

ACSKG Leadership Course

Industry Sanctioned ACSKG Assistant Guide Leadership course for those wanting to work as professional sea-kayaking guides in Canada.

Trip Overview

Sanctioned by the Association of Canadian Sea-Kayaking Guides, this course offers participants entry-level guide certification for the commercial sea-kayaking industry. The course goes the extra mile in length and intensity, combined with innovative teaching methods, to provide students with the necessary skills and information to get a head-start in securing an apprenticeship in the industry. Content includes such topics as: kayaking safety and rescue techniques, risk management, marine navigation, route planning, menu and food preparation, equipment maintenance, communication skills, group dynamics, outdoor instruction techniques, surf landing and launching, paddling skills, and weather assessment. This course is highly demanding and requires full commitment from participants for the entire 8 days.

8 days Advanced Sea Kayaking

Difficulty Level: Difficult (experience required)

Scheduled Start Dates 2002

April 20

May 11



Course Cost

Cdn\$ \$1195

Cdn\$ \$1095 with own kayak

Included

- Two certified ACSKG instructors / guides
- Double and single high-quality fiberglass sea kayaks, lifejackets, paddles, spray skirts, tents, and any other group gear necessary for instruction.
- All food - students will be taught some of the secrets to gourmet camp cooking and will take turns preparing meals for the rest of the group. Various practical methods of cooking will be covered, including baking, stove and camp fire techniques, as well as safety considerations.

Not Included

- Transportation from Nanaimo (on Vancouver Island) to the kayak launch point and from the kayak takeout back to Nanaimo.
- Personal effects, i.e. sleeping bag and pad. An equipment list will be provided upon registration.

- All learning tools required for the course, including charts and compass, etc. A full pre-trip list will be provided with registration package. A personal wetsuit or dry suit is mandatory for outer west coast travel.
- 7% Goods and Services Tax (Non-Canadian residents may apply for a GST rebate).

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Itinerary

Day 0 Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive Tofino - Green Point camp ground –Pacific Rim National Park – @ 4 pm sharp • Introduction & pre-trip briefing • Getting to know everyone • Preparation for early morning departure: packing food etc. • Overnight in campground - tenting
Day 1 Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety and pre-launch briefing • Early morning departure out of Tofino • Overnight at camp - tenting
Day 2 – 7 Sunday—Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early morning departures • On the water classroom: navigation and group leadership • Participants take turns at leading the group --utilizing the progression of navigation and safety skills that are added to on a daily basis • Evening debrief sessions
Day 8 Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-morning landing back to Tofino • Post-trip debriefing and final farewell

Further Information

Instructors

Instructors and guides who lead and facilitate the course are all qualified as Lead Guides with the ACSKG - at least one will be sanctioned as a Guide Instructor. The course syllabus has been approved by the Association and covers the required curriculum.

All of the guides have a keen interest and love for outdoor education, whether they are professional teachers or instructors - they all share the perspective that participants are most receptive to learning when they are fully engaged and challenged.

Group Size and Safety

We have deliberately kept our maximum group size to 10 participants (depending on the mix of single and double kayaks this maximum may be 8). The instructor to participant ratio never drops below 1 to 5. Safety is always the #1 priority on the course, so even though participants share the guide roles, the instructors ultimately maintain a high level of safety. Participants are screened for their skills and abilities before being permitted on the course. There is a zero tolerance to drugs and alcohol.

Course Location

Clayoquot Sound has been chosen as the location for the course for many reasons. It has a good combination of surf (which is a required component of all guide courses), rugged shoreline, dynamic currents and tides, and small islands and islets in which navigation and hard guiding skills can be effectively taught and practiced.

Getting to the Course

Getting to Tofino is relatively easy. Participants can either arrive by regular scheduled bus to Tofino or by their own transportation. Arrangements can be made through our office for rides and car pooling options. It is important that each participant arrives the afternoon before the trip starts. We will introduce the course, define our expectations and pack for an early start the next morning. The meeting time is **4pm sharp** at the **Green Point camp ground –Pacific Rim National Park**

Additional Equipment

In addition to our standard personal equipment list that you will receive, participants will also be encouraged to bring a farmer john wetsuit or full dry-suit. In a controlled scenarios guide candidates will be required to perform rescues without wetsuits or dry-suits.

Contact Us for Further Questions

If you have further questions or there is something that you couldn't quite understand or you have special needs or concerns please get contact us at the following address:

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Course Application

Please answer the following questions and fax or email the responses to us along with your resume of outdoor and kayaking experience.

What does it mean to you to be a guide –define a guide's role in a commercial setting?

Why are you considering guiding as a career path?