

APPLICATION FOR CANOE RENTAL & RELATED EQUIPMENT

Unit Number _____ District _____ requests the use of canoes and related equipment from Camp _____
 From (date) _____ Pick up Time: _____ To (date) _____ Return Time _____

 Your council is happy to make canoes available to Scout troops, Venturing Groups, and Explorer Posts on a rental basis at a nominal rate. In making available this equipment, the council Committee on Camping requires that each unit engaging in this fine type of program have the following:

1. **Qualified Supervision:** All activity afloat must be supervised by a mature and conscientious adult age 21 or older who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the well-being and safety of the children in his or her care, who is experienced and qualified in the particular watercraft skills and equipment involved in the activity, and who is committed to compliance with the nine points of BSA Safety Afloat. One such supervisor is required for each 10 people, with a minimum of two adults for any one group. At least one supervisor must be age 21 or older, and the remaining supervisors must be age 18 or older. All supervisors must complete BSA Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense training and rescue training for the type of watercraft to be used in the activity, and at least one must be trained in CPR. It is strongly recommended that all units have at least one adult or older youth member currently trained as a BSA lifeguard to assist in the planning and conducting of all activity afloat.

Certified Person _____ **Type of Certification** _____ **Exp.Date** _____

2. **Physical Fitness:** All persons must present evidence of fitness assured by a complete health history from a physician, parent or legal guardian, to the adult supervisor.
3. **Swimming ability:** All persons must be Scout swimmers to participate in an activity afloat.
4. **Person Flotation Equipment:** U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices (PFD) shall be properly worn by all persons engaged in activities afloat.
5. **Buddy System:** Is used for individuals and each craft should have a buddy boat.
6. **Skill Proficiency:** All participants in water afloat activities must be trained and practiced in watercraft handling skills, safety and emergency procedures. A Minimum of 3-hour training and supervising practice is required for unpowered watercraft.
7. **Planning:** A float plan must be filed with the council. Included in the Float Plan should be current maps and information about the waterway to be traveled. Know exactly where the unit will "put in" and "pull out", and what course will be followed.
8. **Equipment:** All equipment must be suited to the craft, to the water conditions, and the individual. To the extent possible, carry spare equipment. On long trips or when spare equipment is not available, carry repair materials. Have appropriate rescue equipment available for immediate use.
9. **Discipline:** All participants should know, understand, and respect the rules and procedures for safe unit activity afloat. The applicable rules should be presented and learned prior to the outing, and should be reviewed for all participants at the water's edge just before the activity begins.

The above procedures are detailed in Safety Afloat #19-173, set by the National Council, Boy Scouts of America.

REQUIRED...

Vehicles that are pulling canoe trailers must be equipped to supply electricity to trailer. The trailer hitch ball varies between camps:

Camp Mattatuck requires a 2" ball with one trailer that holds 8 canoes and the second holds 6 canoes.

JN Webster requires a 1" ball with one trailer that holds 6 canoes.

Camp Workcoeman requires a 1" ball with one trailer that holds 8 canoes.

Canoes are available from September 1st through June 15th.

A security deposit of \$150.00 per trailer and canoes is to be given at time of rental (this can be given via MasterCard or Visa, or check.) (Charges will not be charged to your credit card unless damage is incurred.) If canoes and trailer are returned without damage and all equipment is returned, your deposit will be returned.

The Connecticut Rivers Council does not maintain property insurance on its canoes, trailers, and equipment when it is off council property.

CANOES MUST BE PICKED UP NO LATER THAN 8 PM ON CHECKOUT DAY AND RETURNED BEFORE 8 PM ON THE DATE THEY ARE TO BE RETURNED.

Pay fees with submission of application. If equipment is not available, fee will be promptly refunded if cancellation occurs ten (10) days before pickup date - 75% of the fee will be refunded after that date. Reservations are not confirmed until fees have been paid.

	<u># Received</u>		<u># Returned</u>
No. _____ Canoes @ \$10.00 per day.....	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
No. _____ Trailer(s) @ \$20.00 per Trek.....	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
No. _____ Extra Paddles @ \$1.50 per day.....	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
No. _____ Extra Life Jackets @ \$1.50 per day.....	_____	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL FEES..... \$ _____			

*Minimum rental of 4 canoes per trailer in order to rent trailer.

ALL FEES ARE DOUBLED FOR NON-CONNECTICUT RIVERS COUNCIL SCOUT GROUPS. RESERVATIONS FOR NON-CONNECTICUT RIVERS COUNCIL SCOUT GROUPS ARE SUBJECT TO PREEMPTIVE, PREFERENTIAL BOOKING BY COUNCIL MEMBERS UP TO 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THEIR REQUESTED PICK-UP DATE.

A MINIMUM OF TWO LEADERS MUST ACCOMPANY EACH GROUP.

I hereby certify that all individuals participating in this trip are registered Scouts, Explorers, Scouters, and that members of our group have met and will abide by the standards set forth above and on the reverse side of this application. I will be responsible for all council equipment entrusted to me, using all possible care to see that misuse of the equipment does not occur. In the event damage occurs to any of this equipment, I will assume full financial responsibility to repair or replace any of the damaged or lost equipment. I agree and abide by the Safety Afloat #19-173 set by National Council, BSA and Connecticut Rivers Council, BSA.

1st Leader _____ Position: _____ Telephone #: _____

Address: _____ Drivers License #: _____

Tow Car Insurance: _____

2nd Leader: _____ Position: _____ Telephone # _____

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

Date application received in council _____ By _____

Reservation confirmed _____ Receipt # _____ Fee _____

Signature

Equipment Received (signature)

Equipment Returned (signature)