



Welcome to the May 2023 SEIC Newsletter! We have created this monthly newsletter to supply updates, information, and important news to increase communication and connectivity between the ACA Safety Education and Instruction Council, Discipline Committees, the ACA Staff, and certified instructors and trainers.



Have a little fun and learn about teaching [river swimming skills with this video](#) courtesy of SEIC's very own Anna Levesque and Trey Rouss!



On behalf of the Rafting Committee and the ACA SEIC Board, we're so excited to announce the launch of the new ACA Raft Guide Certification program!

This program is designed to provide evidence of the needed skills to be a professional raft guide, and it is based on national and international industry standards. The Guide Certification Criteria establishes standards in the topics of paddling and/or rowing, identifying hazards and routes in swift current, and an ability to safely captain a whitewater oar or paddle raft with participants.

Hey ACA Level 4 or 5 Raft Instructors – there is an endorsement available!

[Learn more on our website!](#)



On behalf of the River Kayaking and Coastal Kayaking Committees and the ACA SEIC Board, we're pleased to announce the new ACA Kayak Polo Instructional curriculum! Please check out the curriculum documentation on the [ACA website](#).

To roll out the new course curriculum and instructor endorsement criteria, the SEIC Board has outlined a [process for currently certified ACA Level 2 \(or higher\) kayak instructors to obtain the endorsement](#).

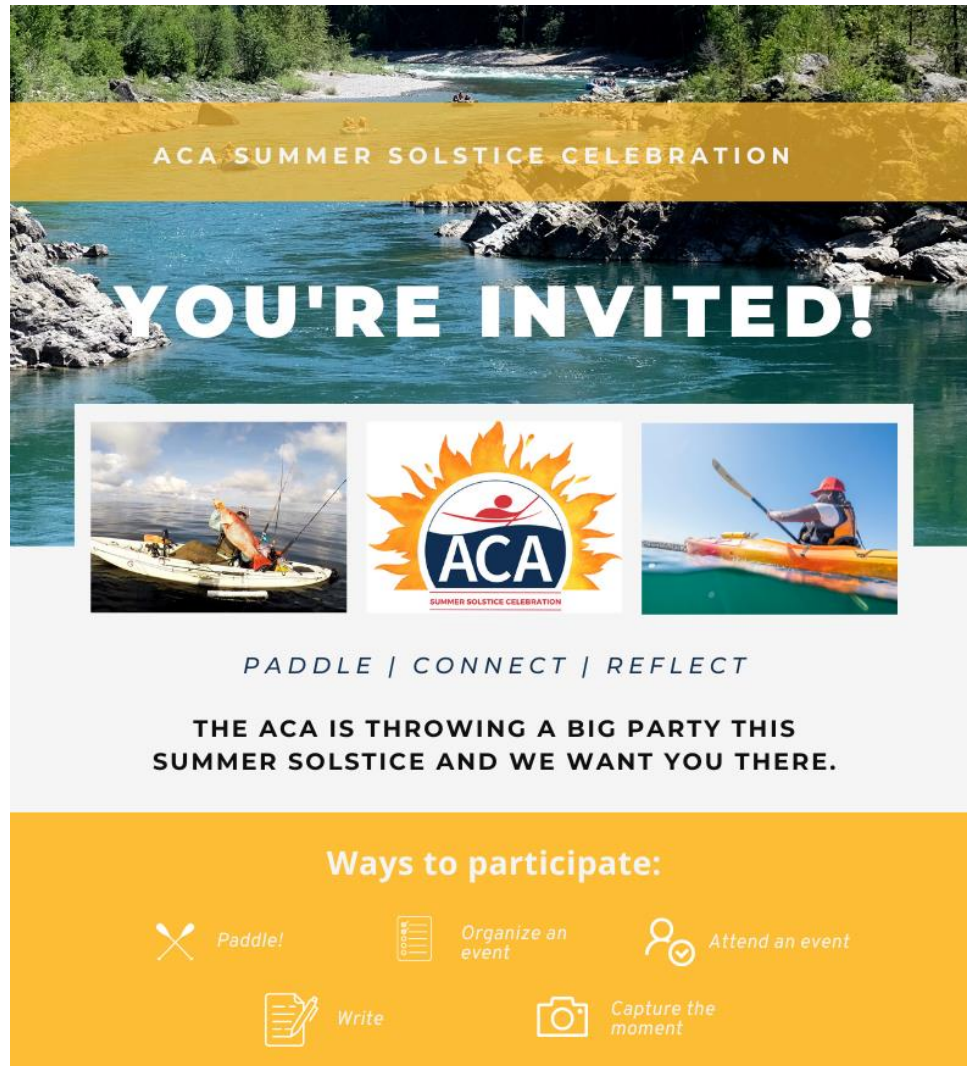


On behalf of the Packrafting Committee and the ACA SEIC Board, we're pleased to announce the new Level 4: Whitewater Packrafting curriculum! Please check out the curriculum documentation on the [ACA website](#).

To efficiently and realistically roll out the new Level 4: Whitewater Packrafting course curriculum and instructor criteria, the ACA Packrafting Committee has outlined [steps to allow currently certified ACA Level 3: River Packrafting Instructors and Instructor Trainers to upgrade](#).



On behalf of the SUP Committee and the ACA SEIC Board, we're pleased to announce the new ACA SUP Yoga Leader curriculum! Please check out the curriculum documentation on the [ACA website](#).



There are so many ways to get involved with the inaugural ACA Summer Solstice Celebration! If you are already teaching over the summer solstice and following weekend, June 21-25, let us know and we will help get the word out! If you don't have plans yet, consider inviting your community to attend a class on your local water way! This is a great opportunity to demonstrate the value of seeking out a professional paddling education! Events organized over the summer solstice can be added to the special event calendar and [Summer Solstice Landing Page](#) by using the [Event Calendar Submission Form](#).

Then, take a moment to reflect on the impact paddling has had on your life. We know you have countless stories and photos, take a moment to write them down, choose one of your favorite photos, and then enter them into the contest for a chance to be published on the ACA website and to win the sweet prizes pictured below! If you have any questions or comments, please reach out to our [Communications Coordinator](#)!



The ACA Swiftwater Rescue Conference is returning! This year's event will be held at [The Summit Bechtel Reserve](#) in Glen Jean, WV, from September 29th to October 1st. Presenters will include Charlie Walbridge, Sam Fowlkes, Mike Mather, Julie Munger, Tom Burroughs, Robin Pope, and a host of other amazing safety and rescue professionals. Attendees will have a chance to learn and practice the latest advances in swiftwater rescue, while refreshing core knowledge. ACA Instructor updates will also be available.

New for 2023: Wilderness Life Support for Medical Providers Track! WLS:MP (previously AWLS) is designed for medical professionals of all levels (MD, EMT, PA, NP, RN, etc.) that have an interest in expanding their knowledge of wilderness medicine pathology and enhancing their practical skills in a wilderness environment. The course offers continuing education credits and will focus on the river environment with realistic river based scenarios.

[Learn More & Register Here](#)

Upcoming SEIC Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, June 27th from 7PM – 9PM Eastern
 - Tuesday, September 26th from 7PM – 9PM Eastern
 - Saturday, December 2nd from 10AM – 4PM Eastern
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Useful Instructor & Trainer Resources:

- [Instructor & Trainer Resources YouTube Playlist](#)
 - [Course Management System \(CMS\) Log In & Tools](#)
 - [Free Online Paddling Safety Course for Students](#)
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