


**VOYAGEUR CANOE
TRAINING FOR YOUTH
CAC BSA**

New for 2019

The Voyageur Canoe Training Program is launching a new and exciting training program designed specifically for our scouting youth. The focus will be on training youth in proper canoeing techniques, trip planning, navigation principles, and the skills necessary for leading and executing a high adventure canoe trip with their units. The program will replicate the highly successful adult program that has been in operation in the Crossroads Council since the early 1960s. Participation will be open to all registered youth 14 years or older (13 years with  by the youth's unit leader).

Maximum Class Size: 24

What's Covered?

**Canoe Safety &
Skills Instruction**

- Basic & intermediate strokes.
- Canoe/paddle nomenclature.
- Reading water.
- Navigation principles.
- Portage & carry techniques.
- First Aid recommendations.
- Loading & unloading techniques.
- Map & compass basics.
- Knots.
- Trip planning.
- Equipment selection.
- Training regime.
- Water rescues.
- Life jacket policies.
- On water communications.
- Canoeing MB.

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The Youth Program is two weekends and takes place at Boy Scout Camp Belzer on the east side of Indianapolis utilizing the waters of Fall Creek and Geist Reservoir. The second weekend will potentially use Bear Creek and the waters of Brookville Reservoir and the Whitewater River. TBD

Weekend 1 - Camp Belzer

Training begins at 6:00 pm on Friday, September 6th and will go until late afternoon on Sunday, September 8th.

- Training on basic parts of the canoe and paddles
- Practice on paddling strokes and techniques
- Water practice on Fall Creek
- Trip planning and crew selection
- Discussion of equipment options
- Camping at Belzer Friday and Saturday night
- Games and activities

Weekend 2 Camp Belzer or Bear Creek

Training begins at 6:00 pm on Friday, September 20th and will continue to late afternoon on Sunday, the 22nd.

- Paddling on flat water on reservoirs
- Loading a canoe for a trek
- Navigation practice
- Canoe rescue techniques
- Games and activities
- Moving water on Fall Creek or Whitewater River

Over 50 years of training adult leaders and youth in canoe safety.

The Voyageur staff are certified in Paddle Craft Safety and have several ACA certified trainers. They have a combined experience of well over 200 treks into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of northern Minnesota, the Quetico Provincial Park of Canada and local treks to such destinations as the Manistee River in Michigan, the Current River in Missouri as well as most navigable Indiana rivers and streams. Our primary focus is to provide a safe strategy for youth and adults to have FUN canoeing.



Fall Creek

2019 Training Dates:

September 6, 7 & 8

at Camp Belzer AND

September 20, 21 & 22

at Camp Belzer or Bear Creek

Payment Schedule

Deposit: \$50.00

In Council

Early Bird: July 15th \$180 (total cost)

After July 15th \$200 (total cost)

Out of Council

Early Bird: July 15th \$200 (total cost)

After July 15th \$220 (total cost)

Ask about scholarship availability

Includes all meals, canoe equipment, and training materials.

Requirements:

- At least 14 years of age (or 13 with leader recommendation)
- "Swimmer certification"
- Current physical - Parts A & B
- Parental/guardian permission documentation