Dear Parents & Guardians,

Thank you for booking your child’s kayaking camp with us! Please review the information in this package and have your child arrive to the session with the recommended gear and paperwork complete.

About the Camp:
Our goal is for your child to have a great time at the beach and on the water. We will spend the week paddling, exploring the coastline, and making new friends. Campers get the opportunity to paddle their very own sea kayak, learn how to capsize and get back into their kayaks and develop their paddling skills in a safe, fun environment.

- In the “Fun Camp” for 7-9 year olds we will spend time on the water in kayaks, but also on the beach where we will be exploring the inter-tidal area and learn about what lives in and around the ocean
- In the “Beginner Camp” for youth 10 and up we will attempt Paddle Canada Basic Kayaking certification based on the participant’s skill level. However due to the unpredictable weather and ocean conditions we cannot guarantee certification.
- In our “Coastal Adventure” full-day camp for 9-12 year olds we will spend half the day on the water kayaking (attempting Paddle Canada Basic Kayaking certification) and the other half on the beach and in the park learning about the intertidal area, practice navigation and orienteering and playing games, bonding and connecting with each other.
- In our “Intermediate Skills Camp” for 12 -15 year olds we will move into more advanced kayaking skills as well as trip planning skills. We will attempt to certify participants with Paddle Canada Level 1 certification based on their skill level. However due to the unpredictable weather and ocean conditions we cannot guarantee certification. Please note that participants must have achieved Paddle Canada Basic Certification before signing up for the Intermediate Skills Camp.

On Fridays we will end each camp with a Potluck-style BBQ. On the first day of camp we will ask campers or parents to sign up for a food or drink item that they will bring and share with the group.

Safety
Part of learning how to kayak is to learn how to safely tip over and exit the boat. All our participants must wear Coast Guard approved personal floatation devices. Programs are run in calm conditions, but conditions may change unexpectedly. If the conditions are deemed to be unsafe by the instructor they will stay on shore and take the opportunity to learn about the coastline, intertidal area and to play games.

All our Instructors are Paddle Canada certified and are trained in first aid. Each Instructor has been specifically trained and has experience with leading groups on the water. Instructors may recall a group or individual off the water if conditions dictate. Some of our criteria are:

1. Unsafe paddling conditions (wind and waves, thunder storms, lightning)
2. Behavioural challenges (participants not following Instructors’ directions)
3. Program not appropriate for particular participants
Every effort is made by Jericho Beach Kayak and its Instructors to provide a wonderful program. Kayaking has its risks. Every Instructor is trained in risk assessment and mitigation. If you see something that concerns you while you are at our facility, then please bring this to the attention of the attending Lead Instructor or myself. We are sure that your child will have an enjoyable experience with Jericho Beach Kayak Centre so that we may see you and your family for decades to come.

Paperwork:
At the end of this package you will find two forms to fill out.
- The first form (Jericho Beach Kayak Centre Informed Consent and Acknowledgement of Risk) needs to be filled out for each participant.
- The second form (Paddle Canada Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk) only needs to be filled out for participants in the Beginner Skills, Intermediate Skills, and Coastal Adventure camps.

Please note that without signed paperwork we cannot let participants join us on the water.

What to Bring
It is very important that participants dress appropriately for the camp. Their comfort level will dictate how much they learn and how much they enjoy the course.

- Bathing Suit & Towel – to wear under a wetsuit
- Sandals or wet shoes – they will be walking in the water – No flip flops please
- Clothing that is quick drying nylon or synthetic – no cotton or jeans
- Nutritious big lunch – either ready to eat for a full day course or already eaten for an afternoon course
- Water bottle
- Full change of clothes & footwear – to go home in if they get wet
- Waterproof rain jacket with hood, or warm sweater or light jacket (weather dependent)
- Sun hat, sunscreen, sunglasses with secured neck string
- On Friday: Food to share for the potluck

Please dress appropriately for the weather each day!

What We Provide

- Kayaks, Paddles & all Coast Guard required safety gear
- Long leg, tank top style wetsuits (although you are welcome to bring your own)
- Access to drinking water (to refill water bottles)
- Storage space for spare clothing and valuables

Location
Camps occur at Jericho Beach Kayak Centre.
We are located in the **North East corner** of the Jericho Sailing Centre compound at 1300 Discovery St, Vancouver. Ample pay parking is available in the adjacent lot. Please come around the eastern side of the compound (adjacent to the park) to our location (see map attached).

Thanks for enrolling your child in our programs, and please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Happy Paddling!

Eva Lange
School Director
INFORMED CONSENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK
To be completed by parents or legal guardians of youth (under the age of 19) participating in Kayaking Lessons/Tours/Rentals with Jericho Beach Kayak Centre

The activities offered at Jericho Beach Kayak Centre are designed to pose appropriate challenges to participants. While we strive to manage risk, it is not possible, or desirable to eliminate all risks. The choice to participate in any program, activity, tour or rental is made freely and with an understanding of the associated benefits, risks and responsibilities.

JERICHO BEACH KAYAK CENTRE LIMITED does hereby lease the equipment herein described and conducts lessons, tours, and rentals on the following terms and conditions:

1: I, the undersigned freely and willingly give permission for (print participant name) ______________________________ to participate in kayaking lessons/tours/rentals. I recognize the hazards of boating and the marine environment which can include but are not limited to; wind, currents, collision with motorboat traffic, collisions with other paddlers, waves, drowning, hypothermia, physical injury, repetitive strain injury and changing weather conditions. I recognize that there is, at all times, a risk of capsize and that communication and response times can differ when compared to an urban setting. I understand that I may contact Jericho Beach Kayak Centre in advance with any questions about the activity and or risks involved.

2: I agree that participation in a Jericho Beach Kayak Centre program requires the Participant to:
   • Be responsible for following instructions of Jericho Beach Kayak Centre Staff, Guides and Instructors. Failure to do so may result in removal from the program, in which case, alternate care arrangements may be required.
   • Be responsible for their own actions in regards to safety on the water.
   • Be responsible for their own personal belongings and valuable items. Jericho Beach Kayak Centre is not responsible for any personal belongings left at our near our facility before, during or after any program.
   • Assume the above risks and accept responsibility and costs for all damages and loss resulting from their participation.

3: I agree that this agreement shall in all respects be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and other governing bodies in this province such as Transport Canada.

Current Date: YYY MM DD  Program/Rental Date: YYY MM DD
Legal Name of Participant: ______________________________  Date of Birth: YYY MM DD
Emergency Contact Name: ______________________________  Relationship: ______________________________
Emergency Contact Number: ______________________________
Allergies/Medications ______________________________  Swimming Ability: Good __  Fair __  Poor __

Does your child have any medical/physical/emotional/learning needs that our staff could be made aware of to better prepare for the program. i.e injuries, physical limitations, fears, etc.?

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Parent/Guardian Name: ______________________________  Parent/Guardian Signature: ______________________________
The parent/guardian of the participant must agree to and sign this agreement before the Minor participates in any Paddle Canada course.

WARNING: THIS AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE. READ CAREFULLY.

In consideration for the opportunity for the Minor Participant (the “Minor”) to participate in an educational kayaking, canoeing, or stand-up paddle-boarding course, training or any related activity (“Paddlesports”), ON BEHALF OF THE MINOR I HEREBY AGREE, ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATE THAT:

1. I am the Parent/Guardian of the Minor and am executing this waiver on behalf of the Minor in my capacity as Parent/Guardian and with the intent that this waiver be binding on myself and the Minor for all legal purposes.

2. I and the Minor assume all risk and release and hold harmless Paddle Canada, Paddle Canada Instructors, Paddle Canada Instructor-Trainers and their officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, volunteers, premises and vessels (collectively, the “Releasees”) from any legal or equitable claims, demands, debts, law suits or causes of action that our estates, heirs, survivors, executors, or assigns may have had in the past, have now or may have in the future for any and all injury, disability, death, loss or damage to person or property, howsoever caused, including but not limited to the risks described in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of this Agreement, or by negligence, gross negligence, breach of contract or breach of any duty imposed by the common law or statute.

3. I acknowledge on behalf of the Minor, the Minor’s obligation to immediately inform the Releasees if the Minor feels any pain, fatigue, discomfort or other symptoms during and immediately after the Minor's participation in the paddlesports.

4. By entering into this Agreement, I am not relying on any oral or written representations made by the Releasees, other than what is set out in this Agreement. This Agreement is the entire agreement on liability between the Releasees and the signing party (“Releasor”). No other terms may be incorporated into this Agreement. If any provision of the Agreement is found to be unenforceable, the remaining terms shall be enforceable. Litigation arising from this Agreement will be commenced in the province/territory that the activity was undertaken in.

HAZARDS AND RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH PADDLESPORTS OR PADDLE CANADA COURSES

5. Risk of injury from the activity and equipment utilized in paddlesports, swimming, and related land or water activities is significant and includes the potential for broken bones, drowning, injuries related to exposure to natural elements, contagions and man-made pollutants, severe injuries to the head, neck, and back, or other bodily injuries that may result in permanent disability or death.

6. Potential causes of injury include, but are not limited to rolling over or sinking of a vessel, whether intentional or unintentional; water hydraulics, rapids, currents, swells, waves, water/wetness, debris, cold weather, cold water, lightning or other natural forces; camping, animal attacks, portaging or other similar activities; my own negligence or the negligence of others, including that of the Releasees, which may include misjudgments of terrain, rapids, weather or route choice.

7. I understand that this description of potential risks is not complete and that unknown or unanticipated risks may result in injury, illness, or death.

I confirm that I have had sufficient time to read and understand this waiver in its entirety, and have agreed to the terms freely and voluntarily without inducement. I understand that this waiver is binding on me and the Minor, our heirs, assigns, and legal representatives.

Minor’s Name ____________________________ Parent/Guardian Name ____________________________ Parent/Guardian Signature ____________________________

Date (D/M/Y) _______________ City/Town ____________________________ Address ____________________________ Postal Code ____________________________ Prov/Terr ____________________________ Telephone ____________________________

Email: ____________________________ Witness: ____________________________ Signature: ____________________________

Age of Minor: □ 10 and under, □ 10-13, □ 13-16, □ 16+

If the Minor has any relevant medical conditions, please describe them on the back of this page and inform your instructor. www.paddlecanada.com / 1-888-252-6292 / PO Box 126, Kingston, ON, K7L 4V6
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