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2026 TRIP SCHEDULES

Late Spring brings on our busiest part of the paddling season. Check out the paddle schedules below (Camping Paddles) and on the following page (Day Paddles) to see what's being offered and who to contact. Many of the Camping Paddles are either booked up or are nearly booked up. If you are interested in one contact the Trip Leader to see if there is a slot open or a cancellation. There is quite a list of Day Paddles (15 in all) with The Snodgrass Paddle complete (Photos on page 8) and the Folsom Lake/Granite Bay paddle happening this Friday, April 24th (contact Chuck Kastenholz if you want to go)

There are 4 Day Paddles that are looking for a Trip Leader and a launch date, so if you are interested in leading one, or trying out leading one, contact Rachel (SNCKC Trips Chair) at rasatsuki@gmail.com.

Camping Paddles have been planned and organized, however, there still may be an announcement or two yet to be broadcast to the membership. If you are interested in joining one of the 2026 trips, check with the listed Trip Organizer for current status and information on the possibility of joining the trip.

To join a **Day Paddle**, mark your calendars and wait for a broadcast announcement from the trip organizer which should be about 2 weeks in advance of the trip. However, if you have missed the announcement or think you have waited too long, contact the listed Trip Organizer to get on the roster of trip participants.

As in past years, any member may organize a **FRIENDS POP-UP Paddle** and advertise through the SNCKC proprietary Mail-Server. However, FRIENDS POP-UP trip organizers and participants, regardless of being a SNCKC member or not, must be aware that FRIENDS POP-UP events are not sponsored by SNCKC. Responsibility for all safety with such events are owned and overseen by the organizer and the participants. For more information on using SNCKC's Mail-Server for organizing FRIENDS POP-UP Paddles, contact Rachel at rasatsuki@gmail.com.

Also find the schedules on the SNCKC website at [Trip Schedules | Sierra Nevada Canoe & Kayak Adventure Club](#)

2026 CAMPING PADDLES									
MONTH	VENUE	WK DAY	ARRIVAL DATE	WK DAY	DEPARTURE DATE	NIGHTS	TRIP INITIATOR	WATER LEAD	TRIP COMMENTS
MAY	MCARTHUR-BURNEY FALLS	Fri	15-May	Tue	19-May	4	Gwen Huff - gwenhuff5410@gmail.com - (916) 873-5923	Chris Crain - cgcrain@gmail.com - (530) 263-0942	Reservations completed. Contact Gwen for questions or changes regarding reservations
JUN	NAPA/PETALUMA RIVERS - Skyline Wilderness CG	Mon	15-Jun	Fri	19-Jun	4	Rachel Finson - rasatsuki@gmail.com - (530) 263-0706	Nancy VanHorn - nancyvh1021@gmail.com - (415) 377-9565	Reservations completed. Contact Rachel for questions or changes regarding reservations
JUL	SILVER LAKE/CAPLES LAKE	Sun	12-Jul	Wed	15-Jul	3	Chris Crain - cgcrain@gmail.com - (530) 263-0942		Reservations completed. Contact Chris for questions or changes regarding reservations
AUG	TWIN LAKES - Crags Group USNF	Thu	20-Aug	Mon	24-Aug	4	Gwen Huff - gwenhuff5410@gmail.com - (916) 873-5923	Chris Crain - cgcrain@gmail.com - (530) 263-0942	Group campground has been reserved. Sign-up and payment will be in May/June
SEP	FORT BRAGG - MacKerricher SP	Mon	14-Sept	Fri	18-Sep	4	Chuck Kastenholz - cvkasten@msn.com - (530) 401-1502		Chuck will send out information for making reservations six months in advance
OCT	PT. REYES NS & TOMALES BAY - Olema CG	Fri	16-Oct	Tue	20-Oct	4	Keith Schoendoerfer - keith@zwrvr.net - (530) 205-6305	Chris Crain - cgcrain@gmail.com - (530) 263-0942	Keith will reach out to SNCKC with campsite info reserve sites with Olema campground
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Contact Rachel Finson if you would like to lead or learn about leading a camping trip. rasatsuki@gmail.com , 530.263.0706									

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2026 TRIP SCHEDULES

2026		DAY PADDLES				
MO.	VENUE	WK DAY	DATE	TRIP INITIATOR	WATER LEAD	TRIP COMMENTS
MAR	SNODGRASS SLOUGH	Tue	31-Mar	Chris Crain - cgcrain@gmail.com - (530) 263-0942	N/A	
APR	FOLSOM LAKE - Granite bay	Wed	22-Apr	Chuck Kastenholz - cvkasten@msn.com - (530) 401-1502	N/A	
MAY	BULLARDS BAR	Mon	11-May	Rachel Finson - rasatsuki@gmail.com - (530) 263-0706	N/A	
MAY	CLEMENTINE RES.	Tue	26-May	Gwen Huff - gwenhuff5410@gmail.com - (916) 873-5923	N/A	
JUN	SUGAR PINE RES.	Thu	4-Jun	Keith Schoendoerfer - keith@zwrvr.net - (530) 205-6305	N/A	
JUN	LAKE VALLEY RES.	Tue	30-Jun	Rachel Finson - rasatsuki@gmail.com - (530) 263-0706	N/A	
JUL	LAKE SPAULDING	Tue	21-Jul	Chris Crain - cgcrain@gmail.com - (530) 263-0942	N/A	
JUL	FULLER LAKE	Tue	28-Jul	Rachel Finson - rasatsuki@gmail.com - (530) 263-0706	Alan Cary - alancary@hotmail.com - (530) 575-7000	
AUG	DONNER LAKE	TBD		Sharon Cabello - sharoncab@gmail.com - (916) 202-6461	N/A	Paddle Venue & Date will be firmed up by the trip leader
AUG	SCOTTS FLAT LAKE	TBD		TBD - THIS TRIP NEEDS AN ORGANIZER	N/A	Paddle Venue & Date will be firmed up by the trip leader
SEP	LAKE TAHOE - Sand Harbor	Thu	3-Sept	Chuck Kastenholz - cvkasten@msn.com - (530) 401-1502	N/A	
SEP	THERMALITO AFTERBAY	TBD		TBD - THIS TRIP NEEDS AN ORGANIZER	N/A	Paddle Venue & Date will be firmed up by the trip leader
OCT	TBD - THIS TRIP NEEDS AN ORGANIZER	TBD		TBD - THIS TRIP NEEDS AN ORGANIZER	N/A	Paddle Venue & Date will be firmed up by the trip leader
OCT	TBD - THIS TRIP NEEDS AN ORGANIZER	TBD		TBD - THIS TRIP NEEDS AN ORGANIZER	N/A	Paddle Venue & Date will be firmed up by the trip leader
NOV	LAKE NATOMA - Black Miners Bar	Fri	20-Nov	Chuck Kastenholz - cvkasten@msn.com - (530) 401-1502	N/A	This will be our traditional potluck paddle

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Trip leaders have final choice to determine paddle venue and date. If you would like to lead a paddle contact Rachel Finson: rasatsuki@gmail.com. 530.263.0706

HAVE YOU BEEN DREAMING ABOUT BECOMING A SNCKC TRIP LEADER?

SNCKC is always looking for members to participate at a higher level, specifically as a Trip Organizer or a Trip Water Lead. As previously mentioned, if you are interested in learning to become a leader, you can contact Rachel at rasatsuki@gmail.com. It is a friendly and easy process where you would be paired up with experienced trip leaders on familiar venues until you feel confident in running a trip on your own. There are a number of very experienced leaders in the club that would like the opportunity to pass on their knowledge.



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.*

Thurs., April 23rd - Paddling the Baja Coast

SNCKC Members, Rick and Diane Range will be presenting their exciting and challenging kayak trip along the coast of the baja peninsula 26 years ago. More on page 5 of this Newsletter.

After the presentation there will be a book available, "The Pacific Alone", which is about the only solo kayak trip from the mainland (Ventura, CA) to Hawaii.

Thurs., May 28th - Annual SNCKC Potluck Picnic

Announcement will be broadcast in detail in May as well as in the Newsletter
See page 7 of this newsletter.

Thurs., June 25th - TBD

THIS IS A **PIZZA** NITE



Thurs., July 23rd - TBD

Thurs., August 27th - SNCKC Annual Safety Clinic

With Thomas Schuebel Time is **TBD** Venue is **TBD**

Thurs., September 24th - Trivia Quiz Night

THIS IS A **PIZZA** NITE



Thurs., October 22nd - TBD

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 Gwen Huff at
gwenhuff5410@gmail.com



BAJA BOUND

A Turn of the Century Run Down the Baja Coast

SNCKC members, **Rick and Diane Range**, are excited to share their story at our next Member Meeting this Thursday, 4/23/26

Rick and Dian will be presenting a kayak adventure they embarked on 26 years ago, paddling down the Baja Coast from Muleje to Loreto.

They've created an impressive, foldable displays that detail each leg of the journey, complete with maps and photos. Their guide on this incredible trip was the most skilled kayaker of the century, and they'll be sharing their experiences of kayaking with him in some truly challenging conditions being a time before cell phones and cell phone cameras and a time Pacific coast of Baja was very remote and known for its rugged coastline.

We will also will be sharing some of our adventures from that era.



We'll also have the book "The Pacific Alone," which recounts this remarkable 64-day solo kayak voyage from Ventura Harbor to Hawaii. While some have attempted this feat, it remains unmatched today.



SNCKC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Hey SNCKC'ers,

It's April and if you haven't already done so, it's time to renew your membership for the 2026—2027 Season.

If you haven't heard, the annual membership fee is going up from \$25 to **\$35**. This is mostly to cover insurance costs that we must have to lease the Seaman's Lodge each month for our membership meetings and the fee increase also allows us to carry liability insurance for our paddle events.

To sign up and pay your membership fee contact Chuck Kastenholz (cvkasten@msn.com 530-401-1502)

Or.....

You can see Chuck at the next member meeting and take care of it there.

You can also find the 2026-2027 membership Letter and Membership Application on the following webpage along with 2026-2027 SNCKC policies, Guidelines, and Responsibilities.

[Membership | Sierra Nevada Canoe & Kayak Club](#)





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

The SNCKC Annual Potluck Picnic is Thursday Afternoon, May 28th 2026

The 2026 Annual Potluck Picnic will be held this year in the Picnic Area of Pioneer Park. The time will be from 4:00pm until about 7:00pm. There are picnic tables, lots of tree shade, BBQs, Boche Ball Courts (or, if you like, Petanque Courts), and Plenty of Parking.

Full Details will be announced in an email later this month or the beginning of next month. To offer those of you who may not be familiar with the Picnic Area of Pioneer Park, I have included a map ->

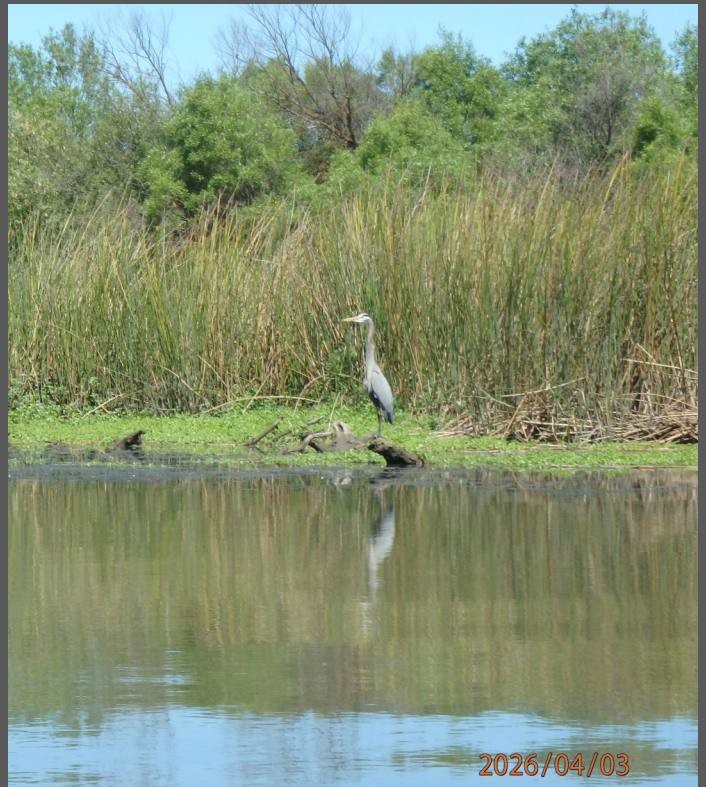




Snodgrass Slough—Early April, 2026

In early April, five hearty club paddlers braved the delta's wilds, exploring Elkhorn Slough near the historic town of Locke. We somehow managed to negotiate the unmarked and tree-lined channels, hidden from surrounding civilization and full of wildlife. Post paddle, we enjoyed food and libations at Al the Wop's, a colorful dive in Locke's historic old downtown. On your next visit in the area, be sure to check out this historic rural Chinese town, including its museums and shops.

-Chris





Marlee J. Chamberlin

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Sierra Nevada Canoe and Kayak Club
Founding Member, Leader, Member of
the Board of Directors, and still “At Large”





Remembering Marlee





So Long.



WHERE'S THE KAYAK?

So after a hint, Rachel Finson guessed correctly that the kayaks were at Lake Davis. Below is a new location, the first member to email me (keith@zwrvr.net) with the correct name of this Venue, wins either a Green Safety Whistle or 3" SNCKC transitional Sticker... Your choice.

Cheers,
Keith



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



2025-2026 SNCKC Officers



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| • President: Chris Crain | • Treasurer: Marna Duncan |
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| • Programs: Debi Savoy | • Communications: Keith Schoendoerfer |
| • Secretary: Margaret Arroyo | • Honorary (Founder): Kit Wiegman |

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mysnckc.org