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Subject: [skunkriverpaddlers] Jim Falls WI May trip

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It's time for people to start indicating interest in the Jim Falls, WI whitewater trip May 8, 9 (Mother's Day weekend). This is an ISU Canoe Kayak Club or Iowa Whitewater Coalition paid membership trip. For those members who go, we will be staying at Dave Kraemer's cabin in Holcombe, WI. The Jim Falls section of the Chippewa is described on the American Whitewater website http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River_detail_id_4098. It is a class 2-3 run. The water will be cold. The weather, who knows? Afterall, it's WI in May.

We may also end up doing Little Falls to Big Falls on the Eau Claire (class 2-3+) http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River_detail_id_2928 or something else in the area (or we may just do several runs of Jim Falls both days). Last year we did the Jump River (class 3-4); paddlers in last year's group put on the Jump at various start points according to their skills because of its difficulty.

Anyone unfamiliar with the American Whitewater Safety Code should become familiar with it <http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Wiki/safety:start>

If you are interested in going or if you plan to go for sure, please let me know. We'll develop a list of who is going and from where to help with sorting out car pooling opportunities.

Costs: \$10 plus gas costs and food costs. Food costs will be whatever you eat while traveling (excellent ice cream place near the cabin), whatever you need on the river, and split groceries for whatever we cook at the cabin (Saturday breakfast and supper and Sunday breakfast, probably Sunday major snack/left overs after paddling before heading home).

Anticipated "schedule": My guess is that people arrive at the cabin Friday night and leave Sunday sometime in the afternoon.

Skills needed: Read the American Whitewater Safety Code. The cabin is excellent and any people can just hang out there if the weather is too unpleasant (which is what happened 2 years ago with snowing). Those wishing to paddle will need to have sufficient skill to be safe on class 2 in company with experienced whitewater paddlers. Experienced whitewater paddlers should expect to be providing safety and training help for less experienced paddlers.

People going for sure and from where
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People interested but not yet sure

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