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REGISTRATION OPENS THIS MONTH

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A bright green kayak is shown in the lower-left corner, partially submerged in turbulent white water rapids. The water is churning and splashing, creating a dynamic and energetic background for the text.

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ACA Adaptive Paddling Summit

Grand Rapids, Michigan
September 15- 17, 2014



Find out more at www.americancanoe.org/adaptivepaddlingsummit

Online Registration will be available in June

Space is limited to the first 100 registrants

Special Presentation by Jeremy Oyen –

“Adaptive Equipment & Risk Management Matrix”

Jeremy Oyen has worked in the outdoor education industry developing instructional programs and training instructors for 25+ years at the local, regional, and national level. He is the current Program Manager for REI Outdoor Programs and Outreach and is responsible for alignment and development of the REI Outdoor School National Program Curriculum and Training. Jeremy is a current Instructor Trainer Educator with the ACA in Adaptive Paddling, Stand-Up Paddleboarding, Kayaking, and Canoeing.



Jeremy will work in coordination with adaptive equipment vendors to give you the opportunity to demo and evaluate equipment while learning key aspects of the assessment process necessary for program risk management. Jeremy will work both on and in the water to assess adaptive equipment and the affect it can have on rescue strategies to benefit the paddler and the program provider.”

Keynote Presentation by Ann Yoshinda -

“On the Road to Rio”

Ann H. Yoshida, is a Doctoral student in Occupational Therapy at Pacific University. Ann continues to acquaint herself with her true potential by competing in canoeing, surfing and off-road handcycling. Winning a bronze medal in 2012 at the world sprints and being the first woman to trek Nepal on an off-road handcycle in 2011, she continues to challenge her abilities. She is aiming for the summer Paralympics in Brazil, 2016. Her passion is helping people experience full community inclusion through meaningful and purposeful occupation. Ann lives by her saying: “When we focus on being normal, we exclude the possibility of being extraordinary.”

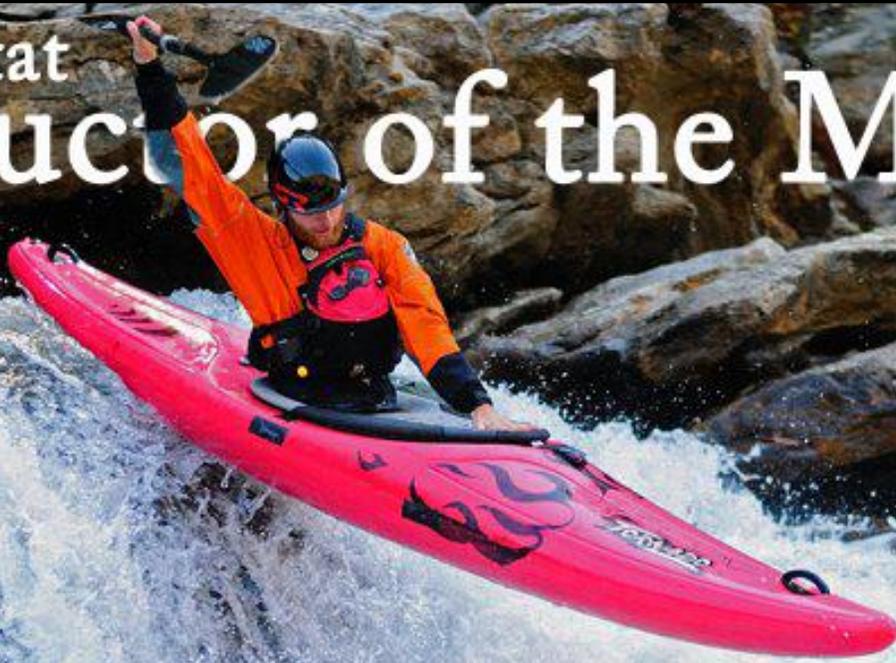
For more on Ann, click [here](#).



ACA's First Ever Adaptive Paddling Summit!



Kokatat Instructor of the Month



Ethan Talley



Ethan Talley, of Easley, South Carolina, is an ACA Level 4: Whitewater Kayaking Instructor who embodies the idea of exploring the natural world through paddling. Ethan particularly enjoys paddling one of the Southeast's most notable whitewater rivers: the Chattooga River, a

national wild and scenic river that serves as the boundary between Georgia and South Carolina. Ethan was a member of the first exploratory party to adventure into the Twelvemile Creek Gorge near Norris, South Carolina. This particular section of the Twelvemile was revealed in 2013 through the removal of two old, derelict dams. Ethan was also a part of the first groups to legally explore Section 0 of the Chattooga – a section of river that has been inaccessible for many years due to a long legal access battle. According to Ethan, there are many creeks in Pickens and Greenville Counties (SC) that have rarely been paddled and still remain a mystery to locals.

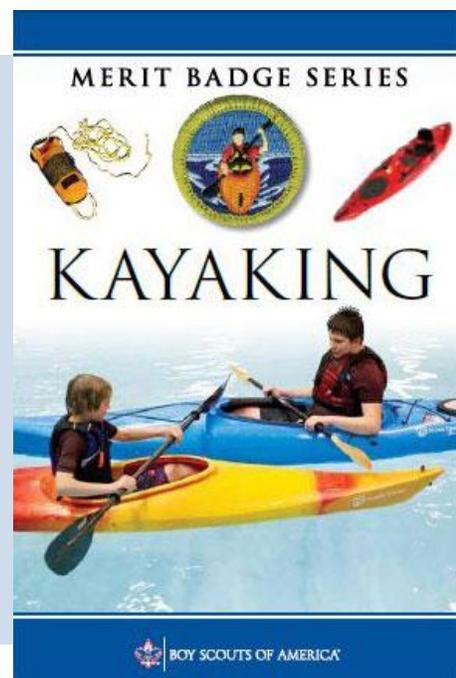
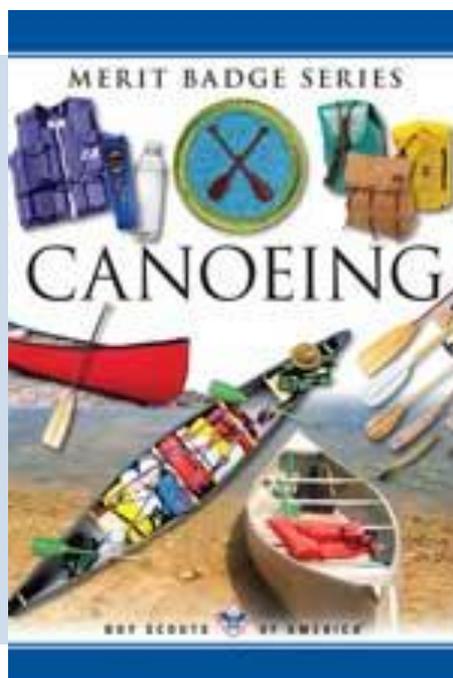
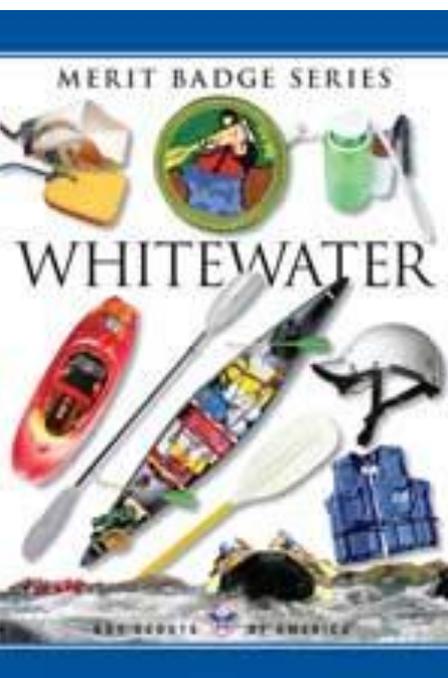
“What makes these area so unique is the lack of literature and knowledge of navigability on each little creek” Ethan said. “One can't help but feel a sense of personal connection to the white-water that has barely been explored. I love the exhilarating feeling that I get when experiencing something completely new.” No stranger to challenges, Ethan certainly has his hands full between obtaining his Outdoor Leadership Degree at North Greenville University, utilizing his ACA Whitewater Kayaking and Swiftwater Rescue training, and increasing his own paddling skills. Ethan’s paddling accomplishments are a great example of exploration, fun, and learning – you never know when your biggest paddling adventure could be right in your backyard!



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How To: Become a Merit Badge Counselor



As an ACA Instructor in canoeing, kayaking, stand up paddleboarding or rafting, you can qualify to teach Merit Badges and Awards for your local Boy Scout Troop, Council, or Summer Camp. Read more to learn how...

A merit badge counselor is more than a box-checker. He or she is a caring adult who is enthusiastic about a career, hobby, or other subject and is willing to share that enthusiasm with Scouts. The best counselors encourage Scouts to keep learning long after they've completed their last badge requirement—perhaps for the rest of their lives.

What are the qualifications? A counselor must be a man or woman of good character, 18 or older, who has the skills and education in the subject he or she covers. He or she must register as a merit badge counselor—and must have completed Youth Protection training within the last two years. There is no registration fee.

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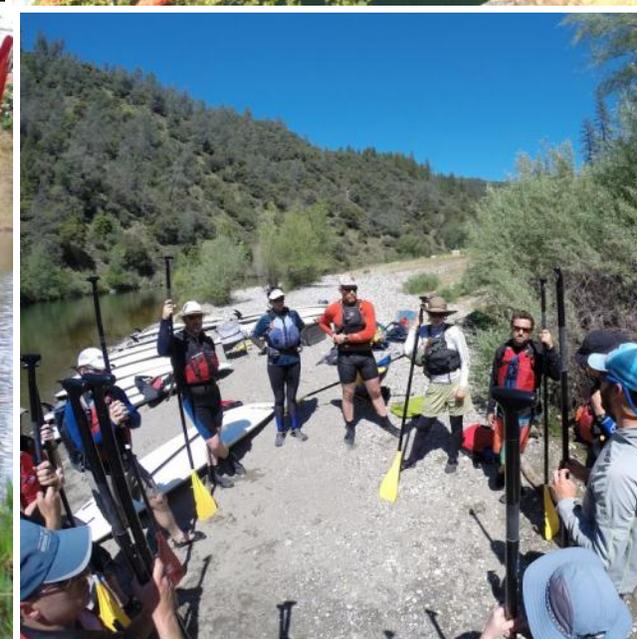
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ACA Office Builds a Rain Garden!

ACA Staff and local volunteers built a self-watering garden, a.k.a. rain scape retrofit, behind the new ACA National Office on the Rappahannock River.

What is a rain garden? A rain garden is attractive native plants arranged for the special purpose of reducing the amount of polluted storm water that rushes into our streams and rivers before returning it to groundwater.

Stormwater runoff is the leading cause of river pollution in the Rappahannock River, and the ACA teamed up with local environmental advocacy and restoration group, the Friends of the Rappahannock (FOR) and Brent's Native Plantings to help prevent stormwater runoff from polluting our river!

Click [here](#) to view a time-lapse video of the garden construction!

Want to make your own? Contact ACA Stewardship Coordinator, [Greg Rolf](#).

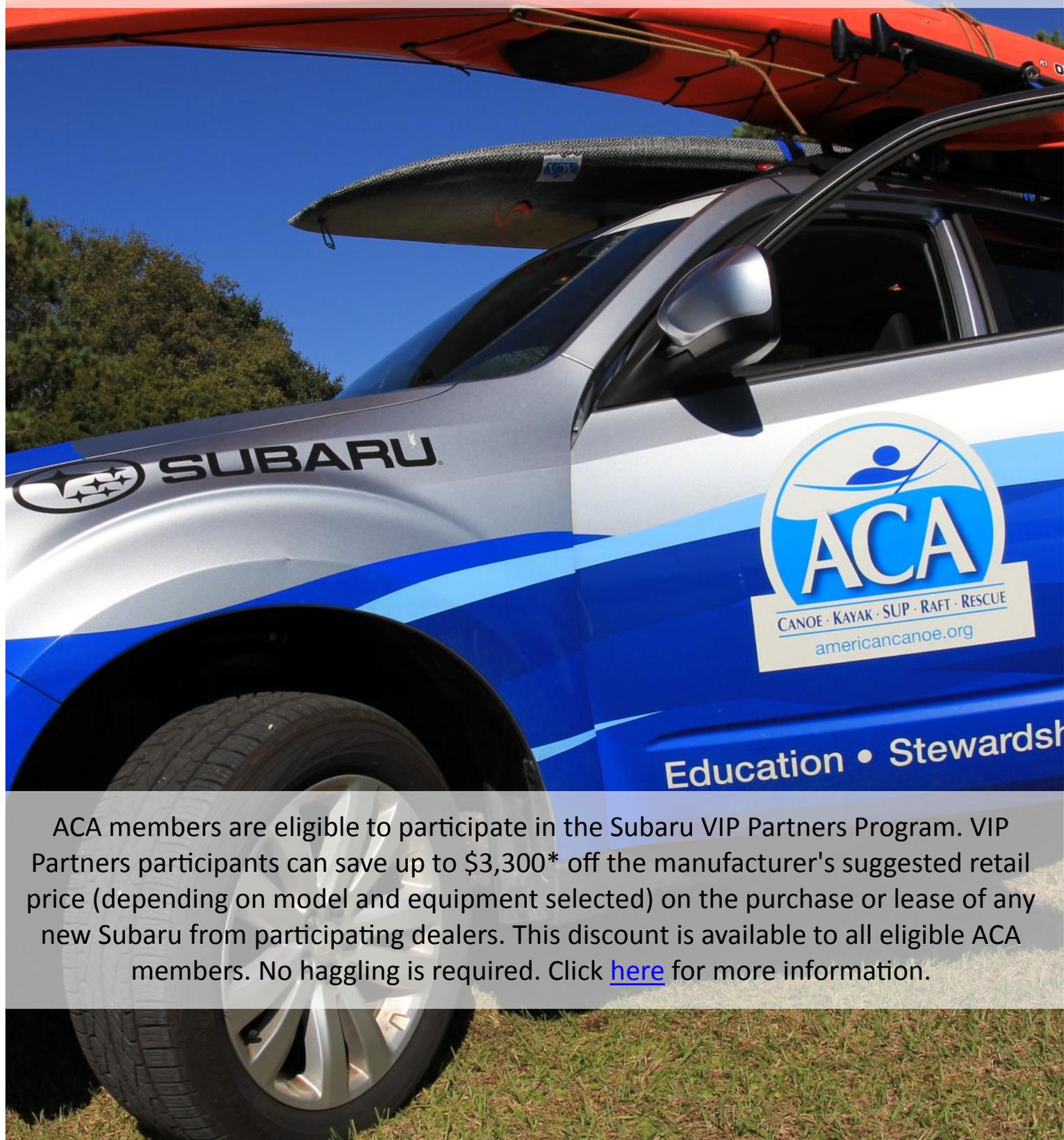


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“How To: Become a Merit Badge Counselor”

Is specific training or certification required? Some badges require special qualifications for the counselor or the supervisor of activities.

Do scoutmasters have blanket approval to sign off on all merit badges? No, like all other counselors, they must be approved for any badge on which they wish to counsel or sign off.

Who approves counselors? The local council advancement committee.

How does an individual apply to become a merit badge counselor? By submitting the Merit Badge Counselor Information sheet to the advancement committee. Find the application at bit.ly/mbcounselorinfo

Is there a limit to the number of badges one individual may counsel? The local council may choose to set a limit, although it must not do so to the point that lack of counselors becomes a barrier to advancement.

Can a counselor work with his or her own son? Yes. But unit leaders may encourage (but not require) Scouts to branch out.

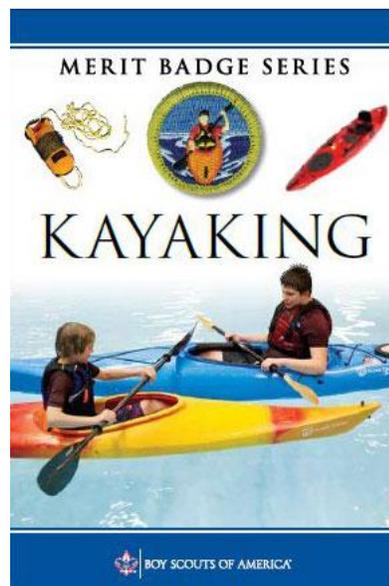
Do different rules apply to summer camps and merit badge fairs? No. Younger staff members at summer camp may assist, but they must work with qualified counselors.

Do counselors need to register each year? Yes, but they don't have to complete new applications; their names simply appear on the district roster for renewal.

Can counselors offer workplace tours and other opportunities? Yes, so long as those activities are optional and comply with BSA policies, including youth protection.

How can counselors get trained? Start with the Merit Badge Counselor Instructor's Guide at bit.ly/mbinstructorsguide

To learn more about the ACA/BSA Partnership, please [click here](#).



ACA Instructors! Join the ACA's Promotive Team!

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