



Monthly Newswave

January 2018

It's the middle of winter. We've had a couple of stretches of really cold weather. The days are still way too short. An Olympic size pool looks enticing to those of us with a kayak habit. But hope is on the way. We're just over two weeks from when Punxsutawney Phil will appear on Gobblers Knob, near Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. And look at all that is going on in our club!

Upcoming Events

- **Pool Sessions:** There are still plenty of opens for Sunday, January 21. Sessions are held at Brooklyn Center Community Center on Sunday mornings from 10:30-12:30, located at 6301 Shingle Creek Parkway. You can find the schedule and sign up on the ISK event calendar.
- **Inland Waters Navigation Class:** There are still openings for this Sunday at REI. This is a great course if you want to venture further than local lakes with navigation skills to get you to your destination.
- **Ocean Skills Development Week - Tybee Island, Georgia, February 19-23.** There is one opening remaining. Contact Jeff Forseth at jdforseth@msn.com. Enhance your ocean skills and become a more competent paddler whether you intend to use your skills in the ocean or a large inland lake like Lake Superior.
- **Monthly Meetings:** Our meetings are held at the Bloomington REI Store in their meeting room (far right corner of the store near the shoes and bathrooms) from 7:00-8:30 and feature a presentation on a topic related to paddling. Presentations lined up:
 - February 19: Sam Grubisich will discuss new and cool paddling and camping gear for 2018. He will showcase new gear that could find its way into your gear closet this year.
 - March 19: Invasive species presenter from the University of MN
 - April 16: Power Squadron from Lake Minnetonka
 - May 21: Tarps and food
- **Annual Planning Meeting:** Our annual planning meeting is February 3rd from 4:30-9:00 at the Isaak Walton League Breckinridge Center, 8816 West River Road in Brooklyn Park. Sign up on the event calendar.
 - Socialize with your paddling buddies, have dinner, and listen to news about the club.
 - Bring information to share for your own trip and hear about upcoming trips
 - Ben Lawry will be coming again this summer to provide world class instruction. Classes are being developed around the July 27-28 weekend. Peggy O'Neal will discuss what is being planned.
 - Preceding the planning meeting, Fred Linehan will conduct a CPR class from 1:00-4:00 pm.

- **Canoecopia:** The largest paddling event in the world will be on March 9-11 in Madison, Wisconsin. Gear, clothing, seminars, clinics, and places to paddle make this a very special event. ISK will have a booth.
 - Volunteers are needed for the booth.
 - Our own Dan Morrison will be presenting on "Apostle Island Geology" two times: Saturday, 4:30-5:15 in BWCA room, main floor; and Sunday, 1:30-2:15 in Bear room, upstairs.

Next Board Meeting

- February 6th, 6:30-8:00pm at the Brookdale Library, 6125 Shingle Creek Parkway.

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