

KAYAKING INFORMATION - 2020

PLEASE PRINT OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND KEEP IT HANDY FOR FUTURE USE:

Good morning-

Welcome to TW kayaking. We currently have five (5) kayaking dates scheduled, beginning February 8 and ending April 2, 2020. Most of our tours are on creeks and the Intracoastal Waterway and we try to go to a different destination each time out. We use sit-on-top kayaks (very easy to get on and off), the water is shallow (mostly), and the kayaks are very stable (definitely!).

We generally leave TW Clubhouse around 1:00 p.m. to travel together (carpool as much as possible) to the launch site. We will be in the water by 2:00 and back to land by 4:00, often with dinner to follow for those who want to get a bite to eat together.

The weather is usually good (usually). We suggest that you wear comfortable water clothes, and bring a light snack, a bottle of water, a hat, sunglasses, water shoes or similar, a towel, a change of clothes (if you wish), and a zip-lock plastic bag for your keys, wallet, or other things you may want to keep dry. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU APPLY SUNBLOCK.

Jeff is our guide and kayak renter. Kayak fees are \$40.00 per person for either a single or a double (\$80.00 total), which fee includes the kayak, a life vest, paddle, and \$10.00 for the tour. If you have your own kayak, the tour is \$10.00 per person. Please bring CASH for this. We pay Jeff directly and he accepts cash only, no checks or debit/credit cards.

Jeff knows the local waterways and takes his responsibility for our safe passage very seriously. Please listen attentively to his directions and follow them meticulously. He knows what he is doing. Those of us who have gone out with him before will help you in any way we can. We are all in this together.

There are five (5) tandem (two-person) and twelve (12) single kayaks available for rental for each excursion. If you have your own kayak(s), you are always welcome to join the tour. Just let me know ahead of time so that I can keep track of the numbers for each trip.

We will have a very brief meeting right after coffee Saturday, February 8, to provide any additional information and to answer any questions you may have. We conducted a Safety and Instruction Class Saturday, January 25, with a wonderful group of TWers and will schedule another one whenever there is enough interest. The Class is held at Blind Pass (Middle) Beach and costs \$40.00, which includes all equipment. The session is comprised of a brief period of on-land instruction regarding Safety, quick and easy kayak entry and exiting, and paddling techniques, and lasts approximately one and 1/2 hours. We need a minimum of five (5) to sign up. Class size is limited to ten.

I have posted the Signup Sheets on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse main lobby for both the Saturday, February 8, tour down Curry Creek to Snake Island and for the Sunday, March 8, evening Full Moon Paddle. If you know that you want to attend a specific future trip, contact us and we will sign you up right away.

Our goal is to include everyone who would like to try the kayaking experience. None of us are pros and the company is great.

OPEN THE ATTACHMENT FOR THE KAYAKING SCHEDULE. Call or email us with any questions or concerns: bert.noyes@comcast.net/941-445-6905.

Happy kayaking,
Bert and Debby



Kayaking Dates, 2020

We currently have the following kayaking dates reserved for this season:

February 8- Saturday- 12:15 meet at TW Clubhouse- Down Curry Creek to Snake Island

February 23- Sunday-1:00 meet at TW Clubhouse- Up Shakett Creek, Nokomis

March 8- Sunday- 5:40 p.m. meet at TW Clubhouse- Full Moon Cruise-Spanish Pointe to Midnight Pass

March 21- Saturday-1:00 meet at TW Clubhouse- Boca Grande

April 2- Thursday- 1:00 meet at TW Clubhouse- Woolverton Trails, Placida

April 18- Saturday- 1:00 meet at TW Clubhouse- tentative Don Pedro Island

NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. Great opportunity to get started kayaking.

Rates:

Tour Only (your own kayak): \$10 per person

Single Kayak Rental: \$40 (includes tour, kayak, jacket, paddle)

Tandem Kayak Rental: \$40 per person, \$80 total (includes tour, kayak, jacket, paddle)

If you wish to sign up or have any concerns or questions, contact

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