

ACA

Adaptive Paddling Instructor Endorsement

Thoughts

I am an ACA Instructor and I want to work with disabled paddlers, helping them access to the water and learn to paddle.



Prerequisites: *ACA Instructor Certification in Canoe or Kayak.*

Next Step: *Adaptive Paddling Instructor Trainer Certification*

Topics Covered

This endorsement workshop teaches the medical, legal, and social aspects of disability, the risk-management, administrative, and programmatic issues as well as how to adapt teaching styles to meet the specific and unique needs of a paddler who has a disability in order to safely initiate or expand paddling programs to serve persons with disabilities.

Details and Requirements

Must be at least 18 years old and current ACA Member - only certified Instructors can receive endorsement. Workshop will consist of 2 to 4 full days depending on content. Candidates are expected to come with mastery of skills for level & discipline challenged & should review curriculum on ACA website before class. Candidates should be prepared for homework including preparation of detailed lesson plans to share with participants. Scenarios can include solo and group teaching modes.

Basic Equipment includes a properly outfitted kayak or canoe with paddle and related safety equipment including PFD, spray skirt, paddle float, pump, sling, tow-belt, first aid kit, etc. Please contact us in advance for equipment needs.

Personal Equipment Candidates should come equipped proper protective clothing for immersion under "at level" conditions while teaching skills. Some students prefer to use nose-clips, during immersion. Other items of personal responsibility include: 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

Class Fee	Boat and Gear Rental	ACA Certification Card
Inquire	Available, Inquire	Included with successful ICE