

## Moonlight Canoe Paddle – Friday, June 10, 2022

**WHAT:** Canoe paddle up the New River at the North Carolina New River State Park. A unique experience of this event is that we will paddle via moonlight. You do not need to be an experienced paddler to participate in this event...only an adventuresome spirit.

**WHEN:** Friday, June 10, 2022. We will leave the 7D Community Center promptly at 4:00 pm (don't be late!) and drive to Shatley Springs Restaurant (1 hour drive) for a pre-paddle meal ( a tradition for this event). We will meet New River State Park Rangers at 7:00 pm, muster for safety instructions and equipment distribution. We will be on the water by 8:00 pm. We should be back at the Community Center by Midnight, depending upon water flow and paddler's performance.

**WHERE:** Up the New River (one of the few rivers in the world that flows North!) at the New River State Park. The New River is a gently flowing river, so we will not encounter any defined rapids....only ripples and some rock navigation. New River Park Ranger(s) will accompany us for our safety and education along the river. If we are lucky, fireflies will illuminate the banks of the river. Last year we saw a deer swimming across the river. This paddle date is a few days prior to a full moon, so the water should be well lighted (subject to weather conditions).

**COST:** \$10.00 per person (for outfitter canoe rental and transportation to the put-in site). This fee will be collected prior to leaving the Community Center. Dinner will be at paddler's expense (visit the Shatley Springs web site for menu options....a real southern style home cookin' treat).

**HOW TO SIGN UP:** E-mail the Seven Devils Parks and Recreation Program Tech at [parksandrec@sevendevis.net](mailto:parksandrec@sevendevis.net) to sign up. Since we are limited to 10 paddlers (5 canoes), spots will be allocated on a first-to-sign-up basis (don't procrastinate.....spots fill up very quickly). Registration will be closed June 3, 2022.

**WHAT IS PROVIDED:** Canoes; paddles; life jackets.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Water; headlamp (varieties available at Lowes Home Improvement); change of clothes/towel (for unplanned "spills"); footwear that can get wet; an adventuresome spirit.

Note: Prior to leaving the Community Center, all will be asked to complete and sign (one time for all Parks and Rec activities for the season) a multipurpose form which serves as a: (1) Liability Waiver; (2) Photo Permission; and (3) Emergency Contact Information.