

SNCKC

Responsibilities of Individual Paddlers

Participants on SNCKC-sponsored events accept certain obligations and responsibilities to make the trip safe and enjoyable for all involved and should:

Notify the Trip Leader of intent to join the trip preferably at least three days prior to the event.

Get and understand all pertinent information about the trip from the Trip Leader and provide information about personal medical conditions or physical limitations.

Provide an honest assessment of personal boating skills and capabilities.

Arrive at the designated launch site far enough ahead to be ready to launch on time.

Notify the Trip Leader ASAP if you find you cannot go on the trip.

Be properly clothed and equipped.

Be prepared to participate in a car shuttle at the beginning and end of the trip, if required.

Advise any guest you may wish to bring that he or she must personally contact the Trip Leader, so the Leader can assess the guest's skill level and equipment. Advise the guest as to the club's PFD, clothing requirements, and other safety requirements.

On the water stay with the group and do not leave it without notifying the Leader that you are no longer a member of the trip. Stay behind the Leader and ahead of the sweep boat.

Advise the Leader of concerns regarding site safety or water or weather conditions.

Wear a USCG-approved PFD, fastened and worn snugly, preferably with an attached whistle at all times when on the water.

Stay a reasonable distance from any capsized craft or paddler whose safety is at risk, and follow directions of the designated rescue person(s). A reasonable distance is far enough to not be in the way and close enough to hear instructions and respond if needed.

Have a great paddle!!