

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA VOYAGEUR CANOE TRAINING

NOW OPEN to NON-SCOUT AFFILIATED
ADULTS

The Voyageur Canoe Training Program was established in the Crossroads of America Council of the Boy Scouts of America following the tragic death of a youth in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area in the early 1960s. The youth's parents and local scout leaders established this program to provide adults and youth training and education in canoe safety and trip planning. The program is designed to reduce the potential of that tragedy being repeated. Through the years the training has been limited to only registered adult scout leaders but is now open to any adult over 18 as well as registered youth over 18.

WHAT'S COVERED

Canoe Safety

- *Paddle Craft Safety Certification.*
- *Safety Afloat.*
- *Safe swim Defense.*

Skills Instruction

- Basic & intermediate strokes.
- Canoe/paddle nomenclature.
- Reading water.
- Navigation Principles.
- Portage & carry techniques.
- 1st aid recommendations.
- Loading & unloading techniques.
- Map & compass basics.
- Knots.
- Trip planning.
- Equipment selection.
- Crew member selection.
- Training regime.
- Water rescues.
- PFD policies.
- On water communications.

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The Voyageur spring program is two weekends and takes place at Boy Scout Camp Belzer on the east side of Indianapolis utilizing the waters of Fall Creek and Geist Reservoir. The fall course will be a three day course using Camp Krietenstein using their lake and the Eel River. The program is designed to allow the adults to safely train their youth in proper canoeing techniques.

Weekend 1 Camp Belzer

Training on basic parts of the canoe and paddles

Practice on paddling strokes and techniques

Certification in *Safe Swim Defense* and *Safety Afloat*

Water practice on Fall Creek

Trip planning and crew selection

Weekend 2 Camp Belzer

Paddling on flat water on Geist Reservoir

Loading a canoe

Navigation practice

Canoe rescue techniques

Traversing the length of Geist

Portage techniques around Geist Dam

Travel down Fall Creek to Camp Belzer

The Camp Krietenstein course will consolidate the training into 3 days.

Over 50 years of training adult leaders and youth in canoe safety.

The Voyageur staff are certified in Paddle Craft Safety and have a combined experience of well over 200 treks into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of northern Minnesota, the Quetico Provincial Park of Canada and local treks to such destinations as the Manistee River in Michigan, the Current River in Missouri as well as most navigable Indiana rivers and streams. Our primary focus is to provide a safe strategy for teaching youth to have FUN canoeing.



Fall Creek

2016 Training Dates:

Camp Belzer

4/30 & 5/1 and 5/14 & 5/15

Camp Krietenstein

9/9, 10 & 11

Total Cost:

Registered scouters: \$90.00

Registered youth over 18: \$90.00

Non-affiliated adults: \$120.00

Includes all meals, canoe equipment, and training materials.

Requirements:

- 18 years of age.
- "Swimmer certification."
- Current physical.
- Liability waiver.

