

Indian Creek Nature Center 3rd Annual

Paddle Fest

1:00 PM, Saturday, January 30, 2010

Indian Creek Nature Center, 6665 Otis Road SE, Cedar Rapids.

Admission \$10. \$7 for ICNC or SIW members.

Door Prizes, Info Displays, 3 Great Presentations:

1:00-2:00 pm "Paddling the Rivers of Eastern Iowa"

KCRG Sports Director John Campbell will share video & commentary about area paddling, including the Yellow, Upper Iowa, & Maquoketa Rivers, & Whitewater Creek. John will also recount trips to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area with his wife & canoe partner Mary, & their dog "Strider." John began his career at WBAY-TV in Green Bay, & has been the KCRG-TV9 Sports Director since 1979. He is widely known for his "Great Outdoors" segments & "John's Big Ol' Fish."

2:15-3:15 pm "Kayak & Canoe Fishing in Eastern Iowa"

Iowa DNR Fishery Biologist Paul Sleeper will provide suggestions on locations particularly suited to fishing from muscle-powered watercraft, drawing from his many years of experience as a biologist & successful angler in Eastern Iowa. Paul will also discuss the unique fishing & paddling opportunities to become available when Cedar Rapids opens the Cedar Valley Lake Urban Fishery to the public in 2010.

3:15-4:00 pm "Developing a Cedar River Water Trail"

Indian Creek Nature Center Director Rich Patterson & Sticks In the Water Coordinator Gregg Stark will lead an informal discussion exploring a potential water trail along the Cedar River. Since 2008, Iowans have created 400 miles of water trails, with another 1,000 miles under development. What defines a water trail? How do you develop a water trail? Bring your questions and share your ideas.

Doors Open at Noon. Come early to register & visit with the exhibitors.

Exhibits and Information Displays will include: "Commander," a kayak-canoe hybrid from Seatasea Watersports, Water Trails & Dam Safety by the Iowa DNR Rivers Program, Sticks In the Water paddlers group, paddling program information from several area County Conservation Departments, and area canoe & kayak outfitters/liveries.

Sponsored by Indian Creek Nature Center (www.indiancreeknaturecenter.org), Seatasea Watersports (www.seatasea.com), and Sticks In the Water paddlers (email sticksinthewater@yahoo.com).