Kayak Instruction Excellence - KIX!

Andree Hurley is an American Canoe Association Certified Instructor Trainer in coastal and whitewater kayaking, and a firefighter/emergency medical technician. Her background includes over twenty years experience teaching and guiding. She has led or participated on trips in Chile (including a solo expedition on the Futaleufu River), Bolivia (Lake Titicaca), Baja, New Zealand's Bay of Islands, Hong Kong, Alaska, and of course, in the northwest!



She is the Divisional Instructional Facilitator and a board member of the ACA, access chair for the Washington Kayak Club and a former board member of the Trade Association of Paddlesports, WA Water Trails and WA State Park Safety Council.

Andree's specializes in planning customized clinics for groups and in giving personal attention.

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Comments:

Instructor Training

A lot of people talk about experiential learning and good teaching, but many fail to model it in workshops. Andree set the stage and then got out of the way. Everyone in the group, from a variety of backgrounds and experience levels, jumped in and participated. Experienced people learned a lot, and those with less experience came away knowing what they didn't know without being belittled. Throughout the course, safety was prioritized and maintained."

Steve Hindman, Owner, Great Adventure (Bellingham), Director - Stevens Pass Ski School

"...judged against this background, Andree is an exceptional trainer. What stood out was how she managed to draw very little attention to herself while still transferring a considerable amount of knowledge and experience to the participants. She did this by providing the environment, facilities, and resources to enable us to learn through direct experience of the material.

Outdoor Program Director, International School, Hong Kong

Great teacher, great class. Adapts to situation. Allows student teachers to discover through doing.

Deception Pass-Great scenarios for rescues, lots of learning opportunities. I really gained confidence in faster moving water...eddy-turns and ferry angles. Good team building.

Touring-Andrée was an excellent leader. She has a great deal of experience which made the trip all that much better. Knowledgeable, expert, patient, easy to understand her instructions.

Whitewater-Andree has exceptional knowledge of paddling techniques (strokes, water reading, rescue). She is also good at judging one's ability and not exceeding their comfort zone.

Pool-You've a wonderful presence in the classroom setting. It's obvious that you are telling your own story from successful experience and not reading someone else's script. I particularly admired the way in which you worked with students. In the distant future your students may not remember what you said, but they will remember how you made them feel.

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Whitewater and Coastal Kayaking



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Introduction to Kayaking-Three hours
A basic safety course for those that want to paddle!

Basic Sea Kayaking

An intensive one day course which introduces you to the kayak, gear, paddle strokes, rescues, a bit of navigation, tides and currents!

Strokes and Maneuvers

Work on a more fluid and powerful forward stroke. Discover a hip snap that will spin your kayak on a dime! Work with a great drill sequence to master bracing. All strokes lead to the roll. Video taping is available.

Learning Mainstream Rescues

With a variety of rescues techniques under your belt you can decide which one to use in most situations! Practice the paddle float, bow rescue, T-Rescue and more!

Deception Pass

Working with Currents

In this intermediate clinic we will begin with a quick study of the effect of tides and currents, and apply this to the San Juan Islands and Deception Pass. We will review strokes and rescues set out to find some current!

Intermediate Sea Kavaking

Play with surf, wind and rocky outcroppings. Weather dependent.

San Juan Islands - Custom Trips Instructionally based - contribute to gourmet meals while navigating the outer islands.

Beginning Rivers and Whitewater



One to four days. Call for dates, private lessons available

Snoqualamie River

American Canoe Association Coastal Kayaking Instructor Development Workshop

This course models the exam, and it's fun! Practice teaching topics utilizing various teaching techniques, become involved in different feedback processes, refine and have your strokes video taped, get involved in scenarios in wind and current.



Continental breakfast, lunch onyour-own, group dinners will be coordinated.

Textbook included: *Coastal Topic Outline* book from University of Diluth Outdoor Program.

American Canoe Association Coastal Kayaking Instructor Certification Exam



Stretching before surfing at La Push, WA

Certification is not a rubber stamp; it is earned through hard work on your part. With great modelling, teaching, knowledge, comfort on the water and three consecutive rolls, an ACA certification is a feather in your cap!

American Canoe Association Whitewater Kayaking Instructor Certification Workshop

Same as above, but on a local river.

Ferrying on the

Spokane River



Private Lessons Team Building Group Rates Available



Teaching in Hong Kong Province

Create a clinic near you!
Past clinics and courses in Alaska, Florida,
New York, Mexico and Hong Kong!

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