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### **School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation hosts new member program**

**Southfield, Mich.** – Are you an outdoor enthusiast looking for fun and new friends? Are you ready to backpack through a forest, kayak across a pristine lake or even dog sled across the tundra? On **Tuesday, Aug. 7 at 7:30pm**, the School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR) will host a special program during the membership meeting that includes an overview of the club and several classes. Get an inside look at some of SOLAR's most popular classes, including Basic Backpacking, Land Navigation, Search & Rescue, and Enjoying Michigan Winters.

SOLAR is a club with more than 300 members dedicated to the enjoyment of nature and outdoor activities. Classes, trips and activities are offered for all skill levels and interests, from backpacking to mountaineering and rock climbing to weekly hikes at local parks.

In addition to standard classes, SOLAR members also lead numerous diverse trips and activities. These range from less strenuous trips, such as a river float, to those that would challenge the most ardent adventurers with specialized skills, such as summiting Mt. Rainier.

“SOLAR offers its members the opportunity to experience the outdoors with people who share common interests,” said Lou Szakal, president of the SOLAR steering committee. “With such a variety of activities, trips and classes offered throughout the year, there truly is something for everyone to enjoy.”

Individual, family or lifetime membership levels are available and include discounts to several retail outfitters, free access to SOLAR-owned equipment, a monthly newsletter describing upcoming events, and a chance to meet hundreds of other like-minded people.

SOLAR membership meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at Colony Hall at 21780 Evergreen Road in Southfield (between 8 Mile and 9 Mile Roads). Non-members are welcome at monthly meetings. For more information on SOLAR, visit [www.solaroutdoors.org](http://www.solaroutdoors.org) or email [publicrelations@solaroutdoors.org](mailto:publicrelations@solaroutdoors.org).

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