

SCHEDULE -Wilderness Paddlers Gathering

March 10-12, 2017

Hulbert Outdoor Center, Fairlee, Vermont



Friday, March 10

- 3:00 - 6:00 - SELF-REGISTRATION in Library
 5:00 - Wine & Cheese - BYOL (Bring your own Libations - we supply cheese & crackers)
 6:00 - 7:00 - Dinner
 7:20 - Welcome - Seth Gibson
 EVENING PRESENTATIONS – Introductions
 7:30 - 7:55 – Willem Lange – *Readings*
 8:00 - 8:25 – Scott Ellis – *Diving Into the Dumoine*
 8:30 - 9:00 – Bill Fitzhugh – *Bark and Skin Boats of Northern Eurasia*
 9:00 to wee hours - schmoozing, snacks, music, and stories (bring your fiddle, guitar or.....)

Saturday, March 11

- 7:30 - Breakfast
 8:20 - WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
 PRESENTATIONS Introductions
 8:30 – 8:55 – Tim Caverly – *Allagash: New England's Wild River*
 9:00 - 9:25 – Jake Risch - *From the Source - a Journey from the hydrological source of the Amazon River*
 9:30 – 9:55 – David Gilligan - *Two Gulfs: Paddling and Birding in the Everglades Coast and the Sea of Cortez*
10:00-10:20 - BREAK - SNACKS, TAILGATE VENDORS, DISPLAYS
 PRESENTATIONS Introductions
 10:20-10:40 – David Pelly – *Ayalik Fund*
 10:45-11:10 – Noah Pollock – *Making Connections: Collaborative Paddler Trail Development*
 11:15 – 11:40 – Tracy Hoeger - *Whitewater and Wine: Building Community and Character At Any Age*
 11:45 – 12:15 – Melanie Whitham – *Playing in The Wild*
 12:15 – **Door Prizes/Afternoon Workshop Announcements & Descriptions/ Authors Announcements**
12:30 –LUNCH
 1:15-1:45 -- TAILGATE VENDORS, DISPLAYS

2:00 – 3:00 – BREAK OUT SESSIONS - choose one

1. Ross Morgan – *Make an Axe Handle*
2. Dave Brown – *Trip Logistics*
3. First Aid (TBD)
4. Jane Barron/Ann Ingerson - *Spray Covers: Design and Use*
5. Film - *Blizzard to Blossoms*

Back Porch
 Lower Dining Hall
 Danny's Room
 The Cave
 Upper Dining Hall

3:00 – 3:30 - BREAK - SNACKS, TAILGATE VENDORS, DISPLAYS

3:30 – 4:30 - BREAKOUT SESSIONS - choose one

1. David Gilligan - *Sea Kayaks, Decked and Open Canoes: Boat Hull Design for Open Water Expeditions*
2. Tracy Hoeger – *Cooking Over a Fire*
3. David and Laurie Pelly – *The Nunavut Land Claims 25 Years On...*
4. Wendy Scott/Jane Barron: *Menu Planning, Tips and Tricks*
5. Film – *Blizzard to Blossoms*

The Arts Building

 The Barn
 Danny's Room
 The Cave
 Upper Dining Hall

5:00 - 6:00 - Wine & Cheese, BYOL (Bring your own Libations - we supply cheese & crackers)

6:00 - 7:00 – Dinner

7:20 - 7:40 - Regroup - Door Prizes

PRESENTATIONS - Introductions

- 7:45 – 8:20 – Al Stirt – *The Confluence of Work and Paddling*
 8:25 – 9:00 – David Pelly – *Ukkusiksalik and the Power of Inuit Story Telling*
 Evening Music.....snacks, schmoozing, singing, planning.....

Sunday, March 12

7:30 – Breakfast – checkout of cabins by 9:30 AM

8:45 - 10:00 –Film

8:30 –12:30 - Paddle Making with Geoff Burke (Pre Registration required)

Danny's Room
 Wood Shop

*****Remember to turn your clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time*****

OTHER NOTES:

Country Food – Feel free to bring some country/trail food - to share at Wine & Cheese, Saturday Night.
PHOTO BOARD – Have any photos from the early days? Bring them in hard copy or digitally.

Meals: Your nametag is your meal ticket: Red C - commuters, green A - all meals and white -no meals.
For those who did not sign up for meals: Please plan to be in library or upper dining hall during meals - we need every seat at the tables.

Feel free to show/watch any of our videos or your slides in the library, or upstairs conference room, any time. The Main Hall may be used as well.

“PRIZES OF THE DOOR” – If you are contributing: Please fill out the cards on the door prize table and tape them to a can. Thanks to all who contribute - great prizes!! **DIRECTIONS:** – each person may put 5 slips, with your name on them, in the cans of choice. Please print clearly and boldly! - For Seth!!

We recycle nametags & paper - look for a box at the entrance table on Saturday evening.

Your thoughts and suggestions are always appreciated - there will be a form by the entrance door for you to fill out, if you so choose. Thanks.

MASTER EMAIL LIST– Please check the master list - table by the door to be sure your email is OK

Special thanks to our **friends from all over the Northeast**, the “**Toronto Van Committee**” – **now the WPG Committee**, **Wendy Scott**, **Seth Gibson** for being our “M.C.” Andy Williams “The Organizer”, the **Hulbert staff**, and to the presenters who come from far and wide, and especially to **all of you!**

For your calendar:

See you at:

Snow Walkers' Rendezvous – November 10-12, 2017

AND

Next year's Wilderness Paddlers Gathering – March 9-11, 2018

Warm wishes for good paddling and flat campsites!