

Q What Paddling Training does Scouts SA paddling team offer?

A Kayak and Canoe Flatwater training

Q Why should I attend paddling training?

- A**
- Adult - Endorsed Paddling Leader - Flatwater
 - Rover or Venturer OAS Stages or Vet Outdoor Leadership Certificate

Q What units do I have to complete to become an Endorsed Paddling Leader?

A Refer to training **Flow Charts**

- **Safe Participant**
- **Trained Participant**

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 waters in South Australia, as defined by the South Australian Government. Example of waterways that are defined as protected:

- Murray River (Excluding Lakes Alexandrina and albert)
- West Lakes
- Patawalonga
- SA Water Reservoirs

Refer to the BC 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 later FAQ
- There are some simple workbooks to complete
- Some 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 Is there any On Demand Learning (E-Learning)?

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| • 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 | |

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

Q How much does the course Cost and how do I pay?

A \$100/ Student through MyScout Event 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](#). Day 1 begins at 8:30 am. Workshops will be held during the evening. You can Stay overnight if you wish.
 - [Part 2 - Garden Island Boat Ramp](#). 8 am – 4pm.
 - Part 3 consists of an overnight journey starting for example at 8am near Blanchetown
 - There will be an additional online session

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 and wearing a Life Jacket or PFD.

Q Do I have to have my own boat, paddle and Life Jacket or 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 / bathers, Hat (sun smart compliant, remember hats generally don't float), Boating shoes (old sneakers or water shoes (recommended) NOT boots/waders/thongs/crocs), Other items may include - Sun Screen, Insect Repellent, Sun Glasses, Glasses retaining strap, Bag for wet Clothing, Towel, Sleeping gear. As well on the second weekend 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:

1. 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.
2. 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. You will be expected to undertake at least 20 hours per year for each craft type for endorsement. You will also be required to demonstrate your Canoeing and /or Kayaking skills every 3 years. You will also be required to maintain your First Aid and maintain your Scout membership
- Q When is the Next Canoe / Kayak Course?**
- A** Check the Q-Store [Paddling Page](#)