



29th Annual Sea Kayaking Symposium
May 25-28, 2018
Memorial Day Weekend
Camp Pentalouan – Big Blue Lake
Muskegon County, Michigan
*For Beginning and Intermediate Kayakers
Modern (Euro) and Traditional (Greenland)
Kid's Kayaking & Camp Activities
AND - Stand Up Paddleboard Instruction*

**Register Online Under
The Symposium Link:**

<https://wmcka.org/events/symposium/>

OR Send Registration to:

WMCKA c/o Casey Van Horn
4325 Mayaka Court SW
Grandville, MI 49418

PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED:

- The symposium fills fast – we encourage you to register early!
- Upon receipt of your registration form and payment, we will send you a confirmation statement (via email), along with additional symposium information.

CANCELLATION POLICY: There is a \$50/person, non-refundable fee for cancellations received after May 14, 2018. NO refunds after May 23, 2018.

REGISTER ON-LINE: You can now register and pay on-line at: <https://wmcka.org/events/symposium/>

CONTACT INFORMATION (Please print)

Participant(s) Name(s): If youths please include ages.

E-mail address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone #: _____

WMCKA MEMBERSHIPS: Become a WMCKA member to save on the registration fee!

Individual membership: \$15 x ___ Adults = \$ _____

Family membership: \$20 x ___ Family = \$ _____

MEMBER REGISTRATION FEE

WMCKA Members (family or individual)

Adult Program: \$130 x ___ Adults = \$ _____

Youth Program: \$ 30 x ___ Youths = \$ _____

*Youth Boat Rental: \$ 20 x ___ boats = \$ _____

Non-WMCKA members:

Adult Program: \$200 x ___ Adults = \$ _____

Youth Program: \$ 50 x ___ Youths = \$ _____

*Youth Boat Rental: \$ 20 x ___ boats = \$ _____

*A limited number of rental boats are available for Youths on a first-come, first-served basis.

One Day Rates**: Saturday ___ OR Sunday ___ (check one)

Adult Program: \$100x ___ Adults = \$ _____

Youth Program: \$ 30x ___ Youth = \$ _____

*Youth Boat Rental: \$ 20x ___ Youth = \$ _____

**Includes: Lunch & Dinner, Classes, Demos on day selected

ACA Event Fee: All non-ACA participants must pay a \$5.00

Event Fee to cover the cost of liability insurance.

Non ACA Member Event Fee: \$5 x ___ person = \$ _____

Current members of the ACA may waive the fee by listing their valid ACA number HERE: _____

MEALS:

Regular Meal Plan: \$60 x ___ persons = \$ _____

Vegetarian Meal Plan: \$60 x ___ persons = \$ _____

Children 6 and under are free

ACCOMODATIONS:

Female Cabin: \$35 x ___ persons = \$ _____

Male Cabin: \$35 x ___ persons = \$ _____

Co-ed Cabin: \$35 x ___ persons = \$ _____

Tent: ___ persons RV(no-hook-up: ___ persons

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make checks payable to "WMCKA". Mail check/completed registration form to:

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All attendees, **seven years of age and older**, MUST pay a registration fee. Complete the contact information in the box to the left and make your registration, meal, and accommodation selections. Ages 6 and under are free.

ADULT PROGRAM: Designed for adults and/or children 13 years of age or older*. The course offerings in this program will focus on different aspects of kayaking. Some sessions will be on-water; others will be off-water.

YOUTH PROGRAM: Designed for youth 7-12 years of age*. This program combines kayaking classes with other camp activities designed to keep children active during the adult program hours.

***ALL children under the age of 18 must have a registered adult on the grounds at all times in order to participate in symposium activities.**

MEALS: (Reminder: Meals begin with Saturday Breakfast)

A regular and vegetarian meal plan is available. Please note – we are not able to accommodate vegan or gluten free diets. The meal plan includes seven meals: Saturday and Sunday – Breakfast, lunch, & dinner; Monday – Breakfast. (On Friday night the camp staff will provide a hot dog and hamburger/vege-burger roast with donations to benefit camp scholarships.)

ACCOMMODATIONS: There is no fee for tents or RV's (no-hookups). Rustic cabins are available at \$35/person for the weekend.

NOTICE OF RISK AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

As a participant in the symposium, you must acknowledge and fully understand that each participant engages in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and that serious social and economic losses might result not only from your own actions, inaction, or negligence, but from the actions, inaction, or negligence of others, the rules of play, or the conditions of premises, or any of the equipment used. There may be other risks not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time. As a participant, you must sign a waiver and release of liability form when you register at the symposium.

Current WMCKA Members: Refer a new (never attended before), paid symposium attendee and get a free 2018 Symposium T-shirt or a 1-year WMCKA membership extension. ***If you were referred by a WMCKA member please enter their name below:**

WHEN

~The symposium takes place on Memorial Day Weekend. May 25-28, 2018. Symposium registration begins at 5:00pm on Friday evening. The Adult and Youth programs start at 9:00am Saturday and conclude at 11:30am on Monday. There are other programs going on at camp before ours. **Please do NOT arrive earlier than 5:00pm on Friday.**

WHERE

~The symposium is held at YMCA Camp Pandalouan on Big Blue Lake. The camp is approximately a 20 minute drive north of Muskegon, MI. See next page for directions.

ACCOMMODATIONS

~Free walk-in tent site with registration.

~Free parking spaces for small RV's. However, there are no RV hook-ups.

~Bunks in simple rustic cabins are available for a \$35 fee per person for the weekend. Each cabin sleeps 6 to 12 people. Cabins have electricity. Bring your own linens and/or sleeping bags.

~Centralized restrooms and showers are available at camp.

~A list of nearby local campgrounds, motels, and restaurants may be obtained online at www.whitelake.org

MEALS

~Camp Pandalouan provides seven meals during the weekend for those who elect the meal plan. Meals are served family-style in the main lodge. Most participants and staff take part in the meal program. **Please note: Saturday Breakfast is the first meal served.**

WHAT TO BRING

~A farmer john/jane type wetsuit or a dry suit is HIGHLY recommended, the water is still cold in May! Some dive shops rent wetsuits for a minimal fee.

~Clothing and accessories for both warm and cold weather. Weather in May is hard to predict. Past years have been cool and rainy and warm, sunny, and dry.

~Sandals or water shoes.

~Sunscreen, rain gear, and mosquito repellent.

~Sea kayak or recreational kayak. A sea kayak is 14' or longer with bulkheads. A recreational kayak is less than 14' and without bulkheads. Also bring related gear including: a paddle, personal flotation device (PFD), paddle float, and pump. Rental kayaks are available from many local vendors; information about kayak rentals will be sent out with your confirmation.

~While we love pets, they are NOT allowed in camp!

FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS/INSTRUCTORS

~**James Tibensky:** A member of the US Sprint World Championship Team in 1970 and on the US Masters Slalom Team in 1989 and 1990, Jim has competed in numerous canoe and kayak races. He has also provided kayak guide services for week long trips through Omni Youth Services of Illinois, a unique wilderness therapy program serving youth and families of Chicago. He holds an ACA Level 5 Advanced Open Water Kayak instructor certification and is an ACA Level 4 Whitewater Kayak instructor.

~**Ken Fink:** A retired oceanographer and one of the East Coast's most experienced sea kayakers, Ken has been featured on instructional videos and on PBS. A skilled Euro paddling instructor, Ken is a perennial favorite at our symposium as well as others around the country.

~**Maggie Byrne:** With kayak trips to Scotland, Puerto Rico, Baja, Maine, and Nova Scotia, Maggie has lots of experience on the water to combine with her ACA Level 3 Coastal Kayak instructor certification and BCU 2 & 3 Star awards. She loves teaching people how to do things they never thought they would be able to do on the water and is rewarded with their SMILES!

Doug VanDoren: A BCU Level 3 Coach and respected teacher and researcher of "Traditional Paddling" since 1990, Doug is an especially skilled instructor and rolling demonstrator at our symposium and others around the U.S. and abroad. He paddles mostly in the Great Lakes and has paddled many U.S. coastal areas of the Atlantic and Pacific as well as the coast of Wales and the Mediterranean coast of northeast Spain.

PRESENTATIONS/CLASSES

Classes begin with an Introduction to the Symposium at 7:00pm on Friday night, start again at 9:00am on Saturday and conclude at 11:30am on Monday. All participants are required to wear a PFD for on-water classes. Safety will be stressed, and we will need your cooperation to make sure all events are safe and enjoyable for everyone. Below is a sample of classes:

Introduction to Kayaking	Kid's Program
Navigation	Camp Cooking
Stand-up Paddleboards	Women's Clinic
Traditional Paddling	Rolling Instruction
Modern/Euro Paddling	Assisted/self-rescues

In addition to classes, there will be a rolling demonstration, wacky relay races, an evening program including slide presentation, evening paddle, and an evening of games & music (bring your own adult beverages and instruments).

NEPTUNE'S TREASURES

Be sure to browse our 'kayaking garage sale' for second-hand, gently used camping and kayaking gear. There is usually a selection of used kayaks also for sale. This is a great place to sell your used kayak and gear or find some new (to you) stuff. Neptune's Treasures is for the gearhead in all of us!



Getting There

From Muskegon, head north on the U.S. 31 freeway and exit at Russell Road (County Road B-23). Turn right (north) on Russell Road. Travel for approximately 10.5 miles to Fruitvale Road. Turn right. Go ½ mile, Camp Pentalouan is on the right.

Camp Address is: 1243 Fruitvale Rd., Montague, MI 49437

For GPS (and Mapquest) directions, type in E Fruitvale Rd & Blue Lake Rd, 49425

Check out the camp's website for more detailed directions at:

www.pentalouan.org

**Classes for Beginner and Intermediate Paddlers
Modern and traditional (Greenland) paddles**



Youth Program



**WMCKA is a Paddle America Club of
the American Canoe Association**

