

Troop 50  
Kiawah District, Coastal Carolina Council  
Boy Scouts of America

Float Plan for Kayaking and Canoeing  
20, 21, and 22 May 2005  
South Fork of the Edisto River

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I. Key Personnel

A. Qualified Adult Supervision:

1. Scoutmaster, Dr. Melvin H. Goodwin  
Work: 577-2103  
Home: 971-0557  
Mobile: 830-6480  
email: mgoodwi8@bellsouth.net  
Date of most current "Safety Afloat" qualification: June 2003
2. Committee Chairman: Mr. Paul Rossmann  
Work: 723-3213  
Home: 762-8341  
Mobile: 568-5517  
email: prossmann@bellsouth.net  
Date of most current "Safety Afloat" qualification: circa June 2002

B. BSA Lifeguard:

Assistant Scout Master, Mr. Stephen Stanford Jones  
Work: 843-953-4965  
Home: 843-722-2262  
Mobile: 843-345-9338  
email: jonesss@cofc.edu or ss\_jones@bellsouth.net  
Date of most current "Safety Afloat" qualification: 17 June 2003  
Date of BSA Lifeguard Qualification: 1 July 2004

C. Senior Patrol Leader: Scout Harris Goodwin

Home: 971-0557

II. Duties

A. Scoutmaster and Primary Qualified Adult Supervisor, Dr. Goodwin

1. Reviews and approves this float plan
2. Ensures that all key personnel are notified, present when required, and successful in completing their respective duties
3. Watches weather and listens to weather reports

4. Orders launch, landing, formation of boats, and deviations from float plan contingent upon weather and other conditions
  5. Ensures implementation of the buddy system
  6. Serves as lead boat
- B. Secondary Qualified Adult Supervisor, Mr. Rossmann
1. Arrange with property owner for camping
  2. Assists Dr. Goodwin to maintain formation of boats and to enforce buddy system
  3. Keeps buddy board while underway
  4. Serves as sweep boat
- C. Assistant Scout Master and Lifeguard, Mr. Jones
1. Prepares this float plan
  2. Brings map of the route
  3. Provides copies of pertinent section of the map to each participant
  4. On Saturday morning before launch, he reinforces participants' knowledge of the safe handling of boats and of contingency-plans.
  5. If a participant is not qualified as a BSA Swimmer, then the lifeguard will take a tandem boat with that non-swimmer.
  6. Assists Supervisors to maintain formation of boats and to enforce buddy system
  7. Serves as roving safety boat between lead and sweep
- D. Senior Patrol Leader, Scout Goodwin
1. Implements the buddy system for all participants, boys and adults
    - a) Collects buddy tags
    - b) Maintains the buddy board
    - c) Conducts buddy check at launching, landing, and as required
  2. Sets the example of discipline for all scouts to follow
- E. Participants
1. Eat full and nutritious breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday.
  2. Bring sufficient water, snacks, and food for lunch each day.
  3. Wear personal floatation devices whenever in a boat or near the water.
  4. Be prepared with sun screen and bug repellent.
  5. Employ the "Buddy System"
    - a) Choose a buddy
    - b) Choose a buddy boat, unless you and your buddy are otherwise in single boats
    - c) With buddy and buddy boat, give buddy tags to Senior Patrol Leader
    - d) Stay with buddy and buddy boat while underway & away from base-camp
    - e) The buddy system remains in effect during lunch and at other landings
    - f) Collect your buddy tag at the end of the event
  6. If buddy capsizes
    - a) blow whistle loudly and repeatedly to call all boats
    - b) approach buddy to assist
  7. If danger whistle is heard
    - a) all boats should approach the whistling boat
    - b) allow the buddy and lifeguard room to assist the capsized boater

### III. Timetable

Day	Time	Event
Friday	1600	Troop gathers East Bay Post Office. Boats are loaded onto trailer.
	1630	Departure
	1800	Arrival at camp site off of Snake Swamp Road (SSR 193) between US 301 and Cannon Bridge Road (SSR 39). Pitch camp and prepare dinner.
	2200	Taps
Saturday	0630	Reveille
	0700	Breakfast
	0800	Depart for launching site.
	0830	Arrive at boat ramp at County Club Road (State Route 70) near Finland. Reenforce training of rules, emergency procedures, and contingencies.
	0900	Launch into South Fork of Edisto River heading down stream.
	Noon	Land on sand bar for lunch.
	45 m later	Launch and continue down stream.
	1330	Pass under US 301
	1500	Land at camp site. Senior Patrol Leader promulgates schedule for the remainder of the day. Local boating may continue as desired and as supervision is available.
	Sunday	0700
0730		Breakfast
0830		Strike Camp
0900		Morning Prayer
0915		Launch into South Fork of Edisto River heading down stream.
1030		Pass under Cannon Bridge at SSR 39.
1230		Land for Lunch
1300		Launch
1430		Turn up stream into the North Fork of the Edisto River for a half of a mile to the landing
1500		Land at S. River Road off of Hudson Road (SSR 63).

### IV. Local Rules

- A. Refrain from landing on the banks on either side of the river. Most of the land in the area is privately owned.
- B. Land on the sand bars for rests, lunch, and as otherwise necessary.

## V. Contingencies

### A. Any Danger or Emergency

1. A nautical signal for danger and emergency is six short blasts on a whistle.
2. A visual signal for danger is waving a paddle vertically overhead.
3. Upon hearing or seeing a danger signal, other boats should approach, but not interfere with the emergency. Stay near to offer assistance or equipment.
4. Cellular telephones may not be reliable in this area.

### B. Capsizing

1. Buddy repeatedly blows danger signal while approaching wet scout.
2. Buddy stays in his boat to assist the wet scout. Do not allow the wet scout to grab the side of buddy's boat which could result in a second capsizing. Rather try "bulldozing". The swimmer grabs the bow of his buddy's boat facing backwards. The buddy paddles to shore, pushing the swimmer.
3. Wet scout should stay with his boat to use as floatation. He must keep his paddle.
4. Alternatively, a buddy may tow the wet scout with his boat and paddle to recover on the beach.
5. After recovery, the Q.A. Supervisor will choose the most appropriate action which will most likely be emptying the boat of water, relaunching, and continuing to the designated landing.

### C. Leaking Boat

1. Leaking boat with its buddy boat approaches lead, sweep, or rover to assess the situation.
2. If landing is merited, sound the danger signal.
3. Duct tape is surprisingly effective for a temporary repair of a polymeric boat.
4. Q.A. Supervisor may order landing for repair, continuing, or returning.

### D. Inclement Weather

1. If we are close to the initial launch site, lead boat begins leading boats back to it.
2. If we are far from the launch site, then sweep boat expedites stragglers.
3. The lead boat slows until the flotilla is in a closer formation. After a buddy check, the flotilla may then proceed at an accelerated speed to the landing. The flotilla should strive to remain in close formation.

### E. Eminently Dangerous Weather

1. Q.A. Supervisor sounds danger signal to gather and lead flotilla to closest landing.
2. The Senior Patrol Leader performs a buddy check.

### F. Missing Boat

1. If a scout notices that he has lost track of his buddy, he should sound one tweet to get his buddy's attention.
2. The buddy should answer one tweet for one tweet. Each boat should approach the other's sound.
3. If after about 2 minutes of attempting to call one's buddy with single tweets, the scout should sound the danger signal.
4. When all boats have assembled:
  - a) The SPL, having the buddy board, will do a buddy check.
  - b) The Q.A. Supervisor will organize and implement searching.
5. The Secondary Q.A. Supervisor will find the most expeditious means of communicating for other assistance such as Bamberg and Branchville police.

### G. Missing Buddy Boats

1. If a member of the flotilla should notice that a buddy-boat pair is missing, he may use single tweets to get the attention of other paddlers to ask about the pair.

2. If no one in the immediate area can account for the missing pair, then the lead, sweep, or rover should be notified to bring the entire flotilla in closer formation.
3. If the missing pair still cannot be accounted, then continue with step 4 above.

#### VI. Notification

This float plan should be distributed to the following:

- A. Each "Key Personnel"
- B. Parents of boys
- C. Council Service Center

#### VII. Participants

Name	Seats	Boats	Transporting
Dr. Mel Goodwin			
Mr. Stephen Jones	2	2	2 two single kayaks
Mr. Paul Rossmann	2	2	6 two single kayaks and a trailer
Mr. Elliott Barrow	4	2	4 two tandem
Mr. Chip Leland	5	4	4 one tandem, three singles
Mr. Robert Behre	2	1	1 one tandem
Risean Green			
Michael Wingard			
Peter Rupp	1	1	
Colin Rupp	1	1	
Tucker Hamilton			
Trip Hamilton			
Allen DaPore	2	1	one tandem
William Thompson			
Zack Stroman	2	1	one tandem
Will Gould			
Elliott Barrow			
Henry Behre			
Harris Goodwin			
Wilson Leland			
Alex Rossmann			
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