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Maine Canoe Symposium 2025 Program (v. May, 27, 2025) FINAL - Check the Info/Registration Table for any changes or updates

FRIDAY							es in the second	
start	end							
4:00 PM	6:30 PM	Registration Check-in   Orientation						
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Dining Hall	Dinner   Saturday Morning Water Workshop Sign-ups			Kids' Program		
6:45 PM	7:00 PM Welcome: MCS S			ring Committee		7:00 - 7:15pm   Parent & Child Orientation	Mae, Sean, Sarah, Paul, & Phil	
7:15 PM	8:30 PM	Friday Feature - Penobscot Canoe Culture Continues w/ Jason Pardilla, James Pardilla				7:15 - 8:30pm   See Kids Schedule for Details		
8:30 PM	10:00 PM	Various		Campfire (Waterhouse P	ark) and/or Star Viewir	ng (Waterfront) - Weather Dependent		
SATURDAY								
start	end	WATER						
		Location	Workshop	Instructor	Location	Workshop	Instructor	
6:15 AM	7:30 AM	Coveside	English Gates - Canoe Skills Practice Course	Self Guided - Setup all weekend	Waterfront	Mindfulness for Paddlers - On Land	Shawn Burke	
					Coveside	Morning Yoga for Paddlers	Leah Titcomb	
7:45 AM	8:45 AM	Dining Hall	Breakfast					
7:45 AM	8:45 AM	Dining Hall						
		WATER			LAND			
		Location	Workshop	Instructor	Location	Workshop	Instructor	
9:00 AM	10:15 AM	Coveside	Introduction to Canoe Poling	Jean Gerber	Dining Hall	Birch Bark Canoe Discussion	Jason & James Pardilla	
		The Docks	Tandem Canoeing Fundamentals	Shawn Burke & Monica Schnitger	Waterhouse Park	Setting up a River Camp Kitchen	Lisa DeHart	
					The Pines	Paddle Carving Demonstration - ongoing thru the weekend	Ken Wize & Gerry Saunders	
					The Pines	Intro, Anatomy of a Canoe, Kid's Paddle Clinic	Kids' Program	
10:30 AM	11:45 AM	Coveside			Dining Hall	Can you say "Che'aguahadonganek"?	Matt Hopkinson	
		The Docks	Finding Balance in your Canoe	Leah Titcomb	Lakeside	Campfire Cooking	Andrew Dawson	
		The Docks	Perfecting the J-Stroke	Kevin Slater & Becky Clough	Waterfront	Securing Your Canoe Load: A Hands-On Guide to Tie-Down Methods	Bob Myron	
		Coveside	MaCKRO Boats	Kids' Program				
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Dining Hall	Lunch   Afternoon (Water) Workshop Sign-ups					
1:15 PM	2:30 PM	Coveside	Women's Intro to Canoe Poling	Lisa DeHart	Dining Hall	Debsconeag & Beyond: Share Your Maine Canoe Trips!	Martha Mixon, Sarah Hunter & You	
		The Docks	Northwoods Canoe Stroke - Tandem	Jane Barron	Waterfront	Beautiful Views, Quick Sketches from Canoes	Jean Gerber	
		The Docks	Solo Canoeing - Three Basics I Learned the Hard Way	Keith Attenborough	The Pines	Backcountry Meals from the Market	Monica Schnitger	
					Lakeside	Ropes & Knots for Canoe Outfitting	Jeff DeHart	
					Lakeside Lodge	Solar System Activity and Stellarium Night Sky Tour	Kids' Program	
2:45 PM	4:00 PM	Coveside			Dining Hall	Paddle to the Stars: Discovering Maine's Darkest Skies	John Meader	
		The Docks	Flatwater Drills for Whitewater	Kevin Slater & Becky Clough	The Pines	Canoe Sailing - Practical Rigging for Canoe Trips	Benson Gray	
		The Docks	Tandem Canoeing Intermediate	Shawn Burke & Monica Schnitger	The Pines	101 Uses for a Canoe Pole	Matt Hopkinson	
		Coveside	Canoe Self-Rescue & Kid's Backcountry Safety	Kids' Program				
12:00 PM	7:00 PM	The Pines	Silent Auction					
5:45 PM	6:45 PM	Dining Hall	Dinner   Sunday Workshop Sign-Ups					
7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Waterhouse Park	Kid's - Campfire S'mores					
7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Dining Hall	g Hall Saturday Feature - Beyond the Classroom: Student Exploration of Maine's NFCT with Teens-to-Trails					
8:30 PM	10:00 PM	Campfire   Campfire   Star Viewing - Weather Dependent						
SUNDAY								
start	end	WATER			LAND			
		Location	Workshop	Instructor	Location	Workshop	Instructor	
6:15 AM	7:30 AM	Waterfront	Mindfulness for Paddlers - On Water	Shawn Burke	Coveside	Morning Yoga for Paddlers	Mae Corwin	
		Dining Hall Coffee with Maine Guides Various						
7:45 AM	8:45 AM	Dining Hall						
		WATER			LAND			
		Location	Instructor	Workshop	Location	Workshop	Instructor	
9:00 AM	10:15 AM	Coveside	Introduction to Canoe Poling	Jean Gerber	Dining Hall	Photography Workshop	John Meader	
		The Docks	Women in the Stern (Women-only please)	Polly Mahoney & Jennifer Neptune	Lakeside	Quick and Effective Tarps and Shelters	Lisa & Jeff DeHart	
		The Docks	Northwoods Canoe Stroke - Tandem	Jane Barron	Waterhouse Park	Campfire Donuts	Andrew Dawson	
		Coveside	Canoe Olympics	Kids' Program				
10:30 AM	11:45 AM	Coveside	Topics in Canoe Poling - Skills Development	Matt Hopkinson & Jean Gerber	Dining Hall	The Art of Preparation: Research and Realities of a Norwegian Canoe Trip	Bob Myron	
		The Docks	Tandem Skill Building	Polly Mahoney & Jennifer Neptune	The Pines	Cartopping & Canoe Transport	Keith Attenborough	
		The Docks						
					Rec. Field	Field Games	Kid's Program	
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Dining Hall			Lunch   Door Prizes	Evaluations		
	2:30 PM	1			Pack-up & Depart			