



OLTOA
Outdoor Leader Trainers of America



Dear Instructor Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in enrolling in the 4-day American Canoe Association Level 1-2 Stand Up Paddleboard Instructor Certification Workshop from July 6th-9th, 2023. This program will help you bring your SUP and teaching skills to a new level. We will send you an outline with your individual teaching topics on it and the address of the meeting location approximately one week before the course start date. (Location is still TBD, but likely Poland or Brunswick, Maine).

The goals of this workshop are to help you enhance your paddling and teaching techniques, give effective feedback, and work on group management skills. We hope to help you understand how to teach ACA SUP Workshops and give you the information you will need to achieve certification in the ACA. Successful candidates will receive ACA certification as a Level 1 or 2 SUP Instructor.

We will plan to meet at our classroom teaching location at 0900 sharp on the first day of the workshop. Be sure to double check the course date and location, as we offer the same course in a variety of locations.

Some good things to know in advance:

- You may need to carpool to other locations during the program
- This workshop will demand your full mental and physical attention for the entire 4 days
- You will be asked to teach segments of the workshop and you may be asked to paddle your SUP in wind and mild river currents. You will be both a rescuer and the person being rescued in cold water. Please come prepared to get wet.
- To participate in this workshop you will need to be able to spend several hours on a SUP, have the physical ability to perform self and assisted rescues, and carry a SUP 100 yards over uneven terrain.
- You should plan to come to this workshop well rested and leave very tired. This course will be physically and mentally demanding and will likely run into the evening hours.
- If you are coming to this workshop from a distance, we recommend that you plan to sleep somewhere close by. Lodging for this workshop is at your expense. Let us know if you need us to recommend a place to stay. Check out “Organizations We Support” at www.oltoa.com

You will be either in class or on the water all day. Please bring your own meals, snacks, and plenty of water. To enhance the quality of the program and the safety of our entire class, we ask that you bring all of the equipment on the enclosed bring list on all four days. If you are missing something on the bring list, please call us and we will try to help you get what you need. ***This is extremely important!***

OLTOA will be providing quality instruction, course materials and basic safety equipment. This course will be taught by an Instructor Trainer with a strong paddling background. The Instructor Trainer does not have a background in surfing and subsequently will not be teaching surfing skills.

Homework: An outline of the course (including your teaching assignments) will be sent to each student prior to the course. You will need to prepare a 7-10 minute presentation. Your presentations should include a written outline, visual aids, and get the group involved as much as possible. Your goal should be to demonstrate good teaching techniques. It is more important to us that you choose 2 or 3 points of a subject and get those across effectively rather than try to show us everything you know about the subject. Remember that all presentations should be geared towards the beginner! Feel free to use books, videos, and other resources as you prepare your teaching topic. Please bring a written outline (12 copies) of your teaching topic(s) to class.

Note: Please remember you do not have to cover everything about the topic. We assign you this topic in advance so that you have the opportunity to show us your best work. However, we may still ask you to do an impromptu presentation on any of the listed topics from the document listed below..

Please look over the ACA “to bring list” and ensure you have everything on the list. You will be evaluated on your preparedness as an instructor.

Go to the American Canoe Association website:

http://www.americancanoe.org/?page=Instructor_Criteria and review the instructor criteria for an ACA Level 2 SUP Instructor. This will give you an idea of some of the skills we will be working on. (Please print this document and bring it with you to class). To be certified as an ACA Instructor, you first need to be an ACA member. If you are not currently a member, you can sign up on the first day of the course or on the website above. Please understand that to be a nationally certified instructor, one must meet the ACA requirements. Participation alone in this workshop does not guarantee certification. (If you do not already have an ACA instructor manual, you may want to order one while you are signing up to be a member).

To enroll:

- 1) Please contact OLTOA and make sure that there is space available in this class.
- 2) Go to www.oltoa.com and click on “How to register” and follow the instructions on the website.
- 3) Fill out the course registration form and medical form and return them with your payment to OLTOA 15 Victory Lane Durham, Maine 04222

The workshop cost is \$525.00. If you register prior to 45 days before course start date, you receive a \$25.00 discount. Early registration payment of \$500.00 will confirm a spot for you in the class. Space is limited and we encourage you to register early! Payment is needed to hold your spot! Registration after 45 days prior to course registration is \$525.00.

Cancellation Policy: If you need to cancel...

- Within 45 days of the start date of your class, you will be given a full refund
- Within 35 days of the start date of your class, you will be given a 50% refund

- If you cancel after the above times no refunds will be given

Note: We reserve the right to cancel any offering due to low enrollment. If we cancel due to low enrollment you will be given a full refund!

COVID Clause: For the safety of our customers and staff, OLTOA reserves the right to cancel any guided trip, workshop, or class during the pandemic. If we cancel a class due to the pandemic, you will have the option of receiving a full refund or crediting your funds toward a future program. Thank you for your understanding.

Yours in adventure,

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"Bring List" for ACA Level 1-2 SUP Instructor Candidates

Required:

- Your own SUP w/leash
→If you are flying in we can try to line up a board for you. Please let us know!
- SUP Paddle
- Personal Flotation Device (with whistle attached)
- Pocket knife or River Knife
- Dry Bag (Large enough for warm clothes)
- Repair kit
- Dry suit or Wet suit and paddling jacket (Optional for July and August)
- Appropriate clothing & Footwear for paddling
- First Aid Kit
- Water bottles or hydration system (filled with water)
- Snacks & lunch for each day
- Notepad and Pen
- Personal resources for your presentations; Books, visual aids etc.

- 12 copies of your course outline (This is the outline that you use to give your presentation)
- Proof of ACA Membership (ACA Number)
- ACA instructor Manual
- 2 face masks for each day
- Hand sanitizer
- Anything else you feel you need to lead a successful day trip on a SUP

OPTIONAL:

- Cash for food
- Casual clothing for classroom sessions
- Towel
- Weather radio
- Tow System
- Thermos with hot drink
- Waterproof Camera
- Spare paddle

The weather varies a lot in Maine this time of year. You may use every piece of clothing you have with you and wish you had more, or you may end up leaving some in the car. Better to have it and not need it than need it and not have it! We are trying to prepare you for the worst weather we expect while hoping for the best. Thanks for coming prepared!

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