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AWC Club
Meeting
Mar 14, 2023

Get Involved!

AWC
News/announcements.

- AWC Membership is a rolling 12-month period, so renew anytime and get involved. Currently over 215 memberships. Monthly meetings: Watch for postings and review a few previously recorded meetings from our website at <https://www.adobewhitewater.org>
- *NEW* on the AWC website Member's Page – Stream Gauges and Snowpack
- Pool sessions: Rio Rancho Pool Saturdays 10:00 am.
- March 18 Cleanup event – 10:00am Pena Blanca.
- April 11 monthly Presentation – TBD.
- April 30 South Valley Environmental Justice Float
- MDR Mother's Day Race being planned.
- Clinics being planned.
- Share those river permit results...

Stream Access/Advocacy Updates

- Public Stream Access Headline news – SCOTUS updates.
- Next steps:
 - Push for enforcement to remove signs and barriers.
 - Removing in-stream barricades/hazards?
- Volunteer/Stewardship Opportunities?
 - Identify/report river hazards
 - Sharing River Reach descriptions: AW, NM Wild, PBS,...

Stay current with the Advocacy page on our club website at:
<https://www.adobewhitewater.org/> and NMPC at
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/newmexicopaddlerscoalition/>

AWC Board Members will now present many exciting opportunities to help expand club activities, efforts, and benefits.

Article 2 of the Adobe Whitewater Club's bylaws says, in its entirety,

The purposes of the Club are to promote river sports in New Mexico and elsewhere, to develop skills in river running, to support the preservation, protection, and improvement of rivers and river environments, to encourage the safe usage of our rivers by all and to work for the continued availability of rivers for recreational uses.

Welcome to all that have Joined tonight.

Thanks to Sunday Service Motor Co! Order drinks at the bar and tip the waitstaff.

Zoom Rules for participation:

Please mute yourself when not speaking.

Monitor the chat sidebar for unrelated/other comments.

Stick around for open mic questions and discussion.

For The Love Of Rivers

Intent:

Rather than a standard trip report, this Mar 14 event is more of a Town Hall format where we will explore ways to make the Adobe Whitewater Club even better. Hopefully, you all have a chance to fill out the AWC e-mail survey with your ideas, comments, and commitments. We plan to discuss the many AWC activities, and the tasks required to make things happen and hope that You can find a niche to help. Participation is fun and although planning, organizing, and managing takes a bit of effort, the results of developing many great relations is very rewarding.

As the pandemic is receding many of us are exploring ways to reconnect or connect anew with other people. The Adobe Whitewater Club provides many opportunities for this and many of the activities are lower risk since they are outside. So whether you want to take a clinic to improve your skills, participate in a club trip, help with river access and advocacy, help with river cleanups, compete in friendly competitions or help in organizing these activities there are many possibilities.

Stewardship:

- Outreach at various public events.
- South Valley Environmental Justice Paddle Day – April 30, 2023
Contact jamie.jamiep1a@gmail.com
- Liaisons to other organizations/agencies.
- Fund raising, grant seekers.
- Projects: Siphon, 550 access, Velarde,...
- River Cleanups.

Clinics:

The AWC has a history of providing opportunities for developing river skills.

A participant in the first AWC junior clinic went on to become world champion. The AWC pushed the American Canoe Association to adopt rafting skills clinics.

With the pandemic there have been fewer opportunities for instructor certification and recertification. If you think you are too advanced for basic skills clinics, instructor certification provides an opportunity for advanced skills development and giving back to the river community through teaching clinics. If there are enough people interested it may be possible to bring someone in to locally conduct an instructor certification course. The AWC also provides some financial assistance for those that become certified and teach AWC clinics.

Needs: Instructors, assistants, safety boaters, organizer/registration assistance, sponsorships, Web-master, promoters, ...

Competitions:

The Mothers Day Race is probably the second oldest race in the west and has been held for 64 years. In the past it has drawn paddlers from not only the United States but hosted competitors from Mexico in an exchange program with one of their races. The Mothers Day Races also informally serve as the kickoff for competitions in Colorado. There are not only opportunities to compete but to watch top river runners (along with some not so skilled competitors) and pick up some techniques.

Stand up paddle board race has also been included recently.

Needs: website assistance, setup, organizers, timers, ramp hands,...



2022 Arkansas
River trip.

Club trips:

Historically, the AWC proposed to the American Canoe Association better coordination with federal land agencies for permits which resulted in several of the Washington representatives of these agencies showing up at an ACA meeting and starting a discussion on how to better coordinate amongst themselves and the river running community. In addition the AWC works directly with local representatives of federal land agencies in New Mexico with respect to river access, permits, projects. Recent Supreme Court case wins highlight AWC efforts and accomplishments.

Club trips can range from formal events through the AWC to informally organized trips by members such as at AWC monthly meetings. Many people may have received permits by now and are thinking about how to put trips together. There are also rivers that do not require permits and members can discuss which ones they would like to find other people to run.

Needs: Organizers/leaders, participants, shuttle rigs,...



Kayak New Mexico, Inc.

Volunteer Opportunities

Kayak New Mexico, Inc. is an all-volunteer run non-profit serving New Mexico children and adults with special needs. We own all of our own equipment. Our expenses include yearly insurance costs and monthly pool rentals.

Each month we sponsor a free Adaptive Kayaking Event at a local pool from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on one Saturday of the month. Rio Rancho Aquatic Center is used all year round. Sierra Vista outdoor pool is used during the summer months.

Assistance is needed for help during our monthly Adaptive Kayaking Events. Volunteers help unload our trailer of kayaks, paddles, and PFDs. When our event opens, volunteers assist children and adults in finding a proper sized PFD, kayak, and paddle. Volunteers may be kayaking in the pool to provide assistance to others or may be on the sidelines helping outfit kayaks, pushing kayaks into the water, and pulling kayaks out of the water.

We usually meet at 5:30pm on the day of the event to start unloading the trailer. Normally we start packing up around 7:30pm (the kids are done kayaking by then). Everyone must be out of the pools by 8:00pm and out of the facility by 8:30pm.

Any help is greatly appreciated. We cannot provide this service without our many volunteers. Please call, text, or email Jane Bales for any questions or to volunteer.

Thank you!

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Content Contributors:

- Compile river reach descriptions for AW and NM Wild.
- Trip Reports/River Information for AWC website.
- Other AWC content that you want to see on the website...
- Social Media posts.
- Story writers.
- Digital/video editors.
- Monthly Presenters.

Commit:

- Renew your AWC memberships and recruit others.
- Watch for AWC surveys and other ways to signup for any tasks discussed, and suggest others that we haven't thought of.
- Pool Session host/volunteer.
- Participate in Club communications.
- See our website for key contacts for each area/activity.

<https://www.adobewhitewater.org/>

AWC Board does a lot, but the few could be many.

The Adobe Whitewater Club is what we members make it!