

RCLC Kids in Kayaks

Teacher Checklist



April 1 - 20

Look over your instructional calendar and select two possible kayaking dates between May 6th and school's closing (excluding weekends and holidays) for your class. Email these dates to John Forte (jforte.panther@gmail.com) by April 20th so that he can share these with Efi Benjamin.

I will work with Efi to calendar your two requests. I will send you a confirmation by email of your dates and you can view these dates on the Kids in Kayaks calendar. Once calendared, start to recruit your chaperone crew. Chaperones should be confident on the water and able to help students follow the kayak leader's directions.

Two weeks prior to your calendared kayaking date...

- You may contact me to confirm your kayaking date. River conditions do change and sometimes the conditions are not appropriate for a school excursion.
 - Let me know the number of students and chaperones (including yourself) that will attend the kayak program.
 - Let me know how many paddlers are less than 90 lbs, as these paddlers will need a youth life vest (PFD).
- Prepare the RCLC Kids in Kayaks Waiver for printing (add the school name, your teacher name and the date of the paddle). Prepare the River Bend Kayaks Waiver for Efi. Print and distribute these two waiver forms to families for parent/guardian signatures. Collect these waivers and bring them with you on your kayak program date.
- Print and distribute the *Student Expectations and Equipment List* to students and parents.
- Finalize commitments from your chaperones.

Two or three days before your calendared kayaking date...

- You may contact me to finalize your kayaking date.
- Review the [*Student Expectations and Equipment List*](#) with your class. Discuss your class goals for the day.
- Create kayak paddling partners (see below). A stronger or experienced paddler should be assigned to the back seat of a kayak.
- Contact your chaperones to remind them of details for meeting the group.

On the Morning of your kayak program...

- Bring your completed copies of the RCLC Waiver and River Bend Kayaks waiver.
- Bring your student kayak partners assignments.
- Check that students are dressed appropriately and have their lunches and water.
- Text Efi Benjamin of River Bend Kayaks (305) 495-2074 with your estimated arrival time.

Kayak Paddling Partners

Teachers please complete this worksheet a day or two before your kayak program date.

Consider when putting the pairs together, consider students who communicate effectively with each other. A kayak duo should have a strong communicator to take directions from the group leader and chaperones.

Efi will have single kayaks for your chaperones to use. You may wish to have a chaperone assigned to double with a student who has special needs.

	Front Paddler	Back Paddler
Pair 1		
Pair 2		
Pair 3		
Pair 4		
Pair 5		
Pair 6		
Pair 7		
Pair 8		

