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Calendar of Events

August 5-6. Saturday & Sunday. Dog Days Float on Bryant Creek. Ancient Greeks blamed the mid-summer heat on the prominence of Sirius, the Dog Star, in the night sky and hence the term "Dog Days" was born. It's not like we need a reason to have a float trip, but some star shining a little brighter seems as good as any. Jason Frantz will be hosting this trip as we paddle the Hodgson Mill to Warren Bridge stretch of the Bryant. Email jfrantz@woodshopartisans.com or call 753-4434 for more information.

August 10. Thursday. 6:30-9:00 p.m. The annual Swap Meet/Summer Picnic will be held at Austin's Body Shop, 2729 West Republic Road, just West of Scenic on Republic Road. Bring your paddling and camping related items to sell or swap. OMP will provide hot dogs, burgers and soft drinks, please bring side items to share. Thank you Randy, Christine and Jonathan for hosting!

September 9-10. Saturday & Sunday. Swiftwater Rescue Clinic on the Northfork River. Clinic is limited to 12 OMP instructors. Contact Dale Dortch at DaleDortch@wmconnect.com

September 14. Thursday. OMP monthly meeting 7p.m. Springfield Nature Center. Holly Neill from James River Basin Partnership reportson this year's successful JRBP River Rescue event and the status of projects and initiatives that

are raising awareness and improving water quality in the Ozarks

September 23-24. Saturday & Sunday. Shiver me timbers, its the second annual Talk Like A Pirate Float! Find yourself a wench or just shanghai a land lubber for this float as we celebrate the knaves of the high seas. Carve the dates into your calendar now and keep your glass eye glued to the website for all the particulars!

October 12. Thursday. OMP monthly meeting 7 p.m. Springfield Nature Center. Program TBD

October 7-8, Saturday & Sunday. Siesta Fiesta Float. You know it's fall when the nights get cool, the leaves start turning and the Siesta Fiesta float comes along! The scenic Buffalo River is the destination this year, tracing the route from Buffalo Point to Rush. Keep watching the newsletter and the website for details.

November 9 Thursday. OMP monthly meeting 7 p.m. Springfield Nature Center. Loring Bullard of the Watershed Committee of the Ozarks will present a program on the status of the Committee's Watershed Center, an educational project intended to be a model for sustainable development. It's an exciting project that is expected to be a landmark in water quality education not only in the Ozarks but also for the nation!

