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## **THE HAW RIVER PADDLER**

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### **New Version of Our Website is Up and Running**

We are pleased to announce that the 2009 version of our website is up and running. In addition to several beautiful new images of the Haw River, you will find features that make the website easier to use.

One of these new features is the ability to register online. You will be able to go straight from a trip or course description to the registration form. We will follow up with a confirmation phone call and/or e-mail.

Another nice feature is more biographical sketches and images of our instructors and guides. We like to think that they are what make The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Company special.

### **What Is New for 2009?**

Experience tells us that what we have offered in the past is what our guests want, so all of the courses and trips offered in 2008 will be offered again in 2009. We have; however, added three guided trips we believe will be popular.

On Sunday afternoons, we will offer a Picnic & Paddle with the option of providing a lunch for those wanting us to do so. During the spring months when the water levels are higher, we will offer a guided whitewater kayak trip (sit-on-top kayaks, only) downstream from the Village of Saxapahaw for those wanting a little adrenalin rush. For the more pleasant spring and autumn months, we will guide weekend overnight canoe camping trips to Spirit Island.

Finally, we are adding to our fleet of boats by building Cajun-style, wooden pirogues, a hybrid between a canoe and a kayak. We think they will be popular for daylong rentals between Swepsonville and Saxapahaw.

### **Schedule of Courses & Trips – February & March**

If you are interested in a paddle course or a guided trip, you can find a schedule of activities on our website [www.hawrivercanoe.com](http://www.hawrivercanoe.com) on both the Instruction and Guided Trips pages. Don't forget, you can rent a canoe or kayak and do a self-guided trip. A brief listing of activities for February & March follows:

#### **February**

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|----|---------------------------|
| 27 | Sunset                    |
| 28 | Swepsonville to Saxapahaw |

#### **March**

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| 1  | Town of Haw River to Swepsonville              |
| 6  | Sunset   |
| 7  | Swepsonville to Saxapahaw                      |
| 13 | Full Moon Paddle                               |
| 14 | River Clean Up                                 |
| 21 | Canoe & Kayak Classes                          |
| 28 | Paddle Dinner Brewery Style (Carolina Brewery) |
| 28 | Stargazing Float                               |

Classes include Quick Start for Canoe & Kayak (3 hrs.), Introduction to Canoeing (8 hrs.), Introduction to Recreational Kayaking (8 hrs.), Basic Whitewater Canoeing (16 hrs.) and Sea Kayaking Fundamentals (16 hrs.).

### **19th. Annual Haw River Clean-Up-A-Thon**

Join with other enthusiastic volunteers for the 19th. Annual Haw River Assembly's Clean-Up-A-Thon on Saturday March 14. Volunteers will work in teams at established sites near bridge crossings, shorelines, islands or other places trash piles up. Local businesses and individuals sponsor the teams by making a donation to the Haw River Assembly to protect the river year round.

Want to join (or start) a team or sponsor a team? Contact the Haw River Assembly at [info@hawriver.org](mailto:info@hawriver.org) or call 919/542-5790.

### **Grant Received for New Paddle Access**

Alamance County Recreation and Parks, a Haw River Trail Partner, has received a \$75,000 grant from the North Carolina State Trails Regional Trails Program to construct a new paddle access on the Haw River. The new access will be built on Greensboro-Chapel Hill Road in the southeast corner of Alamance County. This access will be the southernmost access on the Haw River's 37 mile track through Alamance County. The new paddle access will allow the public to paddle the river through a safe, legal and controlled site. Plans for the site include a parking area, a canoe and kayak launch, educational signage and picnic areas.



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