

Happy New Year to One and All!

We trust that your Holiday Season has been fun and productive.

Here are just a few items to start your year off on the right foot:



If you're an ACA member (*and your dues are current*), it's now time to choose which of the 4 Rapid Media magazines you would like to receive as your new ACA member benefit.

Click

https://www.rapidmedia.com/index.php?ff_name=aca_subscription_form&option=com_facileforms&Itemid=190

to make your selection.

The next issue is in the spring of 2011, so choose soon (*no later than January 7th*) to ensure delivery.

PPA members now receive ACA membership as a member benefit

For years, the ACA and the Professional Paddlesports Association (PPA) have been partners, from sharing office space to working on joint paddlesports safety initiatives.

Our partnership with PPA continues...new for 2011

When you join or renew with PPA, you will also get an individual membership with the ACA! This will include all the benefits of ACA membership. From access to Sugar Island to stewardship support to your choice of one of Rapid Media's magazine titles.

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**Please note, if you are a PPA member, and are currently a certified ACA Instructor, your PPA membership fees do not include your yearly \$25 SEIC dues. You will still need to log in to your ACA account and pay these dues.*

For additional information about how this works for PPA members, please contact either Rachel of PPA or Anne in the ACA Membership Department.

“The ACA is proud to continue our partnership with the great folks of the Professional Paddlesports Association.” -Chris Stec, ACA Chief Operating Officer

SEI Job Board



Big City Mountaineers is looking for Instructors for canoeing expeditions this summer. The mission of [Big City Mountaineers](#) is "enhancing the lives of under-resourced urban teens through transformative outdoor experiences." As a BCM Instructor, you will be responsible for leading a

single gender group of 5 teens, a staff member from a partnering youth development organization and 2-3 volunteers on a weeklong wilderness expedition, with a unique 1:1 ratio between youth and adults. This is likely the first backcountry experience for the teens and youth agency representative, and while BCM volunteers often have previous backcountry and/or youth experience, it is not a requirement.

Qualifications:

- At least 23 years old
- Valid driver's license
- Pass background and MVR check
- Current CPR plus WFR or WEMT
- Minimum of 6 weeks (42 days) of documented multi-day, wilderness-based outdoor leadership experience
- Priority given to Instructors willing and able to instruct two or more summer expeditions
- Two professional letters of recommendation including skills evaluation checklist
- Documented experience in at least one of the following youth development areas:
 - Experiential education and facilitation
 - Mentoring with teen-aged youth (prefer experience with urban, at-risk adolescents)
 - Teaching (prefer experience with teen-aged adolescents)
- Documented experience in the following outdoor program areas:
 - Backcountry travel, navigation, and camping skills and LNT
 - Group management
 - Risk management
 - Lake hazard evaluation, flat water paddling and portaging skills, T and self rescue, convoy travel
- Prior BWCA paddling experience (prefer three or more multi-day trips)

For more information or to request an application, please contact BCM Staffing Manager, Amy Blum at amy@bigcitymountaineers.org or at 510-558-2795.

Stand Up Paddleboarding is now an ACA Instructional Discipline

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With unanimous support of the SEIC and ACA Board of Directors, the ACA Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP) curriculum was approved and unveiled at the National Paddlesports Conference.

From its historic beginnings off the coasts of Hawaii, Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP) has developed into one of the fastest growing paddlesports activities over the past few years. The ACA has seen this growth and to help continue the excitement and to ensure that you can participate in SUP easily and safely, a new discipline and curriculum has been created to offer SUP instruction, skills certification and Instructor credentialing.

As of 11/2010, the initial components of the SUP curriculum have been completed (see the information below). To kick-off the 2011 paddling season, the first official ACA SUP programs will offered in conjunction with the [East Coast Canoe and Kayak Festival](#) in Charleston, SC. From there, we foresee great support and excitement as more courses are offered across the country and internationally.

For more info, visit www.americancanoe.org/sup

ACA Instructors – First Aid & CPR certification requirement reminder:

On June 14, 2009, the ACA Board of Directors approved a motion pertaining to requiring First Aid and CPR for all ACA Instructors, Instructor Trainers, and Instructor Trainer Educators.

We have provided the overview document detailing the process:

- [First Aid & CPR Requirement Overview Document](#)
- Please review the [SEIC Policy Manual](#) at your earliest convenience.

As of 1/1/2011, all ACA Instructors, Instructor Trainers, and Instructor Trainer Educators are required to have and maintain First Aid and age appropriate CPR appropriate for the teaching venue.

Note: you do NOT need to send in verification of your First Aid & CPR certification, UNLESS you are requesting ACA Instructor Insurance. Starting 01/01/2011 a copy of current First Aid and CPR certification will be part of the Insurance Request procedure.

2011 EXCURSIONS

That's right, join the ACA on one of OUR 'Member's Only' backcountry paddling excursions



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SEI Focus

- Sea Kayaking - Bahamas
- Wilderness Canoeing - Grand Ronde, Oregon & Washington
- Rafting - Main Salmon River, Idaho

In cooperation with the host organization, you will be able to paddle with representatives from the ACA National Office, creating a better connection with those working daily on your behalf. In addition, a percentage of each registration fee goes directly to support the on-going efforts of the ACA on behalf of all paddlers to fulfill our mission of Education, Stewardship, Recreation & Competition. [Read more...](#)

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