



# Florida Professional Paddlesports Association

Semi-Annual Meeting Notice

Monday, February 10th & Tuesday, February 11th, 2014

## **Host Outfitter:**

### **Canoe Outpost-Little Manatee**

Brian & Andi Ruddeforth

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## **Schedule**

### ***Monday Afternoon Paddle***

1:30 p.m. - Depending on conditions, we are planning to paddle Trip 1 on the Little Manatee River. Launch at about 1:30 PM from the Canoe Outpost. 2 ½ hour casual paddle time plus 2 stops along the way. Return transportation puts us back at the Outpost about 5:15. Free canoes or kayaks provided by Canoe Outpost or bring your own. Food and alcohol allowed on water but not on land in the state park. Dogs on the paddle trip are OK but must be on a leash on land.

### ***Monday Evening -Post Paddle Activity***

5:15 p.m. - Check-in cabins /hotel/camping if you haven't already.

6:00 p.m. - Happy Hour & Dinner at Canoe Outpost-Little Manatee.

7:00 p.m. - Guest Speaker: TBD

Cracker Barrel & Bonfire following speaker

### ***Tuesday Business Meeting***

8:00 a.m. – Meeting setup and continental breakfast

9:00 a.m. - Business Meeting start

Guest Speaker: TBD

12:00 p.m. - Working Lunch, please contact host if anyone has a strict diet

2:00 p.m. - Conclusion of meeting

## **Notes:**

**Meeting Information:** We are planning to hold the paddle trip, the cracker barrel and the meeting on property. This is subject to change for weather/conditions. Speaker/guest TBA. Electric & Wi-Fi available. Parking available on site for all vehicles and trailers.

## **Meals:**

We plan to have our meals on property prepared by Canoe Outpost staff/family. Monday night dinner, Tuesday breakfast, Tuesday lunch. Nominal per person cost TBA & collected at meeting. Bring snacks & drinks for the paddle trip and for personal needs. Alcohol is allowed on the property. Alcohol is BYOB.

## **Accommodations:**

### **On Site:**

Go to <http://www.thecanoeoutpost.com/index.html> and check out the camping & lodging page.

1 BR cabin on stilts overlooking the river. Sleeps up to 6. \$90 per night.

32' RV. Sleeps up to 4/\$60 per night

28' travel trailer. Sleeps up to 6/\$60 per night

RV (up to 36') or tent site camping. Free to FPPA members for this meeting.

### **Close by:**

**Comfort Inn** at 718 Cypress Village Boulevard, Sun City Center, FL 33573 (813) 633-3318

[www.comfortinn.com](http://www.comfortinn.com) . This is the recommended closest accommodation. About \$119. About 6 miles away.

**Pirate Point Resort** at 1800 Kofresi Ct Ruskin, FL 33570 (877) 641-2052 [www.piratespointeresort.com/](http://www.piratespointeresort.com/)  
Locally owned cabins on the lower Little Manatee. Nice. \$119 - \$199 depending on cabin size. About 11 miles away.

**The Resort and Club** at Little Harbor at 611 Destiny Drive, Ruskin, Florida 33570 Reservations: 1-813-645-3291 Fax: 1-813-641-1589 Email: [reservations@littleharborflorida.com](mailto:reservations@littleharborflorida.com) [www.staylittleharbor.com](http://www.staylittleharbor.com)  
Resort feel on Tampa Bay at the mouth of the Little Manatee. \$119 + about 13 miles away.

**There are 2 lower \$\$ options but I cannot recommend them. Buyer Beware.**

Sun City Center Inn at 809 N Pebble Beach Blvd, Sun City Center, FL 33573 813-634-3331  
[www.suncitycenterinnfl.com](http://www.suncitycenterinnfl.com) \$59-\$79 about 4 miles away

Ruskin Inn at 3113 College Avenue East, Ruskin, FL 33570 (813) 641-3437 Fax: (813) 641-3213  
<http://www.ruskin-inn.com> \$79 about 6 miles away

### **Directions:**

See following page for a map or go to <http://www.thecanoeoutpost.com/directions.html>

The Canoe Outpost-Peace River is south of Tampa & Sun City and North of Sarasota, east of I-75. Look for the canoe mailbox just south of the river bridge.

### **RSVP:**

As soon as possible to Canoe Outpost-Little Manatee

Contact Information: RSVP for meals, lodging and boat needs to Brian Ruddeforth.

Tel (813) 634-2228 E-mail: [Brian@TheCanoeOutpost.com](mailto:Brian@TheCanoeOutpost.com)

**More:** on next page

# Don't forget to bring.....

- A Check-Dues are due at this meeting.
- Letter on your Letterhead regarding Visit Florida grant (printing FPPA brochure to promote paddling statewide, healthy outdoor activity etc. See [www.paddleflausa.com](http://www.paddleflausa.com) for template.
- Snacks and a cooler for the Monday paddle.
- Copies of your brochure to share with other outfitters
- An item or idea to share with others that sells well for you or has improved your business.
- A pressing issue or question to share with other outfitters, we can brainstorm your problems!
- Plans to come early or stay later to enjoy the Little Manatee River and nearby area State Parks and attractions. Go to: <http://www.thecanoeoutpost.com/areaservicesattractions.html>

