

Try dusk for ice fishing success

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Kent, Oxbow, Pontiac, Union and White lakes are the hot spots for pan-fishing through the ice.

Big bluegills seem to be hitting best early in the evenings on these Oakland County lakes.

The crowd out in the middle of the "old" part of Kent Lake indicates crappies are biting better there. If the lunkers are your style, pike are hitting well on tip-ups on Big Seven, Buckhorn and Tipsico Lake. Kent, Pontiac and Union lakes have produced only a few pike.

Tipico yielded a couple of 36-inch tiger muskies. Heron and Pontiac lakes

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figure to be good for tiger muskies.

THE MICHIGAN American Eskimo Dog Association is holding two licensed specialty shows Saturday and Sunday in Mitchell School, 3550 Pittsview Dr., Ann Arbor.

Registration both days will be 9-11 a.m. for conformation and 9-10 a.m. for obedience. Judging will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday for obedience and noon for conformation.

There is no admission charge for spectators. For registration information, call Helen Rowland at 663-0427 in Ann Arbor.

TRUCKIN AMERICA, a custom truck and van show, opens at 5 p.m. Friday in Pontiac Silverdome. It closes Sunday.

More than 275 vans, pickups, custom cars, diesel rigs and antique trucks will be on display. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children 6-12. Last year 50,000 persons attended, so you can figure it's a money-maker.

THE CAMPER and Travel Trailer Show opens at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15 and runs to Feb. 24 in the W. Eight Mile Armory near Northland Center.

More than 800 recreational vehicles—travel trailers, camping trailers, motor homes, vans, pickups and covers will be on display.

Admission is \$3 for adults (\$2.50 if you buy in advance at Hudson's or Sears) and \$1 for persons older than 62 and the 6-12 crowd. Parking is still \$1—half the price we paid at the State Fairgrounds for Outdoorama.

INDEPENDENCE Oaks County

Voc-ed centers open for show

The four area vocational centers of Oakland County will hold open house programs from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Programs will feature student projects in recognition of National Vocational Education Week, Feb. 10-16.

Park on Sashabaw Road north of I-75 in Clarkston will be the site of a cross country ski interpretive program at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9.

The topic will be winter survival and snowshoes.

Bring rain pants, a jacket and a change of clothes, says Kathleen Dougherty, parks naturalist and guide for the event.

Make an advance reservation by calling the park office at 625-0877. Park admission is \$2 per car for Oakland residents, \$3 for non-residents.

Other interpretive programs this winter include: Feb. 23, a scavenger hunt on skis; and March 21, welcome to spring.

METROPARKS offerings for this weekend:

• "To Snow or Not to Snow" at Stony Creek northeast of Rochester at 9 a.m. Feb. 10. Naturalist Leslie Sutton will lead a winter walk to discover the effect of a nearly snowless winter on plants and animals. Register in advance by calling the park office at 781-4621.

• "Nature Cross Country Ski Tour" at Kensington near Milford at 9 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 10. Naturalist Dave Mohlen will lead a two-hour trek on the park's ski trails. Register in advance by calling 685-1561.

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tips from the Air Force Survival School

The temperature is near zero degrees Fahrenheit. There is approximately 8 inches of snow on the ground.

You have been hiking cross-country and are approximately two hours from your camp when you encounter a small stream. In your attempts to cross this barrier, you fall in and become totally immersed.

WOULD YOU...

- Get out of the water and hurry on to your camp.
- Get out of the water, squeeze the moisture out of the clothing and then continue on to camp.
- Get out of the water. Roll in the snow and then brush it off. Gather fire-starting materials and build a fire to warm yourself and dry out before continuing on to camp.
- Get out of the water and immediately begin vigorous exercise to warm your body.

TO SURVIVE

C offers the best emergency action. By rolling in the snow, it acts as a blotter and absorbs some moisture and is removed when the snow is brushed off.

Considering the distance to camp and the weather, building a fire to warm yourself and to dry out is the best avenue to take if you want to survive.

None of the remaining alternatives offer a satisfactory solution to insure your survival in the face of prevailing conditions. Incapacitating symptoms of hypothermia are almost certain to occur if any of these actions are selected.

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