pattern and personality. Each mile on a river will take you further from home than a hundred miles on a road. -- Bob Marshall*



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# Quiet Water Symposium

March 3, 2018 | 9:00 am – 5:30 pm  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY PAVILION

## AGENDA

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	✂	Great Lakes Greatest Hits   <i>Michael Gray</i>	Grand River Room
	✂	Global Dragon Boat Paddling in Mustang Patty   <i>Csilla Gutay</i>	Au Sable River Room
	🚶	Michigan's Iron Belle Trail   <i>Kriss Bennett</i>	Betsie River Room
10:45 – 11:45 am	🚶	A Place Called the Porkies   <i>Jim DuFresne</i>	Main Stage
	📷	Baffin Island: Zooming in on the High Arctic   <i>Darlene Patterson</i>	Grand River Room
	✂	Songs for the Heart of the Paddler   <i>Jerry Vandiver</i>	Au Sable River Room
	🏠	Prevention of Lyme and Other Tick-Borne Diseases in MI   <i>Jean Tsao</i>	Betsie River Room
12:00 – 12:45 pm	🏠	Paradise Below Zero   <i>Kevin Callan</i>	Main Stage
	🏠	Paddling Safety and Cold Water Considerations   <i>Jonathan Ahlbrand</i>	Red Cedar Room
	✂	South Carolina Sampler   <i>John Van Barriger</i>	Grand River Room
	🍴	Garden to Gulf: Healthy/Affordable Expedition Meals   <i>LaNae Abnet</i>	Au Sable River Room
	🚶	Great Lake to Great Trails: Five MI Destination Trails   <i>Bob Wilson</i>	Betsie River Room



### NEW THIS YEAR!

Take a break and enjoy these presentations in the bleacher area:




- 12:00 pm Music with Lansing's own Martin & Company: Charlie Parmelee, Gordy Martin, Randy Pratt
- 1:00 pm Verlen Kruger and Stacy Smith Awards Presentation
- 2:00 pm "Safety in the Outdoors" Panel Discussion: Jonathan Ahlbrand, Kevin Callan, Cliff Jacobson, John Van Barriger, Darlene Patterson



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	 Isle Royale: Wolves, Moose, Beavers and Backpacking   <i>Thomas Hurst</i>	Red Cedar Room
	 10 Lifetime Goals to Up Your “Pure Michigan Game”   <i>Nick Meekhof</i>	Grand River Room
	 Paddling Lake Superior Provincial Park   <i>Mark Walton &amp; Hugh Walton</i>	Au Sable River Room
	 All About DALMAC   <i>Joel Wickham</i>	Betsie River Room
2:00 – 2:45 pm	 Waterfalls of Michigan   <i>Phil Stagg</i>	Main Stage
	 Caribbean Reef Paddling Adventure   <i>Michael Gray</i>	Red Cedar Room
	 Hike and Canoe the North Country Trail   <i>Thomas Funke</i>	Grand River Room
	 Paddling the Everglades: A Seven Day Journey   <i>Loretta Crum</i>	Au Sable River Room
	 Go Green Trikes: Saving the Planet One Delivery at a Time   <i>Yvonne LeFave</i>	Betsie River Room
3:00 – 3:45 pm	 Exploring the Isle Royale Archipelago by Sea Kayak   <i>Henry Davies</i>	Main Stage
	 Biking the Netherlands   <i>Mark Walton &amp; Julie Walton</i>	Red Cedar Room
	 Paddle and Portage: Exploring Michigan’s Wilderness Areas   <i>Jay Hanks</i>	Grand River Room
	 Backcountry Cooking: Simple and Satisfying Solutions   <i>Chris Hanna</i>	Au Sable River Room
	 Canoeing in Algonquin Park   <i>Larry Lindsay</i>	Betsie River Room
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	 Packing the Perfect “Oh Sh!t” Emergency Kit   <i>John Van Barriger</i>	Red Cedar Room
	 Bear-Proofing Your Camp   <i>Cliff Jacobson</i>	Grand River Room
	 Beyond Boundaries: Adventures in Water Recreation Diversity and Environmental Justice   <i>Dwight Washington</i>	Au Sable River Room
	 To the Bottom of the Grand Canyon and Back   <i>Alison De Kock, Linda De Kock</i>	Betsie River Room

## Presentations by Subject



### Hiking & Backpacking

**A Place Called the Porkies**— Jim DuFresne—Auditorium

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**Waterfalls Of Michigan**—Phil Stag—Auditorium

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**Hike and Canoe the North Country Trail**—Tom Funke—Grand River Room

**Isle Royale: Wolves, Moose, Beavers & Backpacking** —Tom Hurst—Red Cedar Room

**Michigan’s Iron Belle Trail: Connecting Communities to Their Natural Heritage** - Kristen Bennett—Betsie River Room

**Great Lake to Lake Trail—Five Michigan Destination Trails**—\_Bob Wilson—Betsie River Room

**To the Bottom of the Grand Canyon and Back**—Linda De Kock & Alisun De Kock Liu—Betsie River Room



### Paddle Sports

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### Cycling

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**Go Green Trikes; Saving the Planet One Delivery at a Time**— Yvonne LaFave—Betsie River Room

**About DALMAC**—Joel Wickham—Betsie River Room

## Presentations by Subject



### Camping

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**Paradise Below Zero**— Kevin Callan—Auditorium

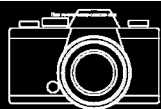
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### Photography

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### Music

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**Martin and Company**—The Arena Bleachers



### Safety

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**Packing the Perfect “Oh Sh!t” Kit –A Murphy’s Law Adventure Guide**—John Van Barriger—Red Cedar River Room

**Safety Panel Discussion with Experts** —Darlene Patterson, Cliff Jacobson, Kevin Callan, John Van Barriger and Jonathan Ahlbrand—  
Arena Bleachers

## Demonstrations

**Strip-built Boat Building**— Mackinaw Watercraft—Arena

**Fly Tying**—Red Cedar Fly Fishermen—Arena

**Fly Casting**—Trout Unlimited—Arena

**Fix a Flat**—Out Your Back Door—Exhibition Hall

**Bicycle Maintenance**—MSU Bike Services—Exhibition Hall

**Weaving a Trappers Basket**—Wooden Canoe Heritage Assoc.—Arena

**Knots for Sailing**—Lansing Sailing Club—Exhibition Hall

**Back Country Menus**—LIVEout—Exhibition Hall

**Outdoor Cooking**— Uncommon Adventures—Exhibition Hall

**Stream Table**— Grass River Natural Area—Exhibition Hall

**Rope Gymnastics**—Tim Galloway, Qajaq USA — Arena

**Fiber Arts**—Mary & Dan Hovater—Kids Area in the lobby

## Door and Raffle Prizes: the Fine Print



### Grand Prize/ Door Prizes – The Fine Print

**Grand Prize:** This prize is available only to those who purchase Grand Prize tickets. These are different from our Door Prize tickets and may be purchased at the Grand Prize display at a cost of \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. These tickets are only for the canoe. Clearly enter your name and phone number on half of the ticket and deposit it at the **Win this Canoe** table in the Grand Prize drawing. The Grand Prize Mackinaw Watercraft Pere Marquette solo canoe is provided through grants from the Quiet Water Society and Mackinaw Watercraft.

**Grand Prize Drawing:** The drawing will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 5:00 PM. You need not be present to win the canoe but you must be available to claim it within 24 hours of the drawing. If the owner of the winning ticket is not in the room when it is drawn, the phone number on the ticket will be called. If the owner of the first winning ticket does not respond within 24 hours, a second ticket will be drawn and the owner allowed 24 hours to respond and so forth until a winner is found.

**Tax Information:** The winner of the Grand Prize will be required to provide proper identification including social security number, to the organizers.

**Door Prize Tickets:** All paid attendees to the show receive one free Door Prize ticket and may enter it at the Door Prize/Information table. Additional Door Prize tickets can be purchased for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Door Prize tickets cannot be used for the Grand Prize drawing.

**Door Prizes:** These are drawn on the hour from 11 AM until 5 PM. All winning tickets must be turned in and all prizes claimed by the end of the show. Prizes will be held until 5:30 PM. You may elect to deposit your ticket(s) in the General Drawing where there are a number of prizes worth a lower dollar amount or in the Specific Drawings. Specific Drawing items are on display and are typically of higher value.

**Door Prize Exceptions:** There are some date and time sensitive prizes that must be claimed by the times posted by the prize packages or another ticket will be drawn until the prize is claimed.

**Silent Action:** There will be several silent auction prizes including some cabin rentals provided by the Department of Natural resources. Each individual item's bid sheet will list the rules and times winners will be announced.

**Good Luck to All!**

**All proceeds generated by the sales of raffle tickets will be used to further the mission of The Quiet Water Society.**



*"Come forth into the light of things, let nature be your teacher."* –William Wordsworth

## Raffle and Door Prize Donors

A very special thanks to those businesses and individuals who have donated to our door prize selection. Please stop by and visit their booths and patronize their businesses.

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Mackinaw Watercraft LLC

Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Cliff Jacobson

Kevin Callan

Jim DuFresne

Doc Fletcher

Jerry Vandiver

Michael Gray

Phil Stagg

Gary & Joannie McGuffin

Bill & Paul's Sporthaus (Grand Rapids)

Lee's Sporting Goods (Portage)

Jay's Sporting Goods (Clare)

Recreational Equipment, Inc. (Ann Arbor)

West Marine (Lansing)

Founders Brewery

John & Wendy Kemple

Riverside Kayak Connection

Tom Funke & Trailspotters of Michigan

\*Many prizes are donated after the publishing date of this show program. Please check the board at the Door Prize table for an updated list of our generous contributors.

### **The Quiet Water Symposium Code of Conduct**

The Quiet Water Symposium (QWS) serves as a platform for education, discussion, and the presentation of ideas that promote human powered outdoor recreation and help conserve our Great Lakes resources. In pursuit of these goals, the Quiet Water Society embraces the right to free speech while also being aware that there may be many sides to every issue and many possible solutions. The viewpoints of our many guests, exhibitors, speakers, and demonstrators are their own, and may not necessarily represent the views of the Quiet Water Society, its board members, or its many volunteers.

#### **Therefore, the Quiet Water Society requires that:**

- Exhibitors, speakers, and demonstrators must keep their activities and the activities of their group, employees, and volunteers confined within the area assigned to them by the QWS Planning Committee.
- Interactions with event staff, guests, exhibitors, speakers, and demonstrators must be held in a civil and professional manner.
- Conduct or behavior must not be disruptive to the event.

If members of the QWS Planning Committee find that any action of guests, exhibitors, speakers, or demonstrators violates these requirements, event staff will attempt to resolve the situation. In cases where agreement on a solution cannot be found, parties may be asked to leave the site. In the most extreme cases, parties may be restricted from future participation in the event.

The QWS Code of Conduct is included as a part of exhibitor registration. Submission of the exhibitor form indicates acceptance of the Code of Conduct. This will help make it possible for all parties to interact in a positive way.

## Ongoing Demonstrations



### **Strip-built Boat Building Mackinaw Watercraft, LLC Allen Deming Demonstration, On Going - East Wall of the Arena**

Allen will be demonstrating the art of building wooden boats from cedar strips. This technique can be used to construct all manner of paddle craft, sail boats and small craft. Deming's designs have been featured at boat shows, art galleries, museums and in magazines worldwide.

The Grand Prize for this year's Quiet Water Symposium, "The Wood Duck" is a Mackinaw Watercraft construction of an original Allen Deming design. The 12' Pere Marquette solo canoe is made available in part through a grant from Mackinaw Watercraft's Community Support Program. If your not-for-profit organization is in need of a high value item to use in your fund raising efforts, contact Allen.

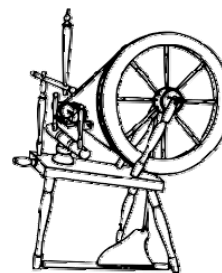
In 2009, Allen began offering introductory boat building and paddle making classes out of the Mackinaw Watercraft shop in Grand Ledge, MI. He is proud to have shared his skills with over 500 students, men, women and youths.

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### **Fiber Arts Mary & Dan Hovater Demonstration, On-Going—Children's Area—North of the Main Gate Spinning, Weaving, Rope Making, Kumihimo Braiding, Felting, Make and Take fun**



### **Fly Tying Ongoing all day**

#### **Red Cedar Fly Fishers exhibit in the Arena**

The Red Cedar Fly Fishers have done demonstrations of fly tying for 20 years at QWS. We tie flies and answer questions about fly fishing and about our club.

### **Rope gymnastics Ongoing all day in the Arena By Tim Gallaway at the Qajaq USA exhibit**

Qajaq USA works to preserve, study and promote the traditions and techniques of Greenland kayaking while seeking to further the appreciation and development of Greenland-style kayaking in the United States. Rope gymnastics is an ancient Inuit form of sport, which demands and develops balance, strength, flexibility, coordination and pain tolerance. Originally done with harpoon line stretched between two supports, the exercises toughen the hands which may allow you to paddle long hours without developing blisters. Many of the maneuvers are extremely strenuous and painful. Performing them helped to build mental and physical toughness, qualities that were very useful for the hard life of a kayak hunter.

### **Sharpening of an Edged Tool Ongoing all day in the Exhibit Area By Jonathon LeValley at the LeValley Outdoors L.L.C. exhibit**

Features a basic demonstration of sharpening any edged tool using bench stones (no power tools, guides, gimmicks, etc.). Jonathan will walk you through sharpening a chisel (a typical single-bevel edged tool) a knife and an axe.



### **MSU Bike Services Learn Hands-On Bicycle Maintenance Exhibition Hall**

Learn the art of bicycle maintenance from the competent staff of MSU Bicycle Services.



## Ongoing Demonstrations



### Wooden Canoe Heritage Association

#### Weaving a Trappers Basket

##### Arena

Watch master weaver Wendy Kemple weave a Trappers Basket . Using all natural materials, she will create this historic icon of the north, which graced the canoes of trappers and voyageurs



### Grass River Natural Area

#### Stream Table

##### Exhibition Hall

This creative display makes clear the importance of protecting our natural water shed areas and wetlands.



### Trout Unlimited Learn to Cast a Fly Arena

The volunteers of Trout Unlimited will teach the art of fly casting. Meet them in the arena for a personal lesson



### Uncommon Adventures

#### Outdoor Cooking

##### Exhibition Hall

Make yourself familiar with the equipment and techniques for preparing food in the out of doors.



### LIVE out Backcountry Menus Exhibition Hall-

Presenting on the topic of self-preparation of healthy and affordable dehydrated and vacuum packed adventure meals



### Lansing Sailing Club Knots for Sailing Exhibition Hall

Join the friendly folks from the Lansing Sailing Club for a lesson on nautical knots.

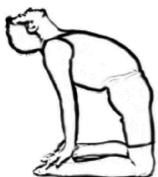


### Out Your Backdoor and Friends of the Red Cedar

#### Fix a Flat

##### Exhibition Hall

Learn how to fix your own flat bicycle tire. You can even enter the timed Fix a Flat contest.



### Yoga Nature Yoga for Paddlers, Yoga for Cyclists, Yoga for Hikers Exhibition Hall

On going yoga demonstration and five to ten minute lessons.

# 'Oh Sh!t' Emergency Kit

## What you need when things go *seriously* wrong!

By John E. Van Barriger, Pres.  
The Outdoor Kind, LLC

As outdoors enthusiasts, we're fortunate that our passions take us to some of the most beautiful places in the world - whether those are close to home or half way around the globe. But what happens when problems arise, whether it's a freak accident/injury or a forest fire? I've encountered both situations, and these have absolutely changed the way I do things. Real-world preparation to get safely back home is critical to our ongoing enjoyment of the silent sports.

The list that follows can - and should - be modified for your particular sport. This is a list of what I now take on the water when I paddle, and I also use most of this gear when camping. When hiking or bicycling, this list is cut down for both content and weight. Regardless of the activity, however, duct tape and a good first-aid kit are musts!

A few disclaimers: This list isn't exhaustive, but provides some food for thought when preparing for your next adventure. If I have listed a brand-name item, it's because I've had good luck with it or it's highly recommended by people I respect. And just to be clear, I haven't been paid by the manufacturers of any item to include it on this list or in my presentations.

### Key Safety Gear on all paddling trips:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal Flotation Device (PFD)</li> <li>• Pea-less whistle, flashlight, and river <u>or</u> dive knife</li> <li>• Lighter and Waterproof Matches <u>or</u> Fire Starter</li> <li>• Leatherman or a high-quality multi-tool</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully-charged smart phone</li> <li>• Delorme InReach (and small compass backup)</li> <li>• Survival blanket</li> <li>• Buoyant rope and paracord</li> </ul> |
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### Emergency "Oh Sh!t" Kit Contents:

#### HOLDING IT TOGETHER:

- 1 roll Duct Tape (Gorilla 'White' or "Mil-Spec")
- 1 vial super glue and small roll of wire
- 1 tube Lexel sealant
- 1 bag of various size zip ties
- 1 bag of Nite Ize Gear Ties (For *unlimited* uses!)
- Metal binder clamps, clothes pins, safety pins
- Nylon camps straps and bungee cords
- 2 nylon tie-down boat straps

#### STAYIN' ALIVE:

- 1 pack Katadyn Micropur water purification tablets
- 1 foil survival emergency blanket
- Waterproof matches with extra striker(s) or Fire Starter striking tool
- 1 headlamp w/ fresh batteries (w/ extras, depending on trip), and a glow stick or two
- Mosquito headnet and/or repellent

#### **First-Aid Kit additions, if not already included yours:**

- Sunscreen and lip balm
- Aloe Vera gel or a burn gel
- New-Skin Liquid Bandage & Polysporin ointment
- Corticosteroid creme & Benedryl, *if safe for you*
- Pepto-Bismol, Imodium, and TUMS, *if safe for you*
- Ibuprofen or Acetaminophen, *if safe for you*
- Saline solution (not eye drops, *unless needed*)
- "Tick Key" tick remover (It really works!)
- Moleskin and a Sam Splint
- Phys Therapist's Tape or Veterinary "horse wrap"

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1 ball point pen
- 1 small pencil
- 1 or 2 Sharpie markers
- 1 half-pack of Post-it notes in Ziploc plastic bag

#### ODDS & ENDS:

- 1 bag of miscellaneous size Ziplocs/garbage bags
- 1-2 replacement clips for dry bags & camp straps
- Fluorescent trail-marking tape
- Carabiners of various sizes!
- Bear spray (It works for numerous animals)

#### **To be Added if Camping:**

- 1 Tent Repair Kit, including fabric, seam glue or sealant, needle/thread, and tent pole repair section
- 1 Kenyon K-Tape repair tape for ripstop
- Therm-A-Rest Instant Field Repair Kit
- Better quality tweezers & nail clippers
- Several tampons or maxipads
- Glucose or a bag of Skittles (if you're diabetic or people in your group *might be*)
- Your personal prescription medications!*

#### **Campfire Safety Gear:**

- Small folding shovel/E-tool (also for "cat holes")
- Sea-to-Summit Kitchen Sink (holds 20 litres of water)
- Generic 5-gallon plastic bucket

# Safety

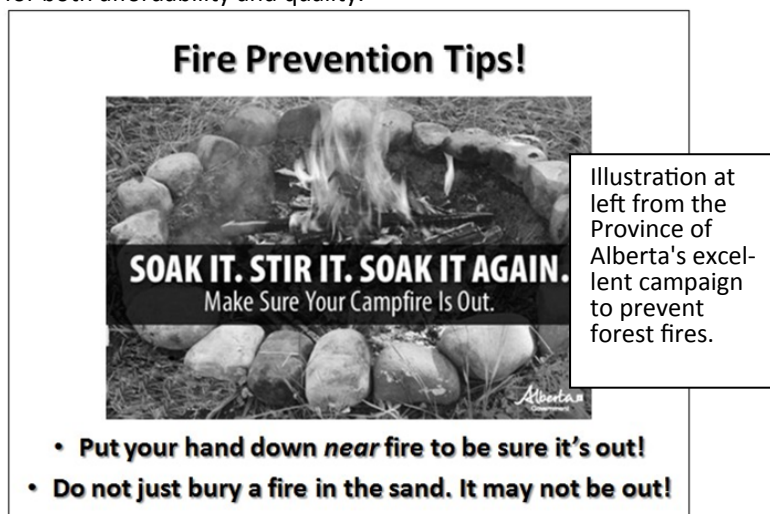
This gear list is just a starting point to think about real-world safety. Your sport, location, and the time of the year you venture out can demand a significantly different set of skills, tools and first-aid items. You also need to consider your overall skill level and health condition. That's why you definitely should talk with experienced silent sports enthusiasts - *and your physician about the first-aid information on this list*. You can also take some great classes to learn more about bush craft, paddling skills, first-aid and CPR, to name just a few.

Also, it's a good idea to take only critical gear and medications, sunscreens, ointments, etc., that you already have used before venturing farther afield. You don't want to learn the hard way that your new tent has a defect or you're allergic to a certain medicine or lotion in the middle of the wilderness!

If you didn't make it to my presentation, you missed some background info about my approach to safety (based on my doing *everything* wrong at some point), the reasons why certain items are included in my kit, and the ways in which I use them. You'll find some of that information on our website (<http://theoutdoorkind.com>), and I'll share some additional information below. Of course, your views on all of this may vary but here are some overall considerations:

1. No matter what outdoor activity you enjoy, *always* carry a good first-aid kit - *and keep it in a waterproof bag!* I have used Adventure Medical Kits for years and highly recommend them for both affordability and quality.

2. Think "redundant systems." There's duplication on my list because sometimes a critical piece of gear fails. *Always have a backup for critical gear*. In some cases, it's easy to just take two of the same item. At other times, you might carry a multi-tool that has a backup item you need. Just remember - it's generally true that the more complicated a piece of gear, the more likely it is to fail. For example, smart phone navigation apps are great...till they don't work. Or your phone dies. Or you drop it in water. Go old school and bring a compass, plus a topographical map or possibly a printed Google satellite map with mileage scale. These items are small and don't add much weight to your kit.



3. You are *never* packing these kits for you alone. For example, your friends may have forgotten to bring their kits on a trip. Or worse, maybe they need more of a specific item in an emergency. If you're solo adventuring, meanwhile, you may come across someone who's injured or has lost their gear and desperately needs your help. Nothing will make you feel better than helping others when they need it the most!

4. An army survival trainer once told a friend: "The three most dangerous words in the English language are 'I'm just gonna...'" Why? Because when you say you're *just* going to do something, you're downplaying the seriousness of it. I once said, "I'm just gonna' sneak in a quick solo trip on the Wisconsin River between autumn storms." One severed ACL, an unpleasant surgery and long recovery, as well as \$51,000 of medical bills later, I realized it wasn't such a little thing. Have fun out there, but remember there is *always* risk involved and plan accordingly!

5. Last, but not least, *always* be concerned about fire safety. A small "E-tool" shovel not only will help you tend or put out a fire, but it can also be used for digging a "cat-hole" in the woods. (Those "unbreakable" plastic backpacker's trowels? I broke one - four days into a 15-day trip, and will never go into the backcountry without my Gerber E-tool or a metal trowel again.) I also highly recommend the Sea-to-Summit Kitchen Sink. It's a small, portable nylon water container that holds 20 litres (about five gallons). It's tough, lightweight, folds down very small, and is easily stored away. Expand it, fill it up from a stream or lake and you can put out your fire or be ready in the event the fire escapes your rock or metal ring. Canoeists and car campers can also purchase an inexpensive five-gallon plastic white bucket from any home improvement or hardware store. You can stow gear in it for your trip, then take the equipment out at camp and fill the bucket with water. *Always* be careful w/ fire!

I hope you find this information useful, particularly at the start of so many sports' most active season. While considerable effort has been made to provide accurate information in this article, its author, The Outdoor Kind, LLC, and the Quiet Water Society, and these organization's officers take no responsibility for any errors or omissions. There is some risk involved in all outdoor activities and ultimate responsibility for safety lies solely with the individual participant. Educate yourself, and make decisions that avoid any unnecessary risk. And have the best time of your life out there!

**\*\* Special thanks to Chad Willemssen, Stephan Burgeson, M.D., and Clare Gibbs, M.D., for their input with this article.**

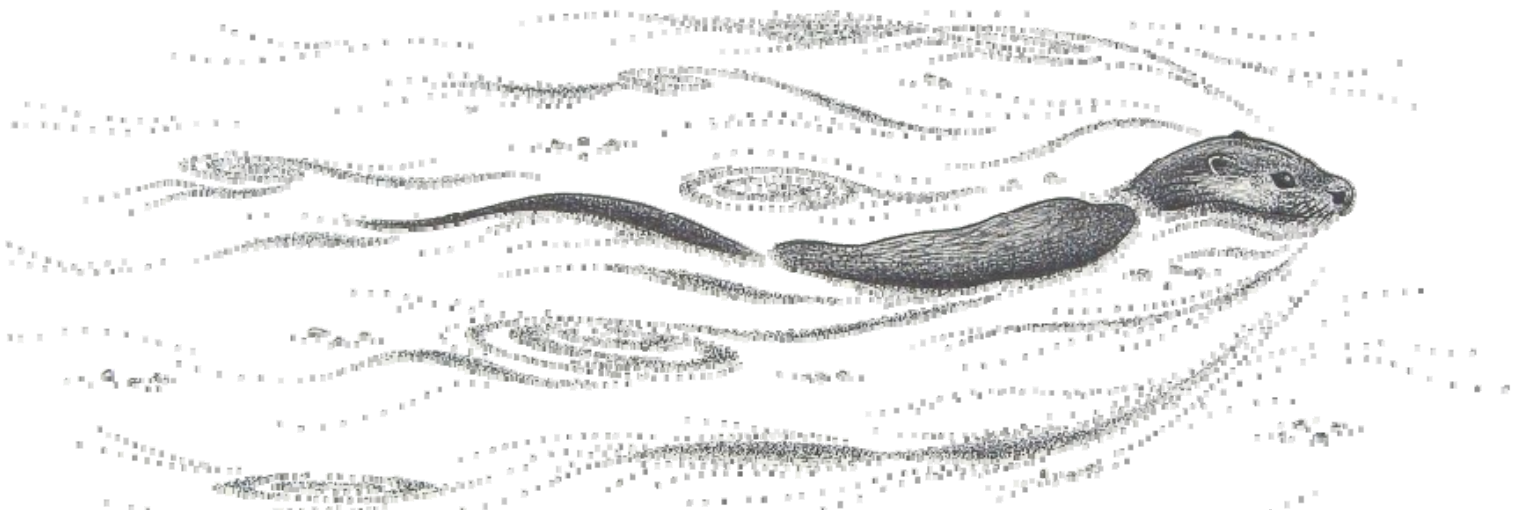
## The Stacy Smith Outstanding Volunteer Award

President George H. W. Bush spoke of the importance of being a volunteer. His “Thousand Points of Light” speech moved a nation to recognition of those thousands and thousands that dedicate themselves to the aid of mankind and the many causes, movements and organizations that help to make this world a better place. Some of those “Points” shine brighter than others. President Jimmy Carter can’t swing a hammer without twenty news organization cameras broadcasting it to the world. Still his example is one to be emulated. The Quiet Water Society has decided that it is time to place our light on some of our own shining examples. Each year, thousands of selfless individuals, as supporters of the Quiet Water Society and the hundreds of organizations that participate in this symposium, donate countless hours, talents and money to the causes that make our world a better place. All of them are deserving of recognition for their contributions. Of these “Points of Lights,” there are some whose dedication and quiet fortitude make the whole thing work. The first one there, the last to leave and the one person to whom everyone knows you can go for that little bit extra that we just can’t pull it off without. Oddly it often seems that person is often it seems they step to the back when the laurels are handed out. The person who is just as happy to see others get the credit and is rewarded by the success of the organization. Those volunteers are the ones that every organization, movement or cause leader hopes for and treasures the most.



**Stacy Smith** was just such a person. She was always there ready to take on the tough chore, with a winning smile and a can-do attitude. Those who worked with Stacy at the Verlen Kruger Memorial, on Hugh Heward Challenges and at Quiet Water Symposia remember that she was ever the bright spot in a some times dreary day. While we mourn her loss, her example as a volunteer is one that we wish to recognize and exalt.

**The Stacy Smith Outstanding Volunteer Award** will be presented in 2018 for the first time. This award will be presented by the Quiet Water Society at the Quiet Water Symposium yearly to a person deserving of recognition for continued willingness to pitch in and help without thought of reward or personal gain. We hope the award will exemplify the spirit of Stacy Smith, who accomplished so much for her community and causes.



*“What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good.” - Aristotle*



# The Quiet Water Society

The Quiet Water Society is a non-profit charitable 501(c)(3) corporation. It was founded to:

- educate the public and encourage participation in non-motorized outdoor recreation
- promote public concern for the water resources of the Great Lakes region
- support environmental stewardship and conservation of natural resources
- plan and execute annual and special events for any or all of these purposes.

Since 1996, this group of unpaid volunteers has organized and sponsored the Quiet Water Symposium (QWS) as its primary tool for achieving its mission. Our main source of revenue is from Symposium ticket sales and commercial vendor fees. We are proud to offer non-profit groups their booth space on a reduced charge basis.

If you would like to know more about the Quiet Water Society, please visit our web site at: [QuietWaterSociety.org](http://QuietWaterSociety.org) or attend one of our meetings as posted on the web site. Everyone is welcome.

## Becoming a Part of the Quiet Water Symposium

**Volunteering:** Volunteers are the life blood of the Symposium. Without a dedicated group of volunteers, QWS could not happen. There is always a need for volunteers to be involved in the long term planning and promotion of the Symposium. There is also a need for day of the show volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Symposium, please visit our home page or speak with one of the staff during the show. Paddling, cycling and outdoor organizations are especially encouraged to get involved in the work of producing the Quiet Water Symposium.

Each year the Quiet Water Society faces a critical decision; Do we have the human resources to put on another show? This year we made the decision to bring on professional help. Keystone Solutions is able to provide us with direction and insights as well as some of the labor to put on a first rate event. However they can't do all of the many things that need to be done to produce the kind of symposium to which you all have become accustomed; we still need you. To find out what you can do, contact us through the web site.

**Exhibiting:** Are you a member of or do you know of an organization, boat builder, or vendor who would like to exhibit at the Symposium next year? Our web site will be open for registrations for the March 2, 2019 show later this summer.

**Presenting:** We are always looking for new presentations for future Symposia. If you would like to make a presentation at a future Symposium, please visit our web site. Our current schedule allows for 33 presentations and will be finalized by mid summer of 2018.

**The Verlen Kruger Award:** Nominations for the Verlen Kruger Award can be made through our web site. Nominations are open until December 31st of each year. In 2016 the Quiet Water Society instituted new guidelines for Kruger Award nominations. Nominations must be renewed every two years to keep previous nominees eligible.

## Become a Friend

For photos, videos and the latest news, "Friend" us on Facebook

Search for Quiet Water Symposium.



*"The old school of thought would have you believe that you'd be a fool to take on nature without arming yourself with every conceivable measure of safety and comfort under the sun. But that isn't what being in nature is all about. Rather, it's about feeling free, unbounded, shedding the distractions and barriers of our civilization— not bringing them with us."*

— Ryel Kestenbaum,



## Upcoming Events

**March 22, 2018**

**Reel Paddling Film Festival**

**Detroit Yacht Club, Detroit, Michigan**

[info@riversidekayak.com](mailto:info@riversidekayak.com)

**April 28, 2018**

**The Hugh Heward Challenge**

**Dimondale, MI**

The Hugh Heward Challenge is open to all paddlers. Experienced paddlers may wish to paddle the “full Hugh,” a 50-mile route; recreational paddlers may wish to consider the two abbreviated routes: the 25-mile “half Hugh” or the 13-mile “quarter Hugh.” All three routes finish at Thompson Field in Portland, Michigan, the site of the Verlen Kruger Memorial. This event takes place rain or shine.

For more information check Facebook—Middle Grand River Association of Watersheds

**MAY 25 to 28, 2018**

**28th Annual WMCKA Symposium**

**Memorial Day Weekend**

**YMCA Camp Pentalouan’s (Big Blue Lake)**

Geared towards the beginning to intermediate kayaker, the WMCKA Symposium offers 2 1/2 days of jam-packed kayak instruction with a very low instructor/student ratio. Instruction takes place on and in the warm water of Big Blue Lake. On land instruction takes place on the grounds of Camp Pentalouan which offers you all the comforts of home.

For more information check Facebook—West Michigan Coastal Kayaker's Association

**June 2, 2018**

**39th Annual TCBA T-Shirt Ride**

**Grand Ledge, MI**

**Grand Ledge High School 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

The 2018 T-Shirt ride begins at the Grand Ledge High School (GLHS). Riders will have choices of the traditional route distances of 17 miles, 34 miles, 48 miles, and 66 miles. All routes start together and split off at different mileage points to form its particular loop. Routes use rural western Eaton County roads.

To register or for more information visit: [biketcba.org](http://biketcba.org)

**June 16, 2018**

**Classic Boat Show and Small Craft Festival**

**South Haven, Michigan**

**Michigan Maritime Museum**

The 37th annual boat show at the Michigan Maritime Museum will be held afloat and on shore in conjunction with South Haven's HarborFest. Classic and traditional small craft - row, paddle, sail and motor - will be featured throughout the day as well as toy boat building for kids. The US Coast Guard Motor Life Boat (USCG 36460 MLB) and the 1929 Chris Craft Cadet, *Pouf*, have been added to the Museum's on-the-water exhibits. USCG 36460 MLB was used as the featured rescue boat in the recently released Disney Film, *The Finest Hours*. For more boat show information and registration forms contact the museum at 260 Dyckman Ave., (at the bridge) South Haven, Michigan 49090, Tel: 269 637 8078 or go to [www.MichiganMaritimeMuseum.org](http://www.MichiganMaritimeMuseum.org).

**Friday, June 22 thru Sunday, June 25, 2018**

**9th Annual Port Austin Kayak Symposium  
Bird Creek County Park**

**Port Austin, Michigan**

Riverside Kayak Connection is happy to present the 9th Annual Port Austin Kayak Symposium (PAKS). We welcome you to join us in the beautiful Village of Port Austin, Michigan, on the shores of Lake Huron.

Port Austin Sea Kayak Symposium is a small, friendly symposium where the teaching is entirely student driven. Tell us what you want to learn and we will coach you at your own speed in a fashion in which you learn.

For more information or to register visit: <http://riversidekayak.com/port-austin-kayak-symposium.html>



## Upcoming Events

**July 11 to 15, 2018**

**TCBA Summer Tour**

**Marion, MI**

**Veteran's Memorial Park**

The tour runs from Wednesday, July 11th to Sunday, July 15th. For more information or to sign up, visit: [biketcba.org](http://biketcba.org)

**July 17-21, 2018 39th Annual Assembly of the Wooden Canoe Heritage Association Peterborough, Ont**

Location: Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario, CANADA

Theme: Chestnut Canoe Company and Bill Mason (featuring Becky Mason)

Wooden Canoe Heritage Association: <https://www.wcha.org/>

**August 18, 2018**

**Detroit to Wyandotte Paddle**

**Belle Isle, Detroit, Michigan**

[info@riversidekayak.com](mailto:info@riversidekayak.com)

**Aug 29, 2018 to Sep 2, 2018**

**DALMAC**

**Michigan State University Pavilion**

The Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw Bicycle Tour is Michigan's annual, fully-supported, epic end-of-summer bicycle camping tour. Four routes wind northward through Michigan's countryside and quaint small towns, from East Lansing (for the 4 and 5 day routes), Lake City (for the 3 UP route), and from Grayling (for the 2 East Route) to northern destinations, ending in Mackinaw City, St. Ignace, or Rudyard. Each route varies in distance, providing just the right challenge for all cyclists, whether beginner or experienced, relaxed paced or speedy.

For more information or to sign up visit: [biketcba.org](http://biketcba.org)

**September 13-15, 2018**

**Annual Paddle Antrim Festival**

**Belaire, MI**

The Paddle Antrim Festival celebrates the amazing waterways and communities of Northern Michigan. The Festival includes a two-day paddle event through the Chain of Lakes of Antrim County. This choose your own adventure paddle provides the opportunity for you to paddle one or both days and decide how far to travel. There are exits strategically placed along the route so you may go anywhere from 7 miles to all 42 miles, making it an event for both beginner and advanced paddlers. Local events begin Thursday evening with food, music, and great times and continue through Saturday when we end with a bang at the Final Bash hosted by Short's Brewing Company. Friends, family, and the entire community are welcome to join for the local events. For more information, visit:

[www.paddleantrim.com/paddle-antrim-festival](http://www.paddleantrim.com/paddle-antrim-festival) or contact at [info@paddleantrim.com](mailto:info@paddleantrim.com).

**March 2, 2019**

**The 24th Annual Quiet Water Symposium**

**E. Lansing, MI**

Don't miss the Symposium! It promises to be bigger and better than ever as we bring you the best in outdoor gear, demonstrations, exhibits and the best speakers found anywhere. Contact us if you wish to participate.

[www.QuietWaterSociety.org](http://www.QuietWaterSociety.org)



The Quiet Water Society thanks Tom Funke and Trailspotters of Michigan for their generous support and for providing the free shuttle service for our guests. We hope you will show your appreciation by stopping by their booth and thanking Tom in person.

# Grand River Expedition 2020

## The Grand River Expedition: Looking Forward to 2020

By Doug Carter and Loretta Crum

Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds (MGROW)

The Grand River Expedition is a two-week public journey of discovery and celebration of Michigan's longest river. The Grand runs 262 miles from northern Hillsdale County to Lake Michigan at Grand Haven, flowing through 22 cities and villages, including Lansing, the state capital, and Grand Rapids, Michigan's second largest city. Michigan's second largest, and most populous, watershed includes 18 counties and 158 townships, with a population over 1.5 million.

In 1990, 2000, and 2010 a large coalition of mid-Michigan citizens conducted very successful Grand River Expeditions. Verlen Kruger was the visionary behind the Expedition concept and served as rivermaster for the first two events before his passing in 2006. From its beginning in 1990, one of the major goals of the Expedition was to document and explain to the public the recreational, economic and environmental benefits the Grand River watershed provides to us. These efforts contribute to the public's knowledge and appreciation of the Grand River, and how it connects communities across the region. It has and will continue to generate enhanced stewardship of river and watershed related values.

The 2010 Expedition began on July 14 with a tour and study of the headwaters history and ecology. The next day, some 90 boats began the trip down the 225 navigable miles of the Grand across mid-Michigan, ending on July 26 at Lake Michigan in Grand Haven. Hundreds of other citizens welcomed us to their community, offered us snacks and drinks as we paddled past their homes, visited us at our campsites or just pitched in to help.

A total of 300 paddlers joined us on different sections of the river, and hundreds more watched from the riverbanks. Fifty-four very diverse paddlers completed the entire trip. They included a 13-year old boy on his first river trip; MGROW board member Gloria Miller celebrating her 85th birthday; a newlywed couple on their honeymoon; a married couple from California and a father/son pair from Arizona. Erich Ditschman of East Lansing, who had to conduct eight hours of kidney dialysis every night, raised more than \$17,000 for the National Kidney Foundation. Noted long-distance canoeist Mike Smith paddled with a GPS unit attached to his canoe, so that folks could track our progress on the web. The Gabagouache, a 26-foot voyageur canoe from Project Lakewell in Onaway, and its crew in period costume, joined the Expedition to depict what travel and life was like on the Grand River in the 17th Century.

While the 1990 and 2000 Expeditions were funded largely by General Motors Corporation, 2010 relied on donations and fees from participants. Reflecting the economic crisis of that period, we received only five cash contributions of \$1,000 or more, with none more than \$ 5,000. The bulk of our support came from more than 165 partners – businesses, communities, user groups and historical and educational organizations.

The Expedition is always an organizational and logistical challenge. There are no public campgrounds along the river, and few well designed access points. Toilets for 75-100? Forget about it! We rented porta-potties along the way, and mounted one on a snowmobile trailer. Our "traveling blue loo" was hauled downriver by our ground support crew, and proved to be one of the most popular services we provided. The 10 dams lacked signage, good portage or safety measures. And providing three meals a day for a large number of paddlers was a BIG challenge. But with local support, knowledge and energy, we pulled it off.

After the 2010 Expedition, the organizers set the following long-term goals for 2020. We're proud that most of these goals have been met or are well on the way.

1. Establish a citizen organization dedicated to protection and enhancement of watershed values. This was accomplished in 2011 with the founding of the Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds (MGROW).
2. Establish, develop and maintain a watershed-wide network to connect existing groups for the Upper, Middle, and Lower sections of the Grand and its tributary streams. A Grand River Partnership was formalized in 2016 and meets regularly to work on issues that affect the entire watershed.
3. Archive and document previous efforts, including step-by-step procedures to guide future expeditions. The 2020 Expedition will be a combined effort from all three areas of the Grand River Partnership. MGROW, with its legacy of previous expeditions, will play the lead role.
4. Develop and deliver an ongoing educational program. In partnership with the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, MGROW developed the "Pollution Isn't Pretty" campaign to inform the community about simple things everyone can do to protect our rivers. Go to [pollutionisntpretty.org](http://pollutionisntpretty.org) to learn more.

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## Grand River Expedition 2020

5. Work with government agencies, local communities and the private sector to improve recreation. In 2015 MGROW published its Heritage Water Trail Guidebook for the Middle Grand River. The Upper Grand River Watershed Alliance and the Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds are also developing river guides. Together the Partnership is working on a designated water trail for the entire length of the Grand, including better public access, camping and support services, signage, improved portages at dams, and public information.

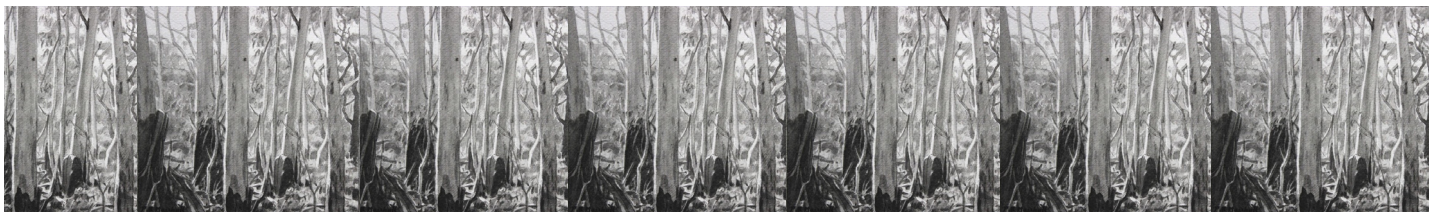
What does the future hold for the Grand River? More outreach is needed, as some people continue to act without respect and concern for the river and its banks. But as more and more positive attention is focused on the Grand as an important recreational and economic resource, respect and love for the river is growing. There are also new threats to the river that few people foresaw in 1990: invasive plants and aquatic organisms, non-point source pollution from surface water runoff, riverbank erosion from high water events associated with climate change, and more. A goal of the 2020 Expedition will be to draw attention to these new threats, and to highlight the water trail project under development.

The Grand River Partnership's next steps for the 2020 Expedition are to set a date, appoint a steering committee, and recruit volunteers from each of the three sections of the Grand (Upper, Middle, and Lower) to make the event happen. If you're interested in volunteering or just want to stay up to date on what's being done to protect our wonderful Grand River and its tributary streams, sign up for our email list on our website at [mgrow.org](http://mgrow.org)



Department of Natural Resources conservation officers encourage Michigan residents and visitors to:

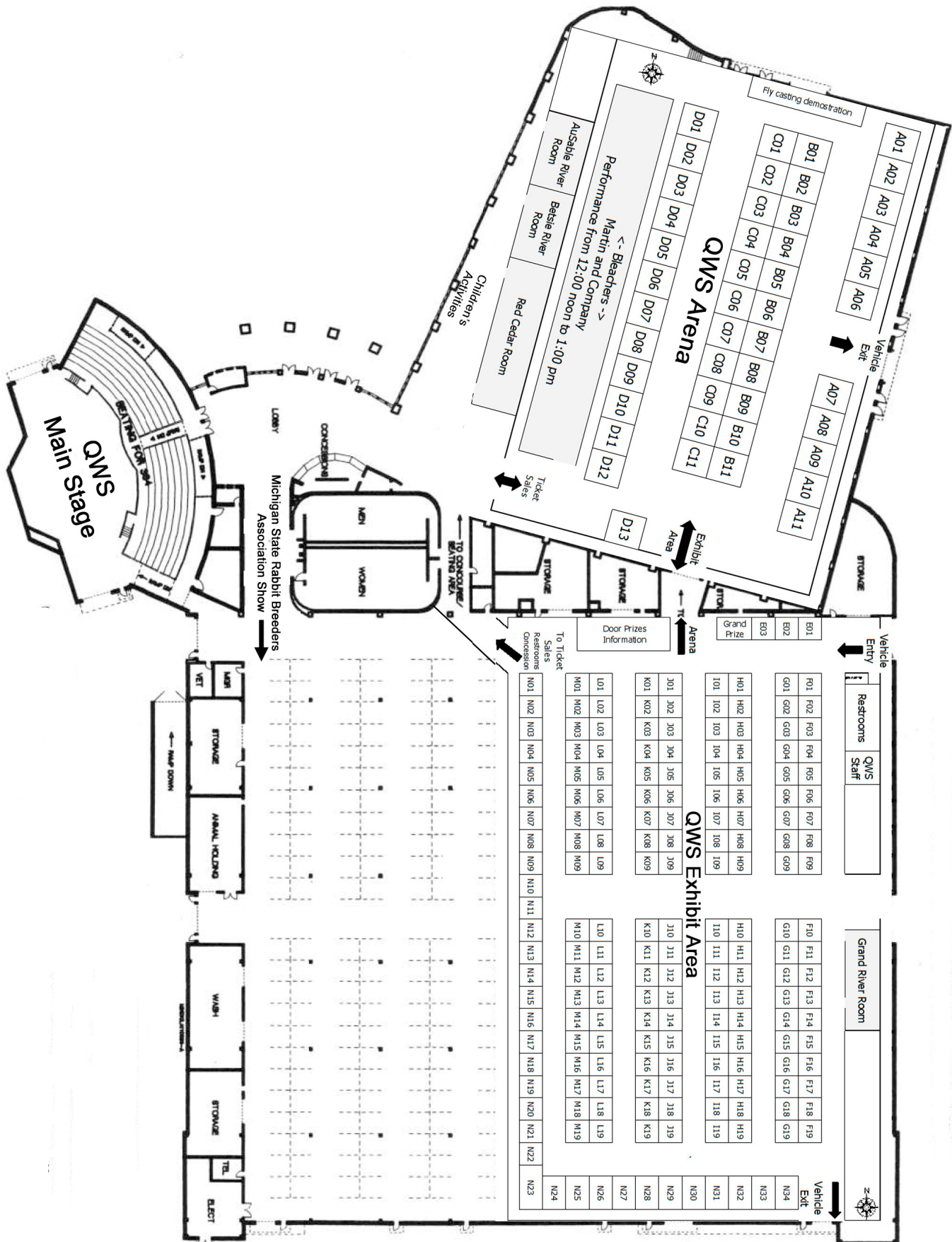
- **Wear a life jacket.** More than 80 percent of drowning accidents in the United States are due to people not wearing their life jackets. In Michigan, anyone under the age of 6 must wear a life jacket when on the open deck of any vessel, but wearing a personal flotation device is recommended for everyone.
- **Avoid drinking alcohol.** Nearly half of all boating accidents involve alcohol. Studies show that passengers are 10 times more likely to fall overboard when they have consumed alcohol.
- **Make sure the boat is properly equipped and equipment is in good working order.** In addition to all legally required equipment, such as life jackets and fire extinguishers, always carry a first-aid kit, nautical charts and an anchor. Make sure navigation lights are working properly.
- **File a float plan.** Always let a family member or friend on shore know the "who, what, when and where" of your trip. Let them know when you are expected to be back. Give them phone numbers for the local emergency dispatch center and U.S. Coast Guard in the event you don't return when expected.
- **Maintain a sharp lookout.** Stay alert for other boats, swimmers, skiers and objects in the water. This is especially true when operating in crowded waterways, at night and during conditions of restricted visibility.



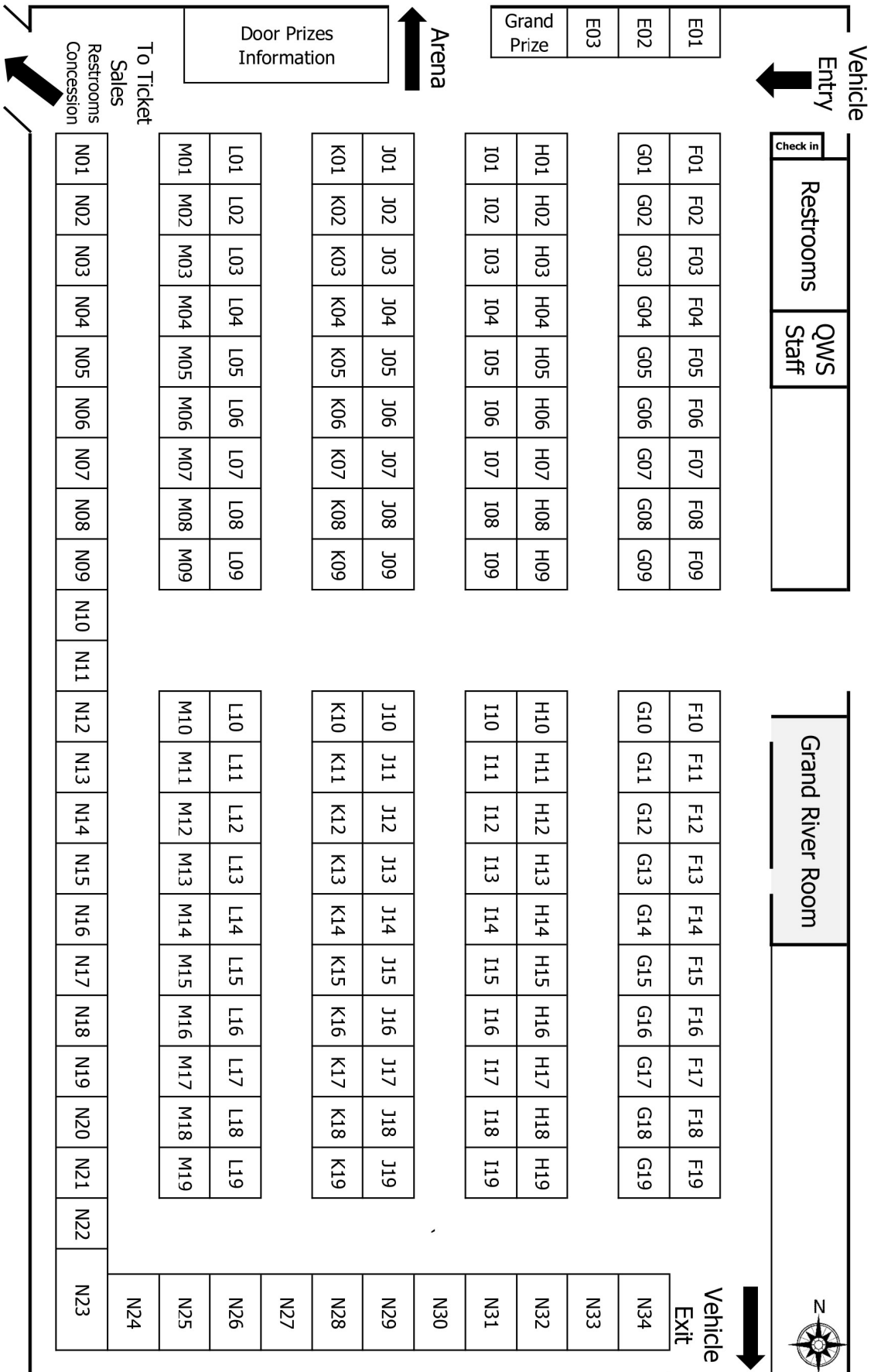
*"It is not so much for its beauty that the forest makes a claim upon men's hearts, as for that subtle something, that quality of air that emanation from old trees, that so wonderfully changes and renews a weary spirit."*

—Robert Louis Stevenson

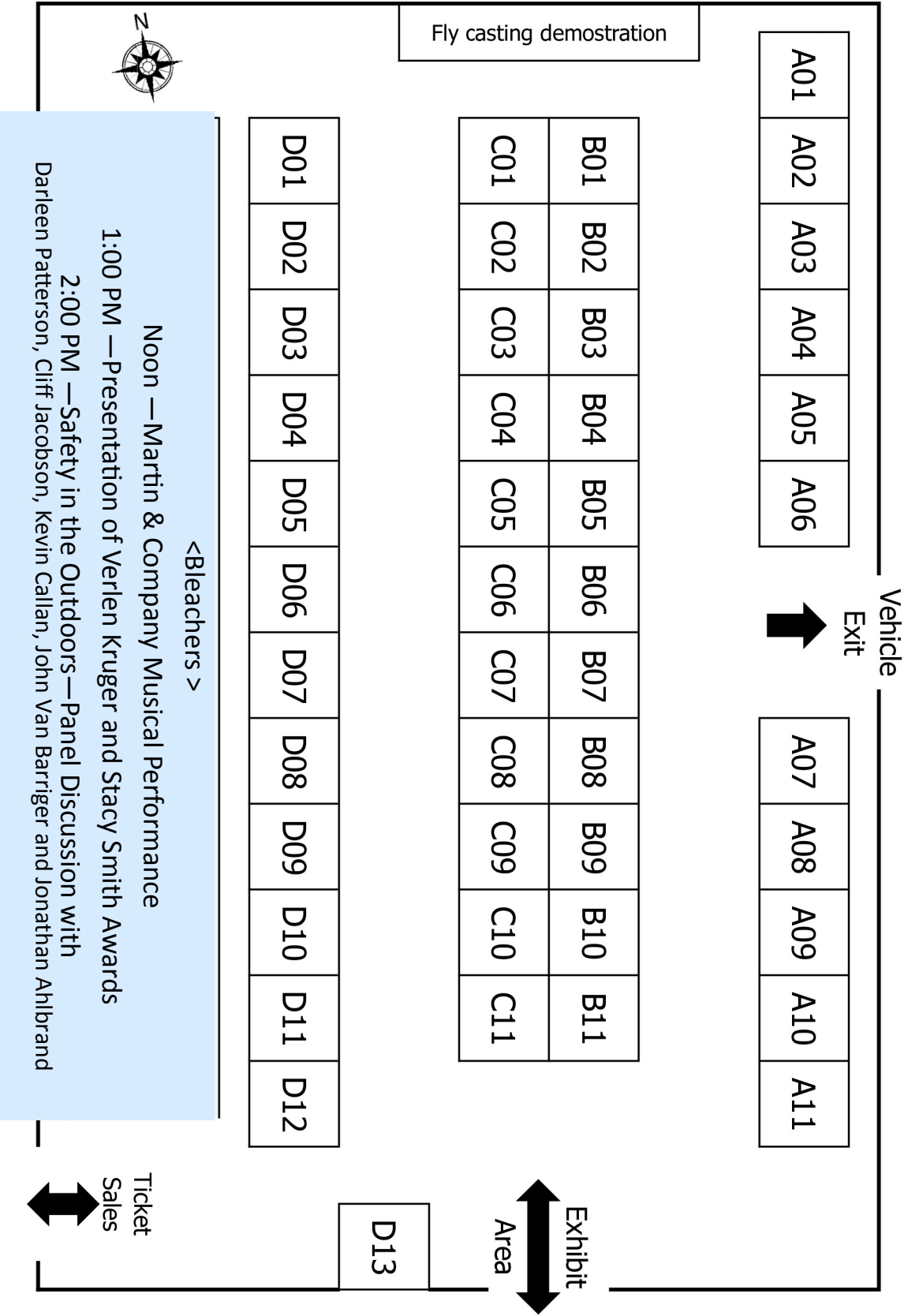
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*"The long distance hiker, a breed set apart, From the likes of the usual pack. He'll shoulder his gear, be hittin' the trail;  
Long gone, long 'fore he'll be back." — M.J. Eberhart*



## EXHIBITORS (Alphabetically with booth number)

BOOTH NO.	ORGANIZATION	DESCRIPTION
<b>N06</b>	<b>American Canoe Association</b> ▶ Derek Brinks	Focused on promoting safe paddling. Instruction, stewardship, safety and competition (your Olympic teams) are its hallmarks. If you paddle, the ACA has your back...get involved!
<b>N21</b>	<b>Aquatic Adventures of MI</b> ▶ Kim Parker ▶ kimparker@aquaticadventuresofmi.com	We sell SCUBA fun. Offering classes, equipment, travel and service.
<b>D04</b>	<b>AuSable River Center</b> ▶ Pam Tucker ▶ info@ausablerivercenter.org	Cedar strip canoes/kayaks built by members of AuSable River Center and perhaps one of Verlen Kruger's boats.
<b>B09</b>	<b>Avian Nesting Boxes Unlimited</b> ▶ Jerry Link ▶ link_gerald@yahoo.com	Sample nesting boxes and feeders, books featuring nesting box plans, local source listings of materials and hardware, and a collection of hand tools useful in nesting box production.
<b>L06</b>	<b>Barry Conservation District</b> ▶ Sarah Nelson	The Barry Conservation District's mission is to promote responsible natural resource and land-use management for present and future generations. BCD works on a wide variety of conservation, education, and outreach initiatives including forestry, farm practices, invasive species management, water resource conservation, land management, and outdoor recreation.
<b>K16</b>	<b>Barry County Parks and Recreation</b> ▶ Patricia Johns ▶ parks@barrycounty.org	We encourage residents and visitors to explore Barry County. The board oversees McKeown Bridge Park and 6.5 miles of the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail. It provides grants to municipalities and school districts in the county to increase recreation within the county.
<b>G13</b>	<b>Bike Tour Vacations LLC</b> ▶ Jim Plaunt ▶ jim@biketourvacations.com	Offers public and private bike tours across the Great Lakes region, including both road tours and traffic-free trail tours. Cycling is an important part of each tour, however, most tours have optional hiking or canoeing at some point.
<b>K19</b>	<b>Brookhaven Lake</b> ▶ Jeff Johnson ▶ jeffjohnsonriverguide@yahoo.com	Teaching beginners fly fishing at Brookhaven Lake in Clair, Michigan
<b>F14</b>	<b>Campus to Coast/MSU Outdoors Club</b> ▶ Joe Dewan ▶ MSUOutdoorsclub@gmail.com	Campus to Coast is a 160-mile paddle sport adventure race put on by the Michigan State University Outdoors Club. The race starts in Okemos on the Red Cedar River and ends in Grand Haven.
<b>N07</b>	<b>Canoe Reflections, Canoe-Camping for Women</b> ▶ Sally Van Cise ▶ sally@canoereflections.com	One- and three-day canoe-camping trips for women, along the Manistee River in Northern Michigan. Most foods and gear are provided. We camp along the river, on state-held lands.
<b>N03</b>	<b>Canoeing Michigan Rivers</b> ▶ Doc Fletcher ▶ weekendcanoeingmi@gmail.com	Information and suggestions available to assist in planning Michigan canoe or kayak trips.
<b>A07</b>	<b>Capital City Dragon Boat Race</b> ▶ Patsy King ▶ lansingdragonboat@gmail.com	Stop by and pick up a shirt from previous years, or a poster, get an application for 2018 or sign up as an exhibitor! We'll have a video of the CCDBR in action along with some kids activities.
<b>J14</b>	<b>Capital City Scuba</b> ▶ Connie Iszler ▶ contact@capitalcityscuba.com	Offers a superior line of dive and aquatic equipment, certifications and diving destinations to the Great Lakes and Beyond.
<b>F16</b>	<b>Chicago Adventure Therapy</b> ▶ Andrea Knepper ▶ andrea@chicagoadventuretherapy.org	Chicago Adventure Therapy (CAT) works with under-resourced Chicago youth, using outdoor sports to build life skills. We have a strong commitment to building youth leadership and diverse community.
<b>K03</b>	<b>Chippewa Nature Center</b> ▶ Michelle Fournier	Chippewa Nature Center (Midland, MI) is free and open year-round with 1,200 acres to explore, 19+ miles of trails and access points on the Chippewa River. Free paddling maps and more.
<b>I06</b>	<b>Chippewa Watershed Conservancy</b> ▶ Jon Breithaupt ▶ jon@chippewawatershedconservancy.org	The Chippewa Watershed Conservancy is a nonprofit conservation organization that protects land and water in five-county Central Michigan service area.

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<b>I14</b>	<b>City of Eaton Rapids</b> ▶ Troy Stowell	The Eaton Rapids Outdoor Recreation Center opened in 2017, featuring kayak rentals along the beautiful Grand River from Eaton Rapids north. Housed at Mill Pointe Park in the island city, guests have the opportunity to kayak the newly installed Rapids at Mill Pointe, a 6 weir natural rock structure that replaced a 100+ year old low head sanitation dam.
<b>L16</b>	<b>Clark Lake Yacht Club</b> ▶ Nick Tanis ▶ clyc@clarklakeyachtclub.org	A member managed sailing, boating, and social club. Facility located on Clark Lake with club house and docks. New members welcome.
<b>H06</b>	<b>Clinton River Watershed Council</b> ▶ Amanda Oparka ▶ amanda@crwc.org	CRWC will have information on our WaterTowns program, up-to-date paddling information for the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair water trails and other information on recreation in the watershed.
<b>K15</b>	<b>Coldwater River Watershed Council</b> ▶ Samuel Pyle ▶ tylercreekgolf@gmail.com	Coldwater River Watershed Council dedicated to restoring and preserving the Coldwater River Watershed since 1996. Always looking for volunteers to help with tree planting, invasive removal, and log jam management.
<b>M17</b>	<b>Committee to Ban Fracking in Michigan</b> ▶ LuAnne Kozma ▶ luanne@letsbanfracking.org	Committee to Ban Fracking in Michigan, a ballot initiative committee, is collecting signatures to ban horizontal fracking and frack wastes statewide.
<b>A01</b>	<b>Crossing Water</b> ▶ Michael Hood ▶ oldvoyageur@gmail.com	We will have information and a display table regarding our humanitarian relief work in Flint during the Flint Water crisis. We will also have a demonstration of a traditional Sami nomadic shelter... the Laavu
<b>M06</b>	<b>DNR-Parks &amp; Recreation Division</b> ▶ Kriss Bennett	Michigan State Parks offer numerous parks, recreation areas, trails, and waterways where outdoor recreation enthusiasts can engage in their favorite outdoor activity.
<b>J13</b>	<b>Downriver Linked Greenways Initiative</b> ▶ Anita Twardesky ▶ anita@riversidekayak.com	Downriver Linked Greenways Initiative is a community driven regional effort to coordinate non-motorized transportation in the Downriver area of Southeast Michigan.
<b>G04</b>	<b>Drummond Island Tall Ship Co</b> ▶ Julie Covert ▶ sail@ditallship.com	Sail aboard Schooner Huron Jewel, the Great Lake's newest tall ship located on Drummond Island: cruises, private charters, and weddings.
<b>N32</b>	<b>Earth's Edge</b> ▶ Karl Tucker ▶ noah@earthsedgeusa.com	The latest in Kayaks and Canoes from various manufacturers. Accessories for the best paddling experience. Many last year models and Demo boats at great pricing.
<b>G05</b>	<b>Eastern U.P. Regional Planning &amp; Development Commission</b> ▶ Ellen Benoit ▶ agency@eup-planning.org	Water and Land Trail information on the Eastern Upper Conservation District resources and how you can help keep our water clean.
<b>K07</b>	<b>Eaton Conservation District</b> ▶ Sue Spagnuolo ▶ sue.spagnuolo@macd.org	Eaton Conservation District will screen drinking water well samples for nitrate and nitrite. Screening available for residents of Ingham and Eaton counties who have private wells for drinking water. Complete instructions and Sample Information Sheet: <a href="http://www.eatoncd.org">www.eatoncd.org</a> .
<b>K08</b>	<b>Eaton County Parks &amp; Friends of Eaton County</b> ▶ Jackie Blanc ▶ parksdept@eatoncounty.org	Eaton County Parks - A memorable outdoor experience. Local great getaways and opportunities for all ages.
<b>B06</b>	<b>Eckert</b> ▶ Michael Eckert ▶ mike.eckert@tds.net	Mike Eckert designs and builds solo canoes in Perry, MI. The boats have been shown at various shows including the annual Wooden Boat show in Mystic, CT where a first place award was received for one of his models.
<b>F01</b>	<b>Fine Line Studio</b> ▶ Jeff Bleijerveld ▶ jeffbleijerveld@mac.com	Fine Line Studio focuses on creating beautiful pen and ink drawings of wildlife. We have prints in a variety of sizes, blank greeting cards and some originals.
<b>J06</b>	<b>Flint River Watershed Coalition</b> ▶ Rebecca Fedewa ▶ info@FlintRiver.org	Travel the Flint River water trail! From rural to urban, from advanced to novice, there's something for everyone on the Flint River water trail.
<b>G19</b>	<b>Friends of Park Lake</b> ▶ Ray Kotke	To inform attendees about the growing possibilities of outdoor quiet water/land recreation in the Bath Township/Park Lake area along with information on new Nature Preserve plans and water trails.

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<b>M18</b>	<b>Friends of the Lansing Regional Trails</b> ▶ Jeff Smith ▶ team@redpaddle.org	Friends of the Lansing Regional Trails continues to promote activities along the trail thru the RedPaddle kayak race (RedPaddle.org) and the DirtyFeat Adventure Race (DirtyFeat.org).
<b>J09</b>	<b>Friends of the Looking Glass Watershed</b> ▶ Kerry Orr ▶ www.lookingglassriverfriends.org	A non-profit organization to promote education and enjoyment of the Looking Glass Watershed. Opportunities for volunteering are available to promote maintaining the watershed for current and future generations.
<b>J08</b>	<b>Friends of the Maple River</b> ▶ Jon Morrison ▶ FOMR_Info@friendsofthemapleriver.org	Come see us to learn about the Maple River watershed, how you can help and we'll share what tips we have to taking a float on the main stem of the River anywhere between Ovid and Muir both located on M-21.
<b>G06</b>	<b>Friends of the Rouge</b> ▶ Sally Petrella ▶ spetrella@therouge.org	Friends of the Rouge 3D terrain model of the Rouge River Watershed and information about paddling the Rouge River.
<b>J04</b>	<b>Friends of the Shiawassee River</b> ▶ Joyce Haak	The mission of the Friends of the Shiawassee River is to Care, by maintaining and improving the health of the river; Share, by enhancing the community's appreciation and knowledge of the river; and Enjoy, by increasing recreational access and responsible use of the river.
<b>J03</b>	<b>Friends of the St. Clair River Watershed</b> ▶ Dan Danner ▶ Friends of the St. Clair River Facebook	Offering fun, educational and stewardship activities to engage our community in protecting our water resources and the environment. Every Monday at 10 am, we walk the Blue Water River Walk and Wetlands County Park in Port Huron.
<b>J07</b>	<b>Friends of Wabakimi</b> ▶ Chuck Clise	Friends of Wabakimi is an Ontario-biased not-for-profit corporation created to support the volunteer efforts of The Wabakimi Project begun in 2004 to rehabilitate and document canoe routes in the Wabakimi Area.
<b>D01</b>	<b>Gasper Exhibit</b> ▶ Fred Gasper	Nine foot drift pram of exhibitors design. The hull is mahogany plywood with cherry trim. Laminated canoepaddles, kayak paddles, and oars.
<b>F13</b>	<b>Girl Scouts Troop</b> ▶ Kristy Medes	Girl Scouts earn petals/badges, join a troop, explore nature and the outdoors, and participate in the cookie sales program.
<b>G14</b>	<b>Go Green Trikes, LLC</b> ▶ Yvonne LeFave	Will have one of their trikes on display, a photo exhibit from their "hauls of fame" collection, and highlighting their newest service: chemical and gas-free lawn services which utilizes a tricycle and electric & hand tools.
<b>H07</b>	<b>Grand River Environmental Action Team (GREAT)</b> ▶ Kenny Price ▶ Grand@great-mi.org	Grand River Environmental Action Team (GREAT) promotes the protection and preservation of the Upper Grand River Watershed through activities and educational programs.
<b>H08</b>	<b>Grand Valley Metro Council</b> ▶ Rachel Frantz ▶ info@lgrow.org	The Grand River is the longest river in Michigan (252 miles). The Upper Grand River Watershed Alliance, Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds, and Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds are working together to develop a sustainable, enjoyable, and safe water trail for residents and tourists alike. Visit our booth for the most recent updates on what will soon be the longest water trail in Michigan.
<b>L08</b>	<b>Grass River Natural Area</b> ▶ James Dake ▶ james@grassriver.org	We are a 1,492-acre preserve in Antrim County, Northern Michigan. We manage the natural area, conserve its watershed, and provide opportunities for knowledge, appreciation, and community-wide stewardship. We have a stream table demonstration to teach stream ecology.
<b>M13</b>	<b>Great Lakes Paddlers Club</b> ▶ Linda Kortesoja ▶ president@greatlakespaddlers.org	A non-profit organization based in southeastern Michigan. We have monthly meetings and the club also tries to hold at least one announced paddling event each month during the summer months of the year.
<b>M10</b>	<b>Great Lakes Paddlesports</b> ▶ Tony Garczynski ▶ info@greatlakespaddlesports.com	Great Lakes Paddle Sports offer the best in kayak and SUP outfitting. From Current Designs, Wildy and Zegul kayaks, to lightweight gear to improve your experience, GLPS works hard so that you don't have to.

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<b>N20</b>	<b>Great Lakes Surf Rescue Project</b> ▶ Bob Pratt ▶ bob.pratt@glsrc.org	RECOGNIZE-RESPOND and RESUSCITATE! We will be covering drowning myths and basic rescue techniques. Learn to respond while putting yourself at minimal risk and how to properly resuscitate a drowning victim.
<b>I11</b>	<b>Great North Real Estate</b> ▶ Steve Shaw ▶ steve@greatnorthre.com	Northern Michigan and Eastern UP lake and river front real estate.
<b>G02</b>	<b>Gryphon Gear Inc.</b> ▶ Gary Benninger ▶ gary@gryphongear.com	Designs and manufactures world class down quilts and sleeping bags in Michigan. Our gear has been used by backpackers and mountaineers world wide. Visit <a href="http://www.gryphongear.com">www.gryphongear.com</a> for an outstanding line of products or you can also contact us for your custom equipment needs.
<b>J05</b>	<b>Headwaters Trails, Inc</b> ▶ Rex Mathewson	Group promoting recreational activities along the Shiawassee River.
<b>N04</b>	<b>Heavner Canoe &amp; Kayak Rental</b> ▶ Alan Heavner ▶ alanheavner@hotmail.com	We have been a family-owned and operated business for over 50 years, with over 200 canoes and kayaks for sale or rent. Experience wilderness canoeing close to home. Canoe or kayak the beautiful Huron river.
<b>F10</b>	<b>Hiawatha Shore to Shore of North Country Trail</b> ▶ Bill Courtois ▶ hss@northcountrytrail.org	Hiawatha Shore to Shore volunteers maintain, promote, improve, and enjoy the North Country National Scenic Trail with the assistance of government and community partners.
<b>I10</b>	<b>Houghton Lake Area Tourism Bureau</b> ▶ Adele Woskobojsnik ▶ info@visithoughtonlake.com	Roscommon County is a destination for quiet water sports with its Blue Water Trail on Houghton Lake, canoeing and kayaking the South Branch of the AuSable River and Muskegon River, and ADA kayak launch on Lake St. Helen and at Wallace Park in Roscommon.
<b>G03</b>	<b>Huron River Water Trail</b> ▶ Pam Labadie ▶ <a href="http://huronriverwatertrail.org/">http://huronriverwatertrail.org/</a>	Huron River Water Trail is a 104-mile inland paddling trail connecting people to the river's natural environment, its history and the communities it touches in Michigan's Lower Peninsula. Plan your trip with our newly updated Paddler's Companion, a waterproof flipbook of 28 maps.
<b>K06</b>	<b>Ingham Conservation District</b> ▶ Michelle Beloskur ▶ info@inghamconservation.com	Stop by to learn about local conservation and aquatic invasive species management efforts in Mid-Michigan - free educational materials!
<b>K09</b>	<b>Ingham County Parks</b> ▶ Jeff Gehl	Ingham County Parks Department offers many recreational opportunities ranging from River access to Environmental Educational opportunities.
<b>F03</b>	<b>International Wildlife Refuge Alliance</b> ▶ Joann Van Aken ▶ iwr_alliance@yahoo.com	We are the nonprofit Friends Organization supporting the mission of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge in SE Michigan on the lower Detroit River and western basin of Lake Erie. Learn about educational and recreational opportunities in the Refuge and experience the Traveling Nature Store. Donations will help in providing educational materials in the new Visitor Center.
<b>G11</b>	<b>Isle Royale &amp; Keweenaw Parks Association</b> ▶ Sandy Wilhoit ▶ kbradof@irkpa.org	We work with two of this country's most unique national parks, Isle Royale National Park and the Keweenaw National Historic Park. Members of the Association provide financial support for our efforts to share the stories of these two very special parks with park visitors, schoolchildren, and people around the world.
<b>H11</b>	<b>Isle Royale/ North Country Trail Jordan Valley 45° Chapter</b> ▶ Peggy Jones ▶ j45@northcountrytrail.org	We build, maintain, and enjoy hiking on the North Country Trail between Kalkaska and Petoskey, MI. Our group ranges from beginners to Appalachian Trail hikers. We're looking forward to significant trail projects in the Jordan River Valley in 2018 and invite you to join us for a hike or a work day.
<b>L01</b>	<b>Jacobson Exhibit</b> ▶ Cliff Jacobson ▶ info@cliffcanoe.com	Books and videos for sale. Your questions about canoeing and camping enthusiastically answered!
<b>K05</b>	<b>Johnson's Workbench</b> ▶ Tim Johnson ▶ info@theworkbench.com	Hardwood Domestic and Imported, Marine Plywood, Woodworking machinery and supplies, marine epoxy, marine finishes and hardware.
<b>F11</b>	<b>Kruger Canoe Exhibit</b> ▶ Mark Walton	Stop by to discuss the Kruger Canoes, paddling gear, and trip destinations.

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<b>N12</b>	<b>Krupa's Boat Mart</b> ▶ Jessie Morris ▶ jmorris@krupas.com	Krupa's Paddle Sport Center featuring kayaks, stand up paddle boards and accessories.
<b>M01</b>	<b>Lake Superior Watershed Conservancy</b> ▶ Gary and Joanie McGuffin ▶ Info@superiorconservancy.org	Learn about the Lake Superior Watershed Conservancy and innovative work of this international non profit to protect the health of the planet's largest expanse of freshwater. LSWC caps, coffee and cards, and McGuffin books and DVDs available.
<b>J01</b>	<b>Lansing Oar and Paddle Club</b> ▶ Jay Hanks ▶ witewtr58@aol.com	A non-profit corporation to promote interest in all aspects of human-powered watercraft in mid-Michigan. LOAPC is actively involved in the Lansing community on river clean-ups and river-related projects.
<b>L18</b>	<b>Lansing Rowing Club</b> ▶ Cheryl Engfehr ▶ LansingRowing@gmail.com	Located on the beautiful Grand River, we provide facilities and equipment to people who want to row. Beginner classes are offered in the summer and group rows throughout the season. Racing options are also available.
<b>N17</b>	<b>Lansing Sail and Power Squadron</b> ▶ Philip White ▶ www.lansingpowersquadron.org	The Lansing Sail and Power Squadron offers boater safety and boater education classes. The squadron also offers free vessel safety inspections.
<b>N22</b>	<b>Lansing Sailing Club</b> ▶ Susanna Wagner ▶ membership@lansingsailing.org	Discover the world of sailing - join us on the sunset-side of Lake Lansing, learn to sail, race, come to paddle, bring the family and enjoy the bliss of time spent on the water.
<b>H16</b>	<b>League of Michigan Bicyclists</b> ▶ Ben Saint-Onge ▶ ben@lmb.org	We promote safe cycling on Michigan roadways. Stop by to pick up some literature and swag, or sign up for a membership to show your support for making Michigan bicycling better!
<b>N08</b>	<b>Lee's Adventure Sports</b> ▶ Jonnie Johnson ▶ contact@leesadventuresports.com	Lee's offers premium products from the leading outdoor brands for activities such as kayaking, camping, backpacking, skiing, mountain climbing or something in between.
<b>G07</b>	<b>Les Cheneaux Islands Area Tourist Association</b> ▶ Jeri Cole ▶ welcomecenter@lescheneaux.org	The Les Cheneaux Islands area lies east of the Mackinac Bridge, along the northern shore of Lake Huron. The 36 island archipelago provides sheltered channels and two small villages to explore.
<b>A08</b>	<b>Leslie Science &amp; Nature Center</b> ▶ Brea Haywood ▶ info@lesliesnc.org	Meet a live raptor, reptile, amphibian, arachnid, or insect and learn about the delicate balance that allows them to survive both individually and together as wildlife who share a habitat.
<b>F06</b>	<b>LeValley Outdoors L.L.C.</b> ▶ Jonathon LeValley ▶ jon@levalleyoutdoors.com	Restored axes, new and used knives and other assorted camping and outdoor gear.
<b>K02</b>	<b>LIAA</b> ▶ Harry Burkholder ▶ burkholder@liaa.org	Featuring Michigan's Water Trail Website (michiganwatertrails.org) – learn about the site and how to get your water trail information posted.
<b>B02</b>	<b>Lindahl Composite Design</b> ▶ John Lindahl ▶ jlcdlindahl@gmail.com	Composite products including boats, furniture and accessory items. I use a variety of wood, fiberglass and carbon fiber held together with marine grade epoxy.
<b>K04</b>	<b>LIVEout</b> ▶ John and LaNae Abnet	Life is too short to sit on the banks watching the water go by, wondering... wondering where the water flows, wondering what can be seen on the banks downstream, wondering who we could meet at the edge of the water, wondering.... Sitting is safe, but all these questions will never be answered, and we stay in a state of wondering, while sitting in silence, so.... We decided to LIVEout-loud.
<b>A09</b>	<b>Mackinaw Watercraft</b> ▶ Allen Deming ▶ Allen@MackinawWatercraft.com	Mackinaw Watercraft custom built wooden canoes, kayaks and paddles. Award winning designs by acclaimed boat builder and artist Allen Deming.
<b>D09</b>	<b>Matuli Paddle Surf</b> ▶ Joe Matulis ▶ matulipaddlesurf@gmail.com	A Michigan Stand up Paddle Board Company.
<b>I12</b>	<b>Merrell</b> ▶ Matt Stoutenburg ▶ matt.stoutenburg@merrell.com	We will be featuring hiking and hydro hiking styles from the spring and fall 2018 lines, a hydro-hiking demo to show the quick draining and drying features of selected styles, and a drawing for 2 free pair of shoes.
<b>L10</b>	<b>Michigan Alliance for Environmental and Outdoor Education</b> ▶ Brittany Burgess	Serves as the statewide network and advocate for professionals who are educating Michigan citizens toward environmental literacy, stewardship and outdoor recreation.

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<b>L05</b>	<b>Michigan Audubon</b> ▶ Rachelle Roake ▶ birds@michiganaudubon.org	Purple Martins are delightfully acrobatic birds that quietly swoop above lakes, rivers, and open meadows. Unfortunately, they are declining in Michigan, in part due to a shortage of suitable houses and gourds which they depend on for nesting. Stop by the exhibit for a demonstration by Purple Martin expert Penny Briscoe about how to select the proper type of housing, prepare housing in spring, and monitor and care for these charming birds.
<b>M09</b>	<b>Michigan Back Roads</b> ▶ Ron Rademacher ▶ ron@michiganbackroads.com	Michigan Back Roads books about road trips and trails in Michigan. Several water trails are included in the contents of these books.
<b>J19</b>	<b>Michigan Canoe Racing Association</b> ▶ Lynne Witte ▶ miracing.com	MCRA promotes & sanctions a schedule of races throughout Michigan. MCRA promotes clinics and training venues.
<b>A05</b>	<b>Michigan Chapter of the WCHA</b> ▶ Debbie Darga ▶ wcha.org	The Wooden Canoe Heritage Association is a non-profit membership organization devoted to preserving, studying, building, restoring, and using wooden and bark canoes, and to disseminating information about canoeing heritage throughout the world.
<b>D10</b>	<b>Michigan Forest Association</b> ▶ Lisa Parker ▶ info@michiganforests.org	Michigan Forest Association promotes education about the sustainable management of our state's public and private woodland resources. Got a question? come ask a professional Forester!
<b>L15</b>	<b>Michigan Geocaching Org. (MiGO)</b> ▶ Stephen Fritz ▶ info@mi-geocaching.org	Michigan Geocaching Organization (MiGO) promoting the activity of geocaching state wide on both land and water.
<b>H13</b>	<b>Michigan Hiking and Backpacking Group</b> ▶ Tom Funke	This Facebook group arranges day hikes, overnights and weeklong treks in Michigan and nearby. We discuss and share our trips and pictures.
<b>L14</b>	<b>Michigan Maritime Museum</b> ▶ Ashley Deming ▶ info@michiganmaritimemuseum.org	Dedicated to the preservation of Michigan Great Lakes and waterways maritime history and culture through on-water experiences, interpretive exhibits, educational programming, and events. We're more than just a boat ride!
<b>N10</b>	<b>Michigan Sea Grant</b> ▶ Cindy Hudson ▶ rregist@umich.edu	Stop by and play a fishing game to learn about the wide range of coastal and Great Lakes information Michigan Sea Grant provides!
<b>J15</b>	<b>Michigan Trails &amp; Greenways Alliance</b> ▶ Mary McGuire Slevin ▶ info@michigantrails.org	We are the statewide voice for non-motorized trail users, helping people build, connect and promote multi-use trails for a healthier and more prosperous Michigan. Visit us to learn more about the work we do, how we can consult with your community and how you can help ensure the future of Michigan's trails by becoming a member, making a donation or joining us in one of our many fundraising trail events.
<b>B01</b>	<b>Michigan Trout Unlimited Fly Fishing School</b> ▶ Mike Mouradian ▶ Mouradia@gmail.com	Michigan Trout unlimited fly fishing invites you to try fly casting . For 48 years, we have offered a school each summer, taught by volunteers near Traverse City
<b>L07</b>	<b>Michigan United Conservation Clubs</b> ▶ Tyler Butler ▶ tbutler@mucc.org	We are the largest statewide conservation organization in the nation. Our mission is to unite citizens to conserve, protect and enhance Michigan's natural resources and outdoor heritage. The Michigan Out-of-Doors Youth Camp is a week-long residential program run out of the Waterloo Recreation Area for children 9-11 years of age.
<b>L03</b>	<b>MichiganTrailMaps.com</b> ▶ Jim DuFresne	The ultimate source on trails in Michigan. No matter how close to home you want to stay or how far you want to get away, we have the information, details and the maps on a trail for you.
<b>H09</b>	<b>Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds</b> ▶ Loretta Crum ▶ mgrow@mgrow.org	We protect and preserve the history and natural resources of the Middle Grand and tributary streams. We sponsor tributary expeditions every two years with the Red Cedar River Expedition May 31-June 3, 2018, leading up to Grand River Expedition 2020.
<b>M07</b>	<b>Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Committee</b> ▶ Theresa Lark ▶ midmeac@gmail.com	Promoting environmental stewardship in Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton Counties.
<b>I15</b>	<b>Moosejaw Mountaineering</b> ▶ Nate Holt	Moosejaw Mountaineering is probably at least your third favorite outfitter, with giveaways and a drawing! Visit employees who are knowledgeable, experienced paddlers. Probably the most fun you will have all year.



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<b>D06</b>	<b>Motor City Dragons - Dragon Boat Team</b> ▶ Csilla Gutay ▶ motorcitydragons@gmail.com	Stop by to see the technique to paddle, drum and steer a 40-foot Dragon Boat – it's a full-body work! This TEAM Sport provides camaraderie and is safe as there are 20 paddlers, one drummer and a steerer!
<b>H19</b>	<b>MSU Bikes Service Center</b> ▶ Tim Potter ▶ bikes@msu.edu / www.bikes.msu.edu	Learn basics of hands-on bike maintenance from MSU Bikes' staff. MSU Bikes is one of only a few bike shops owned/operated by a university in the USA and offers its services and products to anyone year-round.
<b>D13</b>	<b>MSU Department of Physics &amp; Astronomy</b> ▶ Laura Chomiuk	Sign up for a public night of stargazing after the QWS (weather-permitting – it needs to be clear) at the MSU Observatory, next door at 4299 Pavilion Dr., March 3, 7:30pm-9:30pm.
<b>B08</b>	<b>MSU Fisheries and Wildlife</b> ▶ Jean Tsao	Dr. Tsao will help you identify ticks found in Michigan, and highlight which ones you should be looking out for. These small insects may turn a tiny bite into a larger problem.
<b>N18</b>	<b>MSU Sailing Center</b> ▶ Scott Petritz ▶ msusailing.com	We provide sailing and paddle sport instruction and experiential education opportunities for MSU students and the general public. Our facility on Lake Lansing provides a safe and fun environment to develop new skills!
<b>N11</b>	<b>Naturalist Scouts</b> ▶ Larry Lindsay ▶ larrylindsay@centurylink.net	We will have brochures for the Maumee Valley Tri-Adventure Race, and many photos.
<b>L02</b>	<b>Naturally Superior Adventures</b> ▶ David Wells ▶ info@naturallysuperior.com	For 23 years on Lake Superior between Lake Superior Park and Pukaskwa National Park, we have been running sea kayak, and Voyager Canoe trips on Canada's Lake Superior coast, as well as one of the only B&B/lodge accommodations on Canada's Superior coast.
<b>H15</b>	<b>North Country Trail; Chief Noonday Chapter</b> ▶ Larry Pio ▶ cnd@northcountrytrail.org	We help build, promote, maintain, and protect the 4600 mile North Country National Scenic Trail within Calhoun, Kalamazoo, and Barry Counties.
<b>M08</b>	<b>Northern Forest Canoe Trail</b> ▶ Mack Truax ▶ info@northernforestcanoetrail.org	Stop by to learn more about America's longest inland water trail. Meet thru-paddler Mack Truax who has kayaked the Northern Forest Canoe Trail more than once!
<b>I19</b>	<b>Northern Waters Adventures</b> ▶ Carl Hansen ▶ paddlingnorthernwaters@gmail.com	With a perfect safety record for over 26 years, we have provided exciting and safe guided sea kayak tours to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore! Join us for a half- or full- day or evening guided tour, no experience required. Well-known for well-trained guides, great customer service, low prices & high Trip Adviser ratings.
<b>J18</b>	<b>Odyssey Gear Rental</b> ▶ Don Heck ▶ info@odysseygearrental.com	Odyssey Gear Rental provides high end backpacking and camping gear for rent to interested parties. We offer individual pieces as well as packages and are capable of outfitting large groups.
<b>K17</b>	<b>Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind</b> ▶ Gwen Botting ▶ gwen@oubmichigan.org	A small non-profit that operates summer camps for children who are blind or have low vision. Over half of our staff each year are also blind or have low vision. We have several staff positions available for those who love being outdoors and want to work with some very special kids. Also seeking enthusiastic young people to be staff members. Stop by our booth to check out the amazing photos we have of our campers and the things they learn at camp.
<b>G16</b>	<b>Out Your Back Door, Friends of the Red Cedar, Friends of Ingham County Parks</b> ▶ Jeff Potter ▶ lansingbikecoop@gmail.com	Stop by and learn to fix a flat! Enter our timed fix-a-flat contest! The Lansing Bike Co-op is a place to hang out, work on bikes and help each other. We offer classes and community service.
<b>M12</b>	<b>Paddle Antrim</b> ▶ Deana Jerdee ▶ info@paddleantrim.com	We connect people to Northern Michigan waterways through paddling. We are developing the Chain of Lakes Water Trail and are known for our great paddling events including the annual Paddle Antrim Festival in September. Our focus is protecting our waterways by connecting people to our lakes and rivers through paddling.
<b>B07</b>	<b>Paddle Dynamics/Ozone Midwest Outrigger Canoes</b> ▶ Jeff Schnelle ▶ Paddledynamics@gmail.com	We are the area Ozone Outrigger Canoe Dealer also carrying a complete line of Quickblade, ZRE, Puakea Paddles, Epic Kayak accessories, KayakPro EZ-Vee roof rack systems, and Motionize Kayak Tracker.

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<b>L11</b>	<b>Paddle For A Cure</b> ▶ Josh Taylor ▶ joshuahtaylor13@gmail.com	Paddle For a Cure Huntington Disease fundraiser. Hastings, Michigan on May 19.
<b>F02</b>	<b>Paw Paw Paddle Works</b> ▶ Richard Barnhart ▶ rab37689@gmail.com	Hand made canoe, kayak and standup board paddles by Richard A. Barnhart. Also offering hand crafted mini paddles. If I do not have the paddle you are looking for, I can make it for you.
<b>L12</b>	<b>Payne Creative Solutions LLC</b> ▶ Timothy Payne ▶ topdog@paynecreativesolutions.com	We offer walking art in the form of screen-printed garments, embroidered hats, and coffee mugs, to name a few items. Designs feature Michigan and all things that the Quiet Water Symposium stand for.
<b>G15</b>	<b>Pedal Across Lower Michigan</b> ▶ Bettina Brander ▶ palmbiketour@yahoo.com	PALM is a non-profit group of volunteers dedicated to teaching people the joy of bicycle touring, while enjoying scenic Michigan.
<b>B04</b>	<b>Peebles Exhibit</b> ▶ Walter Peebles ▶ peeblesw@msu.edu	On display are three recently built traditional skin-on-frame boats in the Irish and Welsh traditions: a 16' Sheephaven currach, an 8.5' Donegal Paddling Currach, and a Taf River Coracle. The currachs were exhibited as frames only last year, and are now complete.
<b>L04</b>	<b>Phil Stagg Photography</b> ▶ Phil Stagg ▶ phil@staggmachine.com	Stop by to see hundreds of waterfalls that Michigan has to offer! Whether wanting to discover our waterfalls in person or view them from the comfort of your home, we have guidebooks, calendars, postcards, magnets, and the like to assist you. We also have other Michigan related items that you are sure to enjoy!
<b>J12</b>	<b>Port Austin Kayak Symposium</b> ▶ Louise Flory ▶ info@riversidekayak.com	Port Austin Kayak Symposium, held on Lake Huron, is a small, friendly kayak symposium with instruction and tours for all levels of kayakers.
<b>A02</b>	<b>Qajaq USA</b> ▶ Tim Gallaway	Qajaq USA is the American Chapter of Qaannat Kattuffiat-the Greenland Kayak Association. We are a small, passionate group of volunteers. We are one of only two affiliated "qajaq" clubs outside of Greenland (the other is Qajaq Copenhagen). These clubs teach kayak building and pass along skills and are a major impetus in keeping the local kayaking traditions alive.
<b>D03</b>	<b>Red Cedar Fly Fishers</b> ▶ Phil Stevens ▶ Philsteve11@gmail.com	The Red Cedar Fly Fishers are a group of dedicated fly fishers, committed to our environment and education.
<b>K13</b>	<b>Red Fox Outfitters</b> ▶ Nick Brown ▶ redfox@redfoxoutfitters.com	Red Fox Outfitters, located in downtown Fenton, Michigan, offers a range of outdoor gear from canoes, kayaks, stand up paddle boards, fly fishing gear, fly fishing casting and tying classes, camping gear, backpacking equipment and much more!
<b>J17</b>	<b>Reel Survival Gear</b> ▶ Troy Daniels ▶ reelsurvival@yahoo.com	Hand made paracord products. Custom orders while you shop.
<b>M14</b>	<b>Risdon Rigs Inc.</b> ▶ Clyde Risdon ▶ risdon3p@risdonrigs.com	WWW.risdonrigs.com We build sled dog equipment, snowshoes, fish nets and snowshoe clocks.
<b>M19</b>	<b>River Town Adventures</b> ▶ Paul Brogan ▶ gopaddle@rivertownadventures.com	River Town Adventures is a kayak and canoe livery located in Downtown Lansing. We provide services on the beautiful Red Cedar and Grand Rivers. Experience the Capital City and surrounding natural areas like never before! Open 7 days a week spring, summer, and fall! RiverTownAdventures.com
<b>J10</b>	<b>Riverside Kayak Connection</b> ▶ Tiffany VanDeHey ▶ tiffany@riversidekayak.com	Our booth will have lots of kayak gear for sale including clothing, shoes, gloves, safety gear, life jackets, and paddles. We will also have information on paddling in Southeast Michigan.
<b>G01</b>	<b>Sault Ste. Marie Area Recreational Trails</b> ▶ Wayne Barry	Walking, paddling and biking trails in Sault Sainte Marie, MI. developed, maintained and promoted by volunteers.
<b>N27</b>	<b>Savage River Works Inc</b> ▶ John Diller ▶ sales@savageriver.com	For over 30 years, we have designed and built ultra-light racing and recreational canoes. Our boats are paddled by many national champions and our line of ultra-light tripping canoes are among the most efficient canoes you'll see in the Boundary Waters. The secret to our success is that we don't only build canoes, we paddle them, as well.

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<b>L09</b>	<b>School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure, and Recreation - SOLAR</b> ▶ Arlene Pearson ▶ www.solaroutdoors.org	We are a volunteer-based organization whose members share their outdoor knowledge and experience with each other via classes and coordinating activities/trips.
<b>I18</b>	<b>Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)</b> ▶ Tyler Klifman ▶ klifman@semcog.org	We work to coordinate planning efforts and promote opportunities related to outdoor recreation in the Metro Detroit region. Their new ParkFinder application compiles data for more than 2,600 parks and trails in Southeast Michigan, allowing users to search among more than 50 recreational amenities in local, county, regional, state, and national parks, along with land and water trails.
<b>B05</b>	<b>Shaka SUP Racing</b> ▶ Elizabeth Maxwell ▶ contactus@shakasupracing.com	We host inland lake SUP and kayak races for all ages/levels. In our 3rd year and we have grown to 6 events in Michigan and Indiana. Our events are partial charity for local organizations, and include short and distance courses.
<b>M16</b>	<b>Sierra Club Michigan</b> ▶ Cecilia Garcia ▶ michigan.chapter@sierraclub.org	For over five decades, we have organized the bold action of citizens to protect and restore our state's natural heritage. Learn about the issues facing Michigan's waterways today and how you can help.
<b>F15</b>	<b>St Stephen's Community Church Sewing Guild</b> ▶ Pat Barnes-McConnell ▶ pbarnesm@gmail.com	Well-known for its unique aprons and lap robes. These are hand-sewn and no two are the same. Wedding cake aprons are a signature item of the Guild. See us at www.weddingcakeaprons.com
<b>H10</b>	<b>Summit Sports / ACK</b> ▶ Michael Greshock ▶ eastlansingstore@skis.com	We are a multi-brand outdoor action sports retailer operating eight ecommerce brands and nine brick and mortar locations to serve the needs of those passionate about participating in outdoor recreation.
<b>M15</b>	<b>Synthia Marsh Jewelry</b> ▶ Synthia Marsh ▶ synthiamarsh@gmail.com	A Michigan metalsmith designing in sterling silver and copper with a focus on Michigan stones, such as: Lake Superior Agates, Greenstone, Petoskey Stones, Puddingstones, native Michigan copper, etc., One-of-a-kind jewelry for women and men who appreciate the beauty of Michigan and all it has to offer.
<b>G17</b>	<b>TerraTrike</b> ▶ Jonathan DeHate ▶ dealersales@terratrike.com	TerraTrike will have recumbent trikes to show!
<b>J02</b>	<b>The Blueways of St. Clair</b> ▶ Lori Eschenburg ▶ leschenburg@stclaircounty.org	We are a paddling destination in southeast Michigan with 17 mapped water trails and the first National Water Trail in Michigan, the Island Loop Route. Stop by our booth to pick up a brochure and learn about the diverse paddling opportunities in St. Clair County!
<b>M02</b>	<b>The Happy Camper</b> ▶ Kevin Callan ▶ callan@sympatico.ca	Author, Kevin Callan, will have some of his books (including his new Complete Guide to Winter Camping) for sale.
<b>N02</b>	<b>The High Five Tribe</b> ▶ Scott Joseph ▶ info@thehighfiveteibe.com	Stop by for beginner backpacking lessons. Will discuss gear, trip planning, leave no trace principles, health/safety protocol. Sharing a slide show from adventures through nearly 70 different countries.
<b>K01</b>	<b>The Outdoor Kind, LLC</b> ▶ John Van Barriger ▶ info@theoutdoorkind.com	We will offer free material to make your paddling safer and more enjoyable. We will also offer discount codes for great apparel that raises funds for first responders in rural and wilderness areas!
<b>N24</b>	<b>The Power of Water</b> ▶ Trey Rouss ▶ info@thepowerofwater.net	The Power of Water is the premiere resource for the paddling enthusiast. We offer gear, coaching, lessons and Adventure Travel. Sea Kayaks, Whitewater Kayaks, SUPs and Canoes.
<b>L13</b>	<b>The Stick Man</b> ▶ Jerry Haley	Features walking sticks, hiking staffs, campfire pokers, hotdog forks, tables, benches and stools which are all made of rustic wood.
<b>C09</b>	<b>Thomsen Boats</b> ▶ Michael Thomsen	Custom built wood strip/epoxy canoes and paddles.
<b>H17</b>	<b>Thumas bikes</b> ▶ Derrick Thuma ▶ derrickthuma@gmail.com	A display of vintage balloon tire bicycles from days gone by.
<b>H14</b>	<b>Top of Michigan Trails Council</b> ▶ Sue Bouwense ▶ info@trailscouncil.org	We advocate and facilitate the development of a network of multi-purpose recreational trails in northern Lower Michigan. Currently there are 288 miles of trail in our inventory of which 109 are classified as "improved."

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<b>N01</b>	<b>Trailspotters of Michigan</b> ▶ Thomas Funke ▶ trailspotters@gmail.com	Trailspotters of Michigan will help you plan your hiking, backpacking, kayaking, or canoeing trip by providing logistical support through advice, shuttling, carspotting, and gear rental.
<b>H18</b>	<b>Tri-County Bicycle Association</b> ▶ Dan Stockwell	Tri-County Bicycle Association will be showcasing bicycles, providing safety information, and highlighting Michigan bicycle tours sponsored by TCBA.
<b>K18</b>	<b>Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (Great Lansing Regional Committee for Stormwater Management)</b> ▶ Clifford Walls ▶ cwalls@mitcrpc.org	The Greater Lansing Regional Committee for Stormwater Management (GLRC) is a guiding body comprised of Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) communities within the Greater Lansing Region. The committee has been established to guide the implementation of the stormwater program for participating communities within the Grand River, the Red Cedar River and the Looking Glass River watersheds.
<b>I16</b>	<b>Two Tracks Outdoors</b> ▶ Charles Deshler ▶ cadeshler@gmail.com	We hand make many of our products. We raise our sheep and use the wool for various items. I also make custom wood bows and walking sticks, fire steels and other wood/outdoor products.
<b>B10</b>	<b>Unadilla Boatworks</b> ▶ Ron Sell ▶ unadilla@att.net	Michigan's only dealer for Northstar Canoes, paddles and gear, Grey Owl paddles. Repair, restoration and custom work.
<b>N05</b>	<b>Uncommon Adventures</b> ▶ Michael Gray ▶ michael@mi-paddleadventure.com	We began in Lansing in 1982 with the support of folks like Verlen Kruger and Dean Sandell. We now offer ACA skills and instructor training as well as skills oriented kayak tours throughout the Great Lakes, Florida, Alaska, Iceland, Greenland and Honduras. Known for playing with food, we'll be offering baking demos in our booth...come sample!
<b>I08</b>	<b>Upper Grand River Watershed Alliance</b> ▶ Paul Rentschler ▶ contact@uppergrandriver.org	Educational and stewardship information regarding the Upper Grand River and the Upper Grand River Water Trail
<b>N16</b>	<b>US Coast Guard Auxiliary</b> ▶ Jonathan Ahlbrand ▶ lansingflotilla@gmail.com	The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed, volunteer component of the US Coast Guard. We support all of its non-military missions to include boating safety education and more.
<b>M04</b>	<b>Vandiver Exhibit</b> ▶ Jerry Vandiver	Come by and visit Jerry and fiddle player extraordinaire Amberly Rosen to talk about the stories behind their "paddlesongs". CDs will be available for purchase and videos will be playin' on the laptop!
<b>A06</b>	<b>WCHA</b> ▶ Wendy Kimpel ▶ Wendyek@embarqmail.com	The Wooden Canoe Heritage Association is a membership organization devoted to preserving, studying, building, restoring, and using wooden and bark canoes, and to disseminating information about canoeing heritage.
<b>D07</b>	<b>Wenonah Brands</b> ▶ Torry Moore	Wenonah Brands is the parent company of Wenonah Canoe, Current Designs Kayaks, and C4 Waterman SUPs.
<b>M03</b>	<b>West Michigan Coastal Kayakers Association</b> ▶ Lynn Dominguez ▶ domin1a@cmich.edu	A membership-based organization that supports safe, fun kayaking on the Great Lakes; sponsors an annual symposium on Big Blue Lake at Camp Pandalouan with ACA/BCU-certified instructors providing education for both greenland and euro paddlers; and also sponsors kayaking activities throughout the year including pool sessions in the winter.
<b>I07</b>	<b>West Michigan Environmental Action Council</b> ▶ Elaine Isely ▶ esisely@wmeac.org	We are working with a number of partners on the planning and implementation of water trails in West Michigan, particularly along the Grand River. We have information about planning tools and information available.
<b>J16</b>	<b>West Michigan Trails &amp; Greenways Coalition</b> ▶ John Morrison ▶ director@wmtrails.org	Learn about the incredible non-motorized trail network in West Michigan and plans for even better connectivity and signage in the region. Visitors can get a free copy of Michigan Trails Magazine and the newly completed regional Road and Trail Bicycling Guide.
<b>H01</b>	<b>Williams Subaru</b> ▶ Jeff Williams	Subaru vehicles on display.
<b>F04</b>	<b>Yoga Nature</b> ▶ Jim Gilligan and Sherryl Perry Gilligan ▶ contact@yoganature.net	Yoga Nature is a peaceful place of refuge connecting Body, Mind, Spirit, in Nature. We provide Thai Massage, Flying Thai Massage, Zen Massage and Reiki at our rustic lakefront home just minutes from downtown Brighton, MI. Also offering customized private lessons and small group classes in: Yoga, AcroYoga, AcroFit, Pilates, Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP), SUP Yoga, SUP AcroYoga, SUP Tours, Mountain Biking, Cross-Country Skiing, Edible & Medicinal Wild Plants, and Stone Age Technologies.



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A06	WCHA
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A08	Leslie Science & Nature Center
A09	Mackinaw Watercraft
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B02	Lindahll Composite Design
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B09	Avian Nesting Boxes Unlimited
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C09	Thomsen Boats
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D04	AuSable River Center
D06	Motor City Dragons - Dragon Boat Team
D07	Wenonah Brands
D09	Matuli Paddle Surf
D10	Michigan Forest Association
D13	MSU Department of Physics & Astronomy
F01	Fine Line Studio
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F03	International Wildlife Refuge Alliance
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F11	Kruger Canoe Exhibit
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F14	Campus to Coast/MSU Outdoors Club
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F16	Chicago Adventure Therapy
G01	Sault Ste. Marie Area Recreational Trails
G02	Gryphon Gear Inc.
G03	Huron River Water Trail
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G05	Eastern U.P. Regional Planning & Development Commission
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G07	Les Cheneaux Islands Area Tourist Association
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H07	Grand River Environmental Action Team (GREAT)
H08	Grand Valley Metro Council
H09	Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds
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H14	Top of Michigan Trails Council
H15	North Country Trail; Chief Noonday Chapter
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H17	Thumas Bikes
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I07	West Michigan Environmental Action Council
I08	Upper Grand River Watershed Alliance
I10	Houghton Lake Area Tourism Bureau
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I12	Merrell
I14	City of Eaton Rapids
I15	Moosejaw Mountaineering
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I18	SEMCOG
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J05	Headwaters Trails, Inc
J06	Flint River Watershed Coalition
J07	Friends of Wabakimi
J08	Friends of the Maple River
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