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Chota Canoe Club
 Knoxville,
 Tennessee

Purpose:
 to
 provide
 community
 paddle
 sport
 activities,
 safety awareness and
 techniques while being
 actively environmentally
 responsible.



Time to RENEW your membership? Check
 this newsletter label!

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What is it?

Two days of hands-on instruction. Beginner through
 Intermediate Whitewater Canoe and Kayak courses or Beginner
 Touring Kayak courses.

Saturday Night: Music, prizes, and an auction at Hiwassee
 Outfitters Campground.



Visit Chota on the Web at www.korrnet.org/chota

Paddling Lore:

Gotta paddle when it rains, but watch your back for rising water, surges, and spikes. Chota
 Website has the best gauge collection for watching your back when paddling in East TN.

Join Us at the Chota Kayak and Canoe School June 21 to 23

Registration Deadline - June 14, 2002

Chota offers a wide range of paddling activities year round, from flat water to white water, and from whitewater kayaking to open canoe to touring kayak to paddling a duckie. The Annual Chota Kayak & Canoe School is where it all starts.

This is the perfect opportunity to learn the basic skills that you will use to achieve your paddling goals or to tone-up your skills. This school is designed for the beginning paddler who has little or no experience and the returning paddler who wants to improve their skills!

Chota Kayak & Canoe School will be held at the Hiwassee River Outfitters (HO), Reliance, TN. Registration is Friday evening, June 21, from 6 - 8 pm, behind the HO store. You will be assigned to a class based upon experience level. Each class will have a lead instructor, assistant instructor and a safety boater. Classes have a ratio of no more than 2 to 1.

Beginning and beginning intermediate students will enjoy sessions typically based around the Ocoee Lake on Saturday morning, followed by a day on the Hiwassee River, with a repeat on Sunday or a full day on the river on Sunday. Rivers paddled and lake time spent are dependent upon your class and instructors. If enough qualified intermediate paddlers sign-up, we will hold an Intermediate Class on the Ocoee River. Additionally, for those interested in learning how to paddle a duckie, we have a duckie class available. Upon receipt of your registration we will send you agendas and directions.

Requirements: You must be able to swim and be reasonably healthy. You must provide your own equipment (boat, paddle, Coastguard approved life jacket, helmet, and sprayskirt for kayaks), or you can rent them from: Little River Trading Company (Maryville-touring boats only), Earth Traverse or Riversports Outfitters, or elsewhere. If you need assistance locating equipment, please contact Henry Bell at 865-379-9247.

Promote community paddle sport activities, safety awareness and techniques, while being actively environmentally responsible.



New Member	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change of address	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please enclose \$20 dues (one year from date of joining or renewal date)

Membership Form

Head of Household: _____
 Others in Household: _____
 Street: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Phone Numbers: Home: () _____ - _____ Work: () _____ - _____
 E-mail Address: _____
 Boats paddled: _____ **Paddling activity interests:**
 Skill Level: Beginner Flatwater/touring Whitewater
 Novice overnight paddling trips Hairless
 Intermediate day trips Hair
 Advanced evening trips
 Expert Coastal Sea Kayaking Trips:
 I am willing to coordinate club trips
 Can you help at canoe school?
 Instruct OC1 OC2 K1
 whitewater Youth Activities: Whitewater
 touring Flatwater
 Other: _____ Western Trips: Whitewater
 Flatwater
 Conservation activities: River Cleanups Letter writing campaigns Volunteer for groups
 Other: _____
 Safety activities: Safety clinic, mentor Safety clinic, student
 Other: _____

Waiver:

Chota Canoe Club activities may involve risk to persons or property. I agree to hold harmless from any liability the Chota Canoe Club, its officers and its members, collectively or as individuals, for any damage or loss of property or any personal injury or death to myself, anyone in my boat, or any member of my family covered by this membership while at any Chota Canoe Club function or on the way to it or from it.

Send to: _____
 Chota Canoe Club Date / Signature(s) / (Parent or Guardian if under 18)
 P.O. Box 8270, University Station
 Knoxville, TN 37996

Roll Sessions and Boating Classes

Chota at the Cove

Roll Sessions on Thursdays at Concord Cove - 6 to 8 pm - starting May 2.
(You can also enroll in a Roll Session Class offered by RiverSports)

Boating Night at Concord Cove

(special visits by boat manufacturers)
5 - 8 pm - sponsored by RiverSports
June 5th - Wave Sports, Mad River & Wilderness Systems

June 18th - Liquid Logic

June 20th - Dagger, Perception and Islander

June 26th - Old Town



RiverSports Classes

Contact RiverSports to sign up for the following classes: 523-0066 or 675-2370

Touring/Flat Water Kayaking -
Learn the Basics in a 3 hour course
6 - 9 pm, \$30, at Concord Cove.

Course Dates:

June 5, 9, 17, 26; July 1, 10, 15, 31;
August 7, 12, 28

Touring Clinic - Learn how to paddle, pack & camp from your boat
1 evening, 2 full days
\$175 at Concord Cove.

Course Dates: June 6, 8, 9; July 11, 13,
14; August 8, 10, 11

Kids 13 - 15 Learn to Boat! - Basic skills of canoeing, sea kayaking, and whitewater kayaking. Safety, paddle strokes and rescues. Course Dates: June 17 - 21
June 24 - 28. \$150

These RiverSports classes fit in perfectly for Chota Canoe Club's Annual Canoe & Kayak School. Learn the basics on flatwater and then come to Chota's Canoe & Kayak School to expand your skills on the Hiwassee. Cost - \$60 for two full days of instruction.

Hiwassee River Outfitters Reliance, Tennessee Register by June 14

Two nights of camping, with facilities, is available for only \$10 (single), \$15 (family of 2), \$20 (family of 3+). You must actually be a family to qualify for the family rates - the buddy/friends family is \$10 per person.

Saturday evening will be our annual Auction (make your wish list & bring your wallet!) And social night to meet all your new friends. A BBQ dinner will be served at \$10 per person. Buy your meal ticket ahead of time. All other meals will be your own responsibility, including two sack lunches for Saturday and Sunday. You may buy breakfast at HO and they can make you a sack lunch if you order it in advance.

T-shirts (truly a collector's item) will sold this year and instructor t-shirts will be given to each instructor.

This clinic is available to Chota members, age 12 through adults. Children are very welcome, but, must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Children under 12 must obtain special permission from Henry Bell to attend a class.

Instructors: We need your assistance - volunteer with Henry Bill or Jill Miller

We will treat you like the river gods you are!

For additional information, you may contact Henry Bell (865) 379-9247, bell@simulationdynamics.com or Jill Miller (865) 573-3451 (before 9:00 p.m.) jillbhome@ntown.com or go to the Chota Website - it's the best! www.kornet.org/chota

You will receive a registration packet in the mail if your registration is received by June 14, 2002. Please - prevent premature greying by registering early and DO NOT try to register on the day of class.

July Newsletter Deadline: June 16, 2002

Email reports, artwork, photos to Stacia Couch at staciacouch@hotmail.com.

Call (865) 588-1461 with any questions or suggestions.

Chota Canoe and Kayak School

More Useful Information Here:

If you'd like to participate in an Ocoee River Class (this is a Class III - IV- river), please specify your skills in detail. A combat roll is required for kayakers.

Talk up the school - our number one referral source is our members - so talk it up!!!

How to get to Hiwassee Outfitters: Highway 411 South, through Etowah. Right after Hiwassee River turn left onto Highway 30 - goes to Reliance. Hiwassee Outfitters in on the left hand side - where the road makes a sharp right turn - be ware of oncoming traffic. For further details go to the Hiwassee Outfitters website or to the Chota website - campgrounds section.

What to expect - a lot of exercise, great people and a great time.

Gear you will need - in addition to the basics of boat, Coast Guard approved life jacket, paddle, helmet and spray skirt (if a kayaker). Your boat should have airbags in it! The water can be cold - even in June! Wear clothing that wicks away water (capuline, polypro, gortex, fuzzy rubber) NO cotton. Dry bag to put your lunch in. River boots - skip the flip flops or other shoes that fall off easily or may entrap your foot. Sunscreen, visor, first aid kit and throw rope are helpful additions.

Be ready to meet a group of people who are THE BEST!!! and to have a wonderful experience.

Russell De Castongrene III has been nominated for the Chota Board position, Web Master. Anyone else interested in running for this position, please notify a Board Member by our June 22nd meeting.

The election for this position will be held at our annual Canoe School on June 22.

There will be no other general membership meeting in June.

Chota Now Has an E-Mail List Server!!

This is a great way to get information out to club members about what is happening in Chota, who is paddling when, and what is happening with our rivers. What is a "Email List Server." An "Email List Server" is Email forwarding software.

We have a few simple rules with the list server:

1. Respect and tact - ALWAYS. If you question whether to send it - don't send it.
2. All e-mail content is to be limited to our Mission Statement.
3. Chota is a Club of paddlers and conservationists. Chota Mission Statement is: "Promote community paddle sport activities, safety awareness and techniques while being proactively environmentally responsible."

Sign-up today! To post to this list, send your email to: chotalist@korrnet.org

To Subscribe and for General information about the mailing list go to:

<http://www.korrnet.org/mailman/listinfo/chotalist>

If you ever want to unsubscribe or change your options, visit your subscription page at: <http://www.korrnet.org/mailman/options/chotalist/>

You can also make such adjustments via email by sending a message to: Chotalist-request@korrnet.org with the word 'help' in the subject or body (don't include the quotes), and you will get back a message with instructions.

You must know your password to change your options (including changing the password, itself) or to unsubscribe.

If you forget your password, don't worry, you will receive a monthly reminder telling you what all your korrnet.org mailing list passwords are, and how to unsubscribe or change your options. There is also a button on your options page that will email your current password to you.

You may also have your password mailed to you automatically off of the Web page noted above.

Upcoming Events

June 21-23 Canoe & Kayak School. Henry Bell (865) 379-9247
 Sept 20 & 22 AWF Gualey River Rolling Rodeo
 September 21 Gauley Whitewater Festival, Summersville, WV
 September 30 - October 6 Russel Fork Rendezvous, Haysi, VI
 October 9 - 13 AWF Teva Whitewater National Championships of the Ocoee
 October 18 - 20 GAF, Bryson City, NC
 November 8-10 Fort Pickens National Seashore annual trip. For details and information, call Ed McAlister, 865-675-2247.
 November 16-23 ... Cumberland Islands, Georgia. Self-contained camping/ocean paddling. This trip is sure to be as spectacular as last year's trip to Isle Royale National Park. 6 to 8 person limit on trip. If interested and for more details, contact Howard Cox 865-639-5738 or Doug Johnstone 865-966-3391.
 June 2003 Costa Rica Paddling and Adventure Tour. Plan to budget approximately \$1500. If interested, contact Renee VandeBerg at (865) 691-2911 or rvandeberg@coulterjustus.com.

2002 Executive Committee

President:	Renee Vandeberg	865-691-2911	r_vandeberg@msn.com
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Past President	Doug Johnstone	865-966-3391	canoeone@msn.com

Chota Canoe and Kayak School Wish List - Come True!!

When: **SATURDAY EVE, JUNE 22 AT CANOE & KAYAK SCHOOL**
 Where: Hiwassee Outfitters Campground, Benton, TN

Make up your wish list and put some money in your pocket for Chota's Annual Canoe & Kayak School Auction!!! Where else can you get great deals on what you want while your money goes to RIVER CONSERVATION? Plan ahead to GEAR UP at the Auction!!

OUR BIGGEST AND BEST AUCTION EVER!!!

Pack that wallet with cash or checks for all your play needs!

We encourage you to stop by and say thank you to these businesses for supporting Chota and River Conservation! These businesses are our community!

Judy's Fiber Art - Donation "Whitewater Times" - a custom made clock for Chota!

Judy Sauer
 PO Box 1166
 Kamiah, ID 83536
 208-935-7935
 judysart61@hotmail.com
 www.judysfiberdesign.com

DeadBeat Pete's
 A favorite restaurant for gathering after paddling the Little River in the Smokies
 Townsend, TN
 Restaurant Certificates

The Creel
 Fly Fishing Shop
 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN

Chota Canoe and Kayak School Wish List -- Come True!!

The Bike Zoo
Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN

CORE
Massage School
30 minute professional massage!!

Carolina Outfitters
Bryson, TN
1 Whitewater raft trip on the Nantahala, plus a coupon for free hard boat transport
www.carolinaoutfitters.com

Adventure Swim and Scuba
Northshore, Knoxville, TN
Robert Parker, Owner
\$40 Oceanic Adult Mask and Snorkel - blue

Clinch River Paddles
865-986-9387
Our own famous Bailey Johnson
Beautiful Wood Canoe Paddle - custom made if desired
Minimum bid - \$180

Nantahala Outdoor Center (NOC)
Bryson City, TN

River Sports Outfitters
Southerland Avenue and Concord Park
Knoxville, TN

Gear Swap at Canoe School

GEAR SWAP AT THE CHOTA CANOE SCHOOL
Bring any outdoor equipment that you want to sell or trade
(including paddling, biking, backpacking,
skiing, climbing gear, etc).
6-8pm June 22nd near the Saturday night festivities.
Any questions contact Robin Ballard (423)587-9043
or Mary Ann Grell (865)386-4819.

Trip Schedules

June

Whitewater (HAIRLESS) Trips Cruisemaster: Scott Carpenter, 865-397-0413

1,2	Hiwassee	Scott Carpenter	865-397-0413
8,9	Hiwassee	Scott Carpenter	865-397-0413
15,16	To be determined	Scott Carpenter	865-397-0413
21-23	Canoe School		
29,30	Hiwassee	Scott Carpenter	865-397-0413

Whitewater (HAIR) Trips Cruisemaster: David Tate, 865-448-2223

1,2	Little River	David Tate	865-448-2223
8,9	Ocoee	Mary Misulich	865-448-2223
15,16	Upper Ocoee	Renee Vandeberg	865-691-2991
21-23	Canoe School		
29,30	Big Pigeon River	Robin Ballard	423-587-9043

Touring Trips Cruisemaster: Franklin Paine, 865-281-7178

13	Chota at the Cove	Franklin Paine	865-281-7178
27	Chota at the Cove	Franklin Paine	865-281-7178

July

Please visit the Chota website for updated trip schedules.
www.korrnet.org/chota

Confessions of a Canoe School Alumnus

by JILL MILLER

Not so long ago, and definitely not so far away, my presence was requested to provide a balance in an unbalanced world. In other words some friends of mine were short one body to sign up for a tandem canoe class. Having never been one to succumb to peer pressure or the need to fit in, I hastily agreed. Boy was I in for a surprise.

Day one began with the usual finding one's instructor, getting basic logistical information, gathering gear and loading up for the trip over to a lake area to begin. I wasn't sure how difficult they thought this was going to be...just point the boat down stream and go...right ??? (keep reading).

Once at the lake our instructions were to grab our paddles and head to the water, we wouldn't need our boats. I just did as I was told. We practiced various paddle strokes standing in thigh deep water. This allowed us to actually feel the result of each stroke as if we were the boat. That's great so when do we get in the boat I thought to myself, out loud. The next part began in the boat and out of the boat. We flipped our canoes and practiced re-entering the boats. I did my best "Free Willy" imitation and I must say there is a difference in being safe and efficient and just getting back in the boat.

OK so now I had decided that I could really learn a lot if I were to pay attention. Practice and preparation filled the remainder of the morning. We headed back to the put in, ate lunch and waited for the water release.

Eagerly our flotilla launched onto the river. The skills lessons came directly as we perfected our ferries, peel outs and (I'm not going to tell you everything...take a class). As the day progressed I was thrilled with how it felt to work with the river and to actually play with it.

Tandem canoes are also known as "divorce boats". Although this was not a problem with this class as we were frequently changing out boats, positions and partners. I could picture divorcing a friend if I made a poor choice in paddling partners.

Day one ended with a great dinner, entertainment, auction and the obligatory telling of stories around the campfire.

Day two. Just when you think you had learned it all the day before came more practice and learning how to "read" the river. We headed to the put in just in time for the water release and....oh just take the class!!!!!!

PS Ben and I are still friends!

Chota Canoe and Kayak School Wish List - Come True!!

Earth Traverse
Southerland Avenue
Knoxville, TN

Hiwassee Outfitters
Benton, TN (where we'll be camping & holding the auction)

Little River Trading Company
stop by and say hi to these folks - they do a great job for Chota!
Maryville, TN

Gone Bananas
Best fresh produce in town
Southerland, Knoxville, TN

Ski/Scuba Center
Southerland, Knoxville, TN

Blue Blaze Shuttle
Virginia Creeper Trail
Abington, VA

More contributions to come...

Judy DeVaney is this year auction coordinator superior! Thank you, Judy.

Chota Canoe and Kayak School 2002 (June 21-23) Registration Form

(Complete One Form Per Student)

Name: _____ Age: _____ (Minimum 12 yrs.) Address: _____ Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ E-mail: _____ I wish to be in a class with: _____	<p style="text-align: center;">Select one from each category below</p> Class: Touring: <input type="checkbox"/> Kayak Whitewater: <input type="checkbox"/> Kayak <input type="checkbox"/> Solo Canoe <input type="checkbox"/> Inflatable <input type="checkbox"/> Tandem Canoe Swimming: <input type="checkbox"/> Below Avg. <input type="checkbox"/> Avg. <input type="checkbox"/> Above Avg. Level: <input type="checkbox"/> Beginner <input type="checkbox"/> Bg/Int. <input type="checkbox"/> Intermed.																								
List Rivers you paddled in the last year and type of boat(excluding rafting): _____ Haven't paddled recently? List rivers you have paddled and boat type: _____ List other relevant experience (Roll practice, kayak school, rafting, etc.) _____ Do you regularly exercise? _____Times/Week Medical conditions/allergies(i.e. bee allergy, epilepsy, etc.) _____ What boat will you bring** _____ ** Whitewater boats: Plastic or inflatables no sit on tops. ** Touring boats: Plastic, glass composite with floatation.	<p>◆ Level Explanation (excluding rafting)</p> <p>Beginner: No or little experience in whitewater. Unfamiliar with basic strokes and Eskimo roll.</p> <p>Bg/Int: Paddled in whitewater less than 10 times in the last year. Familiar with basic strokes. Can do eddy turns, peel outs, ferries, and self rescue in Class II water. Kayakers are working on their rolls.</p> <p>Intermed.: Have paddled in whitewater more than 10 times in the last year. Basic strokes need fine-tuning. Can maneuver in swift class II+ water (Nantahala) including eddy turns, peel outs, and forward ferries. Can assist others in river rescue.</p>																								
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*** Primary family contact please list any other Family Members' names (include their last name) registering for the school _____																									
Please place registration in a stamped envelope, and return to: Henry Bell, 106 Chaucer Cir., Maryville, TN 37803 Registrants whose forms are received by June 14 th 2002 will be mailed an information packet.																									
<p style="text-align: center;">Release and Waiver of Liability</p> I understand that canoeing and kayaking expose me to water hazards such as boulders, undercut rocks, trees, waterfalls, hydraulics, and other obstacles that could result in injury or illness in remote locations. I have no legal duty to assist others, nor does anyone else have a legal duty to assist me. I know that there is always a possibility of unknown, uncontrollable dangers and/or accidental injury or death. I, alone, am responsible for my safety when I choose to paddle a particular river, and I willingly assume the risks described in this statement. I hereby release, waive, and discharge my right to sue Chota Canoe Club or its volunteers.																									
Signature: _____ Date: _____ Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____ (Note: Parent/Legal Guardian must sign for each child/student under 18 years and note relationship here _____)																									

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Two days of hands-on instruction. Beginner through Intermediate Whitewater Canoe and Kayak courses or Beginner Touring Kayak courses.

Saturday Night: Music, prizes, and an auction at Hiwassee Outfitters Campground.

What's it cost?

A weekend of instruction: only \$40.

A one-year Chota Membership: \$20 (Per Household)

Optional Fees:

BBQ dinner Saturday night at Hiwassee Outfitters \$10
 Weekend Camping at Hiwassee Outfitters for \$10
 (\$15 family of 2; \$20 family of 3+)

What do you need?

A boat, equipment, camping gear, and food.
 A complete information packet will be provided.

How to Register?

Complete a Registration Form
 (one form per student) and mail (with payment) to:

Henry M. Bell
 106 Chaucer Circle
 Maryville, TN 37803

Questions?

Contact:

Henry Bell - (865) 379-9247

Jill Miller (865) 573-3451