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## KAYAK NEWS

### Golden Mussels Invade CA Waterways - LAKE TAHOE ON HIGH ALERT

Last week California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) discovered golden mussels that could significantly damage the ecology of waterbodies in the Bay-Delta near Stockton, California. Lake Tahoe is now on high alert, according to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA). It is the first time the species has been detected in North America.

Under the Lake Tahoe Watercraft Inspection Program, every motorized watercraft is inspected, and if need be, decontaminated before launch. Non-motorized paddle craft can also opt for a free inspection at any regional inspection station. Since 2008, staff have inspected 113,000 boats for aquatic invasive species, which can have devastating environmental and economic impacts.

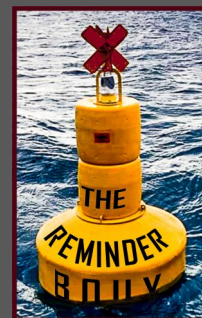
"This news underscores the importance of the program. Now more than ever non-motorized paddlers, kayakers, and even beach goers must learn how to Clean, Drain, and Dry their gear through the free Tahoe Keepers program before launching anywhere in the region," said Dennis Zabaglo (TRPA program manager)

The California Department of Water Resources is preparing a rapid response that includes additional monitoring to determine the extent of the population and managing potential vectors.

To learn about how to Clean, Drain, and Dry and more information about the aquatic invasion, visit [TahoeBoatInspections.com](http://TahoeBoatInspections.com). For the latest updates on the golden mussel, visit the [CDFW Aquatic Invasive Species webpage](http://CDFW Aquatic Invasive Species webpage)

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## REMINDER



The June 26th 2025  
Member Meeting has  
been moved to **Thurs-  
day June 19th, 2025**  
(See Page 2 and 3)



## Latest Trip Schedules—2025

### Spring 2025 Day Kayak Trips

DATE	DAY	N/A	DESTINATION	TRIP LEAD	TRIP LEAD
15-Mar	Sat	☺	Snodgrass	Chris Crain	<a href="mailto:cgcrain@gmail.com">cgcrain@gmail.com</a>
28-Mar	Fri	☺	Camp Far West	Keith Schoendoerfer & Linda Lansky	<a href="mailto:keith@zwrvr.net">keith@zwrvr.net</a>
5-Apr	Sat	☺	Sacramento	Chuck Kastenholz	<a href="mailto:cvkasten@msn.com">cvkasten@msn.com</a>
16-Apr	Wed	☺	Lake Natoma	Sharon Cabello	<a href="mailto:sharoncab@gmail.com">sharoncab@gmail.com</a>
10-May	Sat	☺	Clementine	Gwen Hu	<a href="mailto:gwenhu22@gmail.com">gwenhu22@gmail.com</a>
15-May	Thur	☺	Lake Lodi—Blue Heron	Carol Perry	<a href="mailto:carolperry22@gmail.com">carolperry22@gmail.com</a>
12-Jun	Thur	☺	Spaulding	Chuck Kastenholz	<a href="mailto:cvkasten@msn.com">cvkasten@msn.com</a>
30-Jul	Wed	☺ ⬆	Donner Lake	TBD*	
20-Aug	Wed	☺	Lake Valley	Rachel Finson	<a href="mailto:rasatsuki@gmail.com">rasatsuki@gmail.com</a>
28-Aug	Thur	☺	Rescue Clinic	Chris Crain	<a href="mailto:cgcrain@gmail.com">cgcrain@gmail.com</a>

\* We are looking for a trip leader for Donner Lake or a different destination in May. Contact Rachel Finson

### 2025 Overnight Kayaking Trips

DATE	DAY	nights	DESTINATION	TRIP LEAD	TRIP LEAD
Apr 27-May 2	Sun-Fri	5	Clear Lake Kelsey Creek	Marna D. / Wendy supporting	<a href="mailto:wendytbo2@gmail.com">wendytbo2@gmail.com</a>
June 2-6	Mon-Fri	4	Marin/China Camp	Rachel Finson & Nancy Van Horn	<a href="mailto:rasatsuki@gmail.com">rasatsuki@gmail.com</a>
June 23-27	Mon-Fri	4	Lakes Basin	Keith Schoendoerfer & Linda Lansky	<a href="mailto:keith@zwrvr.net">keith@zwrvr.net</a>
July 7-9	Mon-Wed	2	Utica Lake Paddle-in camping	Laurie Appling & Dennis Coulter w/ Rachel	<a href="mailto:rasatsuki@gmail.com">rasatsuki@gmail.com</a>
Aug 11-14	Mon-Thu	3	Butt Lake	Chris Crain	<a href="mailto:cgcrain@gmail.com">cgcrain@gmail.com</a>
Aug 20-21	Wed-Thu	1	Lodge on Fuller Lake	Alan Cary w/Rachel	<a href="mailto:rasatsuki@gmail.com">rasatsuki@gmail.com</a>
Sept 15-19	Mon-Fri	4	Tahoe Sugar Pine SP	Chuck Kastenholz	<a href="mailto:cvkasten@msn.com">cvkasten@msn.com</a>
Oct 13-17	Mon-Fri	4	Sunset Beach SP	TBD* w/Wendy	<a href="mailto:wendytbo2@gmail.com">wendytbo2@gmail.com</a>

\* We are still looking for someone to lead this trip. The dates are favorable to the tides for paddling Elkhorn Slough. Wendy Thibeault knows this trip well and is offering to advise anyone that would like to lead this trip. Con-

As always, if you are interested in leading a day paddle or a multi-day camping/kayaking trip any time during the year, contact me and I will work with you to get your trip onto the club schedule.



# CLUB MEETINGS and EVENTS

Monthly club meetings are typically held at 6:00 pm the fourth Thursday of every month at

*Seaman's Lodge in Pioneer Park,  
427 Nimrod Street, Nevada City.*

## Upcoming Meetings

### **Thursday, May 22th**

#### **SNCKC ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC**

#### **AT WESTERN GATEWAY PARK**

Details on next page.



### **Thursday, June 19th** *(Please note the DATE))*

**Thomas Schuebel**, renown area kayak expert and kayak instructor, will talk about water safety.

This is not Pot Luck Night - Instead we will Be serving Chinese food from Asian Gardens  
Contribution \$10/Person



### **Thursday, July 24th**

Possible presentation by NID or on the Golden Mussel invasion

### **Thursday, August 28th** - *Venue TBD (Water Level and Mussels)*

**Rescue Clinic** By Thomas Schuebel

Signup with Chris Crain at [cgcrair@gmail.com](mailto:cgcrair@gmail.com)

### **Thursday, Sept 24th**

**Trivia Night** - This could be about Mussels and Muscles

And this is a Pizza Night

Contribution \$5/person or a salad to share







# SIN ANNUAL SPRING PICNIC KCC

Once again, please join us for our annual club picnic. Games, camaraderie, and good food await!.....**AND** Serious rumors have been circulating that Gwen will offer a *line dancing* class..... So Bring your boots, hat, and some **YAHOO!**

**Members, family, and friends are encouraged to attend**

## WHEN & WHERE

**DATE:** Thursday, May 22 Time: 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Western Gateway Park, covered picnic area # 2, Penn Valley

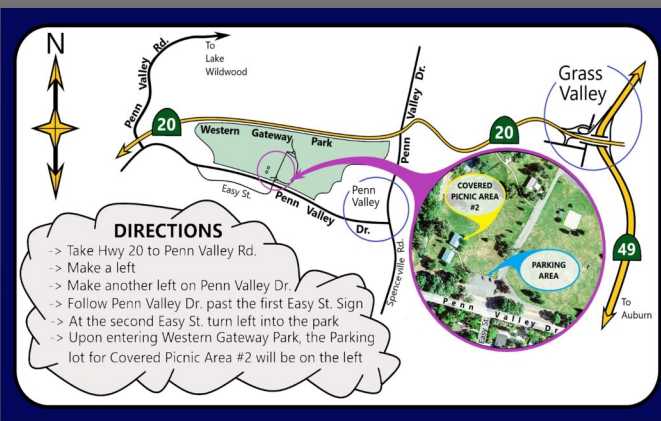
## WHAT TO BRING

- **Pot luck item to share:** Appetizers, salads, side dishes, desserts (bring serving tool)
- **Entree for yourself to grill:** Several grills will be set up with hot coals for your use.
- **Personal Stuff:** Beverages, dinner plate, utensils, napkins, BBQ tool, etc.
- **More Personal Stuff:** Camp chair for social hour and watching games
- **Attitude:** Partying, whoop-it up, Yahoo.... Or a relaxing state of people watching bliss

## ACTIVITY TIMING.....



- ♦ 4:00-5:30 Social time and games
- ♦ 5:30-6:00 Dinner prep (set out potluck items, set tables, grill food, ...)
- ♦ 6:00 Dinner and then brief announcements
- ♦ 7:30 Everyone helps clean up



Please respond to Chris Crain at [cgcraing@gmail.com](mailto:cgcraing@gmail.com) if you have questions or other thoughts about the event. And also let Chris know if you can bring some lawn games (**pétanque, corn hole toss, ladder ball, horse shoes**, etc.)



## The Golden Mussel (*Limnoperna fortunei*)

*Limnoperna fortunei*, the golden mussel, is a medium-sized freshwater bivalve mollusc of the family Mytilidae. The native range of the species is China, but it has accidentally been introduced to South America and several Asian countries where it has become an invasive species. It is considered to be an ecosystem engineer because it alters the nature of the water and the bottom habitats of lakes and rivers and modifies the associated invertebrate communities.



It also has strong effects on the properties of the water column, modifying nutrient proportions and concentrations, increasing water transparency, decreasing phytoplankton and zooplankton densities, on which it feeds, and enhancing the growth of aquatic macrophytes. Because mussels attach to hard substrata, including the components of industrial, water-treatment and power plants, they have become a major biofouling problem in the areas invaded.

Parameter	Effect
Water transparency	Increase
Seston concentration	Decrease
Nutrients	Increase and change of proportions, alter nutrient cycling
Phytoplankton and chlorophyll	Decrease, changes in community composition
Macrophytes, periphyton, benthic algae	Increase biomass and extent
Zooplankton	Decrease density, change community composition
Littoral zoobenthos	Increase density and diversity; changes in community composition
Profundal zoobenthos	Normally <i>L. fortunei</i> absent or very scarce because of lack of adequate substrata
Unionids	Probably negative
Adult and larval fishes	Probably positive from enhanced food resources

The mussel needs hard substrata for settling, like rocks, wood, floating and submerged plants, mussel shells, crustaceans, etc. Although it cannot live on fine loose sediments, muddy areas stabilized by roots or fibrous debris are also occasionally colonized.

The facilities affected and facility components that are most commonly fouled by the mussels are shown below.

INDUSTRIAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES FOULED		
Power plants	Steel mills	Irrigation systems
Water processing	Fish hatcheries	balancing reservoirs
Waste-water	Water xfer canals	balancing tanks
Refineries	Aqueducts	

FACILITY COMPONENTS FOULED		
Pipes,	Vent lines	Pump and turbine shafts
Heat exchangers	Air release valves	Seals, and wear rings
Strainers	Fire protection equipment	Boat engines
Filters	Grit chambers	Rudder and propulsion
Trash racks	Flocculators	Sand filtration systems
Grates	Holding ponds	Monitoring instrumentation
Screens	Storage tanks	Level gauges
Penstocks	Pump suction chambers	Sprinklers
Pumps	Pump wells	
Nozzles	Water intake tunnels	

*L. fortunei*'s native range is most probably the Pearl River basin, in southern China, with longstanding populations in China, Thailand, Korea, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, and Indonesia. Its presence in Laos, Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam is

probably the result of historical human migrations. Between 1965 and 1990, it spread into Hong Kong, Korea (although it may be native there), Taiwan and Japan. Shortly thereafter, South America: Around 1990 it appeared in Argentina. By 2006 it had spread to Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia, and Brazil. In 2017

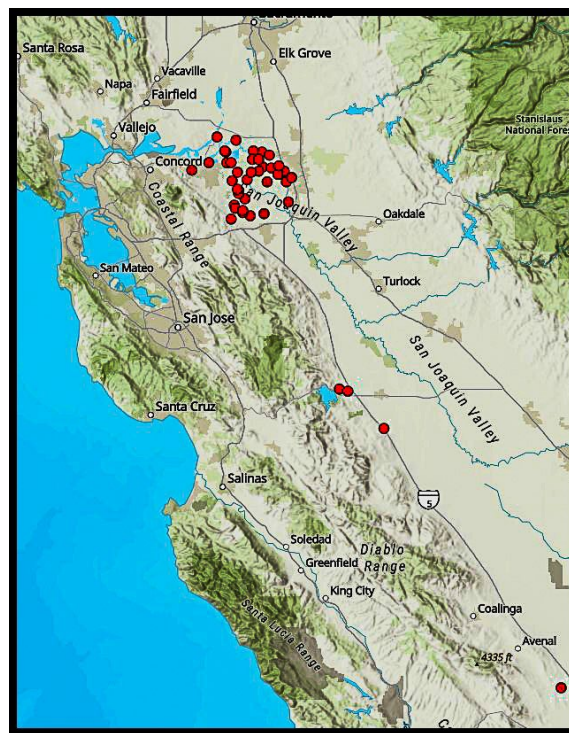
The first known occurrence of this species in North America, in the Sacramento–San Joaquin River Delta of the Port of Stockton in California, was announced by the California Department of Parks and Recreation in October of 2024.



## California

The state of California has long had a mussel-containment program in different parts of the state—for quagga and zebra mussels—but they generally cannot reproduce and grow shells in water fed by the Sierra Nevada, as it is low in natural calcium. The golden mussel can, and so is a threat where other invaders were not.

However, objective estimates of the economic losses involved are practically unavailable. Fouling by *L. fortunei* has not caused a single definitive plant shutdown. Nevertheless, in locations infested other than California, plant operations running at below-standard levels and even temporary plant shutdowns have often been reported.



As of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, reaction in the state has been swift in some districts but others have taken on a more “Wait-and-See” posture. Many managers of California’s lakes, streams, rivers, and estuaries have begun some form of mitigation in the form of watercraft inspections and quarantine.



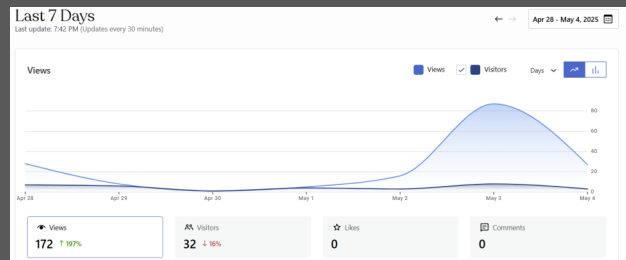
## SNCKC Venues Local to the Sacramento Area

GOLDEN MUSSEL INFORMATION ON THESE PADDLING VENUES - As of 4/24/2025		
VENUE	PERSONAL (NON-MOTORIZED) WATERCRAFT	MOTORIZED WATERCRAFT
Clear Lake	None	Lake County has their own sticker for vessels
Folsom Lake	None	Banding Program in place and 30 day quarantine in place. Mandatory inspections and decontamination for Motorized watercraft
Lake Clementine	None	Closed to all trailered and motorized watercraft until May 14th. Banding program and 30 day quarantine in place
Lake Oroville	No distinction for personal watercraft. Call DWR general information line at 916-820-8142 or email at <a href="mailto:oroville@water.ca.gov">oroville@water.ca.gov</a>	Inspections and Quarantines are being implemented Starting Memorial Day weekend
Lake Tahoe		Banding Program in place. Mandatory inspections and decontamination for Motorized watercraft without an intact Tahoe seal.
Lake Wildwood	Kayaks and other personal watercraft are being quarantined for 30 days. A quarantine tag (band) will be placed on the craft. Owners are expected to honor the Rule (ER-0-04.23.25) and not launch the craft until the 30 days are up. Personal Watercraft are not eligible for Green Exi Tags	Motorized watercraft are being quarantined for 30 days. A quarantine tag (band) will be placed on the craft. Owners are expected to honor the Rule (ER-0-04.23.25) and not launch the craft until the 30 days are up. Personal Watercraft are not eligible for Green Exi Tags
Pardee Reservoir	None	Closed for 2025 Season
New Bullards Bar Reservoir	None	Inspection and decontamination station being planned
Rollins Lake	None	30 day quarantine for motorized watercraft; 60 day quarantine for motorized watercraft with ballasts, bilges or live water tanks. Hot water decontamination required to launch
Scott's Flat Lake	None	30 day quarantine for motorized watercraft; 60 day quarantine for motorized watercraft with ballasts, bilges or live water tanks. Hot water decontamination required to launch
Thermalito Afterbay	No distinction for personal watercraft. Call DWR general information line at 916-820-8142 or email at <a href="mailto:oroville@water.ca.gov">oroville@water.ca.gov</a>	Inspections and Quarantines are being implemented Starting Memorial Day weekend
THESE VENUES CURRENTLY HAVE NONE OR LITTLE INFORMATION ABOUT GOLDEN MUSSELS		
American River	Lake Davis	Mountain Meadow Reservoir
Bucks Lake	Lake Lodi	Sacramento Delta
Butt Valley Reservoir	Lake Natoma	Sacramento River
Collins Lake	Lake Spaulding	Silver Lake
Donner Lake	Lake Valley Reservoir	Snodgrass Slough
Englebright Lake	Lakes Basin	Union Valley Reservoir
Ice House Reservoir	Loon Lake	Webber Lake
Jackson Meadows	Mokelumne River	



# Nevada County Recreation Fair - May 3rd, 2025

SNCKC had a booth at the inaugural Nevada County Recreation Fair held at the Bodhi Hive Event Facility in Nevada City. While many supporting SNCKC'ers dropped by, the booth was largely manned by Chris Crain, Marna Duncan, Chuck Kastenholtz, Linda Lansky, Carl Shori and Keith Schoendoerfer. The fair was deemed a success by the county with many from the community in attendance. A lot of curious folks stopped by our booth to chat about the club and pick up an informational swag bag. The result being a sharp spike in SNCKC website visits for the weekend.



### Police Blotter

*Editor's note: The Police Blotter consists of excerpts from dispatch reports by area law enforcement agencies. These reports are public record.*

**Monday GRASS VALLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**2:48 a.m.** - A reporting party from Washington Street reported a male subject in the parking lot honking his horn for at least an hour. An additional 911 caller reported the same but advised there was an altercation between a male and a female.

**5:10 a.m.** - A custodian from Glason Way reported she was in the basement and could hear footsteps in the building.

**6:51 a.m.** - A reporting party from Sutton Way reported his three work trucks were vandalized with broken windows over the weekend.

**9:42 a.m.** - CHP from Highway 20 at the Mill Street ramp reported gravel in the roadway caused damage to a vehicle's windshield.

**12:05 p.m.** - A reporting party from Buena Via Street reported an AT&T truck blocking a fire hydrant since 9 a.m.

**12:27 p.m.** - A reporting party from a South Auburn Street auto repair shop reported four vehicles' tires were slashed.

**1:38 p.m.** - Graffiti was reported at Elizabeth Daniels Park to tables, poles and utility boxes. Law enforcement identified, located and cited juvenile suspects.

**2:38 p.m.** - A reporting party from Sutton Way reported an unknown subject put a dollar bill under her windshield. The reporting party advised that she saw on social media that this should be reported.

**3:26 p.m.** - A reporting party from Brighton Street requested assistance from animal control with a found bearded dragon.

**4:49 p.m.** - A reporting party from a Crown Point Court dentistry office reported they were terminating a dentist that was refusing to leave and taking items.

**NEVADA CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**11:19 p.m.** - A reporting party from Ridge Road reported she could hear her neighbor yelling at her child and the child crying. Law enforcement on the scene reported finding young children playing and running around the home, which was clean, and the mother was attempting to put the kids down for bed.

**NEVADA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**7:38 a.m.** - A 911 caller from Jayhawk Drive requested she be picked up because she was at the house of a male she met on Snapchat and really scared. The caller reported that the male tried throwing his pizza at her and offered her meth.

**9:52 a.m.** - A reporting party from Stone Arch Drive requested personal contact regarding a neighbor's dog that is continually loose.

**11:33 a.m.** - A reporting party from Stone Arch Drive requested help from animal control with trapping stray cats and kittens.

**12:23 p.m.** - A reporting party from Wolf Road reported finding some of her stolen music equipment at a music store.

**3:02 p.m.** - A reporting party from Squame Creek Road requested personal contact regarding some cats she took to have spayed for someone who was not answering the reporting party's calls afterward.


**5:35 p.m.** - State parks from Highway 49 and Sweetland Road requested turnover of a found dog in their custody.

**7:05 p.m.** - A reporting party from Pleasant Valley Road reported male and female dogs plus a pack of puppies running loose in the area. The reporting party advised they had two of the dogs detained.

- Nathan Levinson

### LOCAL

## All things recreation come to Bodhi Hive for Nevada County Recreation Fair



PHOTOS BY ELIAS FURZEE

The Nevada County Recreation Coalition hosted the inaugural Nevada County Recreation Fair last Saturday at the Bodhi Hive in Nevada City (former Nevada City Tech Center) where approximately 60 exhibitors showcased what their organizations have to offer the local community. Vendor booths included an instrument "petting zoo" with Musik in the Mountains, horse-themed games with Gold Country Trails Council, climbing activities with Gold Crush Climbing Gym, rollerskating rentals with Crush, and many more. Informational booths from the County of Nevada's various departments, as well as CAL FIRE, Bicyclists of Nevada County (BONC), Gold Country Fly Fishers, SYRCL, Bear Yuba Land Trust, and many more were available for recreation fair attendees to peruse.

### 'I'm a local': Locals Week discounts culminate with Saturday Sidewalk Sale in Nevada City

Jeffrey Nobles staff writer

It's good to be local, especially this week in Nevada City, where the Chamber of Commerce is holding its first Locals Week through Saturday, May 10.

The week is offering special discounts for those who live in the area, said Lynn Skrudrud, Events Manager for the Chamber.

"This is the first one we've done but we hope to make it an annual event," Skrudrud said. "Really we just want to take time to make sure the local community knows we value them. In Nevada City we tend to hear a lot about tourism, which is great—it's so important to sustain our local economy to have that tourism—but really, locals are our backbone. They're the ones that are here day in and day out supporting our local community."

Locals Week is extending out to various businesses throughout western Nevada County but for the most part is centered in downtown Nevada City and the 7 Hills District in the same town. Some of the businesses offering discounts are service-based, but are still extending the courtesy of a discount to show local residents just how much they mean to the economy.

Skrudrud said

merchants and those offering services were eager to participate in the Locals Week program.

"When we pitched the idea to the businesses, they instantly loved it," she said. "It was something they really wanted to participate in. It's actually really easy to jump on board. Some of the businesses have come up with some really creative and cool, unique discounts."

A long list of businesses offering discounts during Locals Week includes various retailers like Anytime Down, Garnish, Far Traders, Novak's, The Hat Store, The Melo Plant Shop, and others. Businesses providing services at a deal include Nevada City Picture Framing, Blue Sage Organizing, and Reski by All. If you're hungry it might be a good time to show your local pride at businesses like BrewBilt BrewHaus, Lola Dining at the National Hotel, and Petra Modern Mediterranean.

A complete list of participating businesses and services can be found at [www.nvadacitychamber.com/locals-week/](http://www.nvadacitychamber.com/locals-week/).


Skrudrud said that all one needs to do is say "I'm a local" at point of purchase. Some businesses, she said, will ask for proof of residency.

### Bobcats featured on May 7 KVMR Critter Chat episode


Critter Chat

Bobcats are our native felines living around in the Sierra Nevada and across the country. They are as beautiful as they are elusive — and considering how much we love our domestic cats — why not get to appreciate our native bobcats?

On this show, KVMR and



### LOCALS 36







## Clear Lake Camping Paddle - April 27th thru May 2nd , 2025





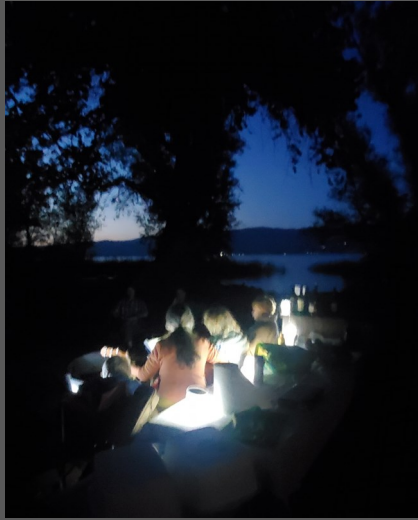
## Clear Lake Paddle Cont.







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Nobody guessed where the kayak is last month so the picture stands and first member to send me the correct name of the venue below receives a new safety whistle, shown below

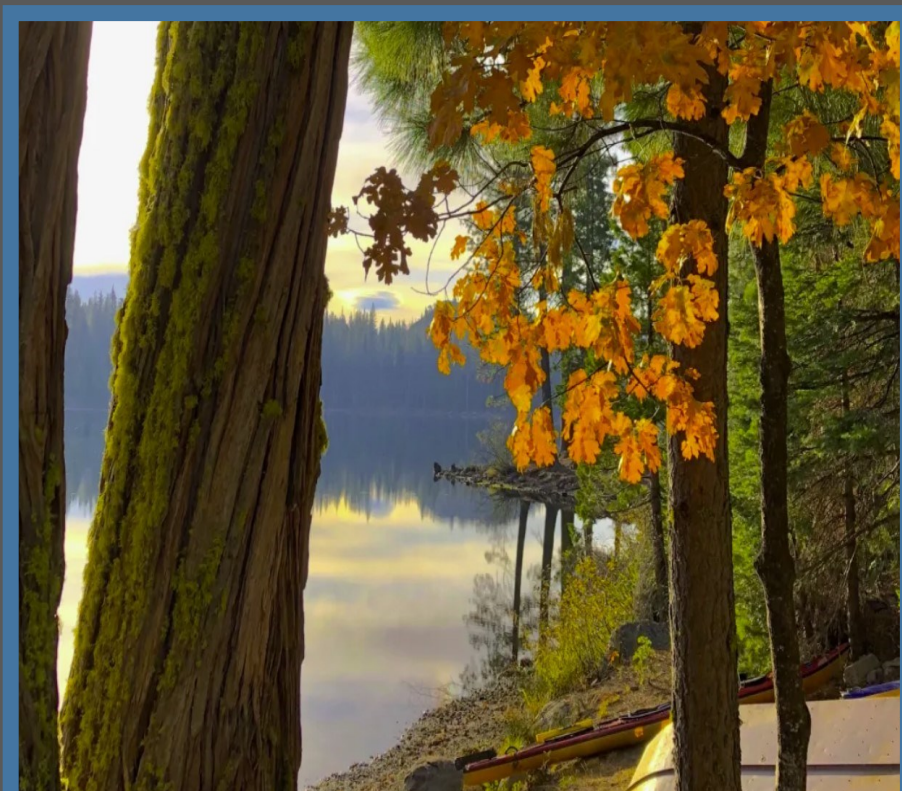
Send your answer to [keith@zwrvr.net](mailto:keith@zwrvr.net)



## WHERE'S THE KAYAK?



**FOX 40 CMG  
SAFETY WHISTLE**  
> 3-Chamber pealess  
> 115 dB - Heard up to 1 Mile



### 2025-2026 SNCKC Officers



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