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## CARDBOARD KAYAK RACE

## K A Y A K N E W S

These were probably the best engineered cardboard kayaks, canoes and rafts (if that's what you can call them) you'll ever see.

The Colorado School of Mines students partook in the esteemed engineering school's 91st Engineering Days competition, highlighted by its annual Cardboard Boat race on Clear Creek in Golden, Colo. Around 100 entries partook in the challenge, in which the students can only use cardboard and duct tape to create their water craft. Then the craft must survive a trip down the Clear Creek Whitewater Park without falling apart while still adhering to the rules of the Archimedes Principle. (Spoiler alert: some did, some didn't).

The event drew a packed-banks crowd of onlookers, there to witness the cardboard carnage and cheer the thrills and, often, spills. The event also prompted a host of responses on the school's social platforms, including "The students are a lot better engineers and designers than they are paddlers."

What to see for yourself? Click the link below:

[Cardboard Kayak Race—CO School of mines](#)





# Latest Trip Schedules Summer/Fall 2025

Hi SNCKC,

Below and attached in PDF for anyone that wants to print, is our trip schedule for the rest of 2025. As always, trip dates and destinations may change depending on the weather, water conditions, and trip leader availability. Also, as always, new trip leaders are encouraged and there are plenty of experienced trip leaders to provide assistance.

Camping reservation announcements have already been sent out by trip leaders and for the most part people have made their reservations. If you do not have, or were not able to get a reservation, contact the trip leader. At this stage trip leaders are only communicating with people that have confirmed they are joining their trip and have a campsite. I also sent out a campsite reservation announcement for Sunset Beach (leaderless trip). I will compile a roster of people that made a campsite reservation for Sunset Beach and that group can communicate with each other for planning.

## SUMMER-FALL 2025 OVERNIGHT KAYAKING TRIPS

DATE	DAY	nights	DESTINATION	TRIP LEAD
Sept 15-19	Mon-Fri	4	Tahoe Sugar Pine SP	Chuck Kastenholz
Oct 13-17	Mon-Fri	4	Sunset Beach SP	Leaderless Trip*

\* We are still looking for someone to lead this trip. The dates are favorable to the tides for paddling Elkhorn Slough. Chris will lead on the water and Wendy knows this trip well and is offering to advise anyone that would like to lead. Contact Rachel Finson for more info about leading.

## SUMMER-FALL 2025 DAY KAYAKING TRIPS

DATE	DAY	N/A	DESTINATION	TRIP LEAD
Aug 28	Thur	👁️	Rescue Clinic on Englebright Lake	Chris Crain/Thomas Schuebel
Sept 9	Tues	👁️	Lake Clementine	Sharon Cabello
Sept 16-18	Tue-Thu	👁️↓	Day trippers can join Tahoe campers. Exact dates and paddles TBD. Chuck Kastenholz	
Sept ?	?	👁️	Feather River ? (I need to scout)	Rachel Finson
Oct 2	Thur	👁️	Bullards Bar	Chuck Kastenholz
Oct 28	Tue	👁️	Fuller Lake (halloween paddle)*	Keith Schoendoerfer
Nov 21	Fri	👁️	Lake Natomas potluck	Chuck Kastenholz

\* Alan continues to offer an overnight option with Fuller Lake paddles and is also providing an overnight option for the Aug 20 Spaulding (or Lake Valley) paddle. As these paddles approach the overnight will be organized. Meanwhile, if you have questions about the overnight option, see Alan or previous emails regarding Fuller Lake and staying overnight.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you on the water.

Rachel Finson

530.263.0706

## 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***

## Thursday, September 25th

## Quiz Night - This could be about Mussels and Muscles

And this is a Pizza Night

Contribution \$10/person or a salad to share



**Thursday, October 23rd - NID SPEAKS**

# Sierra Monroe.

## Hydroelectric Compliance Technician at NID



# Nevada Irrigation District

## **Friday, November 21st - Thanksgiving Pot Luck Paddle**

Venue is Lake Natomas, Put-in is at Black Miners Bar, Time is *TBD*

Chuck Kastenholz is lead - Contact him at [cvkasten@msn.com](mailto:cvkasten@msn.com)

**December Holiday Party - TBD**

Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 10th at Seaman's Lodge. However the BOD is looking into new venues that can also cater the event..... **Stay tuned!!**

**HEY!!!**

*Do you have an idea for a presentation, discussion, movie, or game that would be good at one of our monthly member meetings?*

**Contact Debi Savoy at [2bjsavoy@gmail.com](mailto:2bjsavoy@gmail.com)**



## LAKE TAHOE CAMPING PADDLE - Aug 15th thru Aug 19th , 2025

**S**ix from SNCKC spent the week of Sept 15 thru Sept 19 camping at Sugar Pine Point campground on the west shore of Lake Tahoe.



**T**hree extra joined us for a first day paddle from Baldwin Beach into Emerald Bay and back. Beautiful weather, calm water and not too many motorcraft made the paddle very enjoyable. A few of us got out at Fanette Island and hiked up to the Tea House. Sighted lots of eagle/osprey nests and at least one osprey on the south side of the Bay on the return paddle.

**D**ay Two found us on a hike on Bayview Trail / Cascade Falls Trail from the south side of Emerald Bay to Cascade Creek overlooking Cascade Lake. The creek was quite low but still running and made for some great pics as the hikers were able to cross the creek at a hundred points and have some stunning views of Cascade Lake with Lake Tahoe in the background. We recommend this hike to all of you (just a bit more than a mile out), fairly level but with some up and down with large steps ... overall much easier than the hike to Eagle Lake with similar views and much less foot traffic and easier parking.

**D**ay Three had the group paddling from the USDA camp ground on the south side of Meeks Bay up to Ehrman Mansion and back. Another calm day with hardly any water traffic and just a little overcast.

**T**wo potlucks, one at the Brunmeier cabin in Tahoma, made sure none of us starved! We were able to have two evenings with BYO drinks on the veranda at Ehrman Mansion before dinner. Nice to be able to live like a billionaire without all that fiscal responsibility!

**T**he group campsite (G7) at Sugar Pine was very level, plenty of parking between the five campsites and plenty of level tent area and good size bear boxes. The campgrounds were rather quiet with very few campers ... unlike the "madhouse" in the summer peak season. Nice bathroom facilities though the showers were a bit of a walk or a short drive from the campsite.

**SNCKC** looks forward to more paddles on Lake Tahoe. Hopefully, now that they are doing reservations at Sand Harbor we will be able to schedule a Sand Harbor paddle for next year?!

-Chuck







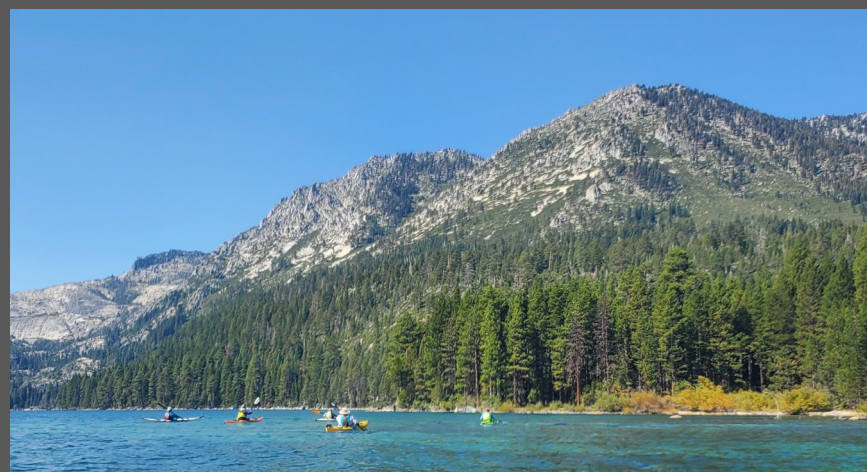
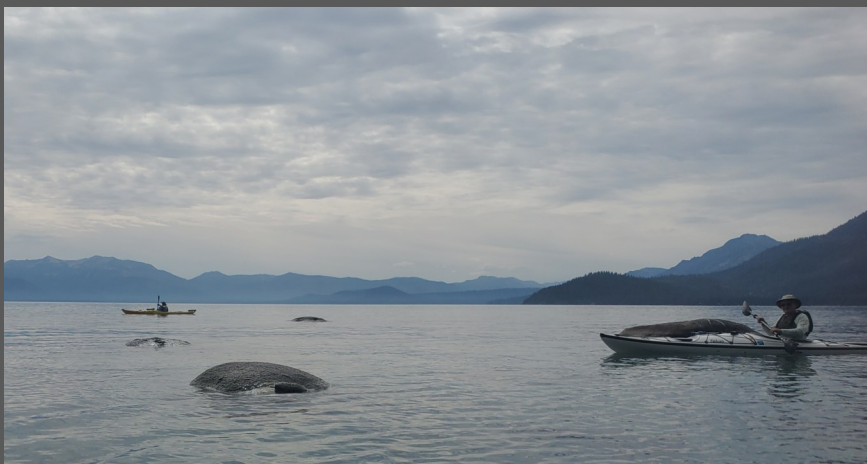
## Lake Tahoe Paddle - Continued







## Lake Tahoe - Continued



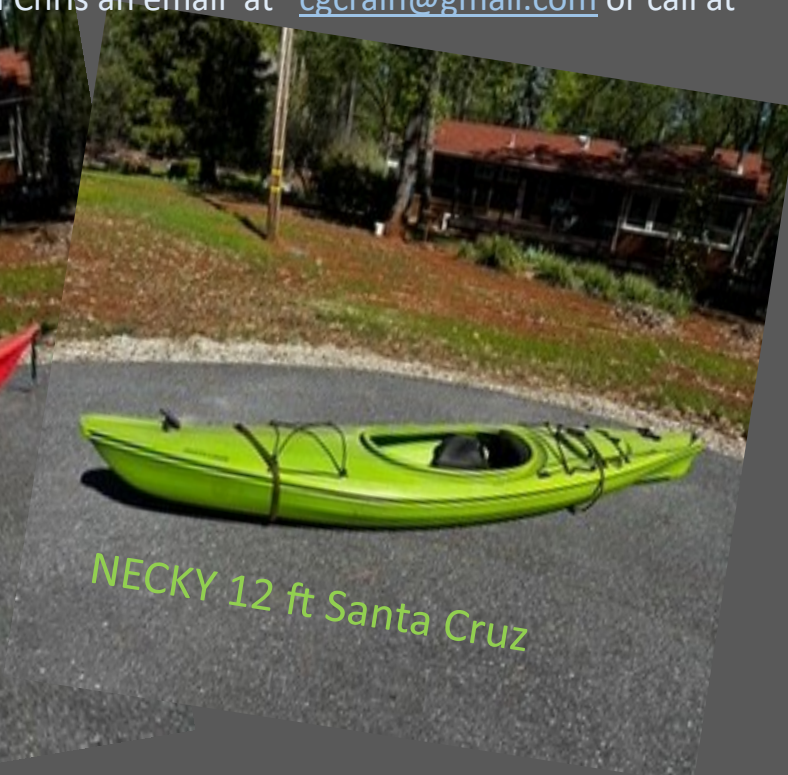
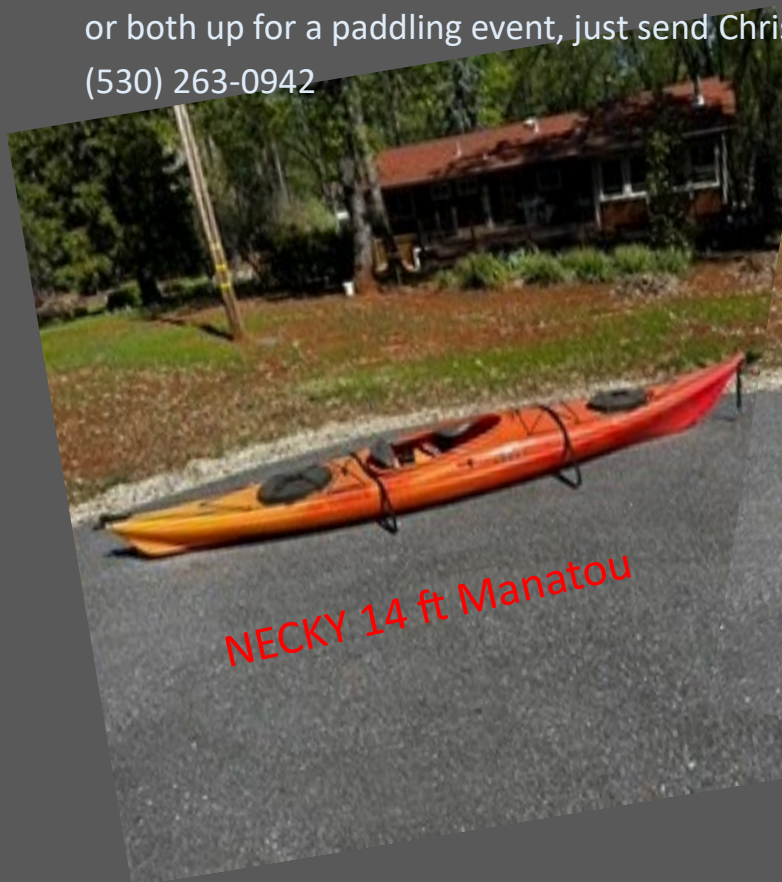




## **REMINDER—2 New SNCKC Acquisitions**

### **SNCKC LOANER and LEARNER BOATS AVAILABLE**

For SNCKC MEMBERS and their friends, these are high quality roto-tooled kayaks made by NECKY. They are turn-of-the-century vintage and are very stable in lake and ocean waters. and they paddle fast for their weight. They come with paddles and after-market fitted seats. They are currently being stored in Grass Valley at Chris Crains' house . To pick one or both up for a paddling event, just send Chris an email at [cgcrcrain@gmail.com](mailto:cgcrcrain@gmail.com) or call at (530) 263-0942





# WANTED – Ocean Worthy SOT Kayak

Posted July 20th, 2025

*If you have one for sale, please contact me.*  
Arlene (916) 203-3268,  
**toadjamar@gmail.com**

~ TABLE OF OFFSETS ~[illegible]

### Table of offsets available upon purchase of plans

~ STEMS ~

DISTANCE IN FROM PERPENDICULAR		
4" WATER LINE		0-6-0
16" "	"	0-3-1
8" "	"	0-1-4
10" "	"	0-0-4
12" "	"	0-0-0
14" "	"	0-0-0
16" "	"	0-0-0
18" "	"	0-0-4
20" "	"	0-1-3
22" "	"	0-2-3
24" "	"	0-4-6
26" "	"	0-8-0

17' WOOD AND CANVAS CANOE  
BUILT BY THE KENNEBEC BOAT & CANOE CO.

LENGTH OVER ALL -	17' 1 1/4"	CONDITION -	GOOD
LENGTH BETWEEN STEM TOPS -	15' 9"	SERIAL NUMBER -	14380
BEAM - OVER GUNWALES -	34 1/8"	OWNER -	RICHARD MOLETTE
DEPTH AMIDSHIP - INSIDE -	13 1/4"	MEASURED BY	J. RITTER & R. CROSSIN 6-81
WEIGHT DRY - POUNDS -	102	DRAWN BY	J. RITTER 9-81

GENERAL NOTES: OVERALL THE CANOE WAS IN GOOD SHAPE, AND WAS USED EVERY SUMMER, BUT SOME VARNISH WAS PEELING AND THE CANOES WAS TORN IN SEVERAL PLACES. ALL WOODEN PARTS WERE IN SOUND CONDITION AND THERE WERE NO SERIOUS RISKS. THE INTERIOR, GUNWALES, DECKS, SEATS, AND KEEL WERE VARNISHED. THE CAUVIS WAS PAINTED A ROBIN EGG BLUE. THE OUTFITTERS ARE TO THE INSIDE OF THE TRUNKS AND ARE IN FINE-NEEDLE LIGHT. A (•) SYMBOL MEANS ADD A SIXTEENTH OF AN INCH. STEM OFFSETS ARE TO THE OUTSIDE.

RECOMMENDED READING: BUILDING THE MAINE GUIDE CANOE, BY JERRY STELMER

COVER BOARDS - SPRUCE  $\frac{1}{4}$ "  $\times$   $1\frac{1}{2}$ "  $\times$  30' SHIPPED AS  
IN THE PLAN VIEW, ATTACHED WITH SMALL  
TACKS. THE ONLY FUNCTION OF THE COVER  
BOARDS IS TO FINISH OFF THE JOINT  
BETWEEN THE DECK, INWALL, RIBS AND  
THE OUTWALL.

THWARPS, FORE + AFT ~ WHITE OAK 2 1/2" x 27 1/2" WITH  
1 1/2" WAIST. CENTERLINE OF FORWARD THWART IS  
30 1/2" FROM COAT CENTERLINE. CENTERLINE OF AFT  
THWART IS 31 1/2" FROM BOAT CENTERLINE. MOUNTED  
UNDER INWALE WITH ONE BERRY'S BOLT IN EACH  
SIDE.


THWART - MOUNTED ON THE CENTERLINE  $2\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{8}$ " WITH A  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " WING; CARVED OF WHITE OAK AND ATTACHED UNDER INWALE WITH TWO BRASS BOLTS.

OUTWALE - GENERAL DIMENSIONS ARE  $1' \times 1'$  SPRUCE THEN BEVELED FOR THE THWART, ENGINE AND NOTCHED TO OVER PLANK AND CANVAS EDGES. SCREWED ON FROM THE OUTSIDE THROUGH EVERY OTHER RID.

INWALE - SPRUCE  $\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{3}{4}$ " THEN BEVELED FOR THE THWART, ENGINE (POSSIBLY) TRICKER UNDER CANVASEDGE.

OUTWALE ~ GENERAL DIMENSIONS ARE 1" X 1" SPRUCE  
THEN BEVELED FOR THE TUMBLER/PHONE AND NOTCHED  
TO COVER PLANK AND CANVAS EDGES. SCREWED  
ON FROM THE OUTSIDE THROUGH EVERY OTHER  
RIB.

INWALE ~ SPRUCE  $\frac{3}{4}$ " X  $\frac{3}{4}$ " THIN BEVELED FOR THE  
TUMBLER/PHONE (SPECIALLY TAKEN UNDER COBBE BORDERS)



RIBS — WHITE CEDAR  $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 2" AVERAGE  
TAPERED TO 1" OVER A DISTANCE OF  
20' — 40 RIBS SHOE PIECE GUANILE TO  
GUANILE, 6 FALSE OR SPLIT RIBS, 3  
IN EACH END THE LOWEST RIB IS APPROX  
53" 1" SPACE BETWEEN RIBS ON E  
EVERY OTHER RIB IS SCREWED TO SHOE  
KEL, RIB TOPS NEEDED TO UNABLE

PLANKING ~ WHITE CEDAR 3/4" THICK, 7 PLANKS, 3 3/4" WIDE AMIDSHIP. NO LAPS AND THE NORMAL USE OF STEALERS TO COVER THE HULL ALL STRAKES. CLENCH NAILS FROM THE OUTSIDE.

SHOE KEEL - Oak  $1\frac{1}{2}'' \times \frac{3}{4}'' \times \frac{3}{4}''$  approx.  $14'2''$  Long  
FEATHER TAPER STARTS 2' FROM EACH END  
SCREWED ON FROM THE INSIDE THROUGH EVERY  
OTHER RIB

CANVAS - PROBABLY A  
NUMBER 8 DUCK, TACKED AT  
SHEER AND STAIN. FILLED  
AND PRINTED. CANVAS IS ONE  
PIECE.

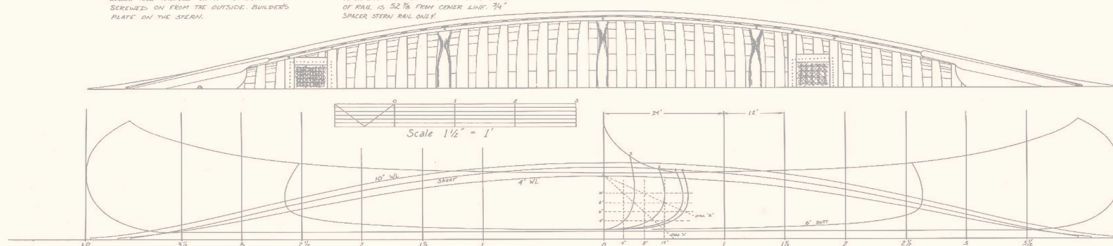
STEM BAND ~ BRASS  $\frac{3}{8}$ " HALF  
OVAL, APPROX 51" LONG. SCREWS  
SPACED ALONG EVERY 6"

DECK'S - SPRUCE, APPROX. 19" x 7" ONE SOLID  
PIECE. CLASSIC HEART SHAPE CARVED TO  
THE CURVE OF THE SHEER AND  $\frac{3}{4}$ " THICK.  
NO CROWN. NOTCH IS 2" DEEP AND THE  
LOGS ARE THINNED ON THE UNDERSIDE  
SCREWED ON FROM THE OUTSIDE. BUILDERS  
PLANT ON THE BEHALF

STERN SEAT - WHITE OAK, CANEED STOCK  
DIMENSIONS:  $1\frac{1}{4}" \times \frac{3}{4}"$ . SEAT DIMENSION/  
DIA. =  $15\frac{1}{2}"$  OUTSIDE MEASURE. RAIL WIDTHS,  
 $19\frac{1}{4}"$  AND  $15\frac{1}{2}"$ . CANING HOLES SPACED  $\frac{3}{4}"$   
ON CENTER. MEDIUM OR COMMON CANING,  
REGULAR 5 STRAND PATTERN. FRONT EDGE  
OF RAIL IS  $52\frac{1}{2}\%$  FROM CENTER LINE.  $\frac{3}{4}"$   
SPACED STERN RAIL ONLY.

BOW SEAT ~ SEAT DIMENSIONS 10" x 14" OUTSIDE MEASURE. RAIL WIDTHS 21" AND 25". ONE BRASS BOLT THROUGH EACH RAIL, MOUNTED UNDER HAWKLE. FRONT EDGE OF SEAT IS 47" FROM CENTERLINE. SEE STERN SEAT FOR ADDITIONAL

STEMS - Ash,  $\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{3}{4}$ ", STEAM BENT AND BEVELED FOR THE PLEAKING. APPROX. 45' LONG AND NOTCHED FOR THE RIBS. RIBS NAILED TO THE STEM FROM THE OUTSIDE. PLEAKING IS NAILED TO THE STEM SAME FOR THE STERN.





## WHERE'S THE KAYAK?

Lori Appling was the first member who hasn't received a whistle to send me the correct name of last month's venue as Utica Reservoir. Below is a new photo and the first to send in the correct location of the lone kayak, receives a new safety whistle, shown below.



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



**FOX 40 CMG  
SAFETY WHISTLE**

- > 3-Chamber pealess
- > 115 dB - Heard up to 1 Mile



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