

SCHEDULE - Wilderness Paddlers Gathering

March 13-15, 2015

Hulbert Outdoor Center, Fairlee, Vermont



Friday, March 13

3:00 - 6:00 - SELF-REGISTRATION in Library

5:00 - Wine & Cheese - BYOL (Bring your own Libations - we supply cheese & crackers)

6:00 - 7:00 - Dinner

7:20 - Welcome - Seth Gibson

7:30-9:00 - EVENING PRESENTATIONS – Introductions

7:30 - 7:50 – Willem Lange - Reading

7:55 - 8:20 – Scott Ellis – Solo Paddling on the Allagash

8:25 - 9:00 – Zander Martin – Three Continents by Canoe

9:00 to wee hours - schmoozing, snacks, music, and stories (**bring your fiddle, guitar or.....**)

Saturday, March 14

7:30 - Breakfast

8:20 - WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

8:30 - 10:00 –PRESENTATIONS Introductions

8:30 – 8:55 – Bill Pollock – Solo Paddling, Vermilion/Kootenay River in British Columbia

9:00 - 9:25 – Sylvain Tremblay – Solo Paddling North

9:30 – 9:55 – Matt Hopkinson – Upstream Challenge: 182 Miles up the Penobscot

10:00-10:30 - BREAK - SNACKS, TAILGATE VENDORS, DISPLAYS

10:30-12:30 - PRESENTATIONS Introductions

10:30-10:55 – Louise Abbott – Beautiful Waters: Paddling on Lake Memphremagog in the Past and Present

11:00-11:25 – Lester Kovac and Lynette Chubb – Crossing Ungava, 2014

11:30 – 11:55 - Pasha Belenky - Moisie River, Kroka's Canadian Expedition Program

12:10 - Door Prizes, Afternoon Workshop Announcements & Descriptions/ Authors/Announcements

12:30 –LUNCH

1:15-1:45 -- TAILGATE VENDORS, DISPLAYS

2:00 – 3:00 – BREAK OUT SESSIONS - choose one

1. Jon Berger – Maps will be provided for you to mark your trips in Quebec and Labrador

(Bring your own maps to transcribe your routes)

2. Chas Gill – Reflector Oven Cookery: Riverdrivers Biscuits

3. Aleks Gusev – Emergency Communications

4. Eric Nuse – Fly Fishing

5. Film

3:00 – 3:30 - BREAK - SNACKS, TAILGATE VENDORS, DISPLAYS

3:30 – 4:30 - BREAKOUT SESSIONS - choose one

1. Bruce Lindwall/David Gilligan - Hull design and Outfitting for Expeditions and Whitewater Paddling

2. Matt Hopkinson – 101 Uses for a 12 ft. pole

3. Dawn Morgan/ Rick Morrill – Digital Maps

4. Alex Medlicott – First Aid

5. Jon Berger – Maps will be provided for you to mark your trips in Quebec and Labrador

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7:20 - Regroup - Door Prizes

7:30 - 9:00 - PRESENTATIONS - Introductions

7:40-8:10 – Kate Weekes, Music and storytelling

8:15– 9:00 - Fred Pessl – Barren Grounds: The Story of the Tragic Moffatt Canoe Trip

9:05 - Evening Music.....snacks, schmoozing, singing, planning.....

Sunday, March 15

7:30 – Breakfast – checkout of cabins by 9:30 AM

8:45-10:00 –Film

Paddle making with Geoff Burke (Pre Registration required)

Danny's Room
Woodshop

OTHER NOTES:

Country Food – Feel free to bring some country/trail food - to share at Wine & Cheese, Sat Night.
PHOTO BOARD – Have any photos from the early days... bring them in hard copy or digitally

*****Paddle Carving with Geoffrey Burke on Sunday March 15th is a pre-registered workshop –
Space still open**

Meals: Your nametag is your meal ticket: Red C - commuters, green A - all meals and white -no meals.
For those who did not sign up for meals: Please plan to be in library or upper dining hall during meals - we need every seat at the tables.

Feel free to show/watch any of our videos or your slides in the library, or upstairs conference room, any time. The Main Hall may be used as well.

“PRIZES OF THE DOOR” – If you are contributing: Please fill out the cards on the door prize table and tape them to a can. Thanks to all who contribute - great prizes!! **DIRECTIONS:** – each person may put 5 slips, with your name on them, in the cans of choice. Please print clearly and boldly! - For Seth!!

We recycle nametags & paper - look for a box at the entrance table on Saturday evening.

Your thoughts and suggestions are always appreciated - there will be a form by the entrance door for you to fill out, if you so choose. Thanks.

MASTER EMAIL LIST– Please check the master list - table by the door to be sure your email is OK

Special thanks to our **friends from all over the Northeast**, the “**Toronto Van Committee**” – **now the WPG Committee, Wendy Scott, Seth Gibson** for being our “M.C.”, **the Hulbert staff**, and to the presenters who come from far and wide, and especially to **all of you!**

For your calendar:

See you at:

Snow Walkers' Rendezvous – November 13-15, 2015

AND

Next year's Wilderness Paddlers Gathering – March 4-6, 2016

Warm wishes for good paddling and flat campsites!