

Boating in Calgary Area

This is a tip sheet for Guiders about opportunities for doing boating such as canoeing, kayaking, sailing and standup paddle boarding in Calgary Area. Girls of all ages are allowed to do some boating. There are options for indoors and outdoors so boating can happen year-round!

General Boating Information

Safe Guide divides boating into two major categories as follows. Each category has vastly different rules in Safe Guide. Make sure you are reading the correct rules!

- (1) Third Party Service Provider (TPSP) boating: TPSP boating refers to situations where you hire an external business/organization to run the boating for you. The TPSP is directly responsible for the care and management of the group and its members. TPSP boating rules are on pages 113-115.
- (2) GGC Managed Boating: GGC managed boating refers to situations where GGC members or non-member activity facilitators are directly responsible for organizing and running the boating. GGC managed boating rules are on pages 113 and 116-129.

The [A to Z Guide](#) on the Alberta Council website is a very handy quick reference guide for which forms you need for different types of boating. In general, TPSP boating is a lot simpler than GGC managed boating.

Supervision ratios are different for boating than for other activities. The ratios only apply to GGC supervisors. A TPSP determines the ratio for their staff.

Assessors are always happy to answer questions and give advice in advance.

Contact safeguideadviser@albertagirlguides.com

Third Party Service Provider Boating

Safe Guide Tips for TPSP Boating

- Participants do NOT require a boating/swim test for TPSP boating but the RG has to let the TPSP know who is a weak swimmer or has fears, etc.
- TPSP Boating in a public pool where the facility provides aquatic supervision is green. You still need an SG4 specific to the activity and you still have to follow the SG7 procedures on pages 74/75 but that's all. You do not need to get proof of insurance or do any other paperwork.
- TPSP Boating that is near shore (i.e. within 100m of shore) AND non-motorized AND has an easily accessible shoreline AND is within one hour of EMS response is yellow. This applies to all of the outdoor TPSP boating suggestions listed in this document.
- Open water, moving water, whitewater and/or including overnights with your boating is more complicated. Refer to Safe Guide.
- TPSP Boating forms have to be submitted to the assessor 21 days prior for both yellow and red.
- As per Safe Guide, the RG is responsible for getting proof of \$2 million liability insurance from the TPSP. We can't do this for you.



TPSP Aquabatics www.aquabaticscalgary.com

Aquabatics Calgary runs pool, lake and flatwater kayak sessions for all ages. Suitable for Sparks, Brownies, Guides and beyond. Certified instructors run safe, fun and educational on-water sessions which can be tailored to work for most group sizes and age ranges. We run programs year round, using local pools in the 'frozen' months. Pricing varies based on numbers, duration and location but ranges from about \$24 - \$35 per paddler. Leaders are typically free of charge. Email courses@aquabatics.com

TPSP Bow Waters Canoe Club www.bowwaters.org

Will customize group canoe lessons for Girl Guide units. Ideal for an evening meeting during May, June or September. Canoeing takes place on man-made pond in Carburn Park (67 Riverview Drive SE) so it's super convenient. Cost is \$50 per hour per 10 participants. Most units book 1.5 – 2 hours. Contact bwcclessons@gmail.com

TPSP Calgary Yacht Club <https://calgaryyachtclub.wildapricot.org/>

Offer sailing lessons on Lake Chestermere. They will customize an affordable program to suit the unit. Sample rate is \$45pp for full day of sailing (6 hours). Camping facilities are available if interested in overnight.

TPSP Glenmore Sailing Club www.glenmoresailingclub.com/girlguides

Introduction to Sailing course is offered for all ages but best for Guides and older. Offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and weekends in May and June. Course is 3 hours long with 2 hours of land instruction and 1 hour in the sail boat. Cost is \$30 per sailor.

TPSP Undercurrents www.undercurrents.ca

Undercurrents offers lessons for canoe, kayak and standup paddleboard (SUP) from basic beginner lessons right up to instructor courses. Lessons are for all ages. Leaders must be on the water with the girls. Kayak lessons are indoors at MRU pool. Canoe lessons are on the Glenmore reservoir or Harmony Lake (approx. 20 minutes west of COP). SUP lessons are on Harmony Lake.

Custom outdoor session for Girl Guides is \$350 for 10 people for about 2.5 hours. Undercurrents provides the instructor, boats and delivery to the teaching site. Pool based lessons cost substantially more.

TPSP University of Calgary

Indoor boat/canoe safety badge session at U of C pool on Sundays from 6-8 pm. Flat rate cost \$550 for up to 12 participants. Cannot accommodate more than 12 participants. Best for Guides and older. Includes rental of half of pool, certified instructors and equipment.

Outdoor group lessons for canoeing or kayaking at Bowness Park lagoon. Cost \$50/hour/instructor, minimum 3 hours. Canoeing ratio is 1 instructor:10 students. Kayaking ratio is 1 instructor:8 students.

GGC has a master agreement with the UofC. This means that if the Guider fills out [Appendix B](#) and gets it signed using the normal GGC contract signing process then parents do NOT have to sign UofC informed consents and waivers. Guiders still have to follow all normal Safe Guide rules and paperwork. Book programs through the Custom Programs Coordinator, 403-220-4205, swapple@ucalgary.ca



GGC Managed Boating at Westover

Safe Guide Tips for GGC Managed Boating at Westover

Canoeing at Westover is yellow. You must submit a WA.1 form with the rest of your package.

Everyone who uses a canoe must have a 'swim test for boating' or 'swim test' or equivalent listed on their iMIS profile. Use WA.2 or WA.3 in Safe Guide forms.

Ask questions of the experienced Westover team at westovercanoe@gmail.com.

Canoe Rental at Westover

Book canoes through the Calgary Area Guide office at facilitybooking@calgarygirlguides.com or phone the Facility Booking Coordinator at 403-283-8348, extension 226.

Rental fee is \$15 per half day per canoe, paid by cheque in advance. If you book the canoes but the wind is too high to use them then you will get your cheque returned.

You or your canoe facilitator must pick up a canoe key from the Guide office before you head out. The boat shed has a padlock opened with key #9 but the padlock on the canoes themselves is different!

Westover Canoe Facilitators

Contact westovercanoe@gmail.com to book a volunteer GGC canoe facilitator and receive an information package and guidance.

Each facilitator can supervise up to 10 people at a time with maximum 25 people on the lake at once.

Facilitators appreciate having their mileage paid. This can range from \$40 to \$60 depending where the facilitator lives. Most facilitators prefer to work in pairs. They will often car pool.

