



Agenda

Upper Grand Regional Planning Meeting 7/15/09

| Item # | Subject |
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1. Introductions (7:00 p.m.)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Overview: Past Grand River Expeditions – Goals/Objectives/Format for 2010
4. Review of Tasks to be Completed
5. Itinerary Planning – What to Keep, What to Add
6. Who Else to Involve, Contacts, Assignments
7. Upper Grand Regional Fiduciary Role, Lead Coordinating Role, Standing Committees
8. Upcoming Opportunities/Plans for Publicity (County Fairs, Workshops, etc.)
9. Other
10. Next Steering Committee Meeting (August 17, Impression 5 Science Museum, Lansing)
11. Next Regional Planning Meeting (date, time, location)

Adjourn (8:30 p.m.)



Grand River Expedition 2010 Goals and Objectives

FINAL DRAFT 5/28/2009

Grand River Expedition 2010 is a coalition of organizations, individuals, and communities conducting a journey of discovery, study and enjoyment of the values, challenges and opportunities of the Grand River and its watershed. This effort will contribute to the public's knowledge, appreciation and awareness of the Grand River and how it connects communities across the region – for present and future generations.

The Grand River is the longest river in Michigan. Its watershed includes 5,570 square miles, 18 counties and 158 townships. Grand River Expedition 2010 includes scientists, historians, educators, students, environmental professionals, recreational paddlers, boaters and anglers, civic and business leaders, local, state and federal government representatives, writers, visual media specialists, riverfront landowners and other interested citizens.

The watershed analysis and teaching team will be conducting studies and explaining results as it moves downstream. Presentations, displays and demonstrations will be offered to communities along the river to interact with the Grand River and its people throughout the watershed. The ground support team will assist with all aspects of the expedition to ensure a successful, safe and enjoyable experience for all. GRE 2010 organizers will make every effort to make the Grand River Expedition 2010 a “green” event, in order to make the event “footprint” as light on the Earth as possible.

Beginning on July 14, 2010, GRE 2010 will embark on the 225 miles of the Grand River across mid-Michigan to the mouth at Lake Michigan in Grand Haven, arriving on July 26, 2010. Some team members may choose to paddle the entire 260 miles of the Grand River by starting at the headwaters, west of Lake LeAnn in Hillsdale County. The effort also may include additional focused weekend floats and trips down tributary streams. We encourage recreational paddlers to join us for all or any part of the expedition.

Specific goals of Grand River Expedition 2010 include:

- Paddle the navigable length of the Grand River from Liberty to Grand Haven, Michigan;
- Perform sampling to document important trends and support future actions as begun by “Grand River Expedition 1990” and “Grand River Expedition 2000”
- Increase knowledge and appreciation of the Grand River in the following areas:
 - The historical role of the Grand River and its watershed;
 - Recognition of the importance of the Grand River in industrial, commercial and urban development;
 - Increased knowledge of geological and topographical features along the Grand River;
 - An appreciation of the biodiversity of fish, wildlife and vegetation along the Grand River;
 - Increased awareness of the recreational and economic opportunities offered by the Grand River which enhance health and overall quality of life;
 - Better understanding of the problems affecting the Grand River to facilitate participation in solutions; and
 - Further understanding of good environmental values and practices to enhance the integrity of the Grand River and its watershed.
- Have a fantastic time!

Grand River Expedition 2010 Responsibilities

The central/regional coordinators(s) will be responsible for:

- Overall planning
- Promotions – brochure, press kit, press relations, face-to-face meetings, etc.
- On-line registration
- Fund raising
- Support of and coordination with local committees
- Recognition programs – awards
- Surveys and evaluations
- Documentation of efforts
- Final report

Local committees will be responsible for the following:

- River float trip logistics:
 - Safe and convenient put-ins and take-outs
 - Sufficient parking
 - Mid-point rest/bathroom stop
 - Public restroom facilities
 - Approval of landowners/managers
 - Waiver of permits or access fees
 - Safe and minimal portages
 - Conduct a safe and enjoyable float:
 - Daily leader and sweeper
 - Welcome and orientation
 - Daily float map and guide
 - Short orientation program
 - On-river communications and safety
 - first aid kits
 - cell phones or walkie-talkies
- Identifying, inviting and hosting key decision makers
 - Responses and commitments
 - Provide knowledgeable paddle partner
 - Key talking points
- Providing watercraft for critical participants
- Ground support:
 - Vehicles and drivers to return canoeists to put in point
 - Assist canoeists as needed
 - Landings and put-ins
 - portages
 - Evacuate if necessary
 - Help with displays and "interpretation"
 - Throw bags and First aid kits
 - Transport and set up water, fruit and meals - need coolers and ice
 - Access site clean-up IF time allows
- Meals for invited decision makers and key volunteers
- Water and fruit for all participants • Coolers and ice
- Local press and media relations



TASKS LIST – May 8, 2009

- Confirm use of campsites with landowners
- Identify and recruit paddling and other user groups
- Contact retailers and canoe manufacturers who might donate or loan watercraft
- Identify canoe liveries on or near the river and shuttle services which serve the river
- Formally invite DNR, DEQ, MDA, MSU, GVSU and related institutions
 - Brainstorm how and who should be involved from each
- Develop list of local governments and key leaders – brainstorm who and how
- Develop list of state and federal officials – brainstorm how and when
- Brainstorm how to involve agricultural community
 - Michigan Association of Conservation Districts has agreed to work with us
- Identify and recruit conservation oriented non-profit groups
- Identify and recruit educators, schools and related non-profit groups
- Brainstorm how to use and develop a GRE 2010 T-shirt
 - Curtis Remington has offered to design
- Develop on-line registration system with alternatives
- Investigate insurance and/or liability waivers for users and volunteers
- Brainstorm opening and closing ceremonies
- Locate data generated by GRE 1990 and GRE 2000 and/or other historical, environmental and resource data
- Work with Rita Jack to expand website to include:
 - Recaps of 1990 and 2000
 - GRE 2010 partners, sponsors and supporters
 - Notes on and links to: Hugh Heward Challenge, Verlen Kruger Memorial, Lansing Adopt-a-River, etc.
 - Links to partner groups as they sign on to the Expedition
 - Section on how to get involved – volunteer, donations, etc.
 - Suggestion and comment box
- Convene meetings of partners from the three regions
 - Upper, Middle and Lower
- Develop DRAFT budget in concert with regional coordinators
- Contact Project Lakewell about their participation
- Brainstorm ways to promote/market the Expedition
 - Develop list of products (brochure, place maps, etc.)



Grand River Expedition 2000

Expedition Itinerary-At-A-Glance

July 15-27, 2000

| DATE | STARTING LOCATION | DISPLAY LOCATIONS | ENDING LOCATION | MILES/DAY (Portages) | ACCUM. MILES |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------|--------------|
| Day 1 Sat. July 15 | Opening Ceremonies Liberty, MI | | Michigan Center (Leoni Township Park) | 0 miles | 0 miles |
| Day 2 Sun. July 16 | Launch at Michigan Center | Jackson (11 am -1 pm) | Rives/Onondaga (Youth Haven Camp) | 25 miles (2 portages) | 25 miles |
| Day 3 Mon. July 17 | Rives/Onondaga | Eaton Rapids (6-8 pm) | Eaton Rapids (Eaton Rapids Christian Camp) | 20 miles (1 portages) | 45 miles |
| Day 4 Tues. July 18 | Eaton Rapids | Lansing (6-8 pm) | Lansing (Grand River Park) | 22.7 miles (3 portages) | 68.1 miles |
| Day 5 Wed. July 19 | Lansing | Grand Ledge (6-8 pm) | Grand Ledge (J.C. Park) | 17 miles (2 portages) | 85 miles |
| Day 6 Thurs. July 20 | Grand Ledge | Portland (6-8 pm) | Portland (Thompson Field) | 27 miles (1 portage) | 112 miles |
| Day 7 Fri. July 21 | Portland | Lyons (6-8 pm) | Lyons (Devore Park) | 18 miles (3 portages) | 130 miles |
| Day 8 Sat. July 22 | Lyons | Saranac (6-8 pm) | Saranac Historical Depot) | 17 miles | 147 miles |
| Day 9 Sun. July 23 | Saranac | — | Ada (Chief Hazy Cloud) | 16.5 miles | 163.5 miles |
| Day 10 Mon. July 24 | Ada | — | Grand Rapids (Lamoreaux Co. Park) | 16.5 miles | 180 miles |
| Day 11 Tues. July 25 | Grand Rapids | Grand Rapids Sixth Street Park (10 am -1 pm) | Allendale (Grand Valley State University) | 18.3 miles (2 portages) | 198.8 miles |
| Day 12 Wed. July 26 | Allendale | — | Nunica (Riverside County Park) | 11.5 miles | 210.3 miles |
| Day 13 Thurs. July 27 | Nunica | Grand Haven Riverfront Stadium (3-5 pm) | Arrival Grand Haven (Grand Haven Boat Launch) | 14.8 miles | 225 miles |



Grand River Expedition 2000

Day 1
Saturday, July 15, 2000
Opening Ceremonies, Liberty, MI

Directions: Damsite at Liberty (old Liberty Mills). From Jackson, head south on US 127. Turn right (west) at Liberty Rd. Travel approximately 2 miles to town of Liberty (near cross roads of Liberty and S. Jackson Rd.)

1:30 pm Inauguration Ceremonies

Organizer/Contact person: Jim Woodruff, (517) 323-4528

2:30-5:00 Headwaters Automobile Tour

5:30 pm Leoni Township Park, Michigan Center

With an early launch time from Michigan Center on Sunday, July 16th, arrangements have been made at Leoni Township Park for overnight camping.

Leoni Township Park Office: (517) 764-4694

Bathroom and grounds kept by Michigan Center Lion's Club:
(517) 764-0944

Local Contact: Jimmie Owens (517) 764-0572 (H)

Facilities:

Restrooms: *Yes*

Showers: *No*

Electricity: *Yes*

Pay Phones: *Yes, at store*

Picnic Tables: *Yes*

Water: *Yes*

Pavillion: *Yes*

6:00 p.m. Dinner: \$1.50 meal fee

Host: Bill Dykman (248) 471-4039 and Vic Birdsull
(313) 937-9433



Grand River Expedition 2000

Day 2
Sunday, July 16, 2000
25 Miles; 2 Portages
Displays: 11 am – 1 pm Jackson

5:30 a.m. Wake-up call at Leoni Township Park

6:00 a.m. Breakfast

Host: Michigan Center Lions Club
 Contact Person: Bill Van Vorst (517) 764-0357 OR (517) 748-9065

6:30 a.m. Briefing

NOTE: The upper Grand River is small and challenging due to log jams and downed trees.

7:00 a.m. Launch

The launch site is at The High Tides Party Store across the street from Leoni Township Park. Contact: Tim Janson (517) 764-2720

| ESTIMATED TIME | GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION | RIVER MILES |
|----------------|--|-------------|
| 7:00 a.m. | Michigan Center | 0 |
| 7:40 a.m. | Falahee Road | 2.0 |
| 9:30 a.m. | U.S. 127 | 4.0 |
| 9:50 a.m. | Losey | 6.3 |
| 10:10 a.m. | Lewis Street | 7.1 |
| 10:30 a.m. | N.Y.C.R.R. | 7.2 |
| | Bridge Street | 7.4 |
| 11:00 a.m. | Liberty Street | 8.0 |
| | <i>(Take out location in Jackson to be determined based on status of cap removal.)</i> | |

11 a.m. –

1 p.m. Traveling Displays and Presentations
("Farmers Market" on Mechanic St.)

12:00 p.m. Lunch

Host: Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce
 Contact Person: Susan Mullon (517) 782-8221

1:00 p.m. Launch

| ESTIMATED TIME | GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION | RIVER MILES |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1:00 p.m. | N.Y.C.R.R. | 8.5 |
| | Trail Road | 8.7 |
| | Ganson Street | 8.8 |
| | N.Y.C. R.R. | |
| | North Street | 9.2 |
| | Monroe Street | 9.7 |
| 1:30 p.m. | U.S. 94 | 10.2 |
| 1:35 p.m. | Penn Cen R.R. | 10.4 |
| 1:50 p.m. | Parnall Road | 11.5 |
| 2:15 p.m. | Portage River | 13.2 |
| 2.45 p.m. | Maple Grove Road | 15.2 |
| | <i>Restrooms Available</i> | |
| 3:30 p.m. | Berry Road | 18.0 |
| 4:00 p.m. | Lansing Avenue | 19.6 |
| 4:20 p.m. | State Road U.S. 127 | 20.9 |
| 5:00 p.m. | Churchill Road | 22.0 |
| 6:40 p.m. | R.R. | 24.4 |
| 7:00 p.m. | Youth Haven Ranch | 25.0 |

Vans will be at river to transport water team the ½ mile to camp clearing. If the vans are not there when water team arrives begin walking south on road to cross the railroad tracks to open field with picnic tables and bathrooms at the "Hayloft" lodge building.

7:00 p.m. Youth Haven Ranch

Address: Youth Haven Ranch, Rives Junction, MI 49277

Local Contact: Larry Carlson, Camp Director (517) 569-3328

Facilities

Restrooms: *Yes* Showers: *Limited*
Electricity: *Yes* Pay Phones: *Yes*
Picnic Tables: *Yes* Water: *Yes*

7:15 p.m. Dinner

Host: Subway, Olive Garden, and Felpausch

Contact Person: Larry Helmes (517) 855-3810



Grand River Expedition 2000

Day 3
Monday, July 17, 2000
20 miles; 1 portage
Displays: 6-8 p.m. Eaton Rapids

6:30 a.m. Wake-up call at Youth Haven Camp

7:00 a.m. Breakfast

Host: Meijer

Contact Person: Roxanne Smith (517) 647-5788

7:30 a.m. Briefing

8:00 a.m. Launch

| ESTIMATED TIME | GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION | RIVER MILES |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 8:00 a.m. | Youth Haven Camp | 25.0 |
| 8:15 a.m. | Rives-Eaton Road | 25.5 |
| 8:30 a.m. | Penn R.R. | 26.5 |
| 10:10 a.m. | Tompkins Road | 31.0 |
| 11:40 a.m. | Michigan Central R.R. | 37.1 |
| 12:30 p.m. | Onondaga Road | 37.5 |

12:30 p.m. Lunch

Baldwin Park, Onondaga.

Host: Ladies Auxillary of Onondaga Township Fire Department

Local Contact: Kay Bodell, Township Supervisor (517) 628-2512 (H)

or (517) 628-2654 (W)

1:30 p.m. Launch

| ESTIMATED TIME | GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION | RIVER MILES |
|------------------|---|-------------|
| | Kinneville Road | 39.3 |
| | Gale Road | 41.1 |
| 3:40 p.m. | Waverly Road | 42.5 |
| 4:30 p.m. | Smithville Dam | 44.2 |
| | <i>Portage Smithville Dam on river right.</i> | |
| 5:00 p.m. | Smithville Road | 44.3 |
| 5:30 p.m. | Eaton Rapids Christian Camp | 45.3 |
| | <i>Land canoes at the 12 foot cross.</i> | |

5:30 p.m. Eaton Rapids Christian Camp

Eaton Rapids Christian Camp, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827
 Ed Richmond (517) 663-7820
 Local Contact: Charlie Parmelee (517) 589-5237

Facilities

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| Restrooms: <i>Yes</i> | Showers: <i>Yes</i> |
| Electricity: <i>Yes</i> | Pay Phones: <i>Yes</i> |
| Picnic Tables: <i>Available</i> | Water: <i>Yes</i> |

6 - 8 p.m. Traveling Displays and Presentations

6:00 p.m. Dinner

Host: City of Eaton Rapids
 Contact Person: Bill Gasline (City Clerk's Office) (517) 663-8118



STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget and Finance -

Press and Public Relations –

Rivermaster – Charlie Parmelee, Chair

History – Jim Woodruff, Chair

Environment and Natural Resources –

Education –

Awards and Recognition -