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4 **Hoosier Paddler**  
5 **July 2006**  
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9 **NOTICE**

10 **AMENDMENTS TO THE HOOSIER CANOE CLUB**  
11 **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**  
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15 Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the HCC Constitution and By-Laws of  
16 proposed amendments. Voting on these amendments will take place at the Summer Meeting scheduled  
17 for August 6, 2006.  
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19 The last time the Constitution and By-Laws were amended was in 2001. Amendments are now  
20 necessary to reflect the fact that the HCC is no longer affiliated with the American Canoe Association  
21 (ACA) as a Paddle America Club. This change was a result of substantially increased costs for ACA  
22 insurance and reduced coverage. Another issue was that a person had to be a member of two clubs just  
23 to have insurance coverage. Earlier this year the HCC was able to secure cost-effective and protective  
24 insurance coverage on its own. Other amendments reflect minor changes in general club operating  
25 policies and procedures.  
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27 The following is a synopsis of the amendments made to the Constitution and By-Laws. If you wish to  
28 read these draft documents in their entirety you may do so at the HCC web site,  
29 [www.hoosiercanoecub.org](http://www.hoosiercanoecub.org). You will be able to see the original language as well as the highlighted  
30 proposed and stricken language.  
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32 **CONSTITUTION**  
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34 The only amendments to the constitution are to change all references to *canoeing* to *paddlesports*  
35 (*canoeing, kayaking, rafting*) and a couple of format changes.  
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37 **BY-LAWS**  
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39 **Article 1 Membership**

40 Section 3 of this article stated: Enrollment of new members may be taken at any regularly called  
41 meeting of the Executive Board of the Club. This section was deleted in its entirety due to the fact that  
42 Section 4 (now Section 3) prescribes that any prospective new member may submit an application,  
43 membership fee and signed waiver to any club officer, board member of trip sponsor and become a  
44 member immediately. Membership no longer requires Board approval.  
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46 The new Section 3 has been amended by inserting the requirement of a signed waiver to constitute a  
47 complete application for membership.

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### **Article III Monies**

Sections 1 & 2 of this article addressed the fees associated with membership in the American Canoe Association and Paddle America Club affiliation. These sections have been deleted and the article renumbered. The old Section 3, now Section 2 deals with the reinstatement of a member if their membership has lapsed. This section states: *A member whose name is so stricken from the rolls, may be reinstated by submitting a completed application, signing the HCC Waiver and payment of dues.*

### **Article IV Standing Committees and Duties**

Section 1.A. of this article is amended by deleting references to the membership committee recommending applicants as new members of the club to the HCC Executive Board for approval. Applicants are immediately approved for membership upon completion of the application, signing of the waiver and payment of dues.

Section 1.B. of this article is amended by deleting references to the Safety Committee responsibility to maintain the HCC Safety Equipment. A number of years ago the Executive Board made a policy decision that it was the individual boater's responsibility to carry and maintain their own safety equipment including throw ropes, first aid kits, pulleys & carabiners, etc. The HCC no longer owns or maintains any safety equipment.

### **Article VII Club Emblem**

This article was amended by deleting references to the use of the American Canoe Club emblem on all HCC documents. The article was also amended by changing the HCC emblem requirements for *crossed* canoe paddles to just *crossed paddles*.

### **Article VIII Amendment**

Section 1 of this article was amended by prescribing that amendments may be made at any *general membership* meeting providing:

- A. notice of the proposed amendment is given at a previous meeting, or
- B. notice of the proposed amendment is *published in the HCC newsletter or a special notice* mailed to each member at least two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.

### **Article X Waiver**

All references to the American Canoe Association and Paddle America Club have been deleted. Additions include the requirement that *The HCC membership waiver will be used for all HCC events.*

The HCC Waiver has been amended by replacing references to *canoeing* with *paddlesport activities*.

### **Article XI Membership Pledge**

This article has been amended to replacing references to *canoeing* with *paddlesports*.

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Attached please find the latest Board approved revisions to the HCC By-Laws.

**Rev 6/06**

**Article 1 Membership**

**Section 1**

A member of the Club may be either an individual or a family unit. Each membership, whether individual or family unit will or referred to in the Constitution and hereafter in the By Laws as a governing member and will be entitled to one vote.

**Section 2**

All members shall sign the Hoosier Canoe Club membership pledge and waiver of liability.

~~Section 3~~

~~Enrollment of new members may be taken at any regularly called meeting of the Executive Board of the Club.~~

~~Section 4~~

**Section 3**

A prospective new member shall submit to the membership chairman, Club Officer, Executive Board member, or trip/activity sponsor, a written application, **signed waiver,** ~~an initiation fee,~~ and a membership fee as specified in Article III Section 1 of the current year if submitted before October 1 or as dues for the next year if submitted after said date. Applicants officially become members immediately upon acceptance of the complete application and fees specified in Article III, Section 1 by the membership chairman, Club officer, Executive Board member, or trip/activity sponsor.

~~Section 5~~

**Section 4**

Membership may be canceled by a majority vote of the Executive Board for due cause.

**Article II Duties of the Officers and the Executive Board**

**Section 1**

142           **The Skipper shall preside at all meetings of the Club, shall be chairman of the Executive**  
143           **Board and a member ex-officio of all committees, shall see that all standing committee**  
144           **chairmen are appointed, and shall perform all other duties usually pertaining to this**  
145           **office. The Skipper is (or may assign a member to be) the Club representative to the**  
146           **national canoeing organizations with which the Club is affiliated.**

147           **Section 2**

148           **The Executive Officer shall act as an aide to the Skipper and shall preside in the**  
149           **absence of that officer. The Executive officer shall serve as chairman of the Trips**  
150           **Committee and shall maintain an inventory of the Club's equipment.**

151           **Section 3**

152           **The Yeoman shall keep a correct record of all meetings of the club and of the Executive**  
153           **Board, shall be responsible for all official correspondence of the Club, shall maintain a**  
154           **current and permanent file of Hoosier Canoe Club Newsletters, and shall perform any**  
155           **other duties normally pertaining to the office. The Yeoman shall be keeper of all official**  
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**Section 4**

The Purser shall receive all monies, shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures, shall pay out funds only as authorized by the Executive Board, and shall submit regular reports to the Executive Board and an audited annual report.

**Section 5**

The Executive Board shall transact necessary business between Club meetings and such other business as may be referred to it, approve the plans of work of the standing committees, and present a report at the Annual Meeting of the Club.

**Article III Monies**

**Section 1**

The annual dues for membership in the Hoosier Canoe Club shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per governing member. ~~Active HCC members are those members participating in two or more sanctioned events per year. For active HCC members, American Canoe Association Paddle America Club dues (ACA/PAC) shall be an additional twenty dollars (\$20) per member. HCC will pay the extra five dollars (\$5) for governing members wanting family membership in ACA/PAC.~~

~~Section 2~~

~~Total first year dues will include the sum of the annual dues as shown in Section 1 and the initiation fee. Each new governing member shall receive a packet of pertinent Club and canoeing information including the Hoosier Canoe Club Constitution and By Laws.~~

~~Section 3~~

**Section 2**

Each subsequent payment of dues by a governing member shall be the amount specified in Section 1 hereof, and shall be payable November 1 - February 1 . If the dues are not paid by February 1, the purser shall notify the member that he is in arrears and if by the first of March the dues are still unpaid, the membership shall be forfeited and the member's name stricken from the rolls. A member whose name is so stricken from the rolls, may be reinstated by **submitting a completed application, signing the HCC Waiver and payment of dues.** ~~presenting a request in writing to the Purser, with payment of the dues in arrears.~~

~~Section 4~~

**Section 3**

The Hoosier Canoe Club membership in the national canoeing organizations with which this Club is affiliated shall be paid by the Purser of the Hoosier Canoe Club to the treasurer of those national organizations at such times and through such channels as those organization provide.

196 Article IV Standing Committees and Duties

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**Section 1** There shall be the following standing committees:

- A. A Membership Committee to receive applications and fees from prospective governing members, ~~and recommend applicants as new members of the Club.~~ With membership requirements fulfilled as stipulated in Article 1 Section 4. ~~The , the~~ membership chairman shall send each new member, ~~or~~ family, a membership packet and a letter of welcome. The membership chairman shall also send the first letter of contact to prospective members.
- B. A Safety Committee to maintain safety standards of the participants in all Hoosier Canoe Club sponsored ~~canoeing paddlesport~~ events, ~~and to maintain the Hoosier Canoe Club safety equipment~~
- C. A Training Committee to develop programs of skill improvement for Club members and guests.
- D. A Trips Committee to maintain a complete file of current river information, to develop a calendar of scheduled trips for each Club year, and to enlist the aid of Club members to sponsor the scheduled events.
- E. A Newsletter Committee to gather information, publish and mail a regular Newsletter to keep the Club members and other authorized recipients informed of all Club events including meetings , trips, and special events.
- F. A Conservation Committee to develop and implement programs of ecological concern within the Club and in conjunction with other established groups endeavoring to promote preservation of natural waterways and other natural resources.
- G. A Nominating Committee consisting of five members in good standing, not more than two of which can be Executive Board members, to nominate qualified persons to each office and Executive Board positions to be filled at the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee shall submit a slate to the Executive Board at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual November meeting date. The membership must be notified of this slate at least fourteen (14) days prior to the annual November meeting date.
- H. An Audit Committee, consisting of two members in good standing appointed at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual meeting. This committee shall meet with the Purser and shall submit their report at the November meeting .
- I. An Awards Committee, to prepare and to present any special awards at the Annual Meeting as requested by the Skipper or the Executive Board.
- J. Such other special committees as the Skipper or the Executive Board shall establish from time to time.

**Section 2**

Chairmen of all standing committees shall present plans of work to the Executive Board. No work shall be undertaken without the approval of the Executive Board.

236 **Article V. Nominations and Elections**

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238 **Section 1**

239 Nominations may be made only with the prior consent of the nominee(s).

240 **Section 2**

241 A slate of nominations for each office and member- at -large of the Executive Board to  
242 be filled shall be presented by the Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting.

243 **Section 3**

244 Any alternate nominations (an entire slate or portion thereof) may be submitted to the  
245 Yeoman ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting, and the Yeoman shall submit this  
246 alternate slate to the membership seven (7) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

247 **Section 4**

248 The Officers and members-at-large of the Executive Board shall be elected by ballot,  
249 provided however that if there shall be but one candidate for any office, by motion from  
250 the floor, the election may be by voice.

251 **Section 5.**

252 The newly elected officers shall be installed as the last order of business at the Annual  
253 Meeting.

254 **Section 6.**

255 No more than two members of the same family membership may serve concurrently on  
256 the Executive Board.

257 **Section 7**

258 In the event that one of the Board Members is a member of a family membership, any  
259 adult of that Family Membership can exercise the voting privilege of the Board  
260 Member.

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262 **Article VI. Order of Business and Quorum Requirements**

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264 **Section 1**

265 Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern this Club in all cases to which they are  
266 applicable and are not in conflict with the By Laws of the Club.

267 **Section 2**

268 Notice shall be given of a General Meeting to each member at least two (2) weeks prior  
269 to that meeting. Those governing members present at the General Meeting will  
270 constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The voting privilege of a governing  
271 member for a specific meeting can be assigned to another governing member, providing  
272 written notice bearing the signature of the absent member be presented to the Yeoman  
273 prior to the start of that meeting.

274 **Section 3.**

275 A majority of the Executive Board members shall constitute a quorum for the  
276 transaction of business at Board meetings **with the exception of provisions found in**  
277 **Article VIII, Section 2.**  
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279 **Article VII Club Emblem**

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281 **The official Club emblem shall be the outline of the State of Indiana with crossed canoe**  
282 **paddles. The use of the Emblem shall be by permission of the Executive Board. ~~The ACA~~**  
283 **~~Emblem will be used in accordance with Hoosier Canoe Club affiliation with the ACA Paddle~~**  
284 **~~America Program.~~**  
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286 **Article VIII Amendment**

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288 **Section 1.**

289 **These By Laws may be amended at any ~~regularly called~~ general membership meeting of**  
290 **the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, provided:**  
291 **A. notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given at a previous meeting, or**  
292 **B. notice of the proposed amendment ~~is published in the HCC newsletter or a special~~**  
293 **~~notice shall have been~~ mailed to each member at least two (2) weeks prior to the**  
294 **scheduled meeting.**

295 **Section 2.**

296 **A committee may be appointed to submit a revised set of By Laws only by a majority**  
297 **vote at a regularly called meeting of the Club or by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the**  
298 **Executive Board.**  
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300 **Article IX Dissolution**

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302 **Section 1.**

303 **The Hoosier Canoe Club may be dissolved at any regular meeting of the Club by a two-**  
304 **thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, provided notice of the proposed**  
305 **dissolution has been at a previous meeting and such notice has been mailed to all**  
306 **members in good standing at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting at which such a**  
307 **proposal is voted upon.**

308 **Section 2.**

309 **In the event of the dissolution of the Club, The assets of the organization shall be**  
310 **distributed to the national affiliated canoeing organizations or any other worthy**  
311 **ecology-conservation group as designated by the majority vote of the Club members**  
312 **with the dissolution vote. Equipment shall be converted into fair value cash after such**  
313 **amount has been determined by an impartial appraiser selected by the Executive Board.**

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**Article X The Wavier**

~~American Canoe Association waivers will be used for adults and minors participating in ACA/PAC sanctioned events.~~

~~not sanctioned by ACA/PAC,~~ **The HCC membership waiver will be used for all HCC events. The membership wavier shall read as follows:**

**I recognize and fully understand that canoeing paddlesport activities can be a dangerous activity. There can be hidden obstacles in the water, tricky currents, sudden weather changes, or any number of other man-made or natural hazards. In addition, mistakes can be made by fellow canoeists paddlers. Despite the mutually supportive group structure, I am ultimately responsible for my own safety, and do assume sole responsibility for my decisions. In consideration for my membership in the Hoosier Canoe Club and/or for the privilege of voluntary participation in its activities and events , I hereby waive and forever release any and all claims and/or demands against the Hoosier Canoe Club, its officers, or any club members for personal injury to myself, including death, for damage to any item of personal property, and/or loss of service, arising from any damages or losses which I may suffer or incur while taking part in any activity or event of the club. This waiver and release shall be binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns. I further agree that if I bring a child or minor to one of the club's activities or events, I alone shall be responsible for the child's health and safety.**

**Article XI Membership Pledge**

**The membership pledge of the Hoosier Canoe Club shall read as follows:**

- I will support the efforts of the Hoosier Canoe Club to bring together people with a mutual interest in canoeing paddlesports, camping and other family outdoor activities.**
- I will strive to improve skill and safety in canoeing paddlesports.**
- I will act to promote interest in canoeing paddlesports.**
- I will assist with efforts to preserve natural waterways and natural resources.**

**===== This is the end of the By-Laws =====**

**FULL MOON PADDLE**

For a full moon paddle on Eagle Creek , meet me on Tuesday night July 11, 2006 at 8:00 pm at the Eagle Creek Park Office on 56th Street( Large white house just before the Causeway /56th St. bridge. Have a

356 flashlight or a light source on your boat. We'll paddle in the full moon light.

357 RSVP to Shirley Gates 317-852-9809

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### 360 **NEW DNR BOAT LAUNCH**

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362 HCC was invited to attend the opening ceremonies for a new boat launch at Strawtown on White  
363 River. The ceremony was in late May and, as Skipper Roger Ritchie was working during the day, past  
364 Skipper Dwon Miller was asked to represent HCC. It is a very nice launch area for any boat from  
365 canoe to pontoon. It is cement and wide with plenty of parking area near by. Directions to the new  
366 launch site are, north on IN 37 past Noblesville thru Clare and at Strawtown, turn right, or east on  
367 Strawtown Rd. At about 4 miles, the entrance is a left turn, north, on to a gravel lane that takes you  
368 back to the launch. There is to be a new launch site at Perkinsville, which is upstream that should be  
369 open next year. If you go downstream to Clare, there is a dam that you must watch for.

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371 Dwon Miller

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### 375 **HCC Summer Meeting, August, 6, 2006**

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377 The meeting will be held at Mounds State Park in Anderson, IN. Plan to meet at 9am for a paddle on  
378 White River. Meet at the Shell Station at I 69 and IN 67 on the northeast corner. Please bring a lunch  
379 for this trip. We will paddle into Mounds Park and take out.

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381 For those not paddling, a Park Naturalist will give a presentation about White River, the fish kill, and  
382 what the State has done with the settlement money to improve the River. Also, what volunteer groups  
383 have done and will be doing to improve the river. The dugout canoe from the November meeting will  
384 also be available for viewing.

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386 In the early evening, there will be a "short" Club meeting, followed by Gary Hill preparing his "world  
387 famous chili". Others will be preparing different foods from cast iron utensils and talking about their  
388 uses. Club members are asked to bring appetizers, veggies, salads, or desserts. Club will provide  
389 beverages.

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391 Directions to Mounds Park: I-69 to exit 26, IN 109. Turn left, or north on IN 109 about 3 miles,  
392 passing 32nd St. and 3 railroad crossings before the intersection with IN 232. Turn right, east. This  
393 will take you to Mounds State Park. Tell the attendant at the gate that you are with Hoosier Canoe  
394 Club and they will direct you to the appropriate building for the meeting.

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396 Please RSVP to Dwon Miller so we have an approximate count for the Park and for Gary Hill and  
397 other cooks. 765-288-1404 or [dwon\\_joy@iquest.net](mailto:dwon_joy@iquest.net)-----

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### 400 **Current River Trip**

### 401 **2006 Memorial Day Weekend**

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Just three of us were able to go to the Current River in Missouri this year. Lori Gates, Brad Abplanalp and Shirley Gates enjoyed the Shannondale Peaceful Pointe Campground all to themselves. It was fun and very relaxing.

On Saturday we paddled from Akers Ferry to Pullite. The water was higher than normal and briskly flowing. Several small choppy rapids were found. Lori and Brad towed their inflatable alligator, shark, and Aliens with them to play with in the faster sections. The water was as cold as usual. In one rapid Lori slipped in the water.

She fell backwards catching herself with her hand which she cut and badly bruised on a sharp rock. With a little first-aid, she paddled on. In camp, I ace wrapped her hand. (Back home xrays showed no fractures.)

On Saturday night our planned trip to the Montauk St. Park was cancelled. Lori's air mattress sprung a leak Friday night and when she woke up Saturday morning she was sleeping on the ground. So, dinner was in Salem, so that we could go by the Walmart for another mattress for her.

After Church at Shannondale on Sunday we went sightseeing and ended up over at the Bass Pro Shop in Springfield. Lori had never been there and enjoyed it very much. There were lots of tent sales going on. Brad bought a hand held "Bug Zapper" Yes, he did! Back at camp he was easily entertained "zapping those poor bugs".

We were amused every night to armadillos. They were coming near our tents and chomping grubs or whatever. They don't verbalize, but are quite noisy eaters. The Whip-Poor-Wills serenaded us with long, long, long repertoires. One was in the tree over my tent and it seemed to sing forever. We saw and heard several turkeys close to river and our camp.

It was a fun trip. Maybe next time some of you can join us.

Shirley Gates

**TUESDAY EVENING PADDLES:** Remember to come to Eagle Creek Park on Tuesday evenings to paddle off some of your stress!!!!!! Entry to the park is FREE with your HCC pass. Meet at 5:30 to 6 pm.

**TRIATHALON HELPERS NEEDED—June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

WANTED: paddlers to help with the Triathalons.

WHAT do you do? Paddle along side the swimmers.

WHY: Provide safety for swimmers in the OPEN WATER

HOW LONG? ¾ to 1 ½ hours

The HCC earns money from these events.

CAN and WILL you help? Call Shirley Gates to RSVP and to give her your T-shirt size. 317-852-9809

450 Hello Everyone

451 I am Dave Gahimer, # 51 on the new membership list. I started canoeing at 10 years old on our  
 452 family farm near Millhausen in Decatur County. We have canoed the bounrdy waters for many years  
 453 with family and Scouts. And anywhere else there was water flat or flowing. My Son Ted and I have  
 454 started a new Canoe business in Mansfield in Parke County on Big Raccoon Creek. For information  
 455 check our web site at Raccooncreekvoyageurs.com. Big Raccoon as those of you who have Canoed  
 456 and Kayaked it know is very beautiful. Much wildlife.  
 457 Knowing that all HCC members have watercraft, if we can assist you in enjoying Big Raccoon please  
 458 let us know. As long as we're "Going-your-way" with the Shuttle Bus, and have room for you and your  
 459 canoe on the trailers, please don't hesitate to ask for a ride. Just show the driver that you are an HCC  
 460 member and the ride is free. Have fun this summer on the water!!!

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462 Dave

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465 **Blue Water Trip:**

466 July 15	Lake Michigan/	Rick Turney	312-254-2087
467	New Buffalo	Earl King	812-569-5043

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470 **Tuesday Evening Paddles at Eagle Creek Reservoir**

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472 July 4 – No scheduled paddle

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474 July 11 Full Moon Paddle – Meet at 56<sup>th</sup> Street Park Office  
 475 At 8:00 PM Shirley Gates 317-852-9809

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477 July 18 Canoe Workshop Reggie Baker 317-888-3315

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479 July 25 Regular Tue. Eve Paddle Shirley Gates 317-852-9809

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481 Aug 1 Regular Tue Eve Paddle Shirley Gates 317-852-9809

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483 Aug 8 (Near) Full Moon Paddle – Meet at Park Office as on July 11  
 484 Shirley Gates 317-852-9809

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486 **Flatwater Trips**

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488 July 1-4 Maumee River Lori Gates 317-852-5383

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490 Jul 9 Shelbyville Triathlon Shirley Gates 317-852-9809

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492 July 7 Tippecanoe River Shirley Gates 317-852-9809  
 493 Dick Fetty 765-754-8200

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495 July 15 E. Fork White River Richard Tekulve 812-873-8110

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497 July 29 Eagle Creek Triathlon Shirley Gates 317-852-9809

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499 Aug 4-5-6 Ind. Paddlers Ren- Gary Hill 765-628-3155  
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502 Aug 6 Shelbyville Triathlon Shirley Gates 317-852-9809  
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505 **WhiteWater Trips**  
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507 Jul 1-4 Maine Whitewater (II-III) - John Gates  
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510 Jul 8-9 (Open)  
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512 Jul 15-16 Lower Yough, PA (III) - David Swingley  
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514 Jul 22-23 New River, WV (III-IV) - Jordan Ross  
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516 Jul 29-30 (Open)  
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518 Aug 4,5,6 Upper Yough, MD (IV-V) - Jordan Ross  
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521 **For a fun journey without leaving home, follow Jay Morrison as he paddles across Canada in his**  
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528 Send any trip reports and trip announcements to me at : [dwjames@doe.state.in.us](mailto:dwjames@doe.state.in.us)  
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