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| ***Scouts BSA VOYAGEUR CANOE/KAYAK TRAINING***  ***Crossroads of America Council*** NOW OPEN to NON-SCOUT AFFILIATED ADULTS**The Voyageur Canoe/Kayak 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 had 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 COVEREDCanoe Safety  * ***Paddle Craft Safety***   ***Certification- Canoe***  **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.** * **Life jacket policies.** * **On water communications.** * **Canoe MB instructor status**  For an application contact: David Bardos- Voyageur Director  Phone: 317-518-7215  [david.bardos@att.net](mailto:david.bardos@att.net)  [www.voyageurbsa.org](http://www.voyageurbsa.org)  On-line registration at:  www.crossroadsbsa.org | |  | | . |  | |  | | --- | | ***Vpat1VOYAGEUR ADULT***  ***CANOE/KAYAK TRAINING***  ***2020*** | |  | |  | |  | |

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| The Voyageur 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 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**  **Water practice on Fall Creek**  **Trip planning and crew selection**  **Discussion of equipment options**  **Camping at Belzer Saturday night** |  |  | **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**  *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. Additionally, several staff members are ACA certified trainers.** |  |  | **Fall Creek**  **2020 Training Dates:**  **Camp Belzer**  **5/2 & 5/3 and 5/16 & 5/17**  **Optional Kayaking if desired 5/23**  **Paddle Craft Safety Recertification 5/16**  **Total Cost: $150.00**  **Ask about scholarships**  **Early Bird: Before April 15th $130.00**  **Includes all meals, canoe equipment, painter rope, cord and sponge, Voyageur T-shirt, small dry bag, and training materials.**  **Optional Kayaking an additional $25.00**  **Requirements:**   * **18 years of age.** * **“Swimmer certification.”** * ***Current certification in Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat*** * **Current BSA physical. (A & B)** * **Liability waiver.** |