

For Scout Adults of Troops, Crews & Ships who wish to lead youth on canoeing, kayaking, or rafting trips on lakes, and rivers. Ability to pass BSA Swimmer Test is required. No prior knowledge of canoeing is necessary.

# CANOE SAFETY & HANDLING COURSES

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**Safe Swim Defense & Safety Afloat certification required prior taking courses.**

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## PART 1: *Flat-water Basics*

### *BSA Canoe Paddle Craft Safety Certification*

**April 26, 2025** Saturday 8:30 am to 5 pm at Lake Crabtree

**Cost:** \$20.00 per person -- to be collected on April 26

*Learn basic paddling skills, group planning for flat water activities, and methodologies to teach youth the fundamentals of canoeing from the Council's aquatics experts. Become certified in Canoe Paddle Craft Safety, Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat programs. Learn whitewater transition strokes and SAFETY FIRST attitudes. Hard work but great fun!*

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## PART 2: *Whitewater Basics\**

**May 9-11, 2025** Friday evening 6 – 9 pm (no overnight camping)

Saturday & Sunday at 2 local class I and II rivers

**Cost:** \$40.00 per person -- to be collected on May 9

*Practical training and experience in Whitewater Merit Badge skills on the Cape Fear and/or Haw Rivers. Learn SAFETY, trip planning, how to maneuver Class I and II rapids, manage a group on running water and rescue techniques. This is a course designed to train leaders how to safely take Scouts on river trips.*

[Arrangements for lodging can be made through T. Stalker for out of town Scouters]

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\* Completion of BSA "Canoe Paddle Craft Safety" is required for Whitewater Basics

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