

Paddling club's Ocoee fest: An epic

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The paddling club embarked on its annual trip to the Ocoee river this past weekend and as expected it was nothing short of an epic. The Ocoee is a Class III (has big waves and little consequence) and Class IV (bigger waves, more rocks and more consequence) river.

Needless to say this is by no means the most difficult river that us

Brevardians are used to running; however, Ocoee fest takes names every year. This year it took mine. My name is Brian and the Ocoee made me its bitch.

We left Brevard with seven kayakers and two cars packed full of boats, gear and beer. Three hours and to many hilariously disturbing personal anecdotes later we arrived at our camp site, which was full so we went to our backup, which was full so at ten o'clock at night we pulled over in Duckville Tennessee on the side of the road



photo courtesy Bert Hurst
Charles Jordan punches through hell hole

and camped.

We made our first run down the Class III section of the river without any carnage stoked that all our beginner boaters styled the lines. After throwing down on a play wave called hell hole (I killed this hole and through my hubris in this moment the dramatic irony began to unfold.)

As we were loading up our boats to head up stream to the big Class IV section; famously know as the Olympic section. We locked the keys in the car, an obvious sign that would have spared my fate

but like clever thieves we broke into my car, loaded up and put on the water.

The Olympic section is only about a half mile but it is continuous white water; it's like ocean waves continuously in between and over rocks. Our beginners did great. We had a race; I won. We ran it again and I caught air by launching over some rocks and then on the fourth and final run it all went down.



photo courtesy Bert Hurst
Brian Randall navigates the river during Ocoee fest

Jay Wolfe got lost (on a river?) and floated miles down stream. As he hitched a ride back up: I got cocky ran a narrow and risky line past a hole called Humongous and told a novice follow me. In a second, two rafts and two kayakers were being tossed around like clothes in a dryer. I hit my head on a rock, lost my paddled, managed to roll up, told Joe that, "I was wrong." Got beat down some more, rolled up, flipped hit my head again, laughed under water at myself then pulled my spray skirt and swam. A few seconds later Joe, who was getting a tremendous beat down had his spray skirt imploded on him, so he swam. He

got out on land and chased his boat down river. I fell down because I was dizzy. And if things couldn't get any worse... our camera man got bit by a German Shepherd. (Sadly no pictures of this 20 mins were tak-

en.)

After that we thought it best to go home. Eat pizza and call it an epic day. Join Paddling Club!

Psychology Club restarts for the new year

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The Brevard College Psychology Club will hold their first official meeting next Wednesday, September 16th at 9 p.m. in MG 224. Food and drinks will be served, and anyone that has an interest in psychology and has taken at least one class is strongly encouraged to join.

Meetings are held one day a week at the same time (You will be notified if the time does change). Some of the activities that

students participate in include watching psychology related movies such as Good Will Hunting and I am Sam, participating in fundraisers and social events to raise money for the club and build a good resume', and last but not least, students will work on a research project and present it at S.E.P.A (South Eastern Psychological Association). S.E.P.A is a prestigious convention to present research done by other schools in the region, and BC is one of the few undergraduate school programs that attends each year. This year S.E.P.A will be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee on

March 10th - 13th. A research project has not been selected yet so anyone that has any ideas should join the club or at least make suggestions as soon as possible.

The "I Scream Social" will be discussed at the first meeting as well. This event will allow all the psychology majors on campus to converse with one another and get to know their professors a little more. So anyone that has a slight interest in joining should come out to a meeting and discover all of the fascinating and adventurous events that the Psych Club has to offer this year.