

## Station Name: Orientation and Safety Briefing

**Location:** Under tent, middle station on top of picnic table

**Setup Items:** Kayak, paddle, big map, little map handouts

**Description:** Volunteers will wear a mask while dealing with customers or when social distancing is not feasible. The volunteer manning this station will provide a safety briefing for customers covering:

- Paddling area and waterway rules
  - Show map, emphasize people must stay out of the water ski zone, watch out for dam, don't dock or land at private property or Leatherlips Yacht Club property and docks
  - Show coves, Twin Lakes, Eversole Run, and highlight wildlife areas
  - Stay within 50 feet of shore on the river, if you cross, cross at a 90 degree angle and cross quickly. Watch out for powerboats and sailboats when crossing the river.
  - All customers must wear a properly fitted and secure life jacket at all times while on or near the water (do not loosen straps after it is properly fitted).
  - Volunteer safety monitors will be stationed on the water wearing neon vests. If customers need assistance or have questions, volunteers will be there to help.
  - This is a dry facility, as are also the City of Columbus waterways. It is illegal to have and/or consume alcohol on the premises and on the water.
- Kayak selection and entering the kayak
  - A volunteer at the water will likely ask your weight and assist in determining which boat is best for you.
  - Once you've been assigned a boat, get inside the boat to adjust your footpegs.
  - Always use 3 points of contact when entering or exiting the boat (2 feet, 1 hand/ 2 hands 1 foot/ 1 foot 1 hand 1 butt) to make the boat as stable as possible so you do not hurt yourself or damage the boat.
  - Adjust foot pegs to a length where you are sitting up straight with your feet on the pegs, legs slightly bent so knees can push against the combing (sides of the cockpit) to provide stability. Volunteers will show how footpegs are adjusted.
  - Remember your paddler's box. Be sure to sit up straight in your boat and not lean side to side to prevent tipping over.
  - Once footpegs are adjusted, stand up by the back of your boat to indicate you are ready. A volunteer will assist you in carrying your boat to the waterline.

**Sanitizing:** Equipment should be used for demonstration only. If customers or other volunteers touch the demo boat or paddle, sanitize it with Steramine, allowing all affected areas to remain wetted for a minimum of 1 minute.

**Cleanup:** Sanitize the entire boat. Spray the combing, seat, cockpit, footpegs and footpeg adjusters, and both handles and allow them to remain wetted for at least 60 seconds. Replace the demonstration boat on the rack. Take the paddle to the Steramine canoe and drop it in the solution for at least 60 seconds. Return the paddle to the shed.

