

**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 (NAAC). They are published as the Scout Australia National Adventurous Activity Framework (NAAF)– click [HERE](#) for details.

**Q Where can I paddle?**

**A** On protected waters in South Australia, as defined by the South Australian Government. Example of waterways that are defined as protected:

- Murray River (Excluding Lakes Alexandrina and Albert)
- West Lakes
- Patawalonga
- Some SA Water Reservoirs

Refer to the BC 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 later FAQ.
- There are some simple workbooks to complete.
- Additional paddling experience/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 Is the course all theory?**

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, Rovers, Leaders

**Q Is there any On Demand Learning (E-Learning)?**

**A** Yes :-

- 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
- Navigation Skills
- Group Facilitation
- Camping Skills
- Paddling Skills
- Preliminary ScoutSafe
- WHS for Scouting
- Bushwalking Skills
- Adventure and Risk

**Q How do I apply?**

**A** Through Humanitix.

Link for Humanitix registration found in MyScout under 'Upcoming Relevant Events'.

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

**A** Payable on registration.

Safe Participant - \$70

Trained Participant - \$60

**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** *Safe Participant*

- Part 1 - [Adventurous Activities Centre, Anderson Ave Glenelg North](#).
  - Saturday 8:15am for 8:30 am start.
  - Workshops may be held during the evening till approximately 8pm.
  - You can stay overnight if you wish.
- Part 2 - [Garden Island Boat Ramp](#). 8 am – 4pm.
- Part 3 - [Adventurous Activities Centre, Anderson Ave Glenelg North](#).
  - Saturday 8:15am for 8:30 am start.
  - Finish approximately 5pm

**Trained Participant**

*Pre-requisite Safe Participant Kayak / Canoe.*

- Part 1 - Online session
- Part 2 - Overnight journey starting for example at 8am near Blanchetown.

**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 and wearing a Life Jacket or PFD.

**Q Do I have to have my own boat, paddle and Life Jacket or 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 / bathers, Hat (sun smart compliant, remember hats generally don't float).
    - (Water shoes or old sneakers (**NOT** boots/waders/thongs/crocs).
  - Other items may include
    - Sunscreen, Insect Repellent.
    - Sunglasses, Glasses retaining strap
    - Bag for wet Clothing, Towel.
    - Sleeping gear.
  - On the overnight trip you will need to be self-sufficient with Tent, Sleeping Bag, Cooking Equipment suitably packed in a canoe or kayak (craft supplied) 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
- 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 Canoe 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)



## Paddling Training FAQs cont.



**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 as a Paddling Leader. Refer to “Does my endorsement (AA4) expire?” below

**Q Does my endorsement (AA4) expire?**

**A** Yes, You will need to be reindorsed as a paddling leader 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.
- Hold a current First Aid Qualification
- Be a member of Scouts SA.

**Q When is the Next Canoe / Kayak Course?**

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