

CTPC Paddler Safety Check

Thoughts

Am I set up to be safe on the water? Is my boat sound and properly rigged? Is my safety gear sound and adequate? What changes or improvement should I be thinking about?



Prerequisites: *Understanding of basic on-water gear and equipment.*

Next Step:

ACA Quick-Start, Intro or Essentials of Kayak or Canoe

Topics Covered

Based on the intended paddling scope and venues, we will evaluate the boat, paddle, safety, and personal gear assigned to each paddler using a standardized checklist. Any critical items that are missing as well as improvements and recommendations will be provided as feedback.

Details and Requirements

This short 30-60 min off-water evaluation (per paddler/craft) is designed for beginning paddlers or camp counselors that have specific equipment or pool of equipment dedicated to their use.

Basic Equipment includes a properly outfitted kayak or canoe with paddle and appropriate safety equipment including PFD, spray skirt, pump/bailer, and sling. Other items may include tow belt and/or throw bag, painters, flotation bags, gear bags, first aid kit, etc. as appropriate. Please advise us on any special issues you may have before the evaluation.

Personal Equipment includes clothing suitable for immersion (synthetics, no cotton) and water shoes (no open-sided sandals). The paddler should demonstrate preparedness for unplanned immersion. Other personal items include: sunglasses, sunscreen, hat with visor, bug repellent, and spare (dry) clothing. Access to a windbreaker is advised for windy days or cooler weather.

NOTE: Paddlers should demonstrate preparedness to leave electronic keys, cell phones, etc. on shore or in a floating, waterproof container and prepare for retention aids to prevent loss of prescription glasses, hats and other items of significance.

Special Requirements

This is an evaluation of assigned and personal gear and understanding of its appropriate use. Please be on time and prepared with your gear, knowledge of its nomenclature and use. This is not a test, but a tool to improve understanding of gear requirements and verify sea worthiness of vessels and equipment.

Costs and Fees

| Class Fee | Boat and Gear Rental | CTPC Checklist/Report |
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| Inquire | Not appropriate | Available on request |