

# SCHEDULE – 27<sup>th</sup> 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 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 – Kiglapaits, Kaumajets and Torngats: 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

8:30 – 8:55 – Peter Crael, ON – 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, MA – Yukon to Yellowknife (Almost)

11:30 – 12:00 – Karrie Thomas, VT – 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 – *First Descent of the Beriman Gorge*

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 – Food Packing
2. Mark Kutolowski – The Principles of Wilderness Survival
3. Alex Medicott – Wilderness First Aid
4. Noah Pollock – Boat Repair
5. Film – *First Descent of the Beriman Gorge*

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**5:00 - 6:00** - Wine & Cheese, BYOL (Bring Your Libations - we supply cheese & crackers)

**6:00 - 7:00** – Dinner

7:20 - Regroup - Door Prizes

7:30 - 9:00 - PRESENTATIONS - Introductions

7:35 - 8:15 – Peter Vooy, ON – 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**

8:30-9:30 **Film** - *Africa By Kayak*, By Beau Miles

8:30 – 12:00 **Paddle making with Geoff Burke** (Pre-Registration required) \$100

8:30 –10:30 **Make Your Own Wooden Spoon with Ken Wise** (pre-registration required) \$15 **The Cave**

Danny’s Room  
The Art’s Building

## **OTHER NOTES:**

**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 a bit nicer from what you would put on the Door Prize Table. If you are interested in donating an item to the Silent Auction, please contact Pat Bergman: [pbergman@fairpoint.net](mailto:pbergman@fairpoint.net)

**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.

**“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**, **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!**