



Thursday, April 23, 2009

Spring Seat Sale



Get ready for summer! There are a few seats left on our May 9 and May 23 Leadership courses and we want to fill them! We are offering a 50% discount. That brings the cost to \$775 plus \$115 for accommodation.

Although designed for professional guide candidates, this course is also appropriate for intermediate paddlers who want the full-on, start-to-finish adventure kayaking course with a focus on leadership. [learn more about our courses](#)

To register please call 1-877-422-9453. Please mention this newsletter when you call.

2 New Slide Shows Now on Line!

We've added two slide shows to our site. One features our courses, the second our personal trips to the Great Bear Rainforest. [Click here](#) to check them out!

Explorers of the Infinite

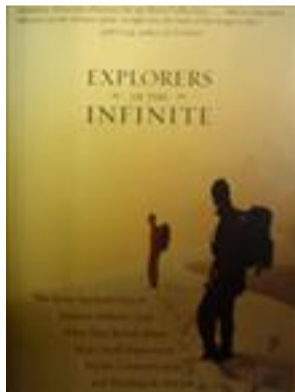
By Maria Coffey

Climbing Everest without oxygen; kayaking over enormous waterfalls: what compels extreme athletes to push through the boundaries of human ability? And what do they discover on the other side?

Award winning BC author and adventure guide Maria Coffey's new book, *EXPLORERS OF THE INFINITE*, unveils some astonishing answers to these questions. She sets out to discover if the intense state of "aliveness" that is the allure of extreme sports is a route to transcendence.

Coffey reviews cutting-edge scientific research on paranormal phenomena, and consults the history of philosophy and spirituality. She draws previously unshared stories from an array of adventurers including veteran Himalayan mountaineer Lou Whittaker, world champion free diver Tanya Streeter, and – in Canada – from ice climber Margo Talbot, surfer Clay Hunting, and Arctic explorer Karsten Heuer.

EXPLORERS OF THE INFINITE, (Tarcher/Penguin, pub date: June 7, 2008; ISBN: 978-1-58542-651-5; Hardcover, \$27.50



Surf Zone

The BC Marine Trail is being revived, check out www.bcmarinetrails.org to learn more about this important project.

Also, check out www.westcoastpaddler.com, a kayakers forum with lots of great pictures.

Visit the updated [Resources](#) page of our website for kayaking links and to read a collection of writings by Bonny and Dan!

Testimonial



Wow, wow, wow! Fantastic West Coast kayak experience with amazing knowledgeable people—loved the surf, sand, sun, rainforest, and very competent leaders.

—VB, Nanaimo, BC.

Field Notes

Dan had one of the most memorable paddling days in his life this winter. Had planned to work, but jumped in the boat instead—conditions calm and clear, incredibly beautiful. Missed the ebb, had to handrail down to Chesterman's Beach in the back eddies. Huge waves in Cox Bay, focussed on staying safely offshore, but barely so—just a bit beyond where these mammoth waves were heaving over and crashing down. Stayed in close, all the way to Cox Point.

Big seas rebounding of rocky shore—waves coming from all directions. Never saw the horizon once. Feeling small now. Have only paddled south of Cox Point twice! Terra incognita—wonderful. Only an hour from our cabin on a big ebb—so close and yet a world away. Open coast of the best possible kind—wee rocky coves with hidden sandy beaches, and nothing out there but that huge expanse of Pacific. Will be back for sure...

Winter was fairly mild here, no serious storms. Spring is late, but returning migrants are abundant now that it is warming up—hummingbirds, geese, grey whales, warblers, and shorebirds—new arrivals daily!

We are looking forward to our spring season of Leadership courses, especially to meeting new folks and seeing familiar faces from past trips!