

# Big Muddy Speaker Series in Kansas City

## Lewis and Clark Water Trail



...follow their expedition on the Missouri River

# Paddling the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers

## Development of Water Trails on our Large River Systems

**Presentation by Bryan Hopkins,**  
Missouri Dept of Natural Resources

Bryan, a self-proclaimed paddling addict who funds his need for boating gear by working on interstate river issues for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, will discuss the growth of large river water trails on the Missouri and Mississippi River's.

The substantial increase in recreational use of these big rivers by paddlers will be explored and he will highlight the newly redesigned Missouri River Water Trail which covers 550 miles of the lower river. The connection to other water trails being expanded on the Mississippi River and the potential maturation into a destination paddling icon similar to other established areas will be discussed. Tips on how to get started paddling these majestic rivers will be covered as well as the exciting race scene that has expanded in recent years."

**FREE & open to the public!**

**Wednesday,  
August 27, 2014**

**6:00 p.m. Social Hour  
7:00 p.m. Presentation**

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