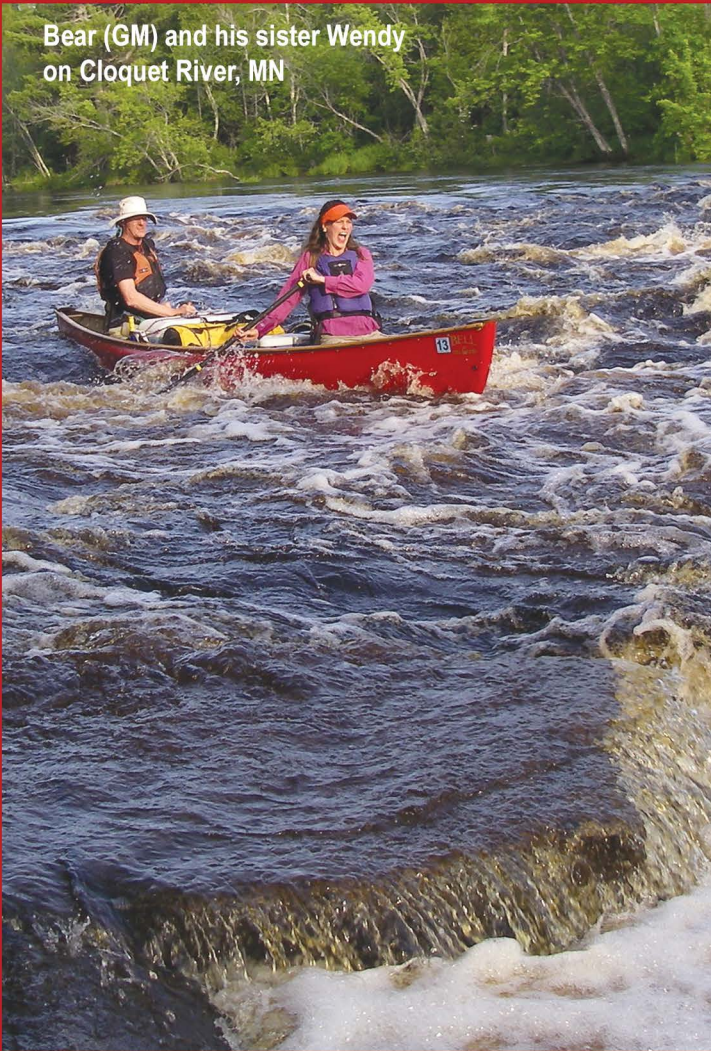


Bear (GM) and his sister Wendy
on Cloquet River, MN



Charlie's (R&D) sons Cam and Jack
on Sawbill Lake, BWCA, MN



Bear's wife Claire and son
Dashwa



Ted (Pres.), his wife
Karen and Lewis on Red
Cedar River, WI



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Aluminum Chef Competition

For over twelve years we've had our own homage to a particular reality TV competition that we call The Aluminum Chef. Our three Aluminum Chefs will test their camp culinary skills against each other in true outdoor style. Kevin Callan returns as our unstoppable emcee/chaos agent in this fast-paced event. Woods-woman and dried-food aficionado Mona Gauthier and former park ranger Marty Koch go up against presenter of WPT's Emmy-Award-Winning Wisconsin Foodie (and owner of the of the Driftless Cafe) Luke Zahm. Our trio of cooks use donated MSR stoves and cook kits, and a pantry of simple ingredients you might have on your next camping trip. There are three competitions to determine the best: appetizer, entree, and dessert. Perhaps you can be part of the judging panel from the audience?



Featured Speakers

After a year away from Canoeopia, **Timothy Bauer** returns with “Mistakes Were Made” and “Adrift in the Driftless.” Water-lover in general and river-enthusiast specifically, Timothy’s been paddling around Wisconsin and its neighboring states since 2008. When not on the water, Timothy pores over maps planning his next trip or writing about his most recent experiences.



Learn about “Portaging in the Canadian Wilderness” with **Camper Christina!** Christina is an outdoor enthusiast who started backcountry camping in 2002 and fell in love, and now camps year-round. In 2015, with no one to go with, she began going out on backcountry trips alone. Christina now ventures into some extremely challenging and remote locations in the Canadian wilderness. Christina is very active in YouTube and social media and has two online courses which can be found on her website, Back country Camping for Beginners and Winter Camping for Beginners.



Visiting from the West Coast, **Wayne Horodowich** is an experienced paddler, educator and adventurer. He directed “Adventure Programs” at the UC Santa Barbara for twenty-five years and was their head kayak instructor. Wayne has



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Friday		Atrium	Bear	Caribou	Sylvania	
Friday	3:30	Danny Mongno: Selecting the Perfect Kayak Paddle	Will Collins: Catch More Fish—Tips, Tricks, & Stories for Canoe & Kayak fishing	Ben Strege: Route Planning—Tips, Tricks, and Tools	Nolan Jacobs: Coming of Age on the Churchill and Coppermine Rivers	
	4:30	Jameson Redding: Fishing from a Personal Watercraft	Matthew Magolan: Delta Canoe Exped.—Family Adventure on Mackenzie R	Craig Zarley: Catching Canoe Country Walleyes—New Tips and Techniques	Dean Juntunen: A Paraplegic’s Superior Circumnavigation	
	5:30	Pete Kuhn: The Perfect Fitting Kayak	Perry Whitaker: Middle Mississippi River—Native Americans to Steamboats	Vern Fish: Caribou and the Citizen Scientist	Erica LeMoine: Loons—Help Protect the Icon and Indicator of Healthy Lakes	
	6:30	John Chase: Perfectly Pack Your Kayak for a Multi-Day Trip	David Johnston: Introduction to Weather for Paddlers	Amy Rosebrough: Opening the Door: The Ghost Ports of Door County	Andrea Knepper: Pacific Coast Canada to Mexico	
Saturday		Atrium	Bear	Caribou	Sylvania	
Saturday	9:30	Danny Mongno: Selecting the Perfect Kayak Paddle	Jeff Renniecke: Paddling the Darkest Skies	Stacie Sadowski: Hammock Camping 101	Gillian Fitzgerald: What it Means to Paddle Like a Girl	
	10:30	Mary Langlie: Fitness for Paddlers	Zorbari Nwidor: From Underground to Water Trail: Blue Spaces for Black Faces	Karla With a K: Hammock Camping 201	Nick Schade: Why Would I Build My Own Wooden Boat	
	11:30	DROP-IN CLINIC 1:00-4:00	Verena Wildenstein: Amazing Rivers of Canada's Northwest Territories	Tamara Thomsen: The Wisconsin Dugout Canoe Project	Al & Marsha Fairfield: Sylvania, the Evolution of an Accessible Wilderness Area	
	12:30		David Inskip: Original Paddling Songs Performed Live	Steven Nelson: Catching Your Next Fish in the BWCA	David Meier: Awakening Wonder—A Parenting Guide for the Boundary Waters	
	1:30		P.J. Smith: Begin Your Fly Fishing Journey Jeff Bach: Building a Laminated Bent Shaft Wood Paddle	Joe Friedrichs: Planning for the Unexpected in the Boundary Waters	Daniel Peterson: Paddling the Saint Croix and Namekagon Rivers	Elisabeth Condon: Barriers & Solutions to Diversity in Paddlesports
	2:30		Doris Kolodj: Power to the Pipsqueaks	Mark Neuzil: The Natural History of the Canoe in North America	Anthony Quill: How to Plan, and Expand, Canoe Trips with Little Kids	Lloyd Vogel: Ultralight Backpacking? What Newbies Need to Know
	3:30		Dave Shapiro: Knot clinic	Nicholas Gordon: Culinary Tips for Backcountry Trips	John Chase: Navigating the Seas with Nautical Charts	Babs Smith: Countdown to our Favorite Lk Michigan & Green Bay Beach Paddles
	4:30			Joshua Trombley: The Adirondack Pack Boat (and beyond)	Dan York: Kayaking the Lofoten Islands: Norway’s Craggy Crown Jewels	Gina LaLiberte: What’s That Green Stuff? Identify Algae Blooms
10:30	Danny Mongno: The Forward Stroke—Sit Down or Stand Up, Let's Be Efficient		Lenore Sobota: Overcoming Fear One Stroke at a Time	Grant Thompson: Unparalleled Access to Destinations Around the World	Sarah Hall: Multi-Generational and Mentoring Trips for All Ages and Abilities	
11:30	John Chase: Power to the Paddle—Exercises to Improve Your Paddling		Dave Mangin: Waters Connecting our Homes to Wilderness	Rich Williamson : Paddling Alaska—An Introduction to Alaska’s Endless Waters	Dan York: Wild Rivers of the Wild West	
12:30		Berlin Nelson Jr: Canyons of the Rio Grande River	Barry Brahier: Sea Kayaking Voyageurs National Park	Julie Carey: Communicating Safety Messages to an Unreceptive Audience		
1:30		Daren Barrett: The Greek Kayaking Odyssey	Jeffrey Rohr: Oh, What a Trip!	Benjamin Berthiaume: Ely To Hudson Bay		
2:30		Ben Strege: Nurturing a Love of Canoeing in Your Family	Ted Rulseh: Lake Science: The Coloring Book: What Makes a Lake Tick?	Mary Langlie: Getting Better with Age		
Sunday		Atrium	Bear	Caribou	Sylvania	

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Algonquin	BWCA	Superior	Quetico		
Lisa Yoder: Paddling Greece—Learn How To Do Adventure Paddling Trips	Colleen and Jonny Kuehl: Backcountry Couples—Adventuring Together	Wayne Horodowich: How To Choose The Kayak That Works Best For You	Timothy Bauer: Adrift in the Driftless	3:30	Friday
Steve Ballou: Paddling Apostle Islands National Lakeshore	Blake Longworth : Understanding the Vast Options in Paddling Clothing	Chris Gavin: Foraging at the Waters Edge	Rob Kesselring: Campfire River Stories from Anywhere and Everywhere Part II	4:30	
Vic Foerster: Hidden in the Trees, an Isle Royale Sojourn	Michael Stout: The Lake Rider—Eight Great Lakes Solo Crossings	Marty Koch: Mission Impossible—30 Years A Ranger	Cliff Jacobson: Bug-Proofing Your Camp	5:30	
Jerry Vandiver: Songs About Paddling and All Things Outdoors	Paula Furlich: Never Underestimate a Woman with a Paddle	Pete Marshall: How to Quetico	Ken Whiting: Choosing the Right Kayak with Ken Whiting	6:30	
Jonathan Ringdahl: The Geology of Door County & Apostle Islands	Mona Gauthier: Dehydrating Food with Confidence	Dave Ellingson: Down the Mekong: Voyage of Discovery	Wayne Horodowich: Using Your Boat, Body And Blade For Efficient Paddling	9:30	Saturday
Pete Beck: All Things Whitewater	Craig Zarley: Catching Canoe Country Lake Trout	David Johnston: Ancient Finds of Lake Superior	Rob Kesselring: The Thrill of Discovery—You Can Do It!	10:30	
John Bates: A Far Side to Birding	Bill Schultz: Kayak Fishing Door County, Wisconsin	Timothy Bauer: Mistakes Were Made	Wayne Horodowich: The Art of Staying Upright in Your Kayak	11:30	
Trevor Braun: Preparing for a Yukon Canoe Expedition	Will Collins: America By Canoe—Stories & Lessons from Yukon & Mississippi	Pete Marshall: 5 Musts for Rookie Boundary Waters Paddlers	Andrew Elkins: A Panel Discussion On Bears	12:30	
Jeff Wilson: Wrong Tree: Adventures in Wildlife	Kathy Nelson: Top Tips for Traveling the BWCA as a Senior	Marty Koch: Basic River Safety For The Casual Paddler	Camper Christina: Portaging in The Canadian Wilderness	1:30	
Scott Miller: Mississippi Speed Record	Jared Wold: Kayak Angling for River Smallmouth	Neal Schroeter: What Everyone Should Know About Cold Water Paddling	Kevin Callan: A Paddler's Guide To Rivers of Ontario	2:30	
Jerry Vandiver: Songs About Paddling and All Things Outdoors	Tony Jones: The Sacred Geometry of a Canoe	Wayne Horodowich: Capsize Recoveries-Which Ones Work Best?	Cliff Jacobson: Canoeing Secrets	3:30	
Jared Wold: A Tour of Wisconsin's Wonderful Rivers	Dan Wong: Paddling in the Northwest Territories	Michael Neiger: Use a Cell Phone More Effectively When Lost in the Bush	The Aluminum Chef Competition (ends ~5:30)	4:30	
John Van Den Brandt: Wisconsin Wildlife	Kevin Wegner: MN Border Challenge; One End to the Other in Under 8 Days	Emil Gyllenberg: Free Horizon, Paddling the Stockholm Archipelago in 4 days	Cliff Jacobson: Q&A With the Experts	10:30	
Donna Smith: Fly Fishing 101—The Beginner's Guide to Fly Fishing	LeaAnn Schroeter: The Safe (and Delicious) Wilderness Kitchen	John Bates: Paddling N WI's Undeveloped Wild Lakes: A Baker's Dozen of the Best	Rob Kesselring: Ultralight Canoe Camping in the Boundary Waters	11:30	
Vern Fish: Fire in the Boreal Forest	Ginny Nelson: BWCA Planning & Tips for a Successful Trip	Marty Koch: Ozark National Scenic Riverways	Kevin Callan: Happy Camper Canoe Tripping Tips and Tricks	12:30	
Bear Paulsen: Solo Wilderness Travel	David Johnston: The Weird History of Sea Kayaking	Neal Schroeter: Paddling the Apostle Islands	John Chase: 5 Things I Wish Someone Told Me When I Started Kayaking	1:30	
Jerry Vandiver: Songs About Paddling and All Things Outdoors	Miguel Garcia-Gosalvez: Safety Electronics for the Trips to the Wilderness	David Johnston: Navigation 101 for Paddlers: The Art of Staying Found	Michael Neiger: Teach your Children to Be a Survivor When Lost in Wilderness	2:30	

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filmed and produced the popular USK “In Depth” Instructional video series, and is very active in teaching was a former captain of the U.S. Surf Kayak Team. He is the founder of the University of Sea Kayaking, an organization for the promotion of sea kayaking education, (www.useakayak.org) providing an educational resource to sea kayakers.

New to Canoecopia, we’re excited to welcome **Ken Whiting** of PaddleTV. A World Champion kayaker, author of 12 books and videos about paddling, and the host of one of the largest paddle-sports YouTube channels, Ken is one of the most accomplished and respected paddlesport professionals in the world. Ken is also the host and Producer of Facing Waves - North America’s only paddling TV series. Now in its 10th Season, Facing Waves is broadcast into more than 120 million American households through Outside TV, PBS, and the Bally regional sports networks.



SATURDAY POOL DEMOS AT THE CLARION

12:00	Danny Mongno: Essential Paddling Skills for SUP
12:30	Danny Mongno: Essential Paddling Skills for the Kayak Angler
1:30	Danny Mongno: Essential Paddling Skills for the Kayak Angler
2:00	Trevor Braun: The Braun Backferry
2:30	Trevor Braun: The Braun Backferry

Pool Demonstration Notes

- Pool sessions are 20 minutes long.
- Pool demonstrations have significant capacity limitations. The fire code limits us to 99 people.
- Since they’re so popular and space is limited, we clear out the audience before each new demonstration. Line up early for those you want to see.

Rutabaga’s Olbrich Park Boat Rentals



Did you know that Rutabaga rents boats at Olbrich Park? We do! It’s one of the easiest tickets to your Best Summer Day of 2024. From Memorial Day through Labor day, you can explore Lake Monona using one of our great canoes, kayaks, and stand-up paddle boards. Check out the lovely shoreline, including the Frank Lloyd Wright Convention Center at your own pace.

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home. From bald eagles snatching fish off sparkling lakes to black bears lumbering up trees, experience soul-stirring moments while discovering fascinating facts about our native animals. Join John as he reveals insights into your favorite animals and uncovers some of the state's lesser-known creatures as well. Don't miss this inspiring presentation filled with spellbinding images of Wisconsin's wildlife.



Jerry Vandiver & The One Match Band

Songs About Paddling and All Things Outdoors!

Fri 6:30p, Algonquin

Sat 3:30p, Algonquin

Sun 2:30p, Algonquin
Award-winning

singer/songwriter Jerry Vandiver and his all-acoustic trio featuring Amanda Healan (upright bass) and Caitlin Evan-son (violin & fiddle), will be debuting some new songs, along with favorites from his Paddlesongs CDs. Look for several special guests joining Jerry and The One Match Band for a fun, musical, and unique addition to the Canoeecopia experience. Be ready to laugh, cry, dance, and sing along.



Lloyd Vogel

Ultralight Backpacking? What Newbies Need to Know!

Sat 2:30p, Sylvania

As someone who got their start in the outdoors through canoeing and sea kayaking, over the past 10 years I've developed a love for backpacking, specifically ultralight backpacking! Are you a paddler at heart who is entertaining the notion of walking on land? I'll talk you through the gear and ethos of ultralight backpacking, and discuss the biggest things you'll need to consider.



Kevin Wegner

Minnesota Border Challenge; From One End to the Other in Under 8 Days.

Sun 10:30a, BWCA

Embark on an extraordinary journey with Kevin, a member of the MNGreene 3-man team, as he recounts the thrilling conquest of the Kruger-Waddell Minnesota Border Challenge—a demanding 270-mile retracing of the historic Voyager route from International Falls, MN, to Grand Portage, MN, on the shores of Lake Superior, involving both paddling and portaging. Despite Kevin's initial lack of experience, his team achieved the remarkable feat of being the first 3-man team to complete the challenge in each of the past two years. Immerse yourself in the joy, intricate navigation, and critical equipment decisions of this epic odyssey as Kevin unveils the mental and physical challenges they faced, along with the meticulous preparation



required. Experience the moonrise, navigate midnight fog, witness the Northern Lights, brave headwinds, and tackle waves on vast lakes and rivers. Shoulder the canoe and packs for the final 9.1-mile portage and discover the unique reality of sleeping in a canoe's bilge water to keep the team moving. Kevin's storytelling will shed light on triumphs over challenges, providing a firsthand glimpse into the physical and mental dimensions of this extraordinary adventure. Don't miss this captivating exploration of resilience and achievement.

Perry Whitaker

Paddling the Middle Mississippi River: Native Americans, Early Explorers, and Steamboats

Fri 5:30p, Bear

The 2,300-mile-long Mighty Mississippi has played a crucial role in the growth of the United States. The 200-mile section from the confluence of the Missouri River near St Louis, MO, to the confluence of the Ohio River at Cairo, IL, is referred to as the Middle Mississippi, and there you'll encounter thousands of years of history! On that stretch of the River you'll pass Civil War sites, countless steamboat wrecks, historic Native American villages, ghost towns, French forts, and encounter an extreme diversity of wildlife. He'll also discuss logistics of paddling on the Mississippi and other large rivers.

Ken Whiting

Choosing the Right Kayak

Fri 6:30p, Quetico

Choosing the right kayak is a challenge, and no decision will have a bigger impact on how enjoyable and safe your paddling experience is. Having tested and reviewed over 70 kayaks ranging from \$100 inflatables to \$6000 sea kayaks, no one has more insight into how to choose the right kayak than author,

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producer, and host of the PaddleTV YouTube channel, Ken Whiting.



Verena Wildenstein, Taylor Pace

Amazing Rivers of Canada's Northwest Territories

Sat 11:30a, Bear

Join second generation owner/operators of Canoe North Adventures Verena Wildenstein and Taylor Pace as they introduce you to their favorite rivers in Canada's Northwest Territories and share the many secrets that define each river trip as unique and unforgettable. Discover what makes the Keele, Mountain, Horton, and Nahanni Rivers top destinations including fishing, wildlife viewing, and varied landscapes, from the Mackenzie Mountains to the barrenlands at the Arctic coast.

Rich Williamson

Paddling Alaska! An Introduction to Alaska's Endless Waters!

Sun 11:30a, Caribou

When many people are asked about Alaska, they mention the mountains and glaciers that form the peak of scenic beauty.

Alaska has another face to experience,



the endless waters to be explored. Alaska has over 3,000,000 lakes, over 12,000 rivers, and almost 35,000 miles of shoreline to explore. While many of these places require a bush plane to access, which is great for solitude, there are numerous places to drive to, and most of those see little traffic.

It's impossible to cover all of the great opportunities available in the time available. Rich will selectively cover a sample, based on experience and extensive research to provide some of the best options for someone new to Alaska. Rich will have free information packets available for those attending his presentation. Rich will include a list of Alaska outfitters and contacts from around the state. If Alaska is on your mind, or bucket list, do not miss out.



Jeff Wilson, Terry Daulton

Wrong Tree: Adventures in Wildlife

Sat 1:30p, Algonquin

Jeff Wilson's stories bring you along on his wildlife adventures, whether you ride in his canoe as he observes nesting loons, join him climbing into an eagle nest atop a super canopy pine, or crawl with him deep into a bear den. From his Iowa farm youth, Wilson's love of adventure lured him to the Northwoods of Wisconsin where his 30+ year career as

a wildlife technician for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources found him moving problem bears and beaver, assisting with research on loons, eagles, and osprey, aging deer, and conducting wildlife surveys. Beyond Wisconsin, his adventures found him paddling Arctic rivers, traversing rainforests in Central America, and climbing peaks in Nepal in pursuit of river birds.

Written from his off-the-grid island cabin on the Turtle Flambeau Flowage, and illustrated by his wife and fellow adventurer, Terry Daulton, *Wrong Tree* is his first full-length book. This talk will share humorous tales, thoughts on the importance of wildlife research, and inspiration for future generations.

Jared Wold

A Tour of Wisconsin's Wonderful Rivers

Sat 4:30p, Algonquin

This presentation will be a whirlwind tour of an important part of Wisconsin's geography - its many river systems. From deeper dives into commonly

paddled rivers such as the Wisconsin, Kickapoo, Black, Chippewa, Wolf, and Fox to fun facts such as how many rivers have the word "little" in their names, attendees will gain a new appreciation for the sheer diversity Wisconsin offers moving-water paddlers. Attendees will hopefully discover new river-paddling options whether they are interested in raging whitewater, placid flatwater, or anything in between.

Kayak Angling for River Smallmouth

Sat 2:30p, BWCA

This presentation will help attendees get a start in river fishing for smallmouth bass out of a kayak. Attendees will learn how to choose a kayak, other gear, and





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appropriate tackle for targeting fish in moving water. Lures and other terminal tackle will be discussed along with techniques for casting and presentation. Techniques for safer maneuvering and positioning a kayak in moving water will also be covered. Lastly, attendees will learn some tips and tricks for planning safe, enjoyable days on the water.



Dan Wong

Paddling in the Northwest Territories

Sat 4:30p, BWCA

From the stunning beauty and world-class features of northern heritage rivers and Canada's newest national park, discover your trip of a lifetime in the Arctic. Travelling from Yellowknife to Canoeopia, the Canadian North represents more than just a destination; it's where we call home. We are stoked to share our local knowledge as leaders in Arctic paddling. We hope to spark your own true wilderness adventure. Let's go!

Lisa Yoder

Paddling Greece: Learn How To Do Adventure Paddling Trips

Fri 3:30p, Algonquin

Do you long to do adventure paddling but aren't comfortable planning a big-water trip? Paddling with a quality outfitter bridg-



es the gap between skills and adventure, as well as allowing both high-level and less-experienced paddlers to share the adventure together. Learn how to choose a quality outfitter as well as how to do an overseas trip alone or with a paddling group through the profiled 9-day paddling trip in Milos, Greece, (2023) with 13 Midwestern paddlers.

Dan York

Kayaking the Lofoten Islands: Norway's Craggy Crown Jewels

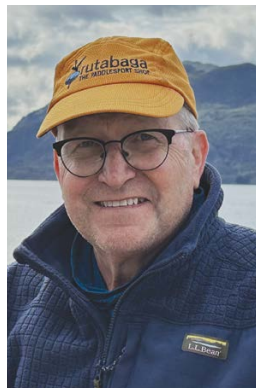
Sat 4:30p, Caribou

The Lofoten Islands are a surreal seascape of soaring, snow-speckled peaks rising steeply from deep fjords, white sand beaches, and aquamarine bays. Amidst this natural splendor are historic fishing villages, small cities, and picturesque farms - all bathed in 24-hour daylight during summer months and forever changing in the moody weather of the islands' Arctic location. It's a kayaker's dream destination. Dan York will share images and stories from two kayaking expeditions he has led to these magical islands, the first in 2017 and the second in 2023.

Wild Rivers of the Wild West

Sun 11:30a, Sylvania

Wild western whitewater rivers are the stuff of paddling dreams. They offer river runners the chance to paddle multiple days through spectacular landscapes of mountains, canyons, forests, and deserts. In this presentation Dan York will share images and experiences from multi-day kayaking trips he has taken over the past two decades down a wide variety of western rivers. His presentation will inspire you to seek out your own western adventures and guide you on how to make your own western paddling



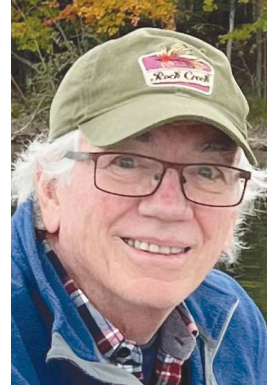
dreams come true.

Craig Zarley

Catching Canoe Country Lake Trout

Sat 10:30a, BWCA

Lake trout are the most overlooked Boundary Waters and Quetico fish. Veteran canoe-country angler and author Craig Zarley will dispel the myths and mystery surrounding lake trout fishing. Most experts say you need heavy tackle and expensive crank baits or spoons to catch lake trout. But Craig will show you where, when, and how to catch these fierce fighting fish using light tackle and inexpensive jigs and twister tails. He'll explain trout habits and demonstrate trout jigging, casting, and trolling techniques gleaned from 60 years of canoe-country fishing.



Catching Canoe Country Walleyes: New Tips and Techniques

Fri 4:30p, Caribou

Craig is the popular presenter of "Catching Canoe Country Walleyes" at past Canoeopias. After 60 years of canoe country walleye fishing, he's still learning new tricks. He'll explain seasonal walleye patterns and show you where and how to catch walleyes in spring, summer, and fall without using electronic gadgets or expensive tackle. He'll demonstrate new techniques and strategies for drift fishing shorelines. He'll show anglers how to keep from getting snagged while fishing with jigs. And he'll reveal how fishing for lake trout can lead you to some of the best walleye spots in canoe country.

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