

EVENTS TO TAKE NOTE OF!!

Monthly Meetings

January 28 meeting – 7:00 Gamecock Room (Luther Lee) – Jon Rood with the Heritage Trust, part of SCDNR, Wildlife Diversity Section. He will be talking to us about Congaree Creek, the new Heritage Trail off Old State Road and a huge area in the ACE Basin with lots of blueway that he is also involved in.

February 25 meeting –. 7:00 Gamecock Room – Dry Safety Clinic presented by Charlene Thompson

March 25 meeting – 7:00 Gamecock Room.- TBD

Upcoming Events

April 11-13 - East Coast

May 6 – Pool Classes start **Beginning Whitewater Kayak 101** Contact Charlene Thompson at 254-3147 cheetahtrk@yahoo.com (*details at end of newsletter*)

May 10 - Canoeing for Kids

June - Spring Fling – This event was a big hit last year. Learn self rescue, assisted rescue and many tips for safety!



Upcoming Trips – *Be sure and talk to the trip leader before the trip!*

2003 River– Black River. *We will paddle a different section of the Black each month on the second weekend of the month(when possible) led by Kate Whittaker. Flat water trips. Novice to Intermediate depending on section paddled.*

February 2 Saluda River – Dave and Dianne Mullis djm@sc.rr.com 803-359-4002

Intermediate. Mill race will be optional for advanced/intermediate+ paddlers. Times and sections paddled will be dependant upon flow rate, level and skill levels present. We'll likely meet up late Sunday Morning. Weather, of course, will also be a factor. Beginners who are interested should call Dave at 359-4002 and discuss the possibilities.

February 8 Sparkleberry Swamp – Rembert Milligan rembert.milligan@worldnet.att.net 803-787-7999

Novice smooth water

February 22 Black River – Kate Whittaker kwhittaker@agfirst.com 803-787-0926

March 1 Cedar Creek – Brian O'Gain ocainb@msn.com 803-782-1654 **Novice smooth water**

March 8 Black River – Kate Whittaker kwhittaker@agfirst.com 803-787-0926

March 22-23 Low Country Paddle – Sandy Harris oceanpaddler@aol.com 803-408-8676 (co-led by Kate Whittaker) **Novice** Details on routes provided later. Meet at the put in and spend Sat. night at Fripp Island at Sandy's house and paddle again on Sunday. House can accommodate a good number and there is camping at Hunting Island.

March 29-30 Nantahala – Ken Oswald kennethoswald@msn.com 803-779-8933

Whitewater

April 5 Upper Saluda River – Joe and Sherry Whittaker IRIJW@aol.com 803-604-1577 (co-led by Kate Whittaker) **Novice moving smooth water.**

April 26 Wateree River – Dennie Catoe riverrunnersc@aol.com 803-731-2999

Advanced novice to Intermediate Smooth water trip with some fast water with rocks at first and one drop off.

April 27 Camden Goodall State Park – Kate Whittaker kwhittaker@agfirst.com 803-787-0926

Novice. An easy flat water paddle.

May 3 Rocky Shoals at Landsford Canal on the Catawba – Kyle Altman Fishesfortrout@webtv.net 803-772-1148. **Novice.** An easy paddle to see the **Spider Lilies!**

May 11 Rice Fields at Monks Corner – Kate Whittaker kwhittaker@agfirst.com 803-787-0926

Novice Flat water. See lots of Osprey and wildflowers along the way!

May 17 Black River – Kate Whittaker kwhittaker@agfirst.com 803-787-0926