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Dear Paddler,

Do you have an unused canoe cluttering your shed, garage, or backyard? You may be able to donate it AND get a tax benefit!

The Town of Wilmington, Essex County Planning, and the Ausable River Association are pleased to announce the first ever **Community Paddling Program**. The Program will encourage locals and visitors to experience the beautiful mountain views and waterways in the Town of Wilmington at a very low cost. This will compliment the new Lake Everest dock and beach facilitates being purchased with money from the Environmental Protection Fund.

In a nut shell here's how the program works.... Residents donate unused canoes, paddles, life vests to a 501(c)(3) making it a charitable donation and tax deductible. The equipment is repaired if needed and made available at the Town Beach. Visitors and residents rent the equipment at a very low cost during hours when the beach is staffed.

How do I donate? Bring your canoe, paddles, and life vests to the **Town of Wilmington Community Center, Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM from now until September 1, 2010**. Register your name with the Town Clerk. You will then receive a donation acknowledgement from the Ausable River Association (501(c)(3)).

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please feel free to call Randy Preston (946-7179) or Carol Treadwell (873-3752).

With community effort, and support from the Ausable River Association and the Essex County Community Development and Planning Office, we hope to develop a fun and successful program to benefit those that visit and live in the Town of Wilmington.

Very truly yours,

Randy S. Preston, Town of Wilmington Supervisor
Carol Treadwell, Executive Director, Ausable River Association
Anna Reynolds, Junior Planner, Essex County Planning Department

