



## CANOEING, RAFT RACES, & TUBING

When the weather gets really hot, head for the water. Rent a canoe, enter a raft race, or go tubing. What better way to cool off?

The Connecticut River Raft Race will be held July 22 at noon at the Deep River Town Landing. The rafts are often decorated like Rose Bowl floats and they range from the highly engineered to the barely floatable. About 150 entries spend four hours trying to complete the four-mile course. The public is invited to watch from any landing, free of charge. For information write Kenneth Fischburg, Fourth Annual River Raft Race, 31 Briarwood Drive, Old Saybrook 06475.

Main Stream, located on Route 44 in Barkhamsted, offers two interesting water trips. The four-hour Scenic and Smooth Water River Day is designed for the beginner. The fee is \$10 per person, two people per canoe. There is also a Main Stream Midnight-on-the-River Cruise that leaves from the Chart House restaurant on Route 10 in Simsbury every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 P.M. through September. The \$7 fee covers canoes, paddles, life jackets, guides, transportation, and cheese and crackers. There are other Main Stream plans, including a white water trip for \$10 and a weekend Connecticut River Camping Spree for \$55. Call 379-1448.

Great World, located at Farms Village Road in West Simsbury, has a series of trips and adventures. They'll even outfit you and take you to Alaska, Nova Scotia, or Maine. Great World also rents all kinds of equipment, including canoes and kayaks. Call 658-4461.

Riverrun on Main Street in Falls Village has a rental and guide service. You can join the Whitewater School or take the Wetlands and Marsh Coastal trip, a one day excursion into the coastal plains area in Madison. Guides and lectures provided by Riverrun. Call 824-5579.

The Clarke Canoe Company, Route 7, West Cornwall, rents canoes and kayaks, or takes you on trips of varying lengths. There are out-of-state trips for the superadventurous. Call 672-6365.

The Olsen Marine Company in Stratford rents canoes by the day or week. Call 375-5841. ■