

! ATTENTION!

TO FUN-LOVING CANOE AND KAYAK PADDLERS OF ALL AGES

If you can't be an American Idol, why not be a step above and become a highly acclaimed legend in your own mind.

Come to the **AuSable River in Grayling** on
Saturday, July 30th 2005

This is the day of the World Famous AuSable River 120
Mile Canoe Marathon

BUT WAIT -THAT'S NOT IT!

Amateur wannabe racers of canoe and kayaks may enter the not-so-world-famous Challenge Canoe and Kayak Races and Canoe Parade on Saturday afternoon. Race only 8 miles to Burtons Landing - that's just 1/15 of a marathon. Win fame and glory and maybe a trophy. You may bring your own canoe or kayak - or rent one at Ray's for only 5 bucks. Cost to enter a two person team is 10 bucks and you each get a dazzling T-shirt to commemorate the event.

Aluminum canoes are in the 1 st Class with registration starting at 4 PM and race about 4:30. All others are the 2nd Class and start a few minutes later. (Racing canoes are excluded unless dragging an anchor.) Kayaks are the 3rd Class and start soon after the non-aluminums.

You may stop to fish or take pictures of the beautiful river, but you get no extra credit. Overland shortcuts will result in excommunication.

BUT WAIT AGAIN -THERE'S STILL MORE!

Make the day even more memorable by entering the Canoe Parade which will follow the Challenge Races and begin about 6:10 PM. This year's theme is:

"GRAYLING AND THE AUSABLE - JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT"

That's pretty vague on purpose - so decorate the canoe and all your team members of family, friends or co-workers in some outrageous, imaginative way. The Parade goes only from Ray's to Penrod's and entries will be judged by the spectators - as unruly and dishonest as they may be. The top three teams will receive \$75, \$50, or \$25. There is no entry fee so start planning and surprise us all and get a T-shirt to boot!

Register early for the event by writing: Canoe Marathon Office PO Box 911
Grayling, MI 49738

or, if you are really a procrastinator you may register at streamside at Ray's before race time.

These events are sponsored by: Shagbark Angus Farms Caledonia, MI 49316 Dick or John
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