



SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

Hi Lopez Island Oopsters,

I've taken over as "Concierge" which is a fancy fancy way of saying "the one who figures out some non-paddling social activities" for the event. Lopez is such a cool island, with so much to do (hiking, biking, dining, etc.) that I'm not planning a lot of activities in the camp after our paddles.

And I'll start right off by saying I'm NOT providing a 5 star ★ coffee bar ☕ in the morning....you're on your own. Thanks, Mechelle.....you totally spoiled us at the Astoria event. 😊

SCHEDULE: This is the tentative schedule of in-camp activities. Details about where the events will be held will be written on the white board at camp headquarters (Site 5).

Every Morning Yoga; 7am in Group Camp shelter: For those who want to stretch a bit after sleeping on the ground or going out paddling, come join a few of us in the group shelter at the group camp around 7 for some morning yoga. Times will be adjusted depending on when paddles are leaving. Bring a yoga mat.

Thursday, Sept 13, 6pm: HAPPY HOUR
6:30: TRIP SIGN UPS.**

Gather at Group Headquarters, Site 5, by the beach. BYOB and a snack or dessert to share if you like. Trip sign ups will follow the Happy Hour. You're on your own for dinner.

****Re: trip sign ups:** Are you wondering how you can sign up for trips if you arrive late to the sign up? We will have room for everyone on trips, and the trips will repeat themselves over the event, so if you do not get on your favorite trip the first day, there will be additional opportunities. Check the white board at our HQ site (Site 5) so you know what time to get up in the morning, and we will find a trip to get you on the water! Talk to Rich Becker, Trip Czar.

Friday: 6pm: POTLUCK;
6:30pm: TRIP SIGN UPS

Potluck sign up info is here:

<http://www.luckypotluck.com/potluck/OOPSLopezSaturdaypotluck> .

Please bring enough for 8 people.

This isn't ironclad but it may help us balance the meal out. If your last name is between:

A and E: please bring an appetizer
F and J: Bring a main dish
K and O: Bring a side dish
P and S: Bring a salad
T and Z: Bring a Dessert

Also, bring along serving plates/utensils, marked with your name, plus your own plate/utensils,/ glass, etc.

There will be 3x5 cards to write what is in your dish. This is really appreciated by vegetarians and people with food allergies. And let's do what we can to minimize garbage. I'll be setting up a compost bucket and recycle center.

Saturday: 6pm HAPPY HOUR
6:30: TRIP SIGN UPS

Bring snacks to share if you like. On your own for dinner.

Saturday: 8pm. Evening "Campfire" song circle: 8pm. As of this writing, campfires aren't allowed in San Juan County. But Mona Warner and others are bringing their instruments to create music on Saturday night. Bring your instruments and voices to join in.

Bring chairs and blankets for evening circles, and games if you're a game player.

Saturday: 8pm. Evening "Campfire" chat circle and/or Farkle tournament: Out of respect for the musicians, If you don't want to listen to or make music, another "campfire ring" will form for those who want to chat and socialize and perhaps shriek when they win Farkle.

Sunday Evening: *See "**Savor the San Juans**" below as a possibility. I'm happy to make reservations for the "Early Bird" special 3-course meal for \$20 from 4-6 if there is interest.

Otherwise, dinner on your own.

Sunday 8pm: Final campfire circle to hear about the days' trips, swap lies, and say good byes. Bring leftover desserts /munchies to share.



LOPEZ ISLAND THINGS TO DO:



Lopez Island has an abundance of cafes, restaurants, bakeries, galleries and shops, mostly in Lopez Village which is about 3 miles from our campground. Explore the island on your own, taking advantage of the hiking and bike rentals, eateries, shops and sundowners (happy hours) where and when you choose.

If you're a history buff, visit their history museum or check out this link: <http://lopezisland.com/lopez-island-thumbnail-history/>

There are two Lopez Island events held this weekend that you may be interested in:

* ***"Savor the San Juans"*** is a culinary event throughout the islands until November. Lopez Islander Waterfront Resort is offering a 3-course meal every night for \$20 between 4 and 6pm. If anyone is interested in getting a group together for that, I'd be happy to make reservations.....perhaps on Sunday night when there isn't a meeting for trip sign ups.

15th Annual Lopez Island Home Tour: On Saturday from 10-4 is a tour of seven Lopez Island homes, ranging from spacious to tiny. It's a benefit for the Lopez Community and Arts Center. More info can be found here: <http://www.lopezcenter.org/goto.php?page=event&id=1915>

Restaurants: I did hear of some good restaurants, and I'm sure there are more.

Holly B's Bakery for their cinnamon rolls

Vita's Wildly Delicious: an Italian restaurant that *sometimes* rolls out a wood fired oven for pizzas

Vortex: for vegetarian/vegan offerings

Kraut Pleasers: Asian/ramen

Lopez Islander Resort and Restaurant: Great outdoor patio for enjoying the view. Site of ***Savor the San Juans****.

Grocery stores:

There are three grocery stores on the island:

Lopez Village Market @ 162 Weeks Rd. In Lopez Village;

Blossom Grocery @ 325 Village Road; and

Southend Grocery and Cafe at 3024 Mud Bay Road.

Hiking, biking, shopping, eating, snoozing.....enjoy it all in your free time. I'll have maps of Lopez with info on hiking/bike rentals, etc. Or you can check out the Lopez Island Chamber of Commerce for more info: www.lopezisland.com

Text or call or email me if you have any questions. See you very soon!

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