

San Juan Kayaking –

One-Week program for campers with little or no skill or experience kayaking.

Objectives:

- Provide campers with a safe outdoor experience.
- Challenge yourself in new ways, while being in a safe and supportive environment (challenge by choice).
- Be a part of a close-knit group and learn successful techniques to operate in a group.
- Learn new peer-to-peer leadership styles by leading a group of your peers.
- Learn and practice practical skills such as cooking on a camp stove, setting up camp, making a fire, traveling in a group and the technical skills of kayaking.

Program Details:

- Campers stay in open-air cabins in at Camp Orkila one to two nights at the start of their program and one to two nights at the end of their program.
- When groups are in the field they stay in organized city, state, federal and private campgrounds. Groups sleep under tarps, which they set up. Tarps are single sex.
- Campers must pass a kayak “flip flop” and swim check prior to departing camp.
- Kayak within the San Juan Islands.
- Each Kayak holds two campers. Staff are in single kayaks among campers.
- Kayak 1 - 4 hours and 5 – 8 hours daily.
- Safety protocol requires staff to radio-call to camp at least four times day.

Sample Itinerary:

Day 1: Arrive at Camp Orkila, swim check

Day 2: Day paddle and skills instruction at Orkila.

Shuttle to launch site, paddle to Blind Island and camp

Day 3: Paddle to Shaw or Lopez Island

Day 4: Paddle to Turn Island

Day 5: Day paddle trip to San Juan Island

Day 6: Paddle to Jones Island

Day 7: Paddle to Camp Orkila

Day 8: Closing and return to Seattle