



Paddle Day

Saturday, January 21, 2017
9 AM - 4:30 PM



ICNC Members \$20; Non-Members \$25
Light breakfast and lunch included with program fee

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:10am **Speaker: Vern Fish** – Bound for the Barrens

10:00am **BREAK, EXHIBITS**

10:10-11:00am and
11:10-12:00pm (Breakout sessions 1)

- **Todd Robertson** – Safety and Technique (Auditorium)
- **Back Water Paddlers Group** – Local waters close to home (Classrooms)
- **Forest Therapy Walks** (Meet by Front Door at these times)

Noon-1:00pm **Box lunch** from Great Harvest Bread Company (Self-serve, Auditorium)

12:40pm **Community Share:** Upcoming trips, events and paddling news

1:10 - 2:00pm and
2:10pm - 3:00pm (Breakout session 2)

- **Bill Schoon** – Great River Rumble (Classrooms)
- **Meet a Paddler/Paddling Demo** – Facilitated by local paddlers (Auditorium)
- **Forest Therapy Walks** (Meet by Front Door at these times)

3:00pm **BREAK, EXHIBITS**

3:15pm **Nobody's River Film-** Presented by Nobody's' River Project (NRS)
(Auditorium)

4:00pm **Final Comments:** Raffle drawing and departure

SPEAKER DETAILS

Keynote Speaker - Bound for the Barrens in Manitoba

Vern Fish- *Executive Director of Black Hawk County Conservation Board in Waterloo, Iowa*

In 1912 Earnest Carl Oberholtzer (Ober) and Billy Magee embarked on an epic 2000 mile canoe trip across northern Manitoba to Hudson Bay and back to Lake Winnipeg. Ober, a native Iowan, played a key role in creating the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Starting the trip from the Barren Lands First Nation, this presentation will retrace 130 miles of Ober's 1912 adventure.

Keynote Film - Nobody's River

Presented by NRS

The journey planned is rarely the journey taken. The Nobody's River expedition team had no idea how true this would be as they prepared to leave for a two month expedition in Mongolia and Russia. This film documents their journey along one of the few remaining free-flowing rivers of the world and through the complexities of love and loss. From their hilarious antics to deeply human struggles, these ladies shine a light on the soul of internal and external exploration. This film is brought to you by the Nobody's River Project and award-winning director Skip Armstrong in partnership with NRS

Prepared or NOT Prepared?

Todd Robertson- *IDNR River Programs Outreach Coordinator and is a certified instructor in canoe, kayak and SUP*

Does safety really need to be talked about again? Based on 2016 stats of incidents and near drownings situations, yes we do. We will have a mixed bag of safety topics including reading rivers, understanding hazards and how to avoid them, how to file a float plan, why proper instruction is essential **and a video documentary about low head dams that will really hit home.** A paddling demonstration will be given by Todd in the afternoon breakout session, come sharpen up on your skills!

SPEAKER DETAILS

Back Water Paddlers- Local waters close to home

Ruth Dunlevy *with Dale Waters, Teresa & Jeff Sedlachek and Willy Robertson*

Six years ago, Back Water Paddlers started with three people and a love for exploring Eastern Iowa's rivers. The group has grown notably over the years, and averages 10-30 people at weekly paddles. The group seeks out different places to port from so they can gain new perspectives on the rivers. Their presentation will be an invaluable resource to all local paddlers wanting to learn new water to explore!

Great River Rumble

Bill & Joyce Schoon

Since 1995, the Midwest River Expeditions Inc. organization hosts a week long river trip to promote environmental consciousness and enjoyment of the rivers. 2017's trip will start in Rushford, MN and end in Prairie du Chien, WI for a total of 92 miles! Enjoy the comradery of paddlers, music around the campfire, good food, and great people who all love paddling!

Meet a Paddler/Paddling Demonstration

Facilitated by various local paddlers

Join us for a social hour to meet other local paddlers! Often, the best resources out there are people who have the same hobby and have great local knowledge about an area. Looking for a paddling partner? This facilitated conversation will help you get to know other local paddlers, sharpen up on your paddling technique while socializing and learning from one another.