ACA Coastal Kayak Instructor Certification Exam - ICE

Thoughts

I have completed an ACA Instructor Development Workshop, what is the next step?





Prerequisites: Strong paddling, modeling, and teaching skills at required level. Separate First Aid & CPR Certification

Next Step: Update certification every 4 years, upgrade to higher Instructor level, add a new discipline & advance to Instructor Trainer (IT).

Topics Covered

We will examine ACA Instructor candidate's ability to meet teaching standards, skill-modeling and technical information for current ACA curriculums at the Instructor level challenged. This will be done through scenarios where candidates teach classes covering key elements of the required curriculum. Failure to meet challenged level may result in certification at a lower level, continuation for minor remediation/retesting or recommendation for classes and a new ICE.

Details and Requirements

Must be at least 18 years old and a current ACA Member and have paid SEI fee. Examination will consist of 2 to 4 full days depending on Instructor level. Candidates are expected to come with mastery of skills for level challenged as well as full knowledge of current curriculum and leadership requirements. Candidates should be prepared for on-water teaching scenarios with real students.

Basic Equipment includes a properly outfitted kayak or canoe with paddle and related safety equipment appropriate to level including PFD, spray skirt, paddle float, pump/bailer, sling and first aid kit. Higher levels may require tow belt, helmet, group support equipment, etc. Please inquire if you have equipment needs before the exam.

Personal Equipment Candidates should come equipped proper protective clothing for immersion under "at level" conditions while teaching skills. Items of personal responsibility include nose-clips, sunglasses, sunscreen, hat with visor, bug repellent, and spare (dry) clothing.

NOTE: We are not responsible for lost or damaged personal items. Plan to leave electronic keys, cell phones, etc. on shore or in a floating, waterproof container. Consider retention aids for prescription glasses, hats and other items dear to you.

Special Requirements

Bring a high energy level, persevering attitude and willingness to learn and help others have fun. Please advise us in advance of any personal issues so that we can prepare for special requirements. Let us know in confidence of any medical or physical issues prior to the start of class. We can accommodate most concerns.

| Costs and Fees | | |
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| Class Fee | Boat and Gear Rental | ACA Certification Card |
| Inquire | Available, Inquire | Upon successful completion |