



Flatwater Paddling Course

Frequently Asked Questions

(FAQ)



Q What Paddling Training does Scouts SA paddling team offer?

A Kayak and Canoe Flatwater training

Q Why should I attend paddling training?

A

- Leader - So I can help facilitate youth participating in paddling opportunities.
- Venturer / Rover
 - Skills and qualifications to lead and / or participate in Venturer / Rover led paddling activities
 - OAS Paddling Stages 1 – 4 (dependent on skills / OAS achieved prior to course)
Documents / skills acquired may assist when working towards VET qualifications.

Q What units do I have to complete to become an Endorsed Paddling Leader?

A [Click Here for Safe Participant Flow Chart](#) or [Click Here for Trained Participant Flow Chart](#)

Q Who sets the Paddling Leader requirements?

A Scouts Australia National Adventurous Activity Committee. They are published as the Scout Australia National Adventurous Activity Framework – click [HERE](#) for details

Q Where can I paddle?

A On protected (defined by the South Australian Government) flatwater in South Australia. Example of waterways that are defined as protected:

- Murray River
- Westlakes
- Patawalonga
- Reservoirs

Refer to the Branch Commissioner Paddling for more information.

Q Does the Paddling Course cover everything on the flow chart?

A No. There are some other requirements:

- There are some eLearning modules, to complete. See below.
- There are some simple workbooks to complete
- Additional paddling practice would be an advantage.

Q What If I have already completed core training for another adventurous pursuit? e.g. Bushwalking?

A You won't need to do it again

Q Are there any E-learning Modules?

A

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elementary Navigation• Operate communication systems• Responding to Emergencies• Planning for Outdoor Activities• Equipment for Lightweight Camping• Minimal Environmental Impact Practices• Plan and Guide Outdoor Activities• Interpreting Weather	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Navigation Skills• Group Facilitation• Camping Skills• Paddling Skills• Preliminary ScoutSafe• WHS for Scouting• Bushwalking Skills
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Q Is the course all theory?

A No, there are few lectures and simple workbooks to be completed, but most of the course is practical in boats and includes light weight camping (Learn by doing!)

Q Who can apply?

A Venturers, Leaders, Rovers

Q How do I apply?

A Through MyScout Event Registration.

Click on the link to Humanitix.

Submit a completed A4 (Leader/Rover) or Y4 (Venturer) to bc.paddling@sa.scouts.com.au

Q How much does the course cost and how do I pay?

A \$110 per person payable at registration.

Q Will I receive a refund if I pay for but don't attend the course?

A Non-attendance will incur an admin penalty of \$30.00

Q Where will the course be held?

A • Part 1 - [Adventurous Activities Centre, Anderson Ave Glenelg North](#).

- Saturday 8:15am for 8:30 am start.
- Workshops held during the evening till approximately 8pm.
- You can stay overnight if you wish.
- Sunday 8:15am for 8:30am start till 4pm.

• Part 2 - Online

• Part 3 – [Port River Sailing Club Boat Ramp](#). 8am – 4pm

• Part 4 - Overnight journey starting for example at 8am near Blanchetown.

Location will be advised during the course.

Q Do I have to know how to paddle and how fit do I have to be?

A It would help to have some paddling experience, but not essential. A moderate level of fitness is required

Q Do I have to be able to Swim?

A Candidates must demonstrate that they can swim 50 metres, fully clothed while wearing a PFD.

Q Do I have to have my own boat, paddle and PFD?

A No, you will use Scout equipment for the Training.

Q What do I bring to the course?

A • Personal Medication

• Pens, Pencils, (Laptop optional)

• Food - suitable for the activity.

• Clothing:

• Top with sleeves (no singlets exposing top portion of the arms are to be worn)

• Shorts / paddling pants / leggings

• Hat (sun smart compliant), remember hats generally don't float

• Boating shoes (old sneakers or water shoes (recommended) NOT boots/waders/thongs/crocs



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- Other items may include - Sun Screen, Insect Repellent, Sun Glasses, Glasses retaining strap, Bag for wet Clothing, Towel, Sleeping Gear
- Overnight Journey - You will need to provide, Tent, Sleeping Bag, Cooking Equipment suitably packed in a canoe or kayak for an overnight journey.

Q Is it better to do Canoe or Kayak Training or both?

A There is no preference for either.

Q Once I have completed the training do, I need to do anything else?

A

- Yes – you need to submit all your workbooks for assessment. It is highly recommended that when your workbooks are returned to you that you keep them in a safe place for future reference. They may be required if you later wish to be recognised for VET units or to further your training.
- You will need to organise and run a patrol paddling activity observed by a Paddling Team Leader appointed by the Branch Commissioner - Paddling.

Q If I am trained in Canoe or Kayak do, I have attended another full training course in the other discipline?

A No, you will just have to do some additional training to become competent in the other discipline.

Q Once I have been endorsed as a Canoeing or Kayak Leader do, I have to do any further training?

A No, Unless the National Adventurous Activities Coordination (NAAC) Committee changes requirements or you want further qualifications (e.g. Guide, Sea Kayaking)

Q I did my kayaking and/or canoeing training as a Venturer. Do I need to do anything else when I become a Rover and/or Leader?

A Yes – when you become a Rover or a Leader you will need to be endorsed. Refer to “Does my endorsement (AA4) expire?” below

Q Does my endorsement (AA4) expire?

A Yes, an AA4 must be completed every 3 years.

You will be required to:

- Keep an Adventurous Activity Log including your Canoeing and/ or Kayaking activities.
- Undertake at least 20 hours per year for each craft type for endorsement.
- Demonstrate your Canoeing and /or Kayaking skills every 3 years.

Maintain your First Aid and Scout membership

Q When is the Next Canoe / Kayak Course?

A Check the Q-Store [Paddling Page](#)