

BACK RIVER Anyone interested in canoeing the Back River in Nunavut next summer, contact George Drought (voice: 905-528-0059) (fax: 905-524-4888) (e-mail: gdrought@wildernessbound.com). The 'raison d'être' for the trip is to make another film along the lines of "An Arctic Journey — Canoeing the Hood River." The trip will last six weeks and people can come for the first three, last three, or all six weeks. Costs have not been finalized, but

we will inform anyone signing on as soon as possible. Those interested must be prepared to be filmed and/or interviewed for the production during the trip.

PEACE/SLAVE RIVERS TRIP IN WOOD BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK Anyone interested in exploring this territory in July 2000? Call Frank & Jay Knaapen at (416) 690-4016 or (613) 687-6037.

SYMPOSIA, MEETING, SHOWS

WILDERNESS & CANOEING SYMPOSIUM

The upcoming 15th annual Wilderness & Canoeing Symposium, organized by George Luste and sponsored by the WCA, will take place on Friday 4 and Saturday 5 February 2000. The main topic is Northern Ontario, but it will include adjoining Manitoba and Quebec. The format stays the same and the location again is Monarch Park Collegiate auditorium, One Hanson Street in Toronto.

As in the past, all registration must be done via the designated registration form and cheque payment. (Sorry, we cannot cope with telephone or fax calls for special requests.) WCA members, as well as all past attendees on our list from prior years, should have received the separate Symposium mailing in November. If there are others who wish to receive the Symposium announcement mailing, please send us an e-mail with name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address to: norbooks@interlog.com Or via fax at (416) 5318873. Or via snail mail to: WCA Symposium, Box 211, Station P, Toronto, ON, M5S 2S7.

Symposium and registration information is now also available at the Northern Books Website: <http://members.tripod.com/northernbooks/> The Symposium registration form is added to the Webpage information at about the same time as the regular mailing takes place. This ensures that a Web connection does not result in earlier access to the registration form and so seat selection. (Since we sell out, this is an issue.)

Your e-mail address is important to us. Last year's registration form requested your e-mail address, as does this year's. We are in the process of organizing this information. The hope is to send out future Symposium announcements via e-mail, with a pointer to the appropriate Webpage, wherever possible. We think this will simplify the mailing and communications process, as well as reduce costs. If you wish to pass on your e-mail address to us, please send a blank e-mail to norbooks@interlog.com with the Subject as "Symposium Emailing."

WCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM takes place on Saturday, 19 February 2000. See the information on page 11.

TORONTO OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SPORTS SHOW

This show features more than 30 sports-related categories (including paddle sports), over 200 exhibitors, three days of free seminars, and several interactive features such as a 50-foot demonstration pool. It will take place on 25, 26, and 27 February 2000 at the Toronto International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga, Ontario (corner of Airport Road and Derry Road). For more information contact: National Event Management, 115 Apple Creek Blvd., Suite 12, Markham, Ontario, L3R 6C9; tel. (905) 477-2677 or 1-800-891-4859; fax (905) 477-7872; www.nationalevent.com The WCA is again going to be participating/exhibiting in this show. Anyone wishing to help (wo)man the booth, especially on Friday the 25th, please contact Bill Stevenson at (416) 925-0017 as soon as possible.

OTTAWA PADDLESPORT AND OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SHOW

This year's show will take place on 10, 11, and 12 March 2000 at the Aberdeen Pavilion of the Ottawa Civic Centre, 1015 Bank Street in Ottawa. It will highlight the latest and greatest in canoe- and kayak-related gear as well as adventure sports activities such as whitewater rafting, rock climbing, mountain biking, backpacking, scuba diving, parachuting, and adventure travel. A star-studded line-up of guest speakers will be featured along with the popular pool demonstrations, experts corner, wilderness art exhibit, and plenty of free give-aways.

Tickets are available in advance from the Canadian Recreational Canoeing Association or at the door on 10-12 March 2000. For more information on the show contact the CRCA at (613) 269-2910 or 1-888-252-6292, or visit our Website at: www.crc.ca As always, there is free parking at the show.

CANOE EXPO 2000

Join us on 7-8-9 April 2000 for CANOE EXPO, Canada's first and most established canoe/kayak and educational trade show. Location: Metro East Trade Centre, 1899 Brock Rd. North (Highway 401 and Brock Rd). Features include portage trail and camping exhibits, canoe builders, manufacturers, outfitters, retailers, raffle, silent auction, wilderness artists, and author's tables. Also featured are seminar and workshop series by North America's paddling experts.