



Scouts SA

Canoeing Action Newsletter

(Organisation and Events)



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Crossover Training Weekend 7th – 8th November 2015

This Newsletter is specifically directed to those leaders intending to upgrade their “Old Canoe or Kayak Charge” by completing the National Level 2 crossover endorsement on 7-8th November 2015.

The National Level 2 crossover is the minimum training required to conduct Scout canoeing activities. There is no longer a Level one canoe charge.

The next level above Level 2 is Guide, which requires considerably more units. The Guide requirements will be discussed on the Saturday.

As only a few leaders have indicated they are doing the new National Level 2 charge update on the weekend of the 8th and 9th of November, we may complete the changeover on the Saturday.

On the Saturday we will start at 9 AM sharp at Anderson Ave Glenelg North SA 5045

The plan is to look at what modules each person needs to complete. Some have already partially completed some modules. We will work in groups to complete each workbook, (see attached).

By completing the E-learning modules available on Scout Central at <http://training.scouts.com.au/curriculum/adventurousactivities> you will make the process far quicker.

The E-Learning units available are the Level 1 Common Core Adventurous Activities modules that cover three areas:

- Navigation
- Lightweight Camping, and
- Communications Systems

On the Saturday experienced paddlers should push through the units fairly quickly, especially as we will be working in groups.

We will also touch on Canoe registrations, how they are working and changes in legislation.

Practical Demonstration

If each participant can bring their canoe/ kayak and equipment on the Saturday (or the Sunday if you want to get away early on the Saturday) we can sign off this part of the modules. As some of you have not completed rescues for many years we will have some rescues in the Pat. We will complete the rescues in the Pat regardless of weather, except for excessive rain, when we may have to go to an alternative site. The new requirement is for 5 rescues of differing types; we will address this on the day.

As leaders with the National L2 canoe/kayak endorsement are able to go away overnight, you will need to demonstrate that you can correctly pack your equipment for a two day paddle, including camping overnight with the possibility of inclement weather. Hence you will need to bring all your gear to demonstrate this. Your lunch should reflect a meal that you will take on a day's paddle, chicken and chips will not cut it.

On the Sunday we are having a trip at Garden Island (9 AM start) , and it is intended for those who do not finish the practical requirements on the Saturday, or just want to get some hours up. We will have a Scout Group with us so it will not be a strenuous trip.

Any questions to bc.canoeing@sa.scouts.com.au

Remember our youth are always looking for adventurous activities to participate in.

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