



AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION
River Kayak Trip Leading Assessment Course Certification
Check List

Date _____

Candidate Name & ACA # _____

IT Name & ACA # _____

I. Qualities of a responsible Trip Leader:

- a. Manages group and instruction effectively; takes no unnecessary risks; decisions reflect safe boating practices and sound leadership.
- b. Models safe behavior analyzes student's conditions; recognizes and avoids unsafe situations/hazards.
- c. Communicates safety-related issues with emphasis, in a clear and concise manner
- d. Competent paddler
- e. Communication Skills
- f. Reading water & route determination
- g. Safety Competence and awareness
- h. Discipline awareness

Rating: Weak _____ Satisfactory _____ Good _____

Comments:

II. Trip Preparation and Planning

- a. Prepared Trip Plan
- b. Prepared Put-In Talk
- c. Awareness and knowledge of trip plan and float plan details
- d. Group Organization skills & awareness off- and on-water

Over Rating: Weak _____ Satisfactory _____ Good _____

Comments:

III. Basic paddling Skills on Moving Water:

- a. Ability to maneuver effectively in Class I water ,upstream and down stream
- b. General Boat Control in Class I water
- c. Eddy turns & peel outs
- d. Front & back ferries
- e. Side-slips
- f. Effectively teaches paddling skills to students

Rating: Weak _____ Satisfactory _____ Good _____

Comments:

IV. Rescue and Recovery:

- a. Self Rescue ability and knowledge
- b. Shoreline Rescue: Extension, wading, throw Rope.
- c. Boat Rescues Knowledge and ability: tow, bump, tired swimmer, boat over, side by side
- d. Boat recovery and pins. Knowledge and ability

Rating: Weak _____ Satisfactory _____ Good _____
Comments:

Conclusion: Over all Rating: Weak _____ Satisfactory _____ Good _____
To be Deferred _____
Comments: