



# Paddle Day

## Schedule of Events

*ICNC Members \$20; Non-Members \$25  
Refreshments included with program fee*

8:30am	Check in + Social Time <i>Enter to win great raffle prizes!</i>
9am	Welcome to Paddle Day! (Auditorium)
9:10am	Keynote Speaker (Auditorium) <b>Nate Hooegeven - Paddling Iowa to 2018: Where We've Come and a Look Ahead</b>
10-10:15am	BREAK - <i>please visit our vendors in the Exhibit Hall and get your raffle tickets!</i>
10:15-11:00am	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Rick Hill – Paddlesport Racing: A Lifetime Sport</b> (Auditorium)</li><li>● <b>Vern Fish – The Cedar River Watershed</b> (Bee Classroom)</li><li>● <b>Panel: Paddling with Kids and Grandkids</b> (Preschool Classroom) <i>Panel Moderator: Sarah Halbrook</i></li></ul>
11:00-11:15am	BREAK - <i>please visit our vendors in the Exhibit Hall and get your raffle tickets!</i>
11:15am - 12pm	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Tanner Speidel – Kayak Fishing</b> (Auditorium)</li><li>● <b>Molly Hanson – Realize Your River</b> (Preschool Classroom)</li><li>● <b>Todd Robertson – Trip Planning, Safety and Paddler Behavior</b> (Bee Classroom)</li></ul>
12:10-12:50pm	<b>Community Share: Upcoming trips, events, and paddling news</b> (Auditorium) <i>All are welcome to share; an electronic calendar will be provided after Paddle Day.</i>
1pm	Final Comments: Raffle drawing and departure (Auditorium)

## About the Presenters



### **Molly Hanson - Realize Your River**

*Molly Hanson is the Executive Director of a non-profit river advocacy group called Iowa Rivers Revival. She's an Iowa native who attended the University of Northern Iowa as an Earth Science and Geology major. As a river advocate, Molly understands that the best way to get people interested in and caring about rivers is to connect them to the resource. She loves taking people out on the water to wade, paddle, swim, fish and play.*



### **Todd Robertson - Trip Planning, Safety and Paddler Behavior**

*Geared towards the new paddler, we will discuss the steps in planning your paddling trip, understanding river hazards, and paddling etiquette. Keeping yourself safe and understanding rules and regulations is a big part of planning your trip. Todd has been the Outreach Coordinator for the Iowa DNR Rivers Programs for six years. He is an ACA certified canoe, kayak and SUP instructor and when not paddling, is usually cycling "century rides" and preparing for RAGBRAI. You can find him and his dog "Jett" on a paddleboard or in the canoe on the many rivers of Iowa.*



### **Rick Hill - Paddlesport Racing: A Lifetime Sport**

*Rick Hill is a Legal Administrator for Meardon, Sueppel & Downer in Iowa City. He is married with two adult daughters, and was a college basketball player and has been involved in various sports for most of his life. Rick has been canoeing for about 30 years and 8 years ago began racing. Canoe racing has taken him around the country for training and competing. The friends and experiences he's had with canoe racing have been very special. Rick is also a delegate to the United States Canoe Association, the governing body for paddlesport racing.*



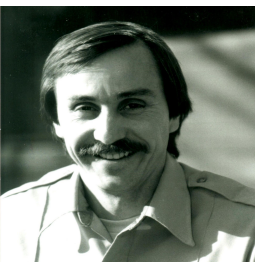
### **Tanner Speidel - Kayak Fishing**

*Kayak fishing is one of the fastest growing aspects of the kayak industry. Tanner Speidel, a Cedar River Valley local, spends much of his free time paddling towards his next big catch. Where big fish grow, he and his kayak go! Promoting kayak fishing and outdoor recreation is his passion. Since early childhood he was very interested in fishing and when he got his first kayak close to twenty years ago, he was hooked. Find him outdoors or follow him on social media to see his latest catches. Tights lines!*



### **Nate Hoogeveen - Paddling Iowa to 2018: Where We've Come and a Look Ahead**

*Nate Hoogeveen is River Programs Coordinator for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, bringing his unique insights, passion and pride for Iowa's rivers to the job since 2005. He was hired as the state's first full time water trails coordinator after writing Paddling Iowa, the guidebook to Iowa's rivers and streams. He and his team focus on dam mitigation, water trails planning and development, design and construction of water accesses and amenities, scenic river protection, safety education, and stream restoration projects. Nate continues to enjoy recreational paddling in Iowa and beyond with his family.*



### **Vern Fish - The Cedar River Watershed**

*A native Iowan, Vern paddled all five Iowa Protected Water Areas and the waters of Canada, Alaska and beyond. Vern serves as the co-chair of the Cedar River Watershed Coalition, and saw the impacts of a broken watershed first hand during in 2008. Watershed restoration requires the cooperation of many stakeholders to reduce flood damage, improve water quality, maintain biodiversity and enhance our quality of life while befitting economic development. Vern share ideas on how you can make a difference and play a role in the management of your watershed.*