

## **"As If" Challenge: Team Sponge**

Our team name pretty much describes our members--people who attended the AS IF Challenge to learn new skills from more experienced members. Leader Sam was our conduit for learning the many skills, so his role was teacher, in some cases, as well as team leader. I would sum up our collective experience in four categories: 1) Gear--what and where did I pack it 2) Discovery--ah-ha moments (good and bad) 3) Skills--lots of brand new information and tips 4) Group Dynamics--we were all willing to learn and try new skills. It was a long day for us, but the detour through Black Lake was a bit of a relaxing cultural change from the larger bays and channels. Also, for anyone who wants to join TEAM SPONGE, it would be helpful to know the second verse to I'm Henry the Eighth, I Am. Observer Jeff promised that we would be smiling at the end of the day. Yep. He was right!