

SCHEDULE – 28th Wilderness Paddlers Gathering

March 13 – 15, 2020

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 -

EVENING PRESENTATIONS – Introductions

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

8:00 - 8:25 _ Rob Mullen, VT- "Trees & Tundra" Ungava's Northern Rim of the Boreal Forest

8:30 - 9:00 – Chris Giard, MA – Paddling Across Labrador

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

Saturday, March 14 7:30 - Breakfast

8:20 - PRESENTATIONS Introductions

8:30 – 8:55 – Bill Fitzhugh, MD – Completing the Circle: Travels with Adney and Chapelle in N. Eurasia

9:00 - 9:25 – Chuck Horbert, RI – Paddling Across Rhode Island: Traversing the Urban Wilderness

9:30 – 9:55 – Mark and Lisa Kutolowski, VT – Pilgrimage on the Connecticut River

10:00-10:20 - BREAK - SNACKS, TAILGATE VENDORS, DISPLAYS

PRESENTATIONS Introductions

10:30-10:55 – Cynthia and Paul Stancioff, ME – Low Tech, Low Cost, Low Key Canoe Trips

11:00-11:25 – Murphy Robinson, VT – The Land of Rice and Beaver: A 250 mi. Subsistence Canoe Trip in MN

11:30 – 11:55 – Hannah Marshall, ME - Fostering Expeditionary Leadership, George River, Quebec

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. Becky Mason/Reid McLachlan – MATCH IT! Canoeing Board Game

2. Murphy Robinson – Making Jerky, Planning Wild Food Harvests

3. Mark Kutolowski – Traversing Developed Landscapes

4. Tim Smith – Learning & Teaching Essential Knots for the Wilderness Traveler

5. Cynthia/Paul Stancioff – Route Planning and Meal Prep on a 10-day trip

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Upper Dining Hall

Danny's Room

The Cave

Meet in Lower D. Hall

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7:20 - 7: 40 - Regroup - Door Prizes

PRESENTATIONS - Introductions

7:45 – 8:15 - Becky Mason, PQ - A Red Canoe: The Legacy of Bill Mason

8:20 – 8:50 – Reid McLachlan, PQ – View Finder: Behind the Camera with Ken Buck

Evening Music.....snacks, schmoozing, singing, planning.....

Sunday, March 15

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

8:30- 10:00 – Film - TBD

8:30 –10:30 – Andy Staudinger – Modern Mapping for Curious Canoeers

8:30– 10:30 – Ken Wise – Make Your Own Wooden Spoon (\$10.00 materials fee)

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The Cave

Upper Dining Hall

NOTES & THINGS TO REMEMBER:

FOR FUN: Bring some Country Food to share at Wine & Cheese, Saturday Night

Tenters - See tent location map when self-registering in library

We do have tent platforms for use, - trees for tying are limited, - bring your own poles please

Bathrooms for tenters are located in the dining hall - access from outside or inside

There is one shower upstairs in the main house - on the way to the conference room

Wood –bring wood in your car trunk **only if you are from the local area (50-mile radius)** – Otherwise, we have a limited supply on the porch. **No wood should be brought in from the south or from Canada.** Thanks.

Need Help/EMERGENCY: Go to Library (Registration Room) in Main Hall, follow directions posted by phone.

Meals: Space is tight, so if you did not sign up for meals, please eat outside of the Dining Hall. Feel free to use library or barn.

Dogs: Please be sure to leave your pets at home, unless they are part of a working dog presentation.

Slides/Videos: Feel free to show/watch videos or slides in the library or upstairs conference room when they are not in use. The large screen of the LCD in the Dining Hall may be used as well

“PRIZES OF THE DOOR” – “Door Prizes” are a tradition at Paddlers. Participants and presenters bring items to contribute to our Door Prize Table. Past items have included maple syrup, books, small paintings and drawings, knit caps, a carving, and much more. In past years 20 or more folks have left Paddlers with a wonderful Door Prize/memento of their weekend in Vermont. 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!!

“Silent Auction” The Silent Auction has now become an annual part of each Paddlers’ weekend. Your contribution of an item or a service will help us increase the budget that we use to diversify and support our terrific speakers and their travel expenses. These Items are generally more valuable than items on the door prize table. Past donations have included paddles, tents, larger paintings, an anorak, a wetsuit and much more.

Contact: Emma Carlson; emmacarlson@gmail.com

Recycle: We are part of the new “Zero Sort” program. Left dumpster is for bottles, clean paper, glass, recyclable plastic (yes, it is true – all together). Trash dumpster is on the right. We reuse name tags - box by door of dining hall.

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 all of you who contribute your enthusiastic suggestions and encouragement, Leah for her great “M.C.ing”, , Program Coordinator, Al Stirt and Aleks Gusev, Technology and the Hulbert staff for all their behind-the-scenes work, the presenters who came from far and wide, and especially to all of you, who make it happen!

Warm wishes for good paddling and flat campsites!