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*Making the world a better place to paddle. Since 1880.*



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## MISSION STATEMENT:

Founded in 1880, the American Canoe Association is a national nonprofit 501(c)3 organization serving the broader paddling public by providing education related to all aspects of paddling; stewardship support to help protect paddling environments; and sanctioning of programs and events to promote paddlesport recreation.

## Membership Benefits

Membership in the ACA offers more than access to the most authoritative resources in paddlesports.

As an ACA member you can receive thousands of dollars in valuable discounts from our industry partners, as well as a subscription to the award-winning Paddler Magazine.

Benefits include:

- Paddler Magazine
- Exclusive access to ACA's Sugar Island
- Significant discounts on Subaru vehicles and products from our industry partners
- Access to hundreds of ACA-sponsored events
- Regular updates on critical paddling issues



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### Membership Levels:

- \_\_\_ \$40 Individual
- \_\_\_ \$60 Family (2 adults, children under 18—list with birthdates)
- \_\_\_ \$25 Student (max. age 23)/Senior (min. age 62)
- \_\_\_ Additional Tax Deductible Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ \$25 Safety Education and Instruction - SEIC - (Trainers - \$75)

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# The ACA works for you.

Connect with local paddlers.



Easy access to safe, enjoyable paddling opportunities is one of ACA's top tenets.

## Connect

The ACA supports more than 150 Paddle America Clubs across the U.S. Find resources to connect with a local club, or start your own, at [americancanoe.org](http://americancanoe.org).

## Recreation

Whether you kayak, canoe, or raft, the American Canoe Association promotes the health benefits of paddling and plays an active role in local and national recreational events and competition.

The popularity of paddlesports grows rapidly each year, with new paddlers entering the sport at varied skill levels. It's estimated that as many as 50 million people participate in the sport each year.

The American Canoe Association **Water Trails Explorer** is the nation's most comprehensive online directory of water trails. Whether you're looking for a leisurely paddle or a challenging coastal exploration, you'll find authoritative resources at [americancanoe.org](http://americancanoe.org).

## Education

The ACA is the nation's leader in paddlesport education and instruction. With more and more people entering the sport at varied levels of ability, our educational curriculum addresses a diverse range of participation.

We reach out to young people through multiple programs, including the Collegiate Outdoor & Paddlesport Leadership School, college-level events, and **Paddle Safe, Paddle Smart**—a national curriculum designed to introduce school children to the joys and skills of paddling a canoe or kayak.

Today there are more than 4,000 ACA-certified instructors around the world reaching hundreds of thousands of people each year. Our publications are written and edited by world paddling experts.

## Stewardship

Easy access to safe, enjoyable paddling opportunities is one of the ACA's top tenets. Our stewardship program focuses on clean and healthy waterways, paddler access, and full funding for water resource protection.

The ACA also advocates for **paddler-friendly policies** on state and federal regulatory issues such as boat registration and boater education.

Our advocacy and stewardship activities take place everywhere from local neighborhoods to Capitol Hill—from support of grassroots campaigns to build and maintain water trails to influencing federal policy on access and enjoyment of recreational waterways.

## Safety

We are the nation's leading paddlesport safety advocates. The ACA introductory- through master-level instruction programs are second to none, and our publications and brochures reach hundreds of thousands of paddlers annually.

Staff members of the American Canoe Association work closely with the U.S. Coast Guard to ensure both newcomers and experienced paddlers understand and practice the safest techniques.

In addition to working with industry partners to reach the millions of people who canoe, kayak, and raft each year, the ACA pioneered the online paddling safety course, **iPaddleOnline.com** with one goal in mind: to ensure your experiences on the water are rewarding and safe.

Join today.



Dedicated to helping people enjoy the outdoors using canoes, kayaks and rafts, since 1880.

## National Paddlesports Center

The ACA is in the process of designing and building a world-class facility for paddlesports. For more information, call 540.907.4460, ext. 107, and visit our website often for updates on the project.

## Many Ways to Help

Your membership supports essential ACA programs. You may also consider a memorial or tribute gift, a bequest, or the Combined Federal Campaign (#10412). Ask your employer if they provide matching gifts.