

Westover Guider Skills Day

Registration is open!

Are you a Unit Guider looking for end-of-Guiding-year inspiration? Or maybe you're looking to bring your unit camp to the next level? Join us for **Guider Skills Day at [Camp Westover](#)** where you will:

- learn or brush up on canoe paddling skills,
- understand what it takes to day-trip or camp at Westover, and
- wander with facilitators for an in-depth site orientation.

Bring adventure back into Guiding!

What? The goal of this adult-only, in-person training is to give Guiders in Calgary and surrounding Areas the confidence to introduce Camp Westover to their units and sister Guiders, particularly for canoeing and introduction to ****wilderness** camping. Three types of sessions will be offered:

- 1) **[Paddle Canada Waterfront Canoe Skills Clinic](#)** – this clinic will be adapted to your experience level:
 - “New” * - Guiders new to canoeing (*or have not canoed in a long time*),
 - “Beginner” * - Guiders with some canoe experience to get ready for an Intermediate level canoe course, and
 - “Intermediate” - Current canoe certified facilitators with GGC wishing to improve skills.
*** THIS CLINIC DOES NOT CERTIFY YOU TO TAKE GGC YOUTH CANOEING**
- 2) **Orientation to Camp Westover ****- this is particularly for Guiders who are new to Camp Westover, but good for everyone planning to take girls out to this wilderness site. The site orientation will include a standard orientation of Westover, multiple ways to treat water in the wilderness, discussion of safely dealing with weather, bears, other hazards in the foothills and more.

**** If you need more information on the camping experience required, please contact westovercanoe@gmail.com**

- 3) **OAL Foundation: Getting Outside with Introduction to Wilderness Camping** - we will cover topics specific to Camp Westover such as additional considerations required for planning; clothing; equipment; food; outdoor program; canoe program; safety and Safe Guide forms and wilderness camping protocols.

Who? Open only to adult members

- registration limited due to COVID-19 protocols.
- participants must have a Swim Test or PFD Check for Boating registered in iMIS.

When? Sunday, May 30 or Saturday, June 26

- On-site 9:00am – 4:00 pm – **no late arrivals or early departures will be allowed.**
- (COVID-19/wind/rain alternate date: Sunday, June 27)

Cost? \$15 registration fee + your own food / water / cooking gear. *If cancelled due to COVID-19 protocols or weather or your inability to attend if the rain/wind date is required, full refunds will be provided.*

Special Considerations

Accessibility – ENTRANCE and DOCK sites are accessible via a rough, sometimes muddy trail and over a narrow boardwalk or through a shallow stream. Please contact westovercanoe@gmail.com to discuss options and requirements to join this activity if you have accessibility concerns.

Accommodation may be made for alternate transportation into DOCK site and out in the case of emergency. Access to all camp sites at Westover may not be able to be accommodated due to no visible path / uneven terrain / steep slope.

We are committed to ensuring that the event is accessible for everyone. Is there anything we need to know to ensure that you are comfortable at the event and can participate fully?

COVID-19 - We will follow GGC's "[Return to In-Person Guiding](#)" and [AHS COVID-19 protocols](#). You will be required to wear a mask and use hand sanitizer / sanitizing wipes while handling the canoes and getting fitted with paddles, PFDs, and follow all other protocols at the time of the event. If you are feeling unwell within 14 days of the event, we ask that you consider "[Can I go to Guiding if ...?](#)". Everyone is required to fill out the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Checklist](#) 24 hours in advance of this event.

Register for just one session based on your canoe experience level:

- 1) Sunday, May 30
 - a. [May 30: New to Canoeing](#) (8 spots)
 - b. [May 30: Beginner Canoeist](#) (8 spots)
 - c. [May 30: Intermediate Canoeist](#) (9 spots)
- 2) Saturday, June 26
 - a. [June 26: New to Canoeing](#) (8 spots)
 - b. [June 26: Beginner Canoeist](#) (8 spots)
 - c. [June 26: Intermediate Canoeist](#) (9 spots)

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