

June, 2003

Chota Canoe Club
Knoxville, TN



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

Special points of interest:

- Chota Preschool Information
- Chota Canoe and Kayak School Information and Forms
- Gear Swap and Auction at Chota School
- Safety Clinic Information Beginner/Intermediate and Advanced
- Isle Royale Trip Information
- Chota Dues Change
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Chota's Annual Canoe & Kayak School - June 20th - 22nd, 2003!!! See inside for details!!

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Mike Raymer, March 2003 (Chota's Polar Bear Weekend), Jerrod's Knee, Tellico River, TN

Save this newsletter!! You will need it!!

NO Newsletter in July - Newsletter resumes in August!

Trip Schedules

Whitewater trips — we're still looking for more leaders for class II rivers. Please contact Doug Klaras if you are willing to volunteer!

Also note: Each weekend of July and August, there is a dedicated group of Chota Paddlers that paddle on the Ocoee almost every Saturday and Sunday. Because of this, Ocoee trips are not included on the schedule. If you want to go do the Ocoee, just call Doug Klaras. If he is not going himself, he will hook you up with some people that will be.

<u>Whitewater Trips Cruisemaster: Doug Klaras 865-983-3753</u>			
Date	Location	Coordinator	Phone
6/7	Ocoee (III)	Russel Decastongrene	865-966-5918
6/14	Ocoee or Pigeon (III)	Nick Barron	865-766-0705
6/14	Hiwassee (II)	Renee Harwell	865-691-2911
6/21-22	Canoe School		
6/28	Various (II—III) — Various trip leaders will be running with paddlers from the canoe school	Doug Klaras	865-983-3753
7/6	Upper Youghiogheny (IV/V) — email Trey for approval to join	Trey Coleman	Roscoep-wavetrain@yahoo.com
7/12	Safety Clinic — Hiwassee (see upcoming events for more details)	Laura Raymer	865-522-9534
7/19	Pigeon River	Robin Ballard	423-587-9043
7/26-27	Nantahalla — catch every eddy, surf every wave, trip — intermediates without a roll invited - will probably camp and paddle both days	Doug Klaras	865-983-3753
8/2	Pigeon River	Laura Raymer	865-522-9534

**Additional details: July 3 - 8, Upper Youghiogheny, Friendsville, MD — Class IV/V. The Upper Yough is a premier expert whitewater run with miles of blind drops and technical water. Its monthly releases are quite an event for the northern boating community. Someone comfortable on higher water levels of the Watauga and Chattooga IV would enjoy this run. The Upper Yough will release 7/4, 7/5 & 7/7 and it is the plan to catch all three releases and paddle something on 7/6 as well. Anyone interested should contact Trey Coleman via email at: roscoepwavetrain@yahoo.com

<u>June: Touring Trips Cruisemaster — Marc Mangold 865-525-8059</u>			
Date	Location	Coordinator	Phone
6/5	Chota at the cove	Doug Johnstone	865-966-3391
6/7	Open paddle, call cruisemaster for pick up trip		
6/12	Chota at the cove	Doug Johnstone	865-966-3391
6/14	Appalachia Lake, day trip	Marc Mangold	865-525-8059
6/19	Chota at the cove	Doug Johnstone	865-966-3391
6/26	Chota at the cove	Doug Johnstone	865-966-3391
6/28	Calderwood Lake, day trip	Linda Letourneau	865-986-5595

Upcoming Events

June 5 — Chota Pre-School (orientation and information about Canoe and Kayak school) at “The Cove” Park on Northshore Drive

June 20 - 22 — **Chota’s Annual Canoe & Kayak School**. Let your friends know about our famous Canoe & Kayak School. Contact Jill Wells at 865-573-3451 to volunteer to teach or assist in other ways. You can sign up for Chota’s Annual Safety Clinic at Canoe School!

July 10 — Chota Canoe School Student & Instructor Appreciation Picnic at Concord Park on the Cove (where Riversports other store is on Northshore – west of the intersection of Concord & Northshore on the right (South) side. 6:30 pm. Come meet all the great friends you made at Canoe School, give a big thank you to the instructors and stay involved with Chota.

July 12 — **Chota’s Annual Beginner & Intermediate Safety Clinic** (full moon on 7/13). Sign-up early for this great class or get ready to volunteer to assist in teaching it. Full moon paddle Saturday evening!

July — NO newsletter in July.

August 9th & 10th — **Chota’s Advanced Safety Clinic**. This incredible class normally costs \$250 plus per student. Chota is providing it for only \$50 per student, which may not even cover the cost of your book, handouts, camping, some equipment Chota gives you, and the instructor. Don’t miss this invaluable class – truly a MUST take class for anyone who is serious about paddling. Because of this incredible opportunity provided to each student, each student (who lives in E TN) is required to sign-up to lead TWO whitewater Chota trips at some point in the future. This is the student’s way of giving back to the Club and making a contribution to the costs of this class.

August — Newsletter resumes (no newsletter for July)

August 14 — General & Board Meeting at Stefano's on Kingston Pike. 6:30 pm Board, 7:30 pm General.

August 22 - September 1 — Isle Royale National Park—Wilderness Touring Kayak Trip. Note original sign up deadline has past. If you are interested in this trip contact Doug immediately! (see Upcoming Events for more details)

August 29 - September 1 — Labor Day Weekend trip to the Russell Fork, KY/VA. The Russell Fork offers class I—class IV whitewater opportunities.

September 11 — General & Board Meeting at Stefano's on Kingston Pike. 6:30 pm Board, 7:30 pm General.

September — **Gauley Festival** – Join Chota at the Gauley

October 9 — General & Board Meeting at Stefano's on Kingston Pike. 6:30 pm Board, 7:30 pm General.

October — **OctChota Fest!!!** — Held in conjunction with the annual Russel Fork Rendezvous! Class II – V paddling!!

October 31 - November 2 — NOC Guest Appreciation Festival - Bryson City, NC.

November 13 — General & Board Meeting at Stefano's on Kingston Pike. 6:30 pm Board, 7:30 pm General. Canoe School Details.

December — **Chota's Annual Christmas Party!!!** Please consider having the party at YOUR house!

Note: Meeting locations are subject to change! See your newsletter & get Chota your e-mail address for the latest news!

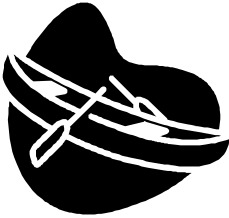
JOIN US FOR PRE-SCHOOL II (orientation and information about canoe and kayak school) — June 5

Where: at "The Cove" Park on Northshore Dr. just past the Yacht Club on the south side. (Going west past the junction of Northshore & Concord Drive - it will be on your left. Riversports has a store there). The meeting will begin at 6:30.

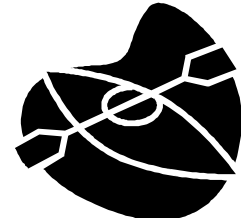
Chota is inviting all students, instructors & members to a pre-school information & orientation meeting on June 5th at 6:30. The folks from RiverSports will be available to answer questions on boating equipment as well as how to rent it. Instructors will be on hand to answer student questions and assist with preparing students for an awesome weekend!

Instructor & student information packets and registration information will also be there. Come & attend this meeting & kick off your canoe/kayak school to a great start!

Questions - Call Jill Wells - 865-573-3451 Jillbehome@ntown.com



2003 Canoe/Kayak School



COME ON DOWN!!!

Join in the fun and plan on attending Chota's Canoe/Kayak school, June 20-22nd, 2003. This year Outdoor Adventure Outfitters on the Ocoee will be our home base. Check out their website at www.raft.com.

Once again Chota will be offering classes in whitewater kayaking, whitewater solo and tandem canoe as well as touring kayaking. These classes will be offered on beginner, beginner/intermediate and intermediate levels. The whitewater classes will be held on the Hiawassee, Ocoee and Nantahala rivers depending on the student's skill level. The touring kayak instruction will be on area lakes.

FEEES

Class fee: \$40.00 (prior to June 14, 2003)***
(Plus \$20.00 Chota membership for non-members)

***A late fee of \$15.00 will be charged for registration received after June 14, 2003.

There will be no registrations accepted at the school.
Refunds: 50% of fees will be refunded prior to June 17, 2003.
No refunds for no-shows

OTHER FEES ETC.

Camping: \$6.00 per person for the weekend (includes Fri. and Sat.)
Saturday night Spaghetti/Lasagna Dinner: \$10.00 per person.

Raffle tickets \$1.00/each or 12 for \$10.00

Auction items will vary
Gear Swap
Chota Canoe School T-shirts will be available

Parking fees at some of the put-ins \$2.00 - \$3.00/car
Beer will be available via keg both nights \$1.00/beer

AGENDA

Friday check-in from 5:00-10:00pm. A potluck dinner is scheduled at 7pm. Everyone is invited (even if you don't bring any food but it would help if you could). Following the potluck dinner the instructors will be meeting with their students to discuss the specifics of Saturday's events, check equipment and make any adjustments to the class.

Saturday registration will continue from 8:00 till 10:00 am. Breakfast will be on your own. Cook your own in camp or there are several places nearby to eat. Lunch will be with your class. Check with your instructor as to what you will need to pack in your kayak. Following the day of paddling everyone will return to camp for a catered spaghetti/lasagna dinner. Following dinner the "Jen and Judy" auction and raffle will begin. Bring some \$\$\$ for some great stuff.

Sunday's activities will be directed by the individual instructors and their agendas. Breakfast is on your own. Check with your instructors as to lunch preparation.

OTHER INFO

CAMPGROUND: www.raft.com (Check out the web page) Has hot showers. We have reserved the tent camping area. The campground has bunkhouses and has additional lodging listed on the web. **NO PETS!!!!** You will want to bring chairs for Sat. night dinner, auction and raffle.

EQUIPMENT: You will be responsible for your own equipment. More detailed info and student packets have been posted on the web.

FOOD: You will be on your own for breakfast and there are several options for meals a short drive from the campground. Lunch will need to be portable and waterproof. Your instructor will give you more information as to lunch breaks. You will also need to bring water. More detailed info has been posted on the web. Plan on eating dinner on Sat. night with Chota. We are having a catered spa-

ghetti/lasagna dinner prior to the evening's festivities. The cost is just \$10.00/person.

AGE AND PHYSICAL LIMITS: This school is two full days of intensive instruction and swimming is required. This type and extent of physical outdoor activity is not for everyone. Be realistic in assessing your abilities.

The minimum age for children is 12 yrs. Children under the age of 16 yrs. must be accompanied by an adult.

PARENT NOTE: This is not a day camp type of activity. Please carefully assess your child's ability to focus, physical and mental endurance as well as their interest level.

Any questions? Plan on attending the orientation meeting Thursday June 5th, 2003 6:30 pm at "The Cove" on Northshore Dr. in Knoxville (just past the Yacht Club).

Want to Volunteer? Need more info? Call Me!
Jill Wells 865-573-3451



CANOE & KAYAK SCHOOL AUCTION LIKE CHRISTMAS IN JULY!!!!

When: SATURDAY EVE, JUNE 21

Where: Canoe & Kayak School

Be Good to YOURSELF and Your Loved Ones!!!! Put some money in your pocket for Chota's Annual Canoe & Kayak School Auction!!! Plan ahead to GEAR UP at the Auction!!

**OUR BIGGEST AND BEST AUCTION EVER!!!
BIGGER AND BETTER THAN LAST YEAR!!!**

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

****Boat Gear!! Camping Gear!! Bicycle Gear!! Outerwear!! ****

Under/Innerwear!! Gift Baskets!! Meals !! Lot's of Good Stuff!!

Buy plenty of raffle tickets - increase your chances at some really good things!!

GEAR SWAP AT CANOE & KAYAK SCHOOL!!

There will be a gear swap at Canoe & Kayak School again. Bring your extra gear and put it up for sale!!! You're responsible for its safe keeping and selling.

The registration desk will tell you where to display your gear.

Remember - we'll be holding our annual auction Saturday night!! Great deals on paddling gear and other items, so pack your wallet FULL of MONEY, make up a wish list & come BUY!!!

DON'T MAKE ME BEG!! (It's getting closer every day!)

Calling all instructors (lead and otherwise), safety boaters and any warm bodies with PFD's....WE NEED YOU!!!! Sign up now to participate in the 2003 Chota Canoe/Kayak School to be held June 20-22.

This is THE fund raiser for the club and it's conservation efforts. It will not be as successful without everyone's help. We need lead instructors, assistant instructors, safety boaters, registration booth help and just plain ole gophers!

In addition to the self-satisfaction of participating in an extremely worthwhile cause for paddling sports, you will get a John Campbell designer t-shirt and an instructor appreciation cookout (dinner on us) in July. Canoe School is always a great time. This year we will be having a pot-luck dinner on Fri. night and you will also get to be a part of the auction and raffle on Sat. night.

Sign up now and we will reveal the "secret ingredient" for this year's Canoe School! Jill Wells 865-573-3451 jillbhome@ntown.com

Visit Chota on the web at <http://www.kornet.org/chota>

For Chota school information click the "Chota Canoe School"

button or go to <http://www.kornet.org/chota/>

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Chota Canoe and Kayak School June 20-22, 2003

Registration Form

(Preregistration is required)

Chota Canoe/Kayak School is an intensive two full days of instruction in whitewater boating.

Swimming Skill is Required!

Minimum age is 12 yrs. Children under 16yrs. must be accompanied by an adult.

Level Explanation (excluding rafting)

Beginner: Little or no experience in whitewater. Unfamiliar with basic strokes and eskimo roll.

Beg./Inter.: 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 working on their roll.

Intermediate: Have paddled in whitewater more than 10 times in the last year. Basic strokes need fine-tuning. Can maneuver in swift Class III+ water (Nantahala) including eddy turns, peel outs, and forward ferries. Can assist others in river rescues.

(Please complete one form per student)

Name: _____ Age: _____ (minimum 12 yrs.)

Address: _____ Phone: (H) _____
(W) _____

E-mail: _____ I wish to be in a class with: _____

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.): _____

What boat you will bring: _____ (whitewater boats-plastic NO inflatables or sit on tops
touring boats: plastic, glass composites with floatation)

Class: whitewater - ___ Kayak ___ Solo Canoe ___ tandem Canoe **Touring-** ___ Kayak

LATE FEES AND REFUNDS
Registrations received after June 14, 2003 will be assessed a \$15.00 late fee at sign-in.

Refunds of 50% of total will be given prior to June 17, 2003.

No refund for no-shows
No registrations will be accepted at sign-in

FEE	COST	QTY	TOTAL
Canoe/Kayak School	\$40.00 (per person)**		
Chota Membership	\$20.00 (per household)		
Dinner Sat. Night	\$10.00 (per person)		
2 Nights Camping @OAR	\$6.00 (per person)		
**Received after June 14, 2003	LATE FEE \$15.00		
	TOTAL INCLUDED		

Make Checks Payable to Chota Canoe Club

Mail registration and fees to: Jill Wells 5909 Chalmers Dr. Knoxville, TN 37920

Any Questions? Check out the web www.Korrnet.org/chota email: jillbhome@ntown.com (865) 573-3451

Release and Waiver of Liability

I understand that it is my responsibility to inform my instructor of any medical conditions prior to my instruction.

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/Guardian Signature if student us under 18 yrs.: _____ Date: _____

Relationship: _____

CHOTA'S ANNUAL SAFETY CLINIC – JULY 12, 2003

Okay beginners, intermediates & those who've never been to a Safety Clinic – here it is for ONLY \$15!!!

Where: Hiawasse Outfitters (“HO”) will be our Base.

Time: Be at HO by 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning for an all day safety class (no class on Sunday). For those who would like to paddle on Sunday, we'll arrange paddling trips.

For Who: This great class is highly recommended for both the experienced and inexperienced paddler.

Student Fee: please mail your class fee of \$15 - made out to Chota Canoe Club to: Laura Raymer, 1027 Luttrell St., Knoxville, TN 37917

Lodging & Meals: You are responsible for your own camping & food. BRING A LUNCH FOR THE DAY! WE WILL EAT ON THE RIVER!!!

What to Bring: Throw rope, warm river clothes (you'll be in the water a lot and will get cold if not dressed properly. A wetsuit or drysuit will make you happy), full paddling gear – boat, lifevest, etc., and lunch. Please bring the following if you have them or have access to them: **safety** life vest, boat tow rope, and carabineers.

*However
quick the
stream may
be,
It does not
carry away
the reflection
of the moon.*

POTLUCK: We will have a potluck Saturday evening for those who spend the night! Bring a dish to pass. Chota will provide plates, plastic ware and some soda.

FULL MOON PADDLE: If the weather cooperates, we'll paddle the Hiawasse under a full moon Saturday evening. This was the absolute HIGHLIGHT of the class last year!!!! Nothing like paddling under a full moon. Thanks NICK for motivating us.

-- Traditional
Zen proverb

Instructors: We will have a minimum of three instructors per class and need at least 2 safety harness vests per class. Each instructor will receive a collector's 2003 Chota Instructor T-shirt designed by John Campbell. **Call Laura to volunteer (865)522-9534 – don't make her beg!**

Itinerary:

Saturday, July 12, starting at 9:00 am sharp we'll break into 2 or 3 groups and each group will go through this itinerary in a different order.

1. Knot tying
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2. River reading at small creek in back of campground
3. Devil's shoals — fast water swimming & rope throwing
4. Devil's shoals — walking "on" water with buddies & paddle.
5. To Towee Creek:
 - a. walk in water with buddies & paddle
 - b. paddle over to Funnel Rapid. Practice rolls. Goal is for all students to attempt at least 3 rolls. Swimmer & boat rescue. All participants get to take a swim at Funnel Rapid.
 - c - river reading
 - d - paddle to HO take out

ADVANCED SAFETY CLINIC – August 9th and 10th

(This normally \$275 value is being offered for only \$50 by Chota!!! John Miller is an incredible, certified white water safety instructor. Don't miss this class that received RAVE reviews!! SPACE IS LIMITED)

Where: Training is at Thunder Rock Campground, Power Station 3 on the Ocoee. Camping is at OAR.

For Who: This superb class is highly recommended for both the experienced paddler and not so experienced. It is STRONGLY suggested that you have taken at least one river safety course before attending the Advanced Whitewater Rescue & Safety Course.

Time: Be at Thunder Rock by 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

Meals: You are responsible for your own food. BRING A LUNCH FOR EACH DAY! WE WILL EAT ON THE RIVER!!!

Camping: We will be staying at OAR Rafting & Campground (where canoe & kayak school was based.) Chota will pay for all camping costs. Feel free to come down on Friday, most of the class will be there!

Potluck: We will have a potluck Saturday evening! Bring a dish to pass. Chota will provide plates, plastic ware and some soda.

What to Bring: Throw rope, warm river clothes (you'll be in the water a lot and will get cold if not dressed properly. A wetsuit or drysuit will make you happy), life jacket – safety vest if you have one, paddle, whistle rope for prusics and webbing (if you came last year – bring what Chota gave you). Chota will give each student 2 carabiners at part of the class. (Bring your boat in case we train while paddling).

Student Fee: \$50 (includes AC insurance, safety manual, camping & 2 carabiners) Please mail your class fee of \$50 - made out to Chota Canoe Club to: Laura Raymer, 1027 Luttrell St. Knoxville, TN 37917. Questions – call Laura at (865)522-9534

Instructors: John Miller will be our instructor and we'll have an assistant instructor for every 5 students. Space is LIMITED!!! Sign-up soon. Each instructor will receive a collector's 2002 Chota Instructor T-shirt designed by John Campbell. Call Laura to volunteer as an assistant (865) 522-9534 – and receive some very valuable training too, for free! Assistants must be skilled paddlers capable of rescuing people.

June and July Membership Meetings

Chota's June and July meetings are special in that they are held in conjunction with other events!

June: General & Board Meeting is Part of Canoe School - Saturday (the 21st) evening after dinner and before the auction.

July: General & Board Meeting held at the Instructor Appreciation Picnic at Concord Park on the Cove 6:30 pm.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND TRIP TO RUSSELL FORK

On labor day weekend Chota will be taking a trip to the Russell Fork River in Breaks Interstate Park on the border of Kentucky and Virginia. There will be Class 1-5+ boating options as well as great camping, hiking and sight seeing.

When more info develops it will be posted on the Chota listserver, or if there are any questions please contact Kirk Eddlemon at (865) 522-9534 or preferably e-mail at bankfull1@yahoo.com

Isle Royale National Park–Wilderness Touring Kayak Trip, Aug. 22 to Sept. 1, 2003

This will be Chota's second trip to this beautiful area. The trip will be a totally self-contained trip, consisting of 10 touring paddlers. Each paddler is responsible for their own boat, camping gear, paddling gear, and food. We will be car pooling, and sharing expenses equally among paddlers. We will be leaving Knoxville on Friday, August 22 (am), and arriving at Fort Wilkins State Park, Copper Harbor on Saturday afternoon. The south side of the Island from Rock Harbor



to Malone Bay of the park will be explored, paddling within bays, and islands, covering 50 miles over a 7 day paddle. Returning to the mainland on Saturday August 30 (pm). Day hikes, exploring the wildlife and terrain, and fishing are part of the daily activities, or just hanging out. Group camping permit has been submitted to the National Park Service, and ferryboat reservations are in process, payable in full to confirm our reservations by May 1, 2003. Total individual costs should not exceed \$350 per person, of course, depending on each person's spending preference.

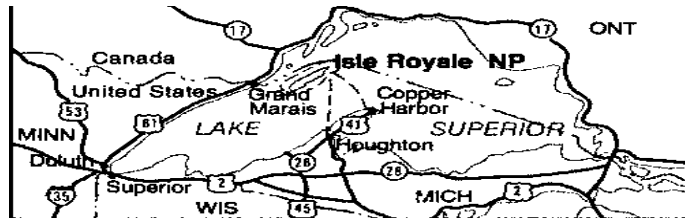
Trip Requirements:

- Chota Membership
- \$35 non-refundable deposit to hold spot in trip (first come). This will be used towards daily user fees for 7 days and group camping permit, or if unable to make trip, then used for up-front expenses and/or put towards Chota's operating expenses. \$35 fully refundable, if on waiting list at time of trip.
- \$124 due by **May 20 (new date)** for processing payment confirmation of paddlers and kayaks for ferry boat. This will be 85% refundable within 1 week prior to trip, or fully refundable if open spot filled by person on the waiting list (approved by trip coordinator).

Note: funds for reserving ferry boat are past due, if you're interested in this trip, please contact Doug immediately". The drop dead date is June 15th to participate

- Send reservation deposit, and ferry boat payments, payable to:

Doug Johnstone
12933 Butterfield Lane
Farragut, TN 37922-4401



News and Information

Personal Clothing for Boating

The diversity of paddling equipment is often overwhelming to a new paddler and the following are a few basic tips to help you sort out your options.

Proper clothing delays the onset of hypothermia, which can happen at any time of the year. Layering is the key concept which involves the use of:

A wicking layer used closest to the skin. Materials like polypropylene or silk transfer moisture from the skin to outer layers.

An absorbing layer. This middle layer soaks up moisture near the skin and continues to move it away from the body to the outermost layer. Common materials are pile, bunting and fleece.

A protective layer. The outer layer protects against wind and water, such as nylon, coated nylon, and Gore-Tex.

In all paddling clothes, look for material that dries fast. Some fleece dries very quickly while other fleece simply serves as a sponge. Experiment and don't hesitate to remove clothing that retains moisture too long from your paddling attire. Store your paddling clothes together in one drawer so you always know where to find it in a hurry.

If the combined water and air temperature is below 100 degrees a wet or drysuit is required for paddling. For example, if the air temperature is 49 degrees and the water temperature is 50 degrees, the total is 99 and you need a wetsuit or drysuit to paddle with comfort and to reduce the very real risk of hypothermia.

Wetsuits use a layer of water or perspiration next to the skin as an insulating layer. The recommended thickness for paddling is 1/8 of an inch of neoprene.

Once the combined air and water temperature drop below 80 degrees a drysuit is mandatory for safe paddling. Drysuits are constructed of a waterproof fabric and are designed to prevent water from entering the suit. Rubber gaskets at the neck, wrists, and ankles provide a tight seal. Frequently the rubber gaskets are too tight in a new suit. Gaskets may be trimmed or stretched over smooth surface for a few days to loosen them. Please refer to the manufacturer's instructions. Key to the long wear of rubber gaskets is a bi-monthly treating with an ultraviolet protectant to prevent dry rot. Dry suits should be stored with the zipper OPEN and occasionally the zipper should be treated.

While drysuits reduce heat loss as well as keep the paddler dry, dampness does occur from perspiration or gasket bypass. Therefore the layering techniques discussed above are important to follow in a drysuit. Women may want to look for a drysuit specifically cut for a woman to provide ample hip room. Larger is always better than too small.

Life Jackets – get a good one that fits snug and allows you ample movement

Helmets – Cool is out when your head crashes into a rock. Skip cool and look for plenty of padding, frontal lobe protection, ear coverage, and durability. Forget about the ones that simply perch on your head and look neat. Ask to see if the helmet has been safety tested – the vast majority have not.

Foot Attire – River boots are the best. Look for boots that protect your feet but are not bulky so that they'll fit in your boat!. Sandals – straps – equal foot entrapment – beware. Scuba shops are good places to find river boots.

DUES CHANGE! MEMBERSHIP IS DUE IN JUNE FOR ALL!

Chota is not increasing dues from the mere \$20/year, just changing the date due to make it easier for all to remember when dues are due & to ease the administrative burden of reminding members to look at their newsletter label! Now it's easy – membership dues are due in June for all!

This change will help make certain all members get into our Club Directory every year and help us get the Club Directory out earlier.

It's easy to convert to June if you've joined Chota in any other month – simply PRORATE your dues for the upcoming year! If that sounds like an extra hassle to save a buck, simply cut the check for \$20 and there you go – membership for another year – June through May – just like that.

Just remember Canoe & Kayak School is in June and dues are due – in June! Simple.

Ok – how about new members who join anytime AFTER July 1, 2003, what do we do to be fair? If a new member joins in March, April or May 2004 and on, they get 1 to 3 months of extra membership free for one year and their renewal will be 13 to 15 months later in June 2005. New members joining from July 1, 2003 through February 28, 2004 will have membership dues payable June 2004 of \$20.

Make your membership check out today for \$20 (or prorate) and mail it to Chota along with your renewal form or Canoe & Kayak School Registration if you're attending.

Chota Canoe Club
PO Box 8270, University Station
Knoxville, TN 37916

East Tennessee Whitewater Club Beginner Kayak Clinic

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The East Tennessee Whitewater Club offers an intensive one-week course for beginner kayakers. The purpose of the clinic is to teach basic whitewater techniques and safety. The clinic is appropriate for individuals with no whitewater experience.

Chota Canoe Club and the East Tennessee Whitewater Club have been long term friends. We coordinate our schools for the best interest of our paddlers. ETWC's school is specifically directed to those

who have NO whitewater experience and for students who may have never even sat in a boat. We encourage those students to attend ETWC's school first and then attend Chota's School. The total package cost is nominal and will start your paddling summer out with a bang!

Chota's Canoe & Kayak School will have the student on the water in the first day, while ETWC takes a slower pace that walks the student through the intricacies of getting started in the paddling sport.

DATES:

Monday, June 2 through Saturday, June 7, 2003

HOURS:

6:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M., Monday

6:00 P.M. until dark, Tuesday through Friday

Saturday - to be announced Friday (river trip)

LOCATION: OAK RIDGE

FEES: The cost of the clinic is \$45 plus membership with ETWC is required.

EQUIPMENT: Each student is responsible for furnishing all of their own equipment. Required equipment is: kayak with flotation, spray skirt, life vest, paddle, and helmet. Nose clips are recommended.

Some equipment may be available from the club on a first come basis with a \$15 use fee and a \$40 deposit. Rental equipment is also available in Knoxville from River Sports, 523-0066 or Earth Traverse, 523-0699.

REGISTRATION: Pre-registration required, class size limited.

To register: Call Jomo MacDermitt (865) 558-9628 or e-mail: macdermott@mindspring.com , or print out our [online pre-registration form](http://www.korrnet.org/etwc/Clinic.htm) located at <http://www.korrnet.org/etwc/Clinic.htm>

Kayaking Gear For Sale:

Doug Klaras: Please call me at 865-983-3753 if interested.

A pal of mine at work has given me all of his kayaking gear to sell. If any of you know someone that is wishing to get in the sport, you need to have them contact me, because this package is the whole thing, and it is all in excellent shape. He is about 5'9" in height and his gear is all generally in an adult size Medium. He wants \$1000 for all of it, which includes:

Dagger RPM - Blue - outfitted with hip pads, float bags, and back strap

Clinch River Paddle - 197 - Wood w/ glass
 Harmony Spray Skirt
 Lotus PFD
 Seda Helmet
 Kokatat Dry Top and Dry Pants
 " SS Spray Top
 Patagonia LS Spray Top
 Pogies
 Booties (2 pr)
 NRS Gear Bag

When you put your hand in a flowing stream, you touch the last that has gone before and the first of what is still to come."

— *Leonardo da Vinci*

Todd Duren:

I have a kayak and gear available for sale. If anybody's interested call me.

The boat is a like-new green/blue Perception Overflow in great shape. They no longer make these classic creek boats, and boy are they sturdy. A guy I knew ran section IV of the Chatooga in the dark in one! It's also a great beginner boat because of the round-bottomed hull and sturdy hull requiring no front foam wall between your legs--roomier and easier to bail from than Dagger and other boats.

Also, the new micro playboats with flat bottoms and square edges can get beginners trashed in a hole. This kayak includes a factory foam seat insert, stern AND bow airbags, and a foam backrest. Bought it from a student who's getting rid of gear.

Other gear includes a Seal sprayskirt, black Dagger helmet, Lotus large yellow PFD vest, and basic paddle. Everything a beginner needs to go down the river, and all like new. Buy it as a package or parts. Early callers get a crack at this stuff before I sell it at Canoe School next month. Can send photo and other info.

PACKAGE DEAL: Overflow kayak, helmet, paddle, skirt AND PFD: only \$580

ORDER FROM THE MENU:

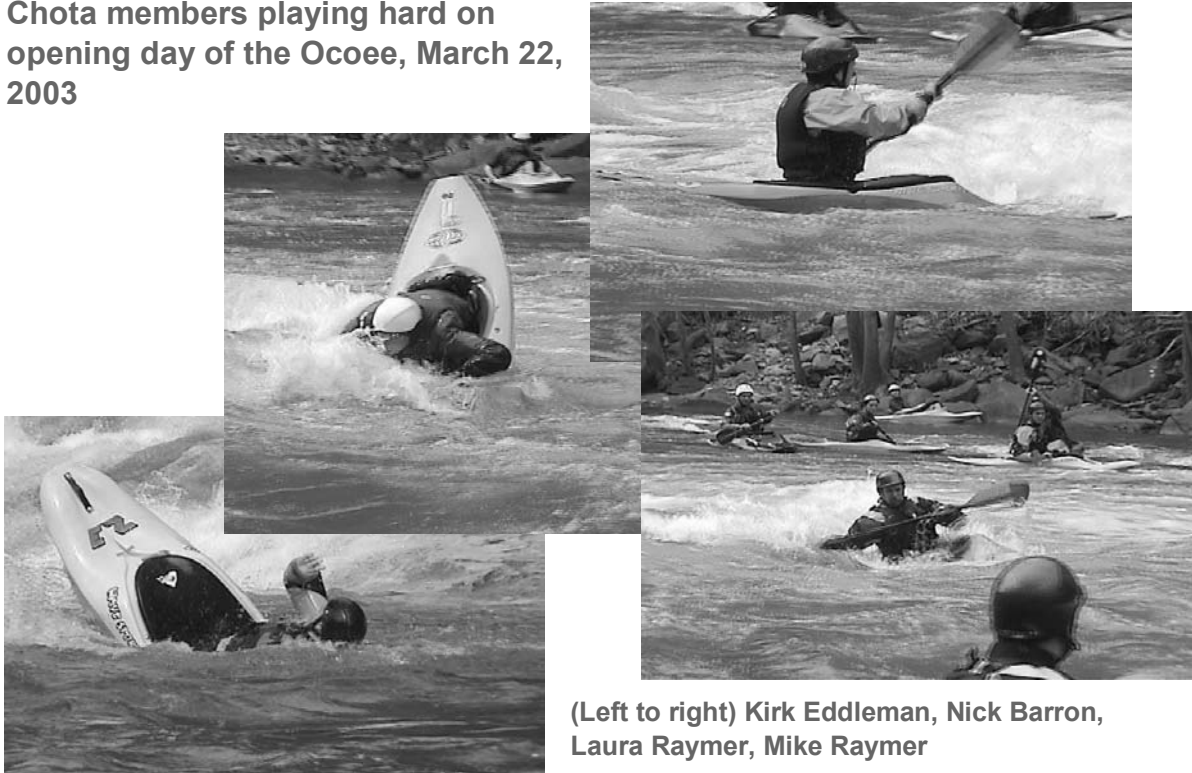
green/blue Perception Overflow kayak with foam seat, float bags, back rest	\$500
black Dagger helmet	\$50
basic paddle	\$50
spray skirt	\$30

525-8296 leave a message, bring cash!

August Newsletter Deadline — July 18th

Email reports, artwork, photos to Delia Raymer at delia@raymer.cs.wright.edu or call her at 937-767-7768

Chota members playing hard on opening day of the Ocoee, March 22, 2003



(Left to right) Kirk Eddleman, Nick Barron, Laura Raymer, Mike Raymer

2003 Executive Committee

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Past President	Doug Johnstone	865-966-3391	canoeone@chartertn.net

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	Flatwater/touring overnight paddling trips	<input type="checkbox"/>	Whitewater Hairless Hair	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Novice	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Advanced	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
	Expert	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Coastal Sea Kayaking Trips:

I am willing to coordinate club trips

Can you help at canoe school?

Instruct	OC1	OC2	K1
whitewater	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
touring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Youth Activities: Whitewater
 Flatwater

Western Trips: Whitewater
 Flatwater

Other: _____ other: _____

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



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**ALL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE IN JUNE!
SEE PAGE 15 FOR DETAILS!**
