

## SNEAK PEEK AT OUR 2017 PRESENTATIONS

This year we have designed a program with something for everyone! Whether you enjoy canoeing, kayaking, hiking, backpacking, cycling, camping, stand-up paddle boarding, or just exploring what the outdoors has to offer, we have presentations for you.

If you're planning your next trip, here are some great Midwest destinations:

- **Nick Meekhof** will describe 16 islands that many of us have never visited
- **Jay Hanks** will share backpacking trips on Michigan's High Country Pathway
- **John Van Barriger** will show us the beauty of the lower Wisconsin River
- **Henry Davies** will tell us about paddling the Manitou Islands
- **Gwen Botting** will share her experiences on the Manistee River
- **Tom Funke** will review the 50 best hikes on the North Country Trail

Do you want to experience exotic places and adventures?

- **Bear Paulson** will share his paddling and backpacking experiences in the Yukon
- **Darlene Patterson** will tell us of her arctic adventures on Baffin Island
- **Cynthia Donovan** will share her experiences in Zambia
- **Ross McIntyre** will describe paddling in the North Channel, Cuba, and Croatia
- **Mack Truax** is returning with more adventures on the longest canoe trail in the Northeast
- **Kevin Callan** will be back with stories from the Spey River Whiskey Tour in Scotland

And what can you see out there?

- Shipwrecks with **Stephanie Gandulla**
- Moose and wolves with **Tom Hurst**
- Sturgeon with **Stephanie Ogden** and **Marty Holtgren**
- Iconic painting sites in Ontario with **Gary** and **Joanie McGuffin**
- Reappearing rapids, thanks to the efforts of **Russ Hicks, Matt Chapman, and Wendy Ogilvie**

Do you want to add to your skill set? Check these sessions out:

- **Jared Munch** will be sharing his SUP expertise
- **George Stockman** will tell you about his whitewater adventures
- **Chris Hanna** will be giving us another lesson in outdoor cooking
- **John and Hugh Walton** will explain how to plan a Canada wilderness trip using the Budd Train
- **Tim Gallaway** will talk about Greenland kayaking techniques

And we can't forget SAFETY, given the increase in water-related incidents in Michigan last year. Don't miss:

- **Jonathan Ahlbrand's** presentation on cold water issues
- **John Van Barriger's** hints on creating your "Oh Sh!t" Kit for dealing with the unexpected.

And when you need a break or something completely different, take a rest in the bleachers of the arena and listen to the music of our own Verlen Kruger Award winning **Charlie Parmalee** and his group, **Martin & Company**...enjoy!

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