MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 PACK MEETING

PACK Board For 2026	
President	Ken Bement
Vice President	Max Miller
Treasurer	Eli Rivera
Secretary	Dave Druffel
Web Master	Bruce Behrens

Opening

Ken started the meeting -- welcomed everyone
Showed pictures of previous Bolivar trips
2007, 2010 and 2011

Guests and New Members

Meeting Location For 2026

Trini Mendenhall Community Center - 1414 Wirt Road

Show And Tell

New Items?

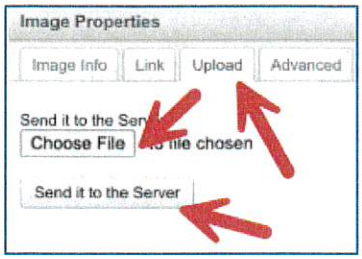
Modified Items?

Website Help Session - Issue With Embedded Images

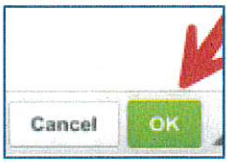
Bruce posted info on WhatsApp about the Events Page. It had oversized descriptions.
When editing an event description, use the Upload button for images, not paste/drag-drop

Select the image icon in the toolbar (, next to the table icon), then the Upload tab

Choose File
and
Send it to the Server



Then → OK.



This method uploads the image properly instead of embedding it directly in the text.
If you have questions, please contact Bruce

Safety Spot Light Items

Be careful around flying hooks - they can get imbedded into your body

Fishing Tales

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

September 4th and 5th - Night fishing William went on the 4th and Ryan went on the 5th

September 5th -- Port Neches - Ross & Eric K went fishing

Saturday, September 6th - - Night fishing - - Blake went fishing, he did not catch anything

Friday before Labor Day, Blake and Steve went to spot between Penniscola and Destin
where the mahi were moving
There were no ripples on the water, but there was a heat storm rolling in
Blake checked five weather apps, and all the apps indicated that there was
bad weather approaching. Blake and Steve left.
A friend called them later and said the winds were at 20 mph in Navarre.

September 11 - - Bruce went to Turtle Bay and caught seven redfish. He also made
an instructional video that he posted on WhatsApp.

Past Events

September 10 - 13 - - Rahal #4 Trip Initiator - Steve Spadoni
It was a good trip! Tuan caught fish. Brad caught fish
There were some weather issues - underestimated the heat.
Baked some potatoes on the fire - needed more charcoal.

Future Events

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
Have a couple of spots still available
Launch from Stingaree Restaurant
Most people fish in the marsh - can also fish the surf
Can catch some nice reds and flounder
There is live bait for sale in the marina

October 18th - Cedar Lakes 5 Trip Initiator - Blake Colburn
The location is along the beach line near Sargeant
Twenty minutes of traveling - can use a two wheel drive vehicle
Two different spots for launching -> 1) Cedar Lake Creek 2) Cow Trap
Camping is easy - very available
Max Miller suggested camping at Cedar Lakes on Friday or Saturday

October 24th - Bessie Heights Trip Initiator - Ryan Woods
Ryan has fished this area for years - there are fish everywhere
Mostly fresh water - can be brackish in some spots
There is a big lake in the back
Several cuts have some catchable trout
Good fly fishing in the deep marshes
It is about a six mile paddle in a circle
Very dynamic place as far as the water variety

October 25th - 30th - - Ozello Keys in Florida Trip Initiator - Craig Nifong
It is about a sixteen hour drive - location is about an hour north of Tampa
Cost is $450 per person for the house and insurance
Possible catches include tarapen, snook and speckled trout
No flounder - it is out of season Slot for snook is 28" to 33"

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
The cooler weather tends to bring out the fish

November 14 - - Louisiana Day Trip Trip Initiator - Ryan Woods
It is a pretty drive - about two hours
If you are over 65, you are allowed to use your Texas fishing license.

December 3, 4, 5, 6 - - Rahal #5 Trip Initiator - Steve Spadoni

Guest speaker - - Jenn Waynette Nolan MacNaughton

Jenn is here to talk about Viking Kayaks

There is a store in Fulton, TX called The
Champions Outdoors Yak Shack

They have kayaks, fishing gear, classes,
demos and rentals

https://www.vikingkayaksusa.com/

They are open at noon on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

Jenn passed around a brochure with pictures and descriptions of the various Viking kayaks.

Viking Kayaks Overview

	OZZIE	NEMO	ESPRI	2+1	TEMPO II	GT	400	RELOAD
Length	8.9ft	10.5ft	11.8ft	12.8ft	15.4ft	11.8ft	13.7ft	14.8ft
Width	31.1in	31.1in	31.4in	31.9in	33.5in	32.2in	30.7in	29.5in
Weight	40lb	44lb	49lb	60lb	82lb	55lb	55lb	60lb
Capacity	265lb	287lb	353lb	485lb	573lb	386lb	386lb	441lb
Seats	-	1x Propelz Ergo Seat	1x Propelz Ergo Seat	2x Propelz Ergo Seats	2x Propelz deluxe Fisherman Seats	1x Propelz deluxe Fisherman Seat	1x Propelz deluxe Fisherman Seat	1x Propelz deluxe Fisherman Seat
Paddle	1x Propelz Eco Paddle	1x Propelz Eco Paddle	1x Propelz Eco Paddle	2x Propelz Eco Paddles	2x Propelz Eco Paddles	1x Propelz Speed Paddle	1x Propelz Speed Paddle	1x Propelz Speed Paddle
Storage	1x Storage Hatch with removeable bucket	1x Storage Hatch with removeable bucket	2x Storage Hatches (1x with removeable bucket)	3x Storage Hatches (2x with removeable buckets)	4x 6" Storage Hatches	2x Storage Hatches (1x large accessory hatch, 1x 6" with removable bucket)	2x Storage Hatches (1x with removeable bucket)	2x Storage Hatches

There was a discussion about accessories for Viking kayaks

Tackle pod - perfectly suited for stowing gear or photographic equipment or tackle
Fish Bags - the fully insulated Fish Bag keeps your catch cool
Rudder Kit - make your tracking and maneuvering your kayak much easier
Bixpy Quick-Swap Rudder - - includes carabiners and R pin to make swapping easy
Chill pods - The Chill Pod will keep ice and fish cold for hours
Kid pods - enables you to share the fun and excitement of kayak fishing with your kids

If you would like more information, Jenn can be found online on TikTok and Instagram.
Just perform a Google search - - - > > > social media and @yak_girl

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