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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION of articles, announcements, events, trips, etc. is the 1st Thursday of the month. It is on a come first served basis therefore sooner is better.

DDRC BOARD MEETINGS are held every second Thursday of the month - 7:00 PM @ Enchilada's (directions on back of newsletter). All members are welcome to attend to learn more about club business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August Urban Paddle 8/26 — Trinity River Trash Bash at McInnish Park .

Meeting location changed — Our regular meeting spot (Enchilada's Restaurant on Northwest Highway) has closed. The August 17th DDRC meeting will be held at the On the Border on Knox St. just west of 75, (see address & map on last page).

Trinity River Challenge XI Registration Is Open — We need sponsors and volunteers ASAP, See Al Currie or Sam Sloan to sign up.

Did you win the massage at the 2005 Trinity River Challenge? — If so, please claim your prize! Call Marilyn Scholl at 214-208-3528.

Newsletter content needed— Hey gang — June and July were full of trips and events. Please share your adventures with us for our reading enjoyment! Email content to Newsletter Editor Carolee Doty at dotyc@lisd.net

Trips & Events

See Page 2 & 3, plus online calendar for event details.

5/17 — Oct. 10/25 — Lake Grapevine Paddle and Roll Sessions — Every Wed. after 5 p.m. through October at

Rockledge Park (no charge). For info. contact Keith Smith (940)566-4869 / keith_ccw@fastmail.fm

8/5-6 — Lower Mountain Fork Fishing Trip

8/12 — Brazos River Moonlight Float

8/17 — August Meeting

8/26 — TRC XI Watermelon Cleanup I

9/2 — TRC XI Watermelon Cleanup II

9/2-4 — BTV Memorial Day Sabine Trip

9/9 — TRC XI — The Big Race

9/23-24 — Illinois River

10/13-14— Upper Guadalupe River

10/ 28-29— Caddoween

11/3—4 — Upper Mountain Fork

11/18 — Lower Canyons — Rio Grande

11/24 — Thanksgiving Trip/Feast

12/21 — DDRC Christmas Party



Canoe Taking Shape - John Pullman and Paul Boling working on the wood strip canoe that will be raffled off at TRC XI. Tickets will go on sale August 1, for \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

In this Issue... TRC XI Registration Form and rules.

Paddling Events — See the online events Calendar for more details

August 5/6 Lower Mountain Fork Fishin' Expedition II

We meet at Ambush Adventures outside of Broken Bow, OK for a one night trip, fishing our way down the Lower Mountain Fork to the Little River. Bring everything you need to fish, eat and sleep for one night. Hopefully if it goes like last year fish will be on the menu! OK fishing licenses are available on line and are highly recommended, as well as whistles. RSVP to Bryan Jackson Hollowcreek@paddlinpals.com 972-979-2519

Aug 12 Brazos River Moonlight Float Trip

The Brazos River below Lake Whitney Dam is the launch site for the Moonlight Float trips, which continue downriver about 8 miles to The Outpost (formerly Dick's Place) at FM 2114 and the Brazos River. Gather at Riverside Park on the east side of the lake just below the dam at about 5:30 PM. There is a boat ramp and a small parking area. We will unload boats at the ramp, then shuttle vehicles down to The Outpost before we launch. Vehicle parking at The Outpost is free, but there is a fee of \$6 per boat for taking out there.

Bring dinner and beverages for yourself, a camp chair and a headlamp - we WILL be paddling after dark. Technically, we are required by law to have a white light, visible from 360 degrees, on each boat after dark. If interested contact Jerry Johnson via e-mail, or call 817-354-5395.

August 26 - Urban Paddle and Pot-luck Adventure.

We will be participating in the Trinity River Trash Bash starting at 9 am at McInnish Park. Lunch will be provided by Keep Carrollton Beautiful. Bring a dessert for our pot luck. If

you have extra boats, we have plenty of volunteers to use them. Please contact Al Currie with the number of extra boats you're bringing.(214-827-9319) for more information contact Pat

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September 2— Watermelon Cleanup -

Last chance to clean the river up before the big race. Meet at McInnish Park at 9 am. Bring gloves and the cleaning tool of your choice. Hot dogs and cold watermelon will be provided.

September 9— Trinity River Challenge XI

Check in/registration begins at 7:30. Races will start sometime after 9:30. Racers will receive a hot BBQ lunch and a TRC XI T-shirt. The registration form is in this newsletter or can be found on line at www.down-river.com/TRC. We will be drawing a winner of the hand built cedar canoe as well as other raffle prizes.

September 23-24 — Illinois River Trip -

We will be camping at Peyton's Place and paddling on Sat. and Sun. An Italian pot luck dinner on Saturday night will feature Bryan's lasagna. For more info, contact Bryan Jackson at 972-979-2519.

Mark October 27-29 and December 21 on your calendar now.....

October 27-29 "Caddoween" at Goat Island on Caddo Lake.

December 21 DDRC Christmas Party at the Dreyfus Club on White Rock Lake. Details coming soon at the monthly meetings and future newsletters.

STOCK UP AND SHIP OUT!

Get the paddling gear that'll make your trip complete.

We carry a wide assortment of kayaks and canoes from Ocean Kayak, Perception, Dagger, Old Town, Wildnerness Systems and Mad River. When you are ready to get that first or next boat get 10% off all paddling accessories when you buy your boat from REI.



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Jackson Kayak Demo Dates: 6/7,7/5, 8/2, 9/6, 10/4

Rockledge Park, Lake Grapevine 6—8 p.m.

(Dave Holl Kayak Instruct dave@kayakinstruct.com)

Sun & Ski Kayak Demo Dates: 5/14, 6/11, 7/9, 8/13, 9/10, 10/15

Meadowmere Park


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As a participant in any DDRC activity, an individual assumes the responsibility of evaluating all inherent risks before participating and assumes any risk of death or injury inherent in the sport. The participant waives claims that may arise against the club, its officers, members, servants, agents and/or trip coordinators, for death or injury to person or property, including claims of vicarious liability and claims arising from civil recklessness or any degree of negligence. Not waived are claims against an individual who causes injury intentionally or with criminal recklessness and claims among driver, owner and passengers of a motor vehicle for injuries.


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Leave It To Beavers.....submitted by Pat Chamberlain

This is an actual letter sent to a man named Ryan DeVries by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Quality, State of Pennsylvania. This guy's response is hilarious, but read the State's letter before you get to the response letter.

SUBJECT: DEQ File No.97-59-0023; T11N; R10W, Sec. 20; Lycoming County

Dear Mr. DeVries:

Environmental Quality that there has been recent unauthorized activity on the above referenced parcel of property. You have been certified as the legal landowner and/or contractor who did the following unauthorized activity:

It has come to the attention of the Department of Construction and maintenance of two wood debris dams across the outlet stream of Spring Pond. A permit must be issued prior to the start of this type of activity. A review of the Department's files shows that no permits have been issued. Therefore, the Department has determined that this activity is in violation of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.30101 to 324.30113 of the Pennsylvania Compiled Laws, annotated.!

The Department has been informed that one or both of the dams partially failed during a recent rain event, causing debris and flooding at downstream locations. We find that dams of this nature are inherently hazardous and cannot be permitted. The Department therefore orders you to cease and desist all activities at this location, and to restore the stream to a free-flow condition by removing all wood and brush forming the dams from the stream channel. All restoration work shall be completed no later than January 31, 2006. Please notify this office when the restoration has been completed so that a follow-up site inspection may be scheduled by our staff. Failure to comply with this request or any further unauthorized activity on the site may result in this case being referred for elevated enforcement action. We anticipate and would appreciate your full cooperation in this matter. Please feel free to contact me at this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
David L. Price
District Representative and Water Management Division.

Here is the actual response sent back by Mr. DeVries:

Re: DEQ File No. 97-59-0023; T11N; R10W, Sec. 20; Lycoming County

Dear Mr. Price,

Your certified letter dated 12/17/02 has been handed to me to respond to. I am the legal landowner but not the Contractor at 2088 Dagget Lane, Trout Run, Pennsylvania.

A couple of beavers are in the (State unauthorized) process of constructing and maintaining two wood "debris" dams across the outlet stream of my Spring Pond. While I did not pay for, authorize, nor supervise their dam project, I think they would be highly offended that you call their skillful use of nature's building materials "debris." I would like to challenge your department to attempt to emulate their dam project any time and/or any place you choose. I believe I can safely state there is no way you could ever match their dam skills, their dam resourcefulness, their dam ingenuity, their dam persistence, their dam determination and/or their dam work ethic. As to your request, I do not think the beavers are aware that they must first fill out a dam permit prior to the start of this type of dam activity.

My first dam question to you is:

- (1) Are you trying to discriminate against my Spring Pond Beavers.
- (2) Or do you require all beavers throughout this State to conform to said dam request?

If you are not discriminating against these particular beavers, through the Freedom of Information Act, I request completed copies of all those other applicable beaver dam permits that have been issued. Perhaps we will see if there really is a dam violation of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.30101 to 324.30113 of the Pennsylvania Compiled Laws, annotated.

(Leave It to Beavers...cont'd.)

I have several concerns. My first concern is; aren't the beavers entitled to legal representation? The Spring Pond Beavers are financially destitute and are unable to pay for said representation -- so the State will have to provide them with a dam lawyer. The Department's dam concern that either one or both of the dams failed during a recent rain event, causing flooding, is proof that this is a natural occurrence, which the Department is required to protect. In other words, we should leave the Spring Pond Beavers alone rather than harassing them and calling their dam names.

If you want the stream "restored" to a dam free-flow condition please contact the beavers -- but if you are going to arrest them, they obviously did not pay any attention to your dam letter, they being unable to read English. In my humble opinion, the Spring Pond Beavers have a right to build their unauthorized dams as long as the sky is blue, the grass is green and water flows downstream. They have more dam rights than I do to live and enjoy Spring Pond. If the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection lives up to its name, it should protect the natural resources (Beavers) and the environment (Beavers' Dams).

So, as far as the beavers and I are concerned, this dam case can be referred for more elevated enforcement action right now. Why wait until 1/31/2006? The Spring Pond Beavers may be under the dam ice then and there will be no way for you or your dam staff to contact/harass them then.

In conclusion, I would like to bring to your attention to a real environmental quality, health, problem in the area. It is the bears! Bears are actually defecating in our woods. I definitely believe you should be persecuting the defecating bears and leave the beavers alone. If you are going to investigate the beaver dam, watch your step! The bears are not careful where they dump! Being unable to comply with your dam request, and being unable to contact you on your dam answering machine, I am sending this response to your dam office.

THANK YOU.
 RYAN DEVRIES & THE DAM BEAVERS



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Trinity River Challenge XI Early Registration is now open

This year there are a few changes in the race . First all classes are Co-Ed, meaning men and women race head to head. After studying the last few year's race results ,we have found that this change really offers no advantage to men or women as class winners would have been divided equally if the races had been run co-ed.

Second, a new recreational kayak class has been added to help break up the large number of boats entered in that class into two. This gives more people a chance at winning what in this very popular and congested class.

You also have two early registration options. Fill out the form on the next page or on the TRC website and mail it in with your check or fill out the form on line and email it to us. We will verify your entry and email you back a confirmation and you can pay at check in. Either way please register early. This guarantees you get the tee shirt size you want and helps us do a better job of planning food quantities . The more we save on these two large expenses, the more we can donate. If you want a Small or XXL tee you must pre register as we will only have Medium, Large and XL available on race day on a first come first served basis.

Please use 1 form for each boat to be entered. Do not forget to enter the type of boat (from the list below) and the exact length of your boat. Boats will be measured on race day, but giving us the measurement in advance will make the start of the race go much more smoothly. Any Sea or Tandem Kayak longer than 18' will race as Unlimited. Any canoe employing a double blade paddle will be classed as a kayak. Any canoe with a fixed or steerable rudder will be classed as Unlimited. Unlike other races held around the state, the TRC has no limitation on the number of paddlers per boat in the Unlimited class. The bigger the better, bring it on!

Early registration deadline is September 2.

Official Boat Classes

- 100– Solo Canoe**
- 101– Tandem Canoe**
- 102—Aluminum Canoe**
- 200— White Water Kayak (less than 10')**
- 201—Solo Small Kayak (10' to 12'6")**
- 202— Solo Rec Kayak (over 12'6" to 15')**
- 203—Solo Sea Kayak (over 15' to 18')**
- 204—Tandem Kayak (under 18')**
- 300—USCA C1**
- 301—USCA C2**
- 303 –USCA Solo Unlimited**
- 304—USCA Tandem Unlimited**
- 305—USCA Unlimited**
(more than 2 paddlers)

Special Awards

- Junior (under 18)**
- Junior/Adult**
- Master (age 40 to 49)**
- Senior (age 50 to 59)**
- Veteran (age 60 to 69)**
- Grand Veteran (over 70)**
- Brian Lisle Trophy**
(best overall time)

DDRC TRINITY RIVER CHALLENGE XI OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Race Date: Saturday, September 9, 2006

Racer #1 Age Shirt Size
 Street Add. City
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Racer #2 Age Shirt Size
 Street Add. City
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Racer #3 Age Shirt Size
 Street Add. City
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Racer #4 Age Shirt Size
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Type of Boat Boat Length

If your boat exceeds the maximum length for the class you have registered in, it will be reclassified by the registrar.

Number of Racers	<input type="text"/>	X \$20.00	<input type="text"/>	
Number of Extra Shirts	<input type="text"/>	X \$12.00	<input type="text"/>	Sizes <input type="text"/>
Number of Extra Meals	<input type="text"/>	X \$7.00	<input type="text"/>	
		Total Due	<input type="text"/>	

Print this form and mail it along with your check to : TRC XI Registration
P.O. Box 820246
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NOTE: Shirt Sizes Small and XXL will be ordered based on pre registration quantities and will be in limited supply on race day. Pre Registering guarantees you the correct shirt size

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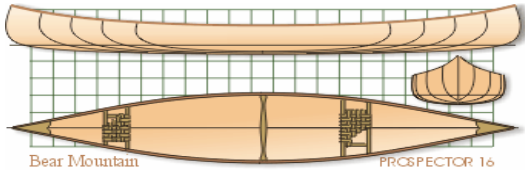
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Attention all DDRC Members:

As we roll into spring various local groups, paddling clubs and the TRPA will be hosting cleanups on rivers around the state.

1) Any DDRC member that participates in any two TRPA river cleanups will receive a FREE DDRC TEE SHIRT. In addition. 25 miles credit towards the 2006 most miles paddled award for each cleanup. 2 cleanups = 50 miles, the more you clean the more you earn.

2) Any DDRC member that participates in any two TRPA river cleanups and one of either Watermelon Cleanups in preparation for TRC XI, races for free in TRC XI.

What a deal, what a concept ! Clean rivers, be a friend to the environment, get free stuff! Cleanups will be posted in the newsletter, on the website and email reminders.

~Bryan Jackson, DDRC President

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Next DDRC Meeting
Thursday 7:00 PM
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**DDRC Meetings are the 3rd
Thursday of every month.**

**This will be the sight of our
meetings until further notice.**

