



# 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**
- |  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| • Elementary Navigation                  | • Navigation Skills     |
| • Operate communication systems          | • Group Facilitation    |
| • Responding to Emergencies              | • Camping Skills        |
| • Planning for Outdoor Activities        | • Paddling Skills       |
| • Equipment for Lightweight Camping      | • Preliminary ScoutSafe |
| • Minimal Environmental Impact Practices | • WHS for Scouting      |
| • Plan and Guide Outdoor Activities      | • Bushwalking Skills    |
| • Interpreting Weather                   |                         |



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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](mailto: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](#)