

Paddle Craft Safety Course Requirements:

Course Prerequisites

- Current Safety Afloat training (can be done online at scouting.org)
- At least 15 years old
- Submit health review (Part A only, will be collected at the course)
- Complete BSA swimmer test
- Have current Safety Afloat training (available online at <https://myscouting.scouting.org/>)

Personal Safety Skills

- Select a lifejacket of appropriate size and demonstrate proper fit.
- Demonstrate the feet-up floating position used if caught in a current.
- Demonstrate H.E.L.P and Huddle positions.
- Capsize and swim a boat to shore.

Basic boating skills

Demonstrate the following maneuvers on calm water using standard stroke techniques:

- Transport boat from rack or trailer to water's edge.
- Safely board and launch the craft.
- Travel in a straight line for 50 yards.
- Stop the craft.
- From the stop, move the boat sideways first to the right, then to the left.
- From the stop, pivot the boat to the right, then to the left.
- Return to shore along a curved course demonstrating both left and right turns while underway.
- Land, safely exit and store the craft.

Group safety skills

- Throw a rescue bag, laying the line within 3 feet of an object 30 feet away.
- Demonstrate a boat rescue of a swimmer.
- Demonstrate an on-water boat-over-boat assist.

Knowledge development

- Correctly answer 80% of the questions on the Paddle Craft Safety written exam covering Safety Afloat, trip preparation, emergency action plans, and basic boating knowledge. Review any incomplete or incorrect answers.

NCAC Paddle Craft Safety Course Information

The Paddle Craft Safety course has 4 major components:

- 1) Course Prerequisites
- 2) Classroom session
- 3) Written test
- 4) On/in-the-water boating session

The course prerequisites should be completed before the classroom session is conducted. Safety Afloat training is available online at www.scouting.org. Registrants must be 15 years old before the first class session. Part A of the BSA annual Health and Medical Record should be brought to the first class session. The BSA swimmer classification must have been achieved within the past 12 months.

Component 2 is held as a three hour classroom session. The *required* textbook for #2 & #3 is BSA Aquatics Supervision publication (No. 34737). It serves as the text for the course and is the standard reference on policies and skills covered during the course. The written exam is taken directly from the material in Section I (p. 43-45) and Chapters 12 through 20 in Section III (p. 278-282) of the text. If participants want to take the written test at the end of the classroom session they should be familiar with Sections I & III before coming to the class. Experience has shown that it is unlikely that the written test can be successfully completed without reviewing the appropriate sections in the Aquatics Supervision book since all the test material is NOT covered during the classroom session.

Component 4 takes about 4-6 hours of on/in-the water work. Participants will get wet during the session, so be prepared. The BSA swim test must be completed prior to participation in component #4. This course involves boating and therefore abides by the Personal Health Review criteria of BSA's Safety Afloat guidelines. Since the activity is not unduly strenuous and lasts less than 72 hours, only a health history (BSA Annual Health and Medical Record, Part A) is required. Participants must present their health history before participating in any water activities.

Successful completion of all four course components results in a Paddle Craft Safety course completion card being awarded. Cards expire 3 years after completion.

Register early to ensure your place in the course. A minimum of three participants is needed one week before the course. If there are not sufficient registrations one week before the course it will be cancelled (we will attempt to contact you).

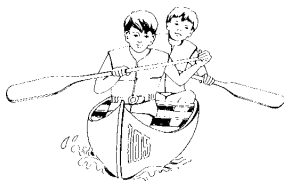
The registration fee is currently being developed. Expenses include the required textbook, the classroom session and the water session. Please note that the same book is used for this course and the BSA Swimming and Water Rescue course.

Paddle Craft Safety 2017 Course Schedule

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Saturday, May 20 2017 Camp William B. Snyder

Classes are typically held at the Hylton Training Center, Camp William B. Snyder 6100 Antioch Road, Haymarket, VA 20169



BSA Paddle Craft Safety Training Course

Float trips are popular Boy Scout and Venturing activities. *Safety Afloat* awareness training provides guidelines for safe float trips and is required of unit leaders, but does not provide the skill training mandated by those guidelines. *BSA Paddle Craft Safety* expands *Safety Afloat* training to include the skills, as well as the knowledge, needed for a unit leader to confidently supervise canoeing or kayaking excursions on flat water. Persons completing the training should be better able to assess their preparation to supervise paddle craft activities. The training is open to any registered adult leader, Scout, Venturer, or Explorer who is age 15 or older. The training must be conducted by a council approved instructor, takes roughly eight hours and is valid for three years.



This course is offered frequently by NCAC at Camp William B. Snyder. It consists of a classroom session and an on/in water portion. The on/in water portion is generally not conducted during the winter/early spring season. Participants who complete the classroom session can join a scheduled water session to complete the course requirements and receive their completion certification.

It can be arranged to provide this training for your Unit or District at your location if there will be 6 or more enrolled in the course.