

## Special Events and Dates at Bear Paw

### March 13-15 – Canoeecopia 2009

Visit us at our show booth at Rutabaga's Annual Paddling Event at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison . Try on the new whitewater kayak models and plan your summer of kayaking. Check out all eye candy for paddlers! Link [www.rutabaga.com/canoecopia](http://www.rutabaga.com/canoecopia)

### April 24 --Pub Opens for the Season

### April 25 -- Paddling Fitness: Maximizing Performance and Minimizing Injury

\$49 for the day, includes lunch. Gear available for additional fee

### May 2-3

#### Marge Cline & Ray McClain Memorial Spring River Races

Canoe and Kayak Slalom Race on Saturday and hosted by Bear Paw Outdoor Adventures. The Slalom Course will be set at Hanson's Rapids on the Wolf River. This race will also be part of the Buttercup series this year, and all kayakers are welcome to try in this fun citizen race. The Downriver Event will be held on Sunday, the course will be determined depending on water levels. Awards for each event will be held at the Bear Paw Pub after the races. \$10 per day

### May 16-19 --Swiftwater Rescue Instructor Certification Course with Charlie Walbridge

This a 4 day Course through the American Canoe Association Cost: \$500

**Charlie Walbridge** is a nationally-known whitewater safety expert with almost 40 years of river running experience. He has paddled rivers throughout the US and Canada and made several first descents. He was an A-ranked C-1 slalom and wildwater racer in the mid-70's and worked part-time as a river guide until the mid-eighties. He has collected and published reports of U.S. whitewater fatalities for over 30 years. He is a well-known writer on whitewater safety issues and has written [books](#) and magazine articles on the subject. For more information about Charlie check out [www.charliewalbridge.com](http://www.charliewalbridge.com)

### June 6-7 Twister Reunion

River Cruises, Mountain Bike Rides, Store Sale and Party!

### June 27-July2 First Descents Camp

First Descents provides whitewater kayaking and other outdoor adventure experiences to promote emotional, psychological and physical healing for young adults with cancer. This six-day whitewater kayaking program is in White Lake, WI. Yes, Wisconsin. Here you will be challenged by the beautiful Wolf River. All programs are run by First Descents but we usually partner with a local outfitter for logistical support. In Wisconsin First Descents has partnered with Bear Paw Outdoor Adventure Resort as our outfitters and to provide accommodations. [www.firstdescents.org](http://www.firstdescents.org)

### July 16-17 Swiftwater Rescue Clinic Wausau Whitewater Course

This 2 day class teaches recognition and avoidance of common river hazards, execution of self-rescue techniques, and rescue techniques for people in distress. Emphasis is placed both on personal safety and on simple, commonly used skills. Techniques for dealing with hazards that carry greater risks for both victim and rescuer, such as strainers, rescue vest applications, entrapments, and pins, also are practiced. Scenarios will provide an opportunity for participants to practice their skills both individually and within a team/group context. Scott Berry from Bear Paw Outdoors has 20 years of paddling and river rescue experience. He is also a volunteer firefighter for the Town of Wolf River and a volunteer on the Wolf River Search and Rescue Squad. Sign up at [www.wausauwhitewater.org](http://www.wausauwhitewater.org)

### July 17-20– Women's Whitewater Festival at Bear Paw

Whitewater Kayaking Festival for women. Guest pro paddler Anna Lesvesque of Girls at Play along with other accomplished female instructors will offer clinics on everything from beginning kayaking, river running and rolling, to play paddling and creeking. Hosted by Bear Paw Outdoor Adventure Resort

### July 22-24 Family Kayaking Camp (Details Coming Soon)

**August 1-2 Youth Kayaking Festival (Details Coming Soon)**

**August 22-23 Pre Wolfman Event at Bear Paw**

Test your skills before the Wolfman . **Hosted by Bear Paw Outdoor Adventure Resort**

**September 12<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Wolfman Triathlon**

sponsored by Wolf River Territory Tourism Association

**September 25-27 -- Estrogen Equinox** This annual women's weekend is filled with adventure, fun and rejuvenation. Kayaking, hiking, mountain biking, and relaxation along with crafts and camaraderie round out this very popular weekend. Great for mothers, daughters, friends and sisters. Hosted by Bear Paw Outdoor Adventure Resort.

**October 3 Biketoberfest** A fun day of exploring the Nicolet-Roche Trail System and others. Refreshments and party to follow the day.

**October 31 Halloween Party Foto's and Film Sharing**

***New this Year!!***

Bear Paw Outdoors teams up with Wausau Whitewater

We are proud to be offering lessons on the whitewater course during the open releases.

Check out our traveling store each release and event in Wausau

Go to [www.bearpawoutdoors.com](http://www.bearpawoutdoors.com) or [www.wausauwhitewater.org](http://www.wausauwhitewater.org) for details and dates