

PADDLING

1. All paddling trips must be approved by the canoe-kayak chairperson.
2. Preregistration is required to assess paddler's ability level.
3. Marine boating regulations must be followed and each participant must have a PFD with a whistle attached so that it can be blown without detaching it. The PFD must fit the paddler properly and be worn when entering, occupying or getting out of the boat.
4. Bring a full change of wool or synthetic fiber clothes in a dry bag. An unprotected garbage bag or nylon pack is unacceptable. At the leader's discretion, a new, heavy-duty garbage bag used as a liner in a stuff sack or pack may be an acceptable alternative.
5. All boats must have a 15-foot tie-up rope (painter). Boats over 10' long must have an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) permit from the State Marine Board. A spare paddle is highly recommended.
6. No boats are to get ahead of the lead boat or behind the sweep boat. All boats are to stay within visual and auditory signaling distance of each other. It is the responsibility of the person ahead to stay with the person behind.
7. The leader may determine that a paddler is not properly equipped or does not have the necessary skill level or swimming ability to go on the trip.
8. All gear should be tied into the boat and small, loose items should be secured in pockets or restrained in some manner.
9. Extra passengers in a boat must be approved by the trip leader.
10. No sitting on thwarts.
11. The leader has the authority to assign paddlers to teams and boats as the needs of the group dictate.
12. Participants should follow the leader's exact route unless signaled to do otherwise. Watch the route of all boats that precede you, not just the one directly ahead.
13. Move to shallow water when motorized craft approach. This is usually the inside of a bend.
14. Be courteous of other users at put-in and take-out. Don't block the boat ramp or approaches. Prepare gear and boats away from the ramp. Remove boats from traffic areas immediately upon take-out. Leave a favorable impression of the Chemeketans on other users.

ALL TRIPS

15. Leaders are expected to follow guidelines listed in the Leaders Guide.
16. Each activity Committee will define its own leader qualifications.
17. Registration must be with the leader, not a third party.
18. Outdoor activities led by a Club member but not listed in the Bulletin or other means of all member notification will not be accepted as qualifying for membership.
19. Dogs/pets or service animals are not allowed on trips.

20. Drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or firearms are not allowed on outdoor trips.
21. All participants are responsible to determine from the description of distance, altitude, terrain, trail and possible weather conditions whether they, their children and guests can fully participate.
22. The leader may refuse to take anyone not properly equipped or whose skill and conditioning do not meet length and difficulty of a specific trip.
23. Essentials must be carried (list available in the Bulletin and the Leader's Guide).
24. All trips should include at least three participants for safety reasons.
25. A guest under 18 years of age must provide a signed **RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK** to the trip leader if he/she is not accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Compiled from following sources: By Laws, Policy doc, Leaders Guide, Bulletin and Committee Chair responses. April 2016