



Scouts SA

Paddling Team Newsletter

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Thankyou

As we all face the challenges that COVID-19 have bought, it is time to reflect on The GREAT job all our endorsed paddling leaders have done over the last season. During the last season we saw approximately 660 youth (based A5's sent to the BC) out on the water. Unfortunately, a few activities had to be cancelled due to COV Without the excellent work you do only a small portion of youth would be having these wonderful experiences.

THANK YOU to all who provided our Youth these opportunities!!

Locations

Some of the locations our youth went paddling this last season were:



- Padawalonga
- West Lakes
- Garden Island
- Cookatoo Lake
- Lake Battye
- Glenelg River
- Renmark
- Ral Ral Creek
- Roonka
- Goolwa
- Warren Reservoir
- Walkers Flat
- Thorndon Park
- Onkaparinga River
- Muray Bridge



Training Requirements

In late 2019 the Australian Federal Government changed the training requirements for several units including Flatwater paddling. Refer to: training.gov.au for more information

What does this mean for me?

You may be required to attend upskill training to meet the new requirements. More information will be issued once the details are known.

Maintaining Qualifications

Kayak or Canoe Level 2

- A Level 2 Endorsed Leader can take youth on the water, including overnight trips. Refer to SS&P's.
- To maintain currency in the skill set leaders are required to complete 20 hours per year which needs to include the practicing of rescues and developing their skills.

Endorsements need to be renewed every 3 years.

Kayak or Canoe Guiding

- A Guide is normally an Activity Leader who is responsible for organising larger events (for multiple groups) within a district.
- To maintain currency in the skill set as a Guide it is expected that leaders do four Guiding Days a year including rescues and developing their skills.

A Guide is a Branch Appointment reviewed every 3 years

A Day is regarded as 6 hours effort

Evidence is required to be supplied every 3 years such as a logbook, photos, etc

The following is also required to maintain your Level 2 Endorsement

- Current First Aid
- Current Financial Member with Scouts

If these are not current, then neither is your Endorsement

Country Training

In March two of the paddling team members, Greg and Roy, travelled to Port Augusta to train Leaders and Venturers in kayaking. This was the first time for a number of years that we have been able offer training at a country location. Congratulations to all who attended and Thanks to Greg and Roy for being able to offer this opportunity to our country Scouts.



Resources

Check out Paddling.com an American site that produces a regular newsletter with useful information and videos.

Check out this [VIDEO](#) on the J-Stroke.



Endorsed Leaders Trip

The March Long Weekend saw 13 endorsed paddling leaders over South Australia Paddling the Ral Ral Creek in the Riverla weather was fantastic with sunny mild days. A relaxing, enj paddle and camp allowing leaders to sharpen up their skill knowledge.

Enhancing Your Skills

The Bushwalking Team run regular training sessions which are open to all Leaders, Rovers and Venturers. Recent sessions have included Risk Management in Advent Activities, River Crossings, Water Purification, Weather, Understanding your GPS. These sessions have been recently run via Zoom allowing those who reside outside Adelaide to attend.

The next session will be held on Tuesday 2nd of June at 7pm and will be covering, Route Planning + Navigation = Rogaining. Please book in via MyScout [EVENTS](#) before of May, 5pm.

Previous Newsletters

For previous newsletter head to:

Website: <http://www.adventurousactivities.sa.scouts.com.au/canoeing>

Remember our youth are always looking for Adventurous Activities in which to participate.

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