

**Proposed Schedule for Frank & Calla Bell Scholarship Foundation
Fundraiser Canoe/Kayak Clinic
Friday, May 4, 2012 - Sunday, May 6, 2012**

Friday, May 4

- 4 - 6:30 pm Check in at Mondamin office underneath the gym.
- 6:30 pm Dinner. Introductions, ritual exchanging of stories about past rapids run and bold intentions for the weekend
- 7:30 Meeting in the Assembly Room: Division of group by skill level and interest. Discussion of new ideas in canoe instruction; principles of rotation and balance, and some thoughts on the new rate of student progression
- 8:30 pm Paddling videos for entertainment and instruction

Saturday, May 5

- 8:00 - 8:30 Breakfast
- 8:30 - 9:30 Division of groups and outfitting personal gear, canoes, and paddles
- 9:30 - 12:00 Lake/River/Video: The novice group will be on the lake, covering basic strokes and skills, until each person has solid execution of the basics. They will be recorded on video for evaluation before lunch; this kind of immediate visual feedback is extremely useful. The Intermediates may, if needed, run a quick review program of strokes, or may leave directly for a river.
- 12:00 - 12:30 Lunch, at camp or on the river, depending on where you are...
- 1:00 - 5:30 River time! While the more advanced paddlers are out on a solid Class III river, the less experienced group will be working Class II water.
- 7:00 - 7:30 Dinner back at camp, and even louder story telling about the day's activities. ("Well, we *would've* been okay if *Gordon* hadn't grabbed the gunwales...")
- 7:30 - ? Wrap up of the day's activities, selection of next day's rivers, based on group needs and skills and possibly some video watching.
- Late evening: star gazing and conversation on the tower, followed by collapse into the bunks.

Sunday, May 6

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Depart for river. Good options: The Novice Group might spend the entire day on the Green, the Tuck Gorge, part of the Nantahala or part of the Chattooga. The Intermediates might go on to Section 9 of the French Broad, Section III of the Chattooga, the Nantahala, or the Pigeon.
- 10:00 - 3:00 On the rivers: learning through play!
- 3:00 - 5:00 Return to camp, unload trailers and shower and change for return to the real world, careers, and other considerations lesser than canoeing. (Note: Often, folks need to leave early to catch planes, etc. We can work out a drop off at the Asheville airport or a quick trip to other airports if you need to make an early departure.)

The Twenty-Seventh Frank & Calla Bell Scholarship Foundation Fundraiser Canoe and Kayak Clinic

May 4 - 6, 2012

These Scholarship Foundation Fundraiser Canoe/Kayak Clinics have become a tradition, rich with new and renewed friendships, against the background of beautiful North Carolina rivers on which to learn and explore. Come join us! All the proceeds of this event above food cost will go directly to the Frank and Calla Bell Scholarship Foundation, so your vacation and your gift enabling young people to experience camp will be one and the same.

Our head instructor will be **Gordon Grant**. Gordo is a life long paddler, ex-Mondamin camper and staff member, former head of instruction at the Nantahala Outdoor Center, writer for Paddler Magazine, and well known in the paddling world.

We will work with both **canoes** and **kayaks**. If you're not sure which way to go, we recommend starting in a canoe (just as we do at camp). You'll be able to do more, more quickly... and good basic canoe skills will serve you well in your paddling career. While kayakers won't have to learn a roll before getting on easy whitewater, there is more to learn about basic safety in a closed boat, such as how to get out quickly and safely... all of which will take time. If you already have this basic familiarity with the kayak, you'll be able to move along much more quickly.

Skill Level: We have encountered a problem generated by the success of past clinics: paddlers who have been here before, especially those who have had the opportunity to work on their paddling between clinics, are ready for more than beginning to low intermediate instruction. At the same time, of course, we want to continue to welcome new paddlers to the sport. So, we plan to keep both groups challenged by splitting up, with the more advanced paddlers working a challenging river like the Pigeon on Saturday and perhaps Section III of the Chattooga on Sunday, while more beginning level paddlers work on the lake and perhaps the Green on Saturday, and perhaps Section II of the Chattooga on Sunday.

You Should Bring: Enthusiasm, a sleeping bag, pillow, towel and all personal clothing. Paddling gear, of course, if you have it. (If you're flying and a sleeping bag is a problem, let us know ahead of time and we can provide bedding). A clothing list is provided. You may bring your own boat if you like, but canoes, kayaks, and paddles are available at no additional cost.

Cost: \$400.

Includes meals from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch, instruction and transportation during the clinic, airport pickup, all individual and group canoes and equipment, and lodging in Mondamin's finest cabins! As mentioned above, the proceeds go the camp scholarship fund. Please make the check payable to the **Frank and Calla Bell Scholarship Fund**. A \$100 deposit will hold your place until April 20th; **balance in full is due and nonrefundable as of that date**. We accept 12 participants.

For more information call 800 688-5789

Canoe/Kayak Clinic Application and Information Sheet

May 4 - 6, 2012

Name _____

Date: _____

Address _____

City, St., Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Arrival plans (car, air, need to be met?): _____

Will you be here for dinner at 6:30 Friday night? (If you say "yes", and plans change, please let us know! If you're going to be late and would like us to save food, let us know!) _____

Are you a camp alum? (When?) _____

Age: _____ (Just write "adult" if you prefer!)

Please describe your paddling experience: _____

How many days a year do you paddle? _____

What rivers have you paddled? _____

What class whitewater (I - VI) do you paddle with confidence? _____

What kind of boat (canoe, kayak, C-1) do you paddle most? _____

What kind of boat do you want to paddle in the clinic? _____

What are your objectives for this clinic?

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Clothing and Equipment Considerations, Canoe Clinic

Spring and fall are beautiful in the mountains, but be prepared for some real temperature swings. We won't be camping out, but you should be prepared for temperatures from the low 40's at night to 80's in the daytime. You'll want a sweater or pile jacket for the evenings. Rain is ALWAYS a possibility, so bring appropriate raingear.

For the river: We might spend the weekend concerned about sunburn, but it is always wise to prepare for cooler temperatures.

1. Bathing suit/shorts
2. River shoes. (Neoprene boots with good soles are best; thin wet suit booties don't offer enough protection.) Sneakers that you don't mind getting wet are fine. River sandals are ok, though kneeling with your feet behind you isn't particularly comfortable in them.
3. Paddle jacket and pants - Camp can provide a few basic paddle jackets, but if you plan to spend a lot of time in the sport, it is well worth getting these simple shells. They really help trap heat and keep the wind out. Many makers have these: Kokatat and Stohlquist offer some of the best values. The price point jacket and pants, such as the Kokatat Breeze jacket and Splash pants, cost about \$100; you can pay up to twice that for the fancier Patagonia rigs.
4. One set synthetic underwear, tops and bottoms (capilene, polypropylene, or other proprietary fabrics from Patagonia, REI, LL Bean, etc.). This layer is exceptionally versatile and will help you handle a wide range of temperatures.
5. Heavier weight synthetic pullover from any number of outdoor manufacturers, including those listed above.
6. Baseball cap or some form of hat for sun. (Make a fashion statement! Cowboy hats and Vietnamese rice paddy worker's cones are okay too.) If you're in a kayak, of course, you'll wear a helmet.
7. Sunscreen, water bottle, and bandanna.

Good Sources of Paddling Gear

Nantahala Outdoor Center Store: They have a huge selection, a fast mail order department, and knowledgeable phone people: 800/367-3521. They're over at the Nantahala, near Bryson City.

Diamond Brand 800/459-6262, just down the road from the Asheville Airport, where Mondamin's own Gary Eblen works. A good boating store, and a great place to get general outdoor gear and warm clothing.

Both of these stores are out in Colorado, but they have good service and knowledgeable folks. Check them out if you can't find what you want locally:

Colorado Kayak: Makers of Stohlquist Paddling gear: 800/535-3565

Four Corners River Sports: 800/425-7637.