

**Macatawa Paddle Filmfest: A Mid-Summer Celebration**  
**June 20-21, 2008; Holland, Michigan**

A Collaboration of the Macatawa Greenway Partnership and Kayak– Kayak,

**Purpose**

To bring West Michigan residents and visitors who are passionate about paddling, (kayaking and canoeing), to Holland, Michigan, to celebrate the 2008 Summer Solstice on Friday, June 20th and Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. The celebration's events will include watching great paddling films and paddling in local waters. Any funds raised during the celebration will support the Macatawa Greenway Partnership in its efforts to protect and connect lands along the Macatawa River and its tributaries.

**The Paddle Filmfest:**(See 2008 World Tour Reel Paddling Film Festival Website at [www.rapidmedia.com](http://www.rapidmedia.com))

The Macatawa Paddle Filmfest will be the only venue in West Michigan for paddling enthusiasts to view films from the 2008 World Tour "Reel Paddling Film Festival", presented by Teva. This wide range of short films, from the exotic world adventure to homegrown summer vacation films, will be shown at the Park Theater located in Downtown Holland at 248 River Avenue (due west of Centennial Park). Films will be shown on both Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 pm. These films will be accompanied by information and short presentations about local environmental groups.

**Tickets** will cost \$10 for each evening's films, and will be available at the Park Theater door and at the following sponsors beginning May 1; Kayak-Kayak; The Outpost; and Reliable Sports; Holland Convention Visitors Bureau. There will also be cool FilmFestival T-shirts available for purchase at the Theater...

**Saturday Paddling Activities**

During Saturday, from 9am – 4pm, a variety of free paddle events will take place on Holland's northside at Dunton Park, on Howard Avenue, ½ mile west of River Avenue. Paddling Events include:

- Touring the Macatawa Marsh and Windmill Island (2 mile round trip; 1-2 hours)
- Paddling to Lake Michigan open waters, waves and great beaches (12 miles RT; 4-6 hrs.)
- Paddling the Macatawa River from the Upper Macatawa Natural Area to Lake Macatawa (8 miles; 4-6 hours)

These free trips will be led by local paddlers to allow participants to enjoy our local waters. All paddlers must provide their own paddling equipment and must wear a PFD during the trips.

There will also be local businesses showing off their latest paddling equipment at Dunton Park. There will be many opportunities for story sharing, networking, and chances to meet others that share in the passion of paddling. There will also be an opportunity to help create a West Michigan Paddling Resource Map.

We look forward to seeing you at the Macatawa Paddle Filmfestival this summer.

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