

SCHEDULE – 27th Wilderness Paddlers Gathering

March 8 - 10, 2019

Hulbert Outdoor Center, Fairlee, Vermont



Friday, March 8

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 – Leah Titcomb

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

7:30 - 7:55 – Willem Lange, VT - Readings

8:00 - 8:25 – Russell Ford, VT – Paddling on the Missinaibi

8:30 - 9:00 – Al Stirt, VT – Paddling the Mountains of Labrador

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

Saturday, March 9

7:30 - Breakfast

8:30 - 10:00 –PRESENTATIONS Introductions

8:30 – 8:55 – Peter Croal, ONT – Exercise Fish 1949 – A Wilderness Military Canoe Trip

9:00 - 9:25 – Eric Hanson, VT – Paddling the Nahanni, Hiking into the Cirque of the Unclimbables

9:30 – 10:00 – Peter Macfarlane, VT – East to West on the Northern Forest Canoe Trail

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

10:30-10:55 – Emma Gwyn, VT –Women’s Leadership

11:00-11:25 – Chris Giard – Yukon to Yellowknife (Almost)

11:30 – 12:00 – Karrie Thomas – Riviere Mistassibi Nord Est: The Essence of Planning and Flexibility

12:00 - 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. Eric Hanson – The Natural (And Unnatural History) of the Common Loon

2. Dave Brown – Tour of the Wanigans, **bring yours to share!**

3. Peter Macfarlane – Northern Forest Canoe Trail Q&A

4. Eric Nuse – Why Fish Bite and how to get them into your frying pan

5. Film – 1. Martin’s Boat 2. TBD

Danny’s Room

The Cave

The Library

The Arts Building

Upper Dining Hall

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

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

1. Beth Jackson/Eli Walker – Environmentally Friendly Trip Planning

2. Mark Kutolowski – The Principles of Wilderness Survival

3. Alex Medlicott – Wilderness First Aid

4. Noah Pollock – Boat Repair

5. Film – TBD 1. Martin’s Boat 2. TBD

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7:20 - Regroup - Door Prizes

7:30 - 9:00 - PRESENTATIONS - Introductions

7:35 - 8:15 – Peter Vooy, ONT – Paddle Across Canada Tour

8:20– 9:00 – Beth Jackson/Eli Walker, ME – Paddling Across the Ungava Peninsula

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

Sunday, March 10

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

8:45-10:00 **Film TBD**

8:30 – 12:00 **Paddle making with Geoff Burke** (Pre registration req.) \$100

8:30 –10:30 **Carve a Wooden Spoon with Ken Wise** (Pre-registration req.) \$15

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OTHER NOTES:

WORKSHOP - Please bring your wanigan to share for the Saturday afternoon workshop.

SILENT AUCTION - Once again, we will be holding a Silent Auction to raise money that will go towards our Speakers Fund. This Auction is a step up from the Door Prizes so look for some items that are more valuable than what you would put on the Door Prize Table. Please contact Pat Bergman; pbergman@fairpoint.net for further information.

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

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.

BEDDING - Remember to bring Sleeping bag, Towels and Pillow Case. There are pillows available but they do not have cases on them.

“PRIZES OF THE DOOR” – If you are contributing (**one prize only**): Please fill out the cards on the door prize table and tape them to a can. Thanks to all who contribute!!

DIRECTIONS: – each person may put 5 slips, with your name on them, in the cans of choice. Please print clearly and boldly! - For Leah!!

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.

Special thanks to our friends from all over the Northeast, the “Toronto Van Committee” – now the NWTC Committee, Wendy Scott and Andy Williams for organizing the program, Al Stirt for being the computer guy who make the shows work and Leah Titcomb for being our “M.C.”, the Hulbert staff, and to the presenters who come from far and wide, and especially to all of you!

Warm wishes for good paddling and flat campsites!