

2026 Iowa Paddlesport Expo

- * 10%-50% off all in-stock boats and accessories store-wide!
- * 2026 Instruction schedule and tours are now posted. Don't forget to register today!
- * Demofest May 2 – largest on water paddling demo in central Iowa!



Saturday March 7

** 7am: Paddler's Meet Up at Crouse Café! Anyone is welcome to join for a cup of coffee or breakfast.

| Saturday - Legion Hall (1 block south of store) | | |
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| Time | Presentation | Speaker |
| 9-10am | Welcome to Expo: What's new at CanoeSport in 2026 | Jeff Holmes |
| 10-11am | Solo Circumnavigation of Lake Superior | Constance Simes |
| 11-12pm | New Paddler Intro | Todd Robertson |
| 12-1pm | Kayaking New Zealand | Constance Simes |
| 1-2pm | Gates of the Mountains: A Montana Paradise | Dave Hillman |
| 2-3pm | Broken Skull River | Vern Fish |
| 3-4pm | Missouri 340: World's Longest Non-Stop River Race | Dave Hillman |
| 4-5pm | St. John's River | Vern Fish |
| 5-6pm | Iowa Whitewater Coalition and DNR Low Head Dam | Glenn Harman |

| Saturday - Upstairs Classroom | | |
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| Time | Presentation | Speaker |
| 10-11am | Common Mistakes Made Choosing a Canoe or Kayak | Shireen Cave |
| 11-12pm | Rescues: Progression From Flatwater to Rough Water | Jeff Holmes |
| 12-1pm | Kayak Catfishing | Spencer Bauer |
| 1-2pm | Going Solo in the BWCA | Peter Komendowski |
| 2-3pm | Jackson Kayak, Eddyline Kayaks, and Werner Paddles | Will Crimmins |
| 3-4pm | TRAK Kayaks: Assembly and Care | Jeremy Snow |
| 4-5pm | TBA | |



Sunday March 8

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| Time | Presentation | Speaker |
| 9-10am | Welcome to Expo: What's new at CanoeSport in 2026 | Shireen Cave |
| 10-11am | Grand Canyon Self-Support: Against All Odds | Will Crimmins |
| 11-12pm | 4 Chicks Boundary Waters Trip | Piper Wall |
| 12-1pm | ICON Water Trails | Stephanie Oppel |
| 1-2pm | Paddling the Iowa River Greenbelt | Ben Petty |
| 2-3pm | Paddling Lake Red Rock | John Pearson |
| 3-4pm | Upper Ocoee Whitewater | Piper Wall |

| Sunday - Upstairs Classroom | | |
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| Time | Presentation | Speaker |
| 10-11am | Tiny Driftless | Ben Petty |
| 11-12pm | Basics of Navigation | John Pearson |
| 12-1pm | How to Pack a Sea Kayak | Shireen Cave |
| 1-2pm | Gear and Packing Decisions for a Boundary Waters Trip | Piper Wall |
| 2-3pm | Key Concepts for Paddlers | Jeff Holmes |
| 3-4pm | TBA | |