MEETING MINUTES - AUGUST 18, 2026 PACK MEETING

PACK Board For 2026	
President	Ken Bement
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Treasurer	Eli Rivera
Secretary	Dave Druffel
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Opening

Ken started the meeting -- welcomed everyone
Showed pictures of August 2008 trip -
Sam Rayburn
Ron caught a seven pound bass

Guests and New Members

Charles Osborn - lives in the Spring Branch area

Meeting Location For 2026

Trini Mendenhall Community Center - 1414 Wirt Road

Show And Tell New Items? Modified Items?

Blake indicated that school was back in session, so his picture posting was delayed
Henry talked about a trip that he took up to Colorado
Ken showed some pictures of a coracle
A coracle is a boat that has been in use for centuries in Scotland, Ireland and Wales
It is a boat that is very easy to carry and can be powered with one paddle
Ken indicated that there is a rumor that Mike Watts has a coracle in his garage.

Safety Spot Light Items

It is still hot out there, so stay hydrated. Be sure to drink lots of fluids.

Also, be aware of your surroundings - - look out for snakes and alligators.

A Big Thank You

Ken gave a big thank you to Steve Spadoni for being the trip leader four times to Rahal
He also thanked Blake and all of the other trip leaders

Fishing Tales Any Non PACK fishing outings that you would like to talk about?

In early August, Bruce went to Cape Cod with his family - stayed in a dream house
They were scheduled to go on a 12 hour tuna trip, but it was cancelled
They went on a striper trip instead - $1000 for six people
Everyone caught fish and had a great day!

August 8th - Ross went to Matagorda and caught a personal best (PB)
It was a 25 inch trout !
Ross spent the last hour paddling around two launches
- one launch was for motors
August 8th - Blake and Jason and Ricky went to PINS -> Padre Island National Seashore
The surf was low and fish were everywhere !
Blake limited out on kingfish and there were lots of Spanish mackerel
The snapper were scarce due to boaters
There were some challenges with seasickness and lost equipment
They plan to go again during the migration

Past Events

August 15th - - HOW - Heroes On the Water Matagorda Chapter

Future Events

September 10 - 13 - - Rahal #4 Trip Initiator - Steve Spadoni
Dave indicated that they have room for more people
You can load up to three kayaks in the shuttle boat

September 19 and October 17 - HOW - Heroes On the Water
Third weekend of each month
Event contact is Joey Grimland

October 8th - 11th Bolivar Trip Initiator - Joel Berry
Renting a beach house - accomodates 12 people
Launch from Stingaree Restaurant
Bruce goes to Yates and Big Pasture
There is good tidal movement

October 11th - Cedar Lakes 5 Trip Initiator - Blake Colburn
Along the beach line near Sargeant
Can use a two wheel drive vehicle
Twenty minutes of traveling
Camping is easy - very available
Room for ten pickups Just drop your pedal and fish

October 24th - Bessie Heights Trip Initiator - Ryan
Ryan's brother fished there today - caught fifteen fish
Was catching fish all day long today
Going again in October - should be cooler weather

October 25th - 30th Ozello Keys in Florida
There are two houses
Cost is $450 per person for the house and insurance
Possible catches include tarapen, snook and speckled trout

October 31st - Nov. 2nd Yarborough Pass Trip Initiator - Blake
Baffin Bay - paddle out 25 yards and just start catching fish
Will have camping tents and fishing kayaks all in same area
Also, can use two wheel drive in this area

Brainstorming Session

Blake talked about truck claws - straps that go on tires - slide rails
Blake also talked about ground anchors - can use with a come along
The anchor digs into the ground and has a handle to pull it out
Blake also told a story about getting his truck pulled out with a come along
Blake ended up giving away all of his snapper catch to the driver

Bruce talked about electric winches - you can pull out your truck without help from other trucks
Blake is brainstorming another trip - possibly the Devil's River

Guest speaker - - Chris Boulware

https://www.hoodoosports.com

Chris is here to talk about Hoodoo Kayaks
which is located in Missouri City, TX

The store is open from 9 to 4 Monday - Friday

Customers can pick up their kayak in
Missouri City or have it shipped

Everything is manufactured in North Carolina
and shipped to fifteen dealers throughout the Southeast portion of the US

There are seven total models of the Hoodoo kayak and there are a variety of add ons

Chris indicated that he would like to have an open discussion today about where the kayak industry is headed

=> The first topic for discussion is rigability
51% of survey respondents either currently run a motor, or are interested in learning how to run a motor
35% of respondents currently run a fish finder, with another 21% interested in adding one

=> The second topic is which important features you should look for in a kayak

1. Stability & Balance
2. Comfortable Seating
3. Price/value for money
4. Ease of transport/ hull weight
5. Pedal Drive System
6. Storage & Deck Layout

=> The third topic for discussion is paddle versus peddle
Pedal Drives are the default purchase.
"Hands free" fishing is the expectation.
Pedal Drives are no longer considered a premium item

=> The fourth topic for discussion is the design of the kayak
Hoodoo kayaks are designed for the "serious-casual" angler with features for the hardcore as well

Chris brought two kayaks that were on display for everyone to see.
1) 10 ft long Voyager 100p This is one of their most popular models
2) 12 ft long Impulse 120

All of the PACK members were able to look at the kayaks and the various accessories