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Late-Breaking News!

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission announces Washington Water Trails Association the recipient of the "2005 Outstanding Contribution by a Group" Volunteer Recognition Award. WWTa will accept the award from Governor Christine Gregoire at a February 16th ceremony.

Board Boosts Education Efforts

The Washington Water Trails Association Board of Directors, in adopting the annual operational budget in January, pumped up WWTa's education programs. New for 2006 is the first annual Sea Kayak Spring Seminar, scheduled for April 29th, co-sponsored by The Mountaineers Snoqualmie Foothills Branch. Expanding its emphasis on low impact recreation practices, WWTa will host a Leave No Trace Master Educator Certification Course June 1st to 5th.

The SEA Kayaker Program will continue for a second year, with some minor modifications, reaching boaters and campers on Puget Sound. The weekend-long Leave No Trace Trainer Course will be offered for the fourth straight year and at least one Cascadia Marine Trail Site Steward training will be conducted in 2006.

Financial assistance from Washington State Parks allows WWTa to contract with the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) to conduct the Master Educator Course. A NOLS instructor will co-teach with a local Leave No Trace Master Educator in the classroom and on the water.

The April 29th Sea Kayak Spring Seminar will whet your appetite for paddling with informative classroom sessions morning and afternoon. It's a chance to network with other paddlers, plan summer trips, and see the latest gear at exhibitors' booths. For more information please go online and visit www.wwta.org/seminar.

Chart the Course!

The item list for WWTa's Annual Auction grows and grows. Washington Water Trails Association is "*Charting the Course*" for a gala event with dinner and some of your favorite people, members, and guests. What surprises are in store? Be ready to bid high on any number of unique experiences, vacation getaways, and gear.

You'll have to attend Friday, March 31, to see this year's fantastic array of homemade desserts, sip fine wine, and savor delectable food from Balabuste Catering, before enjoying the antics of the live auction.

A sample of the auction items include:

- Ultralight tent, pack, and sleeping bag
- Weekend stay at Quilcene cabin
- Dagger Catalyst 13 kayak
- Get-aways, gear, and gift certificates

A more complete listing of auction items may be found at wwta.org/auction. Advance tickets in February are \$50 per person; after March 1 the price will be \$60. Start dreaming and make your reservation now.



The hand carved mask "Bear with Raven" will be an auction highlight

Go a step further and join the Auction Coordinating Committee to ensure that this year's auction is outstanding and inspires people to support WWTa. Volunteer the day of the auction as a bartender, a photographer, or with set up and take down. Come early to eye all the goodies and plan your auction bids. Attend an upcoming auction meeting or sign up via email, auction@wwta.org, or call 206.545.9161.

From Executive Director Reed Waite

In the early 1980's I worked at R+E Cycles in Seattle's University District. R+E was named for Rodriguez and Erickson, its owners, but employees joked that it stood for Riding and Eating. Whatever the activity may be, good food and good company go together. Driving from a Lower Columbia River Water Trail meeting in Portland to Bonneville Dam to set water trail markers mid-December I set course for a Puffin Cafe lunch (N43 34.682 W122 22.685).



In places the roadway was slick with ice but with mid-afternoon sun trickling through its windows, the cafe warmed to shirtsleeve temperature. As workboats passed, their wakes gently rocked the floating restaurant, helping digestion. While enjoying the view of the Columbia River, I thought about other waterfront dining experiences. The quick October evening paddle with my wife, stopping at Aqua Verde for dinner, when we saw only two other boats on the normally busy waters of Lake Union. A spring full moon paddle fueled by takeout food from Ivar's Salmon House with Sarah Krueger and WWTa board member Judy Moyer. And the best salmon I've ever eaten, filleted and held in a cedar slat frame, then cooked to perfection over an open fire by Tom Steinburn on a Puget Sound island one long summer night.

In any season it's good to be with friends and savor life. Like you, I plan on enjoying some special meals this year, on the water!

From Board President Bruce Farrar

As I sort through the mail at home, I try to figure out which of it is important to running the Farrar household. I ask myself, "Is this relevant?" when presented with a new idea or continuing opportunity that may consume valuable Farrar time. Maybe this is something you do in your personal life as well. The Board of Directors does this for WWTa in partnership with staff and volunteers. We are making sure what we do as an organization is relevant to the mission of WWTa.



By some standards WWTa is not a large organization, yet I'm amazed by the many things that come before the Board of Directors. There are important events to attend, dignitaries to meet, activities to plan, letters to write, budgets to make and monitor, people to talk to, decisions to make, and more. Some of it is more relevant than others. This does not mean that those things we discard are not important. It means we have a mission and we must economize according to the relevance of each issue to that mission.

Your Board of Directors is made up of individuals with varied backgrounds. Each has his or her own life experience and each brings that perspective to the work of the Board. We benefit greatly from the diverse skills and interests offered by our Board members. But at the same time, we have to decide which perspective or what common view is most relevant.

I encourage each WWTa member to read this newsletter and check the WWTa website to discover the things the Board has determined are most relevant to the continued success of WWTa, water trail enhancement, and the quest for public shoreline access. Get involved too, because you are important to WWTa.

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You are Invited to
Washington Water Trails Association's
Annual Meeting
 Monday, March 27th 7:00 - 9:00 pm
 In the Cloud Room at The Production Network
 1000 North Northlake Way, Seattle
 Get Involved • Learn • Share Your Ideas

Leave No Trace Outreach Achievement

The Leave No Trace message reached 21 million Americans in 2005, exceeding the goal of the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics by 11 million. Washington Water Trails contributed by informing over 1,000 paddlers about Leave No Trace.

WWTa accomplished this through the Sound Education and Action Program, Awareness Workshops given at paddling events and for organizations around the state, a Leave

No Trace Trainer Course, WWTa publications, and members. WWTa will inform even more paddlers this year.



Are you interested in a Leave No Trace Awareness Workshop? Would you like to become a Leave No Trace Trainer or Master Educator? If so, contact Bromley at Bromley@wwta.org or call 206.545.9161. For more information on courses

visit www.wwta.org/lnt

A Member Remembers...

The following letter arrived the first week of January with Helen Baker St. John's annual WWTa membership renewal. It captures, in a few short sentences, the past and future of Puget Sound kayaking. The letter read:

To WWTa:

I bought my first fold-boat 49 years ago, and joined Bob Morris and Wolf Bauer, and Jim & Sue Meredith, and Linc Hales, and Herb Flatow, and Lois and Ward Irwin and Ted Hank and all those on fold-boat trips around the Sound, and Gulf Islands and Barkley Sound. And we just found a vacant beach; pulled up the fold-boat, threw a line over a piece of driftwood; hung a plastic sheet over the line; weighed the corners with rocks; threw a sleeping bag under it, and crawled in...

But these days my joints are all older; I haven't done any of these longer trips recently, so I have not yet used one of your campsites - but I know times have changed; everything and everywhere has gotten all developed, and we can't camp like we used to. So I continue my membership in WWTa so my grandchildren can enjoy such trips one of these days in the future.

Thanks,

Helen Baker St. John

Get Your Tickets Today!

Friday March 31st

WWTa Annual Auction
 Register online before 2/28, \$50
 After 3/1 \$60

Save a bunch - organize a table of eight with seven friends now!



2006 Sea Kayak Spring Seminar

Whether you are an avid kayaker or just getting started, it's time to brush off those skills and get ready for the water! Join WWTa for a kayak seminar, where you will get instruction from experts in your choice of four courses, browse the wares of quality vendors, and network with other kayakers. The Sea Kayak Spring Seminar is the ideal launch to a successful season of safe and enjoyable paddling!

Courses Include:

Kayak Repair & Maintenance © On-Water Photography © Trip Planning © Navigation
Reading Charts © Exercise & Conditioning © Leave No Trace Skills © & More!

Saturday, April 29th

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

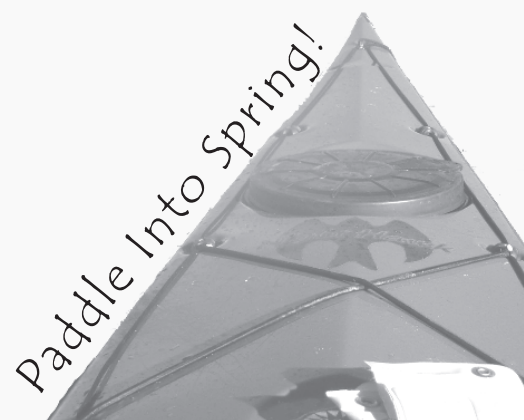
**The Mountaineers Building
300 Third Avenue West • Seattle**

Registration: \$35, Optional Lunch \$15

www.wwta.org/seminar

Or call WWTa 206.545.9161

Co-Sponsored by The Mountaineers Snoqualmie Foothills Branch



On Board!

News from WWTa's Board of Directors

Ambitious plans were hatched at the late October annual board retreat. After reviewing accomplishments from 2005 and the organization's strategic plan, board members brainstormed and committed to carrying out a multitude of activities.



Congratulations, Judy!

Bruce Farrar, Board President, noting that board members aren't eligible for the Member Drive prizes, came up with a prize, dinner atop Seattle's Space Needle, for the board member signing up the most new WWTa members by the end of 2005. Michael Silence upped the ante with a box of Washington apples. By December 31, Judy Moyer had brought in the most new members and asked Bruce to make a monetary donation to WWTa rather than going to dinner. Thank you all!

The Sea Kayak Spring Seminar, a new event for 2006, is one of the great ideas coming from group collaboration. Board members Fran Troje, Judy Moyer, and Jim Emery determined what top-

ics would be compelling, invited speakers, enlisted exhibitors, and secured the Seattle Mountaineers Building for the April 29th event.

Another goal for the board is to continue the recruitment of high quality board members. At its January meeting, Carmelita Loggerwell was nominated to join the board and serve as treasurer. She takes over as Chair of the Finance Committee for Miles Ohlrich who had been serving as both treasurer and vice president for nearly a half year - thank you Miles! Carmelita is a Certified Public Accountant with non-profit board experience. She is active in The Mountaineers and looks forward to weeks paddling in the Queen Charlottes this summer.



Welcome, Carmelita!

WWTa welcomes your involvement! If you are interested in learning more about joining the board, send Board President Bruce Farrar an email at brucefarrar@earthlink.net.

Become a Leave No Trace Master Educator

Washington Water Trails will be hosting a Master Educator of Leave No Trace Sea Kayaking Course in June 2006. This five day course is the highest level of Leave No Trace training available and is regarded highly among outdoor industries and land management agencies. Master Educators are trained to effectively educate others about the Leave No Trace skills and ethics and are certified to teach Trainer Courses and Awareness Workshops. It is ideal for those working in the outdoor industry as well as individuals looking to lower their impact on the environment and teach others to do the same.

The course will be taught by a National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) instructor and co-instructed by Master Educator and avid sea kayaker Jan Prentice,

commencing the morning of June 1st and concluding the evening of June 5th. The first day will be spent in the classroom, while the remaining four days will be spent at various locations on the Cascadia Marine Trail. The course is open to the community.

Master Educator courses typically cost \$600-\$800. WWTa will be offering the course for \$650 for the general public. Discounts are offered to members, stewards, and WWTa Leave No Trace Trainers. Course tuition includes food, camping, launching and parking fees, course materials, and some gear.

For more information, contact Bromley Henningsen at bromley@wwta.org or call 206.545.9161. To learn more about Leave No Trace, visit www.lnt.org.

Master Educator Course Tuition

\$650 General Course Tuition

\$550 WWTa Members*

\$500 Cascadia Marine Trail Site Stewards*

\$450 WWTa Certified Leave No Trace Trainers*

Applications due May 1st

* Must be a Member, Steward, or Trainer by February 8th, 2006

Lower Columbia Primitive Site Survey



Survey crew: Cindy Sherrer, Steve Sherrer, Captain Pat Willis, Sarah Krueger, John Haide, Dave Harsh, and Chris Hathaway (not pictured)
Photo courtesy of Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership

In an effort to increase camping opportunities on the Lower Columbia River Water Trail, a small group braved the cold, wind, and rain on January 25th and 26th to survey unpopulated islands on a stretch of the river for potential primitive camping sites. Pat Willis, Executive Director of Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve, served as the captain for the two-day excursion, donating his time and motorboat.

The survey crew visited eleven different islands, stopping along their shores to take measurements, GPS waypoints, photographs, and observations about conditions

and the potential for water trail use. Sites varied from a historic Lewis and Clark campsite across the river from an industrial park to remote island beaches marked only by the signs of local wildlife - clam middens, beaver-chewed alder, and tracks in the sand.

Additional surveys along the Lower Columbia will be conducted throughout the year, coordinated by the Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership. If you are interested in volunteering for future surveys, contact Chris Hathaway, hathaway@lcrep.org or 503.226.1565 x.228.

It Pays to Be a Member!

Two more paddling organizations have signed on to offer discounts to WWTa members. Seattle Raft and Kayak, located at Magnuson Park in Seattle, is now offering a 10% discount on regularly priced merchandise and Secondwind Sports in Long Beach is offering a 10% discount on all scheduled classes and tours. Simply show your current membership card and dollars drop off prices.

Other great discounts for WWTa members include a 10% discount on all regularly priced merchandise at Aquasports Paddle Center in Redmond, Alaska Airline miles with each purchase at Folding Kayak Adventures in Seattle, a 10% discount on dry suits and kayak rentals at the Kayak Academy in Issaquah, a 10% discount on all regularly priced items and 15% off of kayak rentals at the Northwest Outdoor Center in Seattle, a 5% discount on trips, rentals, and merchandise at the Olympic Raft and Kayak Center in Port Angeles, and a free bulkhead and hatch kit with the purchase of a full kayak kit at Pygmy Boats in Port Townsend. And don't forget the recently added, incredible discount of 35% off all regularly priced merchandise at the KAVU store in Seattle.

Site Stewards Step Up

Washington Water Trails Association's Site Stewardship Program is a vital part of the Cascadia Marine Trail. Each campsite has at least one steward who visits regularly and surveys its condition. This information helps determine if maintenance or restoration work is needed. In addition to site visits, stewards are often involved in work parties, both at their site and elsewhere on the trail. Their volunteer work is important and appreciated by many.

This year, the Cascadia Marine Trail has four new stewards. Starting at the northernmost part of the Trail and heading south we have Curt Mobley stewarding Stuart Island, Ron Britton stewarding San Juan County Park on San Juan Island, Ken Campbell of Azimuth Expeditions in Tacoma stewarding Jones Island, and the team of Michelle Connor and Mark Levensky stewarding Possession Point at the south end of Whidbey Island. WWTa would like to extend a warm welcome and much gratitude to these new stewards.

You don't have to be an official WWTa steward in order to help protect and pre-

serve sites along the Cascadia Marine Trail. If you visit a campsite and find something amiss, please contact WWTa. Everyone can help steward the water trails! Visit the WWTa website for additional volunteer opportunities.

In Memoriam: Peter Jancola

We are sad to note the passing of Peter Joesph Jancola, who died suddenly on January 14th at age 70, after injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Peter was a committed member of Washington Water Trails for over nine years and served as the Chief Site Steward of Fay Bainbridge State Park for the past two years.

His love for the outdoors was acclaimed by family and friends. He enjoyed hiking, snowshoeing, kayaking and was also an active member of the Seattle Mountaineers.

WWTa extends condolences to his wife, children, grandchildren, and friends.



Open House Workshops

WWTa is working with partner organizations and agencies to conduct three open-house workshop sessions to gather information about facilities and recreational opportunities on the Northwest Discovery Water Trail. Recreational site managers, business owners, outfitters, boaters, and interested individuals are invited to provide feedback about facilities, signage, outreach, and opportunities along the water trail. The results of each workshop will help complete the water trail inventory and guide management plan development. For details or to RSVP, contact Sarah Krueger at 206.545.9161 or sarah@wwta.org.

For additional Northwest Discovery Water Trail updates, view the online newsletter at: www.ndwt.org

Public Access is in Style!



Look good on land or water in WWTa's cozy 100% cotton t-shirt. WWTa's logo is on the front left and the back graphic highlights Washington's waterways. The short sleeved tees are pale blue and come in unisex and women's fit (pictured).

Put a little water in your wardrobe- order your shirt today!

Visit: www.wwta.org/shop
or return the order form on page 9

Workshop Schedule

Thursday, February 23rd, Richland, WA

Hosted by Richland Department of Parks and Recreation

10am-3pm and 6pm-8pm

Richland Library

955 Northgate Dr., Richland, Washington

Wednesday, March 15th, Lewiston, ID

Hosted by Lewiston Department of Parks and Recreation

10am-3pm and 6pm-8pm

Lewiston Community Center

1424 Main Street, Lewiston, Idaho

Wednesday, April 19th, The Dalles, OR

Hosted by the Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation

10am-3pm and 6pm-8pm

Columbia Gorge Community College,
Board Room # 1.162

400 East Scenic, The Dalles, Oregon

Any plans for the future?

Washington's counties are looking to the future. As county transportation, park, and trails plans are updated, more and more citizens are speaking up for water trails and better public access in their communities.

The Columbian's Sunday, January 1 editorial bemoaned lack of access around Vancouver for those traveling the historic Lewis and Clark route. Editor Emeritus Tom Koenninger says "he's dismayed that public access to the river remains so limited." But the editors then went on to give a B+ grade to Clark County voters' approval, in February 2005, for 35 new parks in unincorporated areas that will better connect the county. The public comment period ended early February on the Clark County Trail and Bikeway System Plan.

Island County's Non-Motorized Trails Plan nears completion. The plan calls for better beach access, connecting trails, and more water trail campsites on Whidbey and Camano Islands. The plan notes a desire by its residents to "Paddle the Perimeter" of the county. Due to the high volume of public input, an extra public meeting will be held February 28.

In Kitsap County double duty planning is going on. The Facilities, Parks and Recreation Department is updating its 6 Year County Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan. On January 19 a water access focus group concentrated on listing existing county boating facilities and identifying areas with inadequate access. Members of the Olympic Kayak Club, Washington Kayak Club, The Mountaineers and Washington Water Trails Association spoke loud and clear for better public access and restrooms for all.

On the same evening about a hundred people met in Hansville for the first of three public meetings on Kitsap's northern shore parks. There is a sizable gap on the Cascadia Marine Trail here. Kitsap County has recently acquired Forbes Landing and the Point No Point Resort will move from Washington State Fish & Wildlife to County ownership soon. Add in progress on the Hansville Greenway and a surplus lighthouse to make a potentially delicious mix of public access for all boaters.

Washington Water Trails Association members can play an important role in the development of water trails and the improvement of public shore access by getting involved in local and state planning efforts. Public officials and agency personnel respond when citizen boaters who are voters and tax payers speak their minds.

Make Plans to Get Involved!

Upper Columbia Water Trails Initiative

"From the First Nations to the Tri-Cities"

A water trail for day and overnight travel on the Okanogan and Columbia Rivers

Thursday, February 23rd, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Confluence Technology Center, Wenatchee

Contact: Ron Johnston-Rodriguez, Port of Chelan County,
ron@ccpd.com

Lake Washington Shoreline Boasts New Boater Access

Seattle's North Shore Recreation Area Will Focus on Non-Motorized Boating

By Gabe Strand, Seattle Raft & Kayak

On a blustery morning in November, the small cove on the north end of Seattle's Magnuson Park is home to flocks of harlequin ducks and eider drifting on the swells, eyeing a lone outrigger shell launching from a tiny ramp. Trees border the cove and a concrete headwall separates the water from an immense concrete slab, formerly the northernmost section of Sandpoint's Naval Air Station. I've been known to seal launch my kayak off the headwall into the mucky mixture of duck weed and water standing three feet deep.

I've also been known to say, "There should be a better way to get our boats in here." This November, I saw the flocks of shorebirds competing with a new creature: an industrial barge. The presence of the barge marked the start of construction on the North Shore Recreation Area (NSRA) Improvement Project. The NSRA is part of the 1999 Magnuson Park Concept Plan, which designates this area for wind and muscle powered boating activities.



Placing gravel for new boat ramp and beach
Photo courtesy of Seattle Parks and Recreation

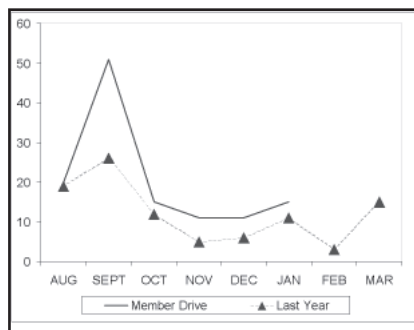
Phase I of the project is creating a large beach and installing basic structures for three new boat ramps. Another goal is to restore shoreline habitat and make the area more salmon-friendly. Every time I pass by, I see evidence of the improvements. Neoprene-clad construction workers grade the sloping beach while barge workers set steel boat ramp pilings. To see for yourself, go to Magnuson Park (7400 Sandpoint Way, Seattle) and drive north under the NOAA road bridge to the parking lot and beach access. To follow project progress, visit <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/maintenance/SPMPNorthShore.htm>.

The improved Lakes-To-Locks Water Trail access point is a few minutes paddle from Matthew's Beach and Magnuson Park's swimming, powerboat launch, and dog park, and has free parking and boat shops. Opportunities for the boating community include summer youth camps offered by both Sail Sandpoint and Seattle Raft & Kayak. Now boaters will have another vibrant, healthy and beautiful place to enjoy the water in urban Seattle. I won't have the cove to myself anymore, but I can live with that.

Recruit for the Paddle Suit!

With less than two months to go, the leader in the race to win the Kokatat paddling suit has less than 10 new members signed up. There is still time for you to recruit the most new WWTa members before the March 30th deadline and lots of time for you to be warm, dry, and comfortable on your future boat adventures!

Or consider this: buy ten gift memberships for your office, your friends, or ten favorite lobbyists. Spending \$350 supports the work of WWTa, educates the people you are giving memberships to, and puts you near the top for winning the top prize valued at much more than \$350.

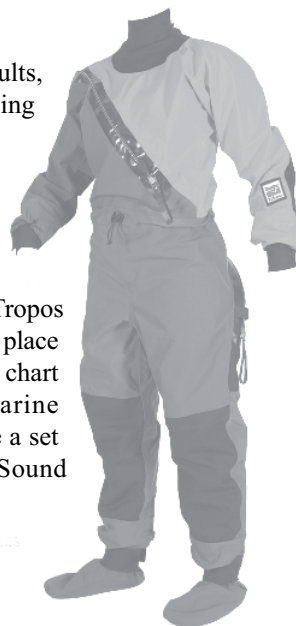


New Members Per Month

Since the August 15th announcement of the Member Drive, Washington Water Trails Association has received 123 new member applications. That's a 55% increase over the same period a year ago. And there's still more than a month and

a half to improve the results, and win a prize for helping WWTa grow.

Remember, March 30, the day before the auction is the final day of the Drive. Recruit to win the Suit, a Kokatat Tropos Paddling Suit, for second place a complete Puget Sound chart set from SeaTrails Marine Maps, or, for third place a set of autographed Puget Sound Guidebooks.



Dave Brubaker

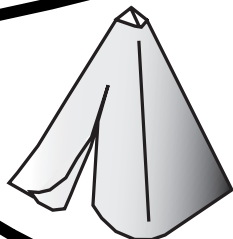
Website In Progress

With assistance from a Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail Challenge Cost Share grant, WWTa is leading the effort to produce a website for the Northwest Discovery Water Trail. Dave Brubaker, who worked for WWTa through the Mennonite Voluntary Service in 2003-2004, is contracted to develop the new website. Dave made his mark at WWTa by overhauling and dramatically improving the website, now a staple of our outreach and communication efforts. Welcome back to WWTa, Dave! Look for the new website at www.ndwt.org in March.

WANTED:

- 6' high bookshelf
- Flat panel computer monitors
- Two hours of network/telephone cable assistance

Can you help WWTa fulfill its wish-list? Call us or write to:
wish@wwta.org



REDUCE YOUR PADDLE PRINT

To ensure you leave your campsite spotless, perform a final microtrash sweep. Microtrash includes small pieces of garbage such as matches, bottle caps, twist-ties, pieces of wrappers and labels, and food scraps. Thoroughly check your site for any trash and pack it out. And if you're really in the mood to lower human impact on the environment, perform the same sweep for nearby sites.

For more information on Leave No Trace, visit www.lnt.org



Volunteers

Stewardship Reports

Jean Caldwell	Potlatch State Park
Michelle Connor	Possession Point
Bruce Farrar	Kayak Point
Doug Garland	James Island
Tim Hallmark	Deception Pass
Bill Harju	Fort Worden
Mark Levensky	Possession Point
Mac Mackimmie	Port of Brownsville
Susan Macomson	Anderson Island
Dave & Helaine Mottershead	Penrose Point
Pat O'Connor	Tacoma Narrows
Brad Tubbs	Ala Spit

Mailing Party 11/9

Laura Deschner
Tom Deschner
Jackie MacRae
Jeff Reifman
Tina Waite

Volunteer Appreciation Party 1/18

Sue Abbott	Terry Hodge
Collin Bramhall	Kristen Kosidowski
Ronald Britton	Mark Levensky
Laura Deschner	Scott Mathews
Tom Deschner	Judy Moyer
Michelle Connor	Miles Ohlrich
Kristin Duin	Karyl Winn
Bruce Farrar	
Tim Garton	
John Githens	
Gerry Hodge	

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The WWTa Convenience Store

(For more Washington Water Trails merchandise, visit our website: www.wwta.org/shopping)

WWTA T-Shirt

Unisex size: M L XL XXL 3XL \$20 x ____ = ____

Women's Fit size: S M L XL \$20 x ____ = ____

Lakes-To-Locks Trail Maps

West Region: \$6 (member), \$9.50 (nonmember) x ____ = ____

WWTA Decal \$2 x ____ = ____

WWTA Patch \$4 x ____ = ____

Donation

Cross State Initiative (will be matched) \$ _____ Unrestricted \$ _____

Pay by check, money order, VISA, Discover or MasterCard in US funds.

Card # _____ Exp. date ____/____/____

Cardholder's signature _____

Membership - New or renewal

of years ____ x (write in level amount) ____ = ____

Level Amounts:

\$35 Individual Member	\$150 Individual Sponsor
\$50 Household (2+ cards)	\$500 Patron Member
\$75 Donor Member	\$1000 Guardian Member
\$25 Student/Low Income	\$5000 Life Member

Total \$ _____

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Calendar

For updates and more info, visit www.wwta.org/news/calendar



February

14: Lower Columbia River Water Trail Meeting: 9:30am - 12:30pm. Chris at 503.226.1565 ext. 228

20: **WWTA Office Closed**

22-24: **WWTA Office Closed**

23: Northwest Discovery Water Trail Public Meeting Open House. Richland, WA

27: **WWTA Auction Meeting.** 6pm at World Wrapps in Seattle Flagship REI

27: **WWTA Board Meeting:** 7 pm at Seattle Flagship REI

15: Northwest Discovery Water Trail Public Meeting Open House. Lewiston, ID

18: **Blake Island State Park Work Party.** Plant dune grass with WWTA!

20: **WWTA Auction Meeting.** 6pm WWTA office

27: **WWTA Annual Meeting.** Cloud Room of The Production Network, 1000 N Northlake Way, Seattle, 7pm

31: **WWTA Auction.** 6pm Mount Baker Community Club

19: Northwest Discovery Water Trail Public Meeting. The Dalles, OR

24: **WWTA Board Meeting.** 7pm at Seattle Flagship REI

29: **Sea Kayak Spring Seminar.** The Mountaineers Building, Seattle \$35, Lunch \$15

1: Application Deadline WWTA Leave No Trace Master Educator Course

March

6: **WWTA Auction Meeting.** 6pm WWTA office

14-16: **WWTA Office Closed**

7-9: Port Angeles Sea Kayak Symposium. www.raftandkayak.com

14: **Easy Current News** deadline: Submit articles and photos to newsletter@wwta.org

18-20: **WWTA Office Closed**

April

May

3: **WWTA Newsletter Mailing Party.** 6pm WWTA office

6: **Blind Island Work Party.** Invasive plant removal on San Juan Cascadia Marine Trail island

13: Richland Paddlefest. Howard Amon Park www.columbiakayakadventures.com

27: "Pulling for the Natives" Work Party on Hope Island, contact ssak@hctc.com



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