



The Prairie Dog Companion: Newsletter of the North Texas River Runners

Commodore's Column by Lorraine McPhee

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Dear fellow paddlers or paddling wanna-be's, Welcome to North Texas River Runner's! As our club's commodore I wish to express my gratitude to ya'll for your friendship, camaraderie on and off the water, and all you have taught me over the last few years. I treasure the people I have met and the experiences I have enjoyed as a result of being a club member. My goal is to help our club grow. I would like to see more trips planned. A call is issued to each of you to plan and announce trips



Simpson Park Covered Shelter

all of this year and next. Be inclusive! Take new paddlers under your wings. Show other paddlers new places to go. Take the initiative and put together something fun that includes others. Mixed groups of canoeist and kayakers is very fun. Serve our club

please.

Up and coming: look for a new calendar page, and hopefully a soon to arrive interactive bulletin board. It's very exciting! This month, get out and enjoy the rain--paddle the Cossatot, or closer to home. Go to Rendezvous. Go to San Marcos. Maybe the Paluxy will run? Join the Canoe class at TCC NE. In other words: put your passion into action and let our club help you along the way. Have a great month!

Lorraine McPhee

September Meeting at Lake Arlington

The next NTRR meeting will be **Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00 pm at Lake Arlington.** We will be under the large shelter at Simpson Park. This is where Arkansas Lane ends at the boat ramp.

Feel free to come early with your boat(s) for a paddle before the meeting. If you like, bring an extra boat for others to try it out.

The moon will be almost full, so a paddle after the

meeting should be appropriate.

Dinner will be a **pot luck.**

Bring a dish that is large enough for six people.

TCC Canoe Class Information

The Tarrant County College (TCC) whitewater canoe class will be held on Thursday nights from 7-9pm, beginning September 11 through October 30th at the Northeast campus. We teach whitewater canoeing and actually take a class trip at the end of the course. The class trip this year will be November 7-9 (Friday through Sunday). The class is a lot of fun, and you will learn about ca-

noe strokes, canoe design, river safety, and river features. Come join the fun!

To sign up: the course synonym = 0129116
Our course is listed as HPEX-1380-22345 Whitewater Canoeing

Editor's Note: For those who do not know, this class is taught by NTRR member Curtis Boerner, a certified whitewater canoe instructor and perfect paddler.



Advanced paddling technique!!!

San Marcos Note

Hello Friends,

We wanted to remind everyone that just because Summer is almost over doesn't mean that kayaking season is over! That's one of the benefits of living in Texas! The weather and the water are great for kayak-

ing year-round! So, join us this Fall for lessons or just come out and play! We always have a great time paddling in the water!

We're also gearing up for our Fall travel! Our [website](#) shows more information, so check it out and drop us a line if you're

interested. We will be updating the site with our adventures, so stay tuned and we'll see you on the water.

Happy Paddling,

Michelle and Ben Kvanli



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New Officers

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