

Station Name: Paddle Selection

Location: In grassy area between tent and kayak racks

Setup Items: Lay out sanitized paddles sorted by size in the grass. Only handle clean paddles by the blade or portions of the paddle that will be submerged in water to minimize cross contamination.

Description: This volunteer will help people choose the correct size paddle and give a BRIEF overview of how to hold and use the paddle if customers did not receive the overview at the safety briefing or want another hands on refresher. Volunteers will wear a mask while dealing with customers or when social distancing is not feasible.

- Have each customer hold their hand and arm up to gauge correct paddle length.
- Hold paddle with scoops toward you, in the right orientation
- Show button on paddle, should be lined up with the middle of your body (belly button)
- Hands should be shoulder width apart making a “goal post” with your arms
- To go forward, put the blade in at your feet and pull straight back to your seat
- To go backwards, put the blade in at your seat and push to your feet
- Alternate sides each stroke to go straight
- Perform repeated strokes only on one side to turn the boat.

Sanitizing:

- If a customer selects the wrong size paddle, have them put it in a dirty pile. Put the dirty pile into the Steramine canoe and allow them to be submerged for a minimum of 60 seconds. Replace the paddles into the proper piles once sterilized.
- Remember to only handle clean paddles by the blade or portions of the paddle that will be submerged in water to minimize cross contamination.
- Encourage customers to only touch the paddle they intend to use.

Cleanup:

- Replace all unused paddles back into the shed at the end of each session

