



Lost Loon Registration Opens!

'Tri' a triathlon at the **Lost Loon Triathlon on Sept. 17, 2023!!**

Registration opens Wednesday, Aug. 2, for the Lost Loon Triathlon held on Sept 17, 2023. Bike, paddle, trail run or walk at Long Hunter State Park with your fellow Loonies at TSRA's fall fundraiser. Join your fellow paddlers and outdoor enthusiasts to raise funds for river conservation and register as a race team or volunteer at www.lostloons.com.

Lost Loon is a family-friendly untimed triathlon and all ages are welcome to participate at their own pace and skill level. Costumes are optional and our festive teams make the event unique and fun every year! You never know who you will see at Lost Loon: an Olympic Gold Medalist, your favorite music star, wildlife or a team of pirates. Space is limited so register quickly to secure a team spot and our one-of-a-kind race shirts.

Follow us on [Facebook @lostloontriathlon](https://www.facebook.com/lostloontriathlon) and please share the event with your friends. Thank you to our loyal loonies and partners who support Lost Loon every year. We couldn't host the event without you. Check out website for details and questions at www.lostloons.com.

All proceeds benefit TSRA.
Join the 'loonieness' on Sept. 17!



Upcoming Events

[Full Calendar](#)

1st Saturday Paddle

Aug 5

3rd Sat Paddle

Aug 19

Board Meeting

Aug 24

Trip Report: 1st Sat Paddle. Pigeon

Fourteen paddlers put on at powerhouse put-in at 11:30am among the Independence Day weekend crowd. Hard kayaks, a few inflatables and a canoe. We stopped for lunch below stair steps as usual. Investigated the squirt boat hole to the right of the island, and got lots of good jet ferry work at three chutes, including several combat rolls. More play at devil shoals and off at reliance around 4pm. A couple of personal first descents by Matt and Henry!

The elusive full moon paddle was scrapped due to conditions. We'll try again for that soon.

A fun time was had by all.

-Shep



Row'n The River Race

On July 15th, about 60 registrants of all ages and paddling abilities ascended on the Roaring River. The competitive 6 mile race began at 8:00am and the "fun float" commenced an hour later. While the threat of rain was ominous, mother nature released a pleasant sprinkle that took the edge off of the summer heat. Both races ended at the Roaring River Park with live music and a delightful buffet filled local barbecue and delicious sides.

TSRA made many new friends at our booth and saw a few old members as well.

The goal of this event was to bring more people to the river. To increase the amount of people taking advantage of this asset in Jackson County.

TSRA was a proud sponsor and is looking forward to being involved in next year's event.



Basic River Rescue



TSRA Teamed up with CHOTA/Knoxville area canoe club for a joint Basic River Rescue Clinic, held July 7-9, 2023 at Gee Creek Campground on the Hiwassee River. We had sixteen students show up to learn how to help themselves and friends when running into trouble on the river. Students learned:

- How to throw/catch a throw rope
- Simple mechanical advantage systems
- Swimming with and without your boat/paddle
- Wading in current
- Boat based rescues - boat over boat, T-rescues, deep water re-entry

A big thanks to our TSRA and CHOTA friends and instructors, for putting on such a fine weekend of training.

photos by: George Hawkins, CHOTA



Swift Water Rescue

July 22-23, 2023

Intro to Kayaking

Another successful TSRA Swiftwater Rescue class in the books. Led by ACA certified instructors, Woody, Charlie, Gary, and McCool, we had 10 participants in this year's class. Good times and quality learning by all.

This two day clinic included outdoor classroom instruction, shore and boat based river skills and realistic scenarios in the currents of the Ocoee river.



I was concerned taking the Intro to kayaking class because I have been getting PT for a shoulder injury and thought it might interfere with paddling. However, our instructor Tom Christensen, shared some paddling techniques for avoiding shoulder injury which worked great!

We covered a tremendous amount of material and skills in the day, plus saw a hawk dive into the water, a white crane, a blue heron, and lots of geese while we were paddling. Everyone who wants to kayak ought to take the class and learn to wear the boat like a duck and be a paddle dancer!

by, Darell Ellis, student



Hot Rolls & The Hiwassee

Trip Leader: Jason Holley

A mighty crew showed up for our Hot Rolls and the beginner Hiwassee trip on June 24-25. This trip was a follow-up progression from our Canoe and Kayak School. We had a beautiful weekend, with a plethora of fantastic support boaters. There was a threat of rain, but it held off. We got on the water and were able to get off right before the rain drops fell on Sunday after a day of rolling. I think that there were quite a few folks who were able to develop their skills whether it was catching Eddie's or S turns our ferries we even had a few folks pick up some new rolling skills.



Nantahala Beginner Progression Trip

Trip Leader: Jason Holley

Nantahala follow-up trip was a great event with a good turnout of paddlers and support boats on July 14-15. The weather was beautiful and the river was gorgeous. Everyone had fun. Again, we spent time catching Eddie's practicing peel outs. S turns ferries, surfing and rolling- those all important skills to learn. Last, but not least we had several folks challenge themselves by running the Nantahala Falls. Hats off to those who tried it and for those who haven't yet, we look forward to seeing you try that on a future trip! It's been a pleasure watching beginners from Canoe and Kayak school hone their skills and become solid paddlers.

PROTECT THE PINEY

**Protect Hickman County and
Stop the Pinewood Surf Club**

Why are we against the Pinewood Surf Club?

- Besides the obvious negative impact to the river and its watershed, the Pinewood Surf Club is a bad idea. The mysterious unknowns make it even worse.
- We all are for smart growth and development as well as bringing quality jobs and economic growth to Hickman County, but this is not smart growth.
- Who is really behind it? Information has not been provided about the source of initial funding for this development or the developers' track record.
- The developers propose to build a members-only club with 300 houses on 1-acre lots, a 5-acre concrete wave pool, an 18-hole golf course, equine facilities and other amenities, all of which would be for the exclusive use of club members.
- The Piney River has been designated an exceptional Tennessee waterway with at least five identified rare, threatened, and endangered species.

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