



30th Annual Coastal Kayaking Symposium
May 24-27, 2019
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

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

CANCELLATION POLICY: There is a \$50/person, non-refundable fee for cancellations received after May 13, 2019. NO refunds after May 21, 2019.

CONTACT INFORMATION (Please print)

Participant(s) Name(s): If youth 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: \$140 x ___ Adults = \$ _____
Youth Program: \$ 30 x ___ Youth = \$ _____
*Youth Boat Rental: \$ 20 x ___ Boats = \$ _____

Non-WMCKA members:

Adult Program: \$220 x ___ Adults = \$ _____
Youth Program: \$ 50 x ___ Youth = \$ _____
*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: \$110x ___ Adults = \$ _____
Youth Program: \$ 30x ___ Youth = \$ _____
*Youth Boat Rental: \$ 20x ___ Boats = \$ _____

**Includes: Lunch & Dinner and Classes 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: \$40 x ___ persons = \$ _____
Male Cabin: \$40 x ___ persons = \$ _____
Co-ed Cabin: \$40 x ___ persons = \$ _____
Tent: ___ persons RV(no-hook-up): ___ persons

SPONSORSHIPS: WMCKA is excited to offer our members the opportunity to participate in our scholarship program to allow young adults from CAT and REACH attend the Symposium.

Donate here! 100 X ___ = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

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.

Upon receipt of your registration form and payment, we will send you a confirmation statement (via email), along with additional symposium information.

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 provide vegan or gluten free meals. 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/veggie-burger roast with donations to benefit camp scholarships.)

ACCOMODATIONS: There is no fee for tents or RV's (no hook-ups). Rustic cabins are available at \$40/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.

Make checks payable to "WMCKA"

Mail check/completed registration form to:
WMCKA c/o Casey Van Horn
4325 Mayaka Court SW
Grandville, MI 49418

WHEN

-The symposium takes place on Memorial Day Weekend: May 24-27, 2019. 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 Pendalouan 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 \$40 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 Pendalouan 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 – footwear is required!
- 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.

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

FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS/INSTRUCTORS

-Trey Rouss: Trey is the owner of *The Power of Water* in Lansing, MI. He is our main guest instructor and speaker for this year and will be bringing paddling expertise in a number of disciplines to the symposium. In addition to instructing, Trey also leads numerous trips across the country in kayaks and on SUP's. He holds certifications in ACA Level 5 Advanced Open Water Kayak, L4 White Water Kayak, L2 SUP Instructor Trainer and British Canoeing Coach One.

-Bonnie Perry: In the BCU, Bonnie is the fourth woman in North America to be awarded the 5 Star Leader on the Sea. She's also a Level 3 Sea Coach, a 3 star assessor, and 3 star open boater. In the UKCC she is one of three people in the US with Level 3 Discipline Specific Sea Kayak Training. In the ACA, Bonnie is a Level 4 Open Water Instructor Trainer and in Paddle Canada she's a Level 2 Instructor.

-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.

-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!

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. Below is a sample of classes:

Introduction to Kayaking	Youth 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 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**

