



Level 5: Advanced Whitewater Rafting - Oar and Paddle

Instructor and Instructor Trainer Certification Roll Out Plan

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To: Spring 2021 SEIC Meeting – Voting Members

Re: Roll out plan for the new Level 5 Advanced Whitewater Rafting – Oar & Paddle skills course, skills assessment, and instructor criteria

Level 5: Whitewater Rafting Roll out Plan:

To efficiently and realistically roll out the new Level 5: Advanced Whitewater Rafting course curriculum and instructor criteria, the ACA Rafting Committee has outlined the following steps to allow currently certified ACA Level 4: Whitewater Rafting Paddle and/or Oar Instructors and Instructor Trainers to upgrade:

Currently Certified Level 4: Whitewater Rafting Instructors:

Currently Certified Level 4: Whitewater Rafting Instructors who wish to be upgraded must complete a two-day upgrade from a currently certified ACA Level 5: Advanced Whitewater Rafting IT or ITE. This upgrade may be conducted in the traditional Instructor Certification Exam (ICE) format, or through the mentorship process described in the SEIC Policy Manual, chapter 2.C.1.

Currently Certified Level 4: Whitewater Rafting Instructor Trainers:

1. Currently Certified Level 4: Whitewater Rafting Instructor Trainers who regularly paddle/row on class IV whitewater must submit to the ACA SEI Department an IT Application form, a resume, and trip log showing a minimum of at least 20 days of working/traveling on class IV whitewater within the last 4 years. The submitted resume and trip log must include date(s) of trip, name of river, classification of river, and identify which rafting discipline was used (paddle and/or oar).
2. Currently Certified Level 4: Whitewater Rafting Instructor Trainers who are current commercial guides and guide on class IV whitewater must submit to the ACA SEI Department an IT application form, a trip log, and confirmation of employment as a guide during the last year.
3. Currently Certified Level 4: Whitewater Rafting Instructor Trainers who wish to be upgraded but cannot provide the above documentation must complete a two-day upgrade from a currently certified ACA Level 5: Advanced Whitewater Rafting Instructor Trainer or Instructor Trainer Educator in addition to submitting an IT application form. This upgrade may be conducted via the traditional ICW/ICE co-teach format, or through the mentorship process described in the SEIC Policy Manual, chapter 2.C.1.



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Currently Certified Level 4: Whitewater Rafting Instructor Trainer Educators:

Currently Certified Level 4: Whitewater Rafting Instructor Trainer Educators may upgrade to Level 5: Advanced Whitewater Rafting by showing the same documentation as is required of currently certified Instructor Trainers.