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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.

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

6/15 DDRC meeting at On the Border

6/24 — Urban Paddle

6/24-25— San Marcos River

7/8 — Brazos River Moonlight Float

7/15-16 — Kiamichi River Expedition

7/20 — DDRC meeting at On the Border

7/22 — Urban Paddle

7/22-23 — Lower Mountain Fork WW trip

8/4-5 — Lower Mountain Fork Fishing Trip

8/12 — Brazos River Moonlight Float

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

9/23-24 — Illinois River

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Urban Paddle in May — But plan to join us in June. Stay tuned to the events calendar for updates.

Meeting location changed — Our regular meeting spot (Enchilada's Restaurant on Northwest Highway) has closed. The June 15 DDRC meeting will be held at the On the Border on Knox St. just west of 75, (see address & map on last page).

Welcome New Members! — The club wants to welcome new members; Erin McCrum and family, Bryan and Rhonda Cruze, and Patricia Naney.

Trinity River Challenge XI Registration opens July 1 — 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 — April was 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



Paddling Events — See the online events Calendar for more details

June 24 Urban Paddle and Potluck Adventure— The June Urban Paddle takes us to Ft Worth to paddle the Trinity River. The Put-in / Take-out will be at the new Tandy Corp. HQ off of Belknap. There is a dock, a big parking lot and plenty of shade for the après-paddle Feast. Pat Chamberlain 214-478-6204 or kayaker_pat@yahoo.com is your leader and has more info and better directions.

June 24-25 (Sat-Sun) San Marcos River Well the new whitewater park at Rio Vista is open and we are heading down to check it out. We will camp at either Pecan Park or Spencer's (we will know for sure by trip time, watch the event calendar for details.) and paddle from City Park to Spencer's on Saturday and do a shorter section Sunday before heading home. . Contact Bryan Jackson 972-979-2519 or hollowcreek@paddlinpals.com for more info.

July 15-16 (Sat-Sun) Kiamichi River Expedition—We will meet at [K River Campground](#) at 10 am Saturday and shuttle up or down river depending on flow to where we will put in for a 2 day 1 night paddle on the Kiamichi. We will be camping on the river, so bring everything you will need - 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, 1 dinner, camping gear, water, sun block, insect repellent (with DEET - there WILL be ticks!) and whatever else you can think of.

The Kiamichi River is very remote and largely undeveloped, so come prepared for peace and quiet. We will work out the shuttle details closer to the actual trip date. Total paddle will be between 12 and 25 miles depending on flow. Contact Bryan Jackson 972-979-2519 or hollowcreek@paddlinpals.com for more info.

7/22-23 Lower Mountain Fork WW Trip We will head up to Broken Bow,

Ok early Friday afternoon with the plan being to camp at the little park at the Rereg Dam and



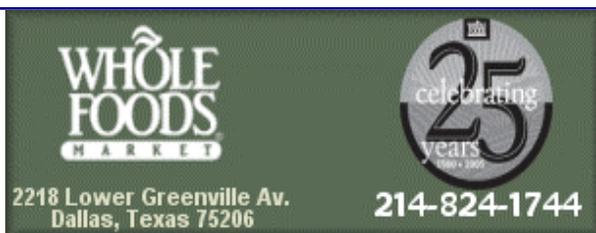
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paddle the Presbyterian Falls area when they start generating in the evening. We should be able to get two runs in on this short course before it gets dark. Then we do it all over on Saturday. Contact Bryan Jackson 972-979-2519

August 5/6 Lower Mountain Fork Fishin' Expedition II

We meet at Ambush Adventures outside of Broken Bow, OK for a tone night trip, fishing our way down the Lower Mountain Fork to the Little River. Bring everything you need to fish, eat and sleep for two nights. 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

July 8/ 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.

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(Dave Holl Kayak Instruct dave@kayakinstruct.com)

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

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Canyons of the Rio Grande

By Marc Mc Cord (Installment 3 of 3)

Upon making ourselves presentable we drove to Chisos Basin in Big Bend National Park where we camped Thursday night. Fortunately, we were the only occupants of the group campground that night because we overflowed into three additional spaces beyond what we had reserved. The big sky of the basin gave us an excellent view of the stars as we sat in the bowl of what is probably an inactive (we hope) volcano.

On Friday morning, we awoke at about 6 AM, and began preparing for the long shuttle through open desert to the Talley Access at the top of Mariscal Canyon. Since we were running our own shuttle we had to leave early, and we departed Chisos Basin around 9:30 AM for the 3-hour drive to Talley. Stopping at Rio Grande Village, we dropped off vehicles that could not traverse the desert, restocked our ice supply, loaded everything onto the four vehicles being used for the shuttle, then headed out to begin our 2-day Mariscal Canyon trip of about 11 miles. Everything progressed smoothly according to our plan, though we were a little later getting on the river than we had anticipated. It was not a problem because we were just going a few miles into the canyon before stopping to camp for the night. After dropping our boats, gear and everybody who was not driving a shuttle vehicle at Talley, the drivers departed for the Solis Access take-out and left all but one vehicle there, using the remaining vehicle to return to Talley where the rest of us were loading boats and getting ready to go.

The only major obstacle in Mariscal Canyon is the class II to III+ Tight Squeeze Rapid, which is really just a huge boulder field very similar to Rockslide in Santa Elena Canyon. Apparently, rains since we were there last year had radically altered the landscape, and upon arriving at our Mexican side campsite we decided to paddle about a quarter mile back upriver to a Texas side campsite that was larger and more accommodating. Once situated at our overnight campsite we began preparing dinner. There were no leftovers. We sat around the campsite and gazed in awe at the beauty of Mariscal Canyon in the fading sunlight of our last night on the river.

Saturday was our eighth day on the river for those of us who started at Colorado Canyon, and we were sad to see our trip approaching its end. We had a leisurely morning, sleeping later than on most mornings before getting about the tasks of preparing breakfast and striking camp. We still had a 2-hour shuttle back to Rio Grande Village awaiting us after we reached the Solis Access take-out. We loaded our boats, then began our final 7 miles of the trip, working our way carefully through Tight Squeeze, which it really was in low water, then enjoying the scenery as we approached the end of Mariscal Canyon.

Upon arrival at Solis we loaded boats and gear onto our trailer and second shuttle vehicle while two of our drivers returned to Talley to retrieve the other vehicle. Upon their return we loaded the two remaining vehicles, then set out for Rio Grande Village where we set up camp for Saturday night and began



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cooking a dinner that everybody devoured as if they had not eaten in a month. Most of the group never even set up tents, preferring instead to just sleep on the ground under the stars.

Sunday morning brought the end of our trip. We struck camp, drove to Chisos Basin and had breakfast at the lodge there, then bade farewell to each other before departing for our respective destinations. Another successful and exciting trip was on the books, and I think that we all hated to have to return home. Those of us who are Rio Grande veterans never fail to be enticed to return, and hopefully those who had never been here before caught the same fever. I am certain that several of us will be paddling the Rio Grande again before the end of this year if there is adequate water for a good trip. I am happy to have been on this trip with so many good people, and to have shared a moment in their lives. As diverse as our various backgrounds are, we all have one thing in common - we love and appreciate the infinite beauty of nature and the thrill of paddling and camping along a gem of a river - the Rio Grande!

Memorial Day Trip on the Lower Mountain Fork and Little River

Every time we do one of these trips, I wonder why we don't canoe camp more often. Our group of 8 boats met at Ambush on the Lower Mountain Fork Saturday morning to get the boats loaded and run our shuttle down to the Horatio, Ar takeout. The normal tubing and canoe rental crowd up there must be pretty late sleepers as we pretty much had the place to ourselves save for a group of jon boats that were doing their own overnight trip. We finally got on our way around 11am, by then the river was starting to get a little crowded, but it did not take us very long to pull away from the pack. John K., Rick Schell and I were fishing our way down the river, Thomas was trash pickin' his way down and Marc, Carolee, Brett, Lige and Marion were just cruising.

We all got back together a mile or two down the river to have lunch by a swift, but not too dangerous bend in the river. As we munched we watched a troop of Boy Scouts negotiate the bend. Nobody was hurt, but it just proves my theory that there is nothing you can tell a thirteen year old boy that he does not already know. My sympathies to Scout leaders everywhere.

Fishing was pretty slow due to the noise and river traffic until we got about six miles down river. The Boy Scouts had stopped to camp, the Jon boats had passed us and headed to their evening stop and our own river cruisers had paddled on, leaving just us fishermen behind to hopefully bring home dinner. Things started picking up, Rick hauled in a few pan size bass, I caught a few including one that went close to four pounds and John K. was locked in a ferocious battle (thanks to a very loose drag setting) with another bass of over two pounds. With our cooler getting pretty full, we decided it was time to catch up to the rest of the group.

We reached the confluence of the Little River and headed east and finally caught up with the group, who were busy setting up camp on a gravel island. Any snide comments about our fishing ability were quickly silenced after everyone got a look into our fish cooler.



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Dinner that night featured freshly fried fish and homemade chips as well as a selection of assorted goodies that everyone had brought as backups “just in case”. We built a small fire and sat up watching the stars. It was such a warm dry night that most of us left the rain flies off of our tents so we could see the stars all night, a really neat idea until the sun starts coming up.

Needless to say I was up early Sunday to try a little more fishing, but all I succeeded in doing was loosing tackle, so I gave up in favor of a hot cup of coffee. We watched as some of the locals speed by in their boats heading up and down the river to check their trot lines and fish pots. The one negative thing that I can say about this stretch of the river is that the local power boaters have very little respect for paddlers, so do not look for them to slow down as the pass you. You will be bobbing on boat wakes from time to time.

We got on the river about 9:30 and crossed into Arkansas in the early afternoon. A few miles into Arkansas we officially saw something that none of us had seen before. It seems that the



good folks out there have invented a new form of watercraft, the floating stock tank. They are super easy to build. Just head over to Tractor Supply, pick out the correct size, add a few kitchen chairs and an ice chest and presto you have a party machine! When I asked if the had ever attempted to motorize one, one good ‘ol boy told me, “yep, but ya caint put it on the back, ya gotta put it on the front”. This may explain why they were all drifting apparently none of them could determine exactly where the front of a round stock tank is. We camped

that night on a small island a little upriver from the stock tank takeout point.

Monday’s paddle to the takeout was short and we were off the river by noon. Our total trip was just under 26 miles, not bad for a three day paddle. The takeout at Horatio is excellent and the drive back up to Ambush takes only about a half hour. We have decided to do this trip every Memorial Day weekend . Hope you can join us next year. There are two more canoe camping trips scheduled this summer. An overnight on the Kiamichi in July and another trip back up to the Lower Mountain Fork for a shorter one night trip in August. As many of the parks and campgrounds that we have frequented over the years have become crowded and noisy, it is certainly a pleasure to get out and enjoy the peace, quiet and big starry skies that you can only find out and away from everyone and everything. Like I said earlier, I don’t know why we got away from canoe camping, but the extra effort is well worth it. — Bryan Jackson

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Mountain Fork River Broken Bow, OK

Campin' Cuisine

Lige forwarded me this recipe for Ziploc Omelets. It's a great idea, we should try it on an upcoming trip.

YOU NEED: 2 eggs, a quart size Ziploc bag, Omelet filling of your choice, 2 quarts boiling water
DIRECTIONS

1. Crack two eggs in a quart size Ziploc bag. (if using more than two eggs use larger bag)
2. Add your choice of omelet fillings (ham, green peppers, cheese, etc.)
3. Remove all air from the bag and zip it up.
4. Bring 2 quarts of water to a rolling boil in a large pan or dutch oven.
5. Drop the bag in and cook for thirteen minutes (no more –no less)
6. Carefully remove the bag from the water. Allow it to cool enough to be handled and remove your omelet from the bag.
7. Enjoy!

If you have a recipe that you would like to share with everyone, please forward it to Bryan at lowcreek@paddlinpals.com. Since we always need newsletter filler it will definitely get printed. When we have enough recipes collected, we will start work on the Official DDRC Cookbook



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Coming Next Month>>>>

Rules Changes for TRC XI, TRC XI flyer for everyone to copy and distribute, TRC XI application, News about our hand made strip canoe that will be raffled at TRC XI, Yes folks its going to be a TRC XI extravaganza!

Big thanks to Sam Sloan !

For finding us a new place to meet. Don't forget that Steve Daniel is coming to the June meeting to show us his new White Water video and promote the new edition of Texas Whitewater.

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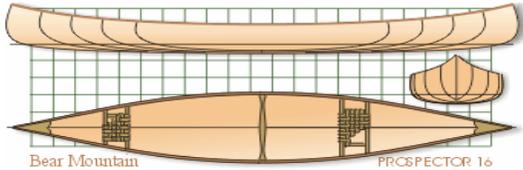
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Attention all DDRC Members:

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
June 15, 2006

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**DDRC Meetings are the 3rd
Thursday of every month.**

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

