



## PROPOSED PROGRAMME

### March 2024 – July 2025

The Surrey Scout Water Activities Club has several aims;

- ❖ To provide Paddlesport courses and experiences that enhances the abilities of all.
- ❖ To provide access to all water related sports and hobbies.
- ❖ To aid all in gaining qualifications and experience, so that they may pass on their skills to others.
- ❖ To provide a focus for like-minded people, in a sociable and supportive group.

To achieve these aims, the club provides:

- ❖ Access to a Centre by a C class section of the Wey at Godalming, where a Permit is not required.
- ❖ Access to a selection of kayaks, open canoes, SUPs (including a Giant), and a sit-on-top.
- ❖ Manning of nine sessions, using a variety of craft, for Surrey Scoutabout.
- ❖ Introduction/fun sessions, day trips, weekend trips and NGB courses that some Groups or Districts are unable to provide.
- ❖ Training, craft & equipment plus supervision for those that elect to carry out their Duke of Edinburgh award expeditions in open canoe.
- ❖ Training in personal skills, coaching skills, NGB awards, experiences and assessments for a water Permit. The resultant Permit holders are then able to facilitate the water activities in their Groups and Districts.

	<b>2024</b>	
<b>March</b>		
17 <sup>th</sup>	River Mole – Discover award minimum	Roger Harris
<b>April</b>		
7 <sup>th</sup>	Wey navigation - Godalming to Guildford	John Farmer
21 <sup>st</sup>	River Mole – Discover award minimum	Roger Harris
<b>May</b>		

1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday evening	Committee meeting	Chair
12 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Day – Godalming Centre – canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddle boards, rafting, cardboard boats.	Ian Rowlands/John Farmer/Roger Harris
13 <sup>th</sup> Monday evening	Go Canoeing - get your Scouts on the Water – Warspite/Ajax	Richard Hunt
18 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	BRITISH CANOEING Discover & Explore award paddlesport course	Roger Harris
June		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday evening	Go Canoeing - get your Scouts on the Water – Warspite/Ajax	Richard Hunt
8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	BRITISH CANOEING Discover & Explore award paddlesport course	Roger Harris
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wey river & navigation - Send day trip	Roger Harris
29 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>	Surrey Scoutabout – Ardingly Reservoir	Roger Harris
July		
1 <sup>st</sup> Monday evening	Go Canoeing - get your Scouts on the Water – Warspite/Ajax	Richard Hunt
5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>	Brownsea Island – open water open canoe training or just a social trip – you choose	Mark Haymes
10 <sup>th</sup> Wed evening	Programme planning meeting	Roger Harris
August		
	Camps and holidays	
September		
8 <sup>th</sup>	SUP Day	Roger Harris
11 <sup>th</sup> Wed evening	Committee meeting	Chair
14 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	BRITISH CANOEING Discover & Explore award paddlesport course	Roger Harris
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Skills training in preparation for moving water events – Kayak – Godalming Centre	Roger Harris
29 <sup>th</sup>	Skills training in preparation for moving water events – Open Canoe – Godalming Centre	Roger Harris
October		
6 <sup>th</sup>	River Medway day trip	Mark Haymes
19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	Tryweryn/Dee weekend – N. Wales	Ian Rowlands
November		

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wey day trip – Shalford area	Roger Harris
29 <sup>th</sup> -1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Kayak White Water award/Canoe award & trips - Dartmoor	Chris Schultze
December		
8 <sup>th</sup>	Day trip – Thames? Discover award minimum. Water level dependent.	Roger Harris
26 <sup>th</sup>	Boxing Day Paddle – Discover award minimum	Roger Harris
	2025	
January		
8 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday evening	Committee meeting	Chair
12 <sup>th</sup>	Day trip. Godalming out and back. Discover award minimum.	Roger Harris
February		
16 <sup>th</sup>	Day trip Wey Send	Roger Harris
March		
16 <sup>th</sup>	River Mole – Discover award minimum	Roger Harris
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29 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Days – Godalming Centre – canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddle boards, rafting, cardboard boats.	Roger Harris/John Farmer/Ian Rowlands

30 <sup>th</sup> Monday evening	Go Canoeing - get your Scouts on the Water – Warspite/Ajax	Richard Hunt
July		
4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	Brownsea Island – open water open canoe training or just a social trip – you choose	Mark Haymes

All of the above events are advertised and invites issued, through emails and often Facebook. To register for direct emails, go to [www.sswac.co.uk](http://www.sswac.co.uk) and follow the links on the home page.

More information about each event is listed below, but the invites will tell you more.

Items above in blue are part of the **BRITISH CANOEING Discover and Explore award training programme**. Those in red are part of the **White-water kayak or Canoe Award training programmes**.

**Go Canoeing - get your Scouts on the Water** - bookable sessions when all manner of water craft will be available on the Thames for a fun introduction to water sports.

**Fun Days.** Held on the C class Wey at Godalming, there are four 1-hour bases (kayak, canoe, SUPs & traditional rafting), followed by an endurance race for cardboard boats constructed during section meetings.

**Introductory sessions.** The club supports Scouts both in Surrey and neighbouring Counties, with their own Permit holders, with Centre and boat hire.

Once a little experience has been gained, either on the above events, or elsewhere, they have a chance to decide that they enjoy Paddlesport, and want to attend a formal course.

**Discover course.** The club runs three weekend courses during the summer. The format is to spend Saturday morning and all Sunday, in kayaks, plus Saturday afternoon in open canoes. At the end of the course a certificate will be issued.

At this point people can elect to concentrate on one craft. They also now meet the pre-requisite to join local day trips.

**Day trips.** Most of the day trips are on the River Wey & Navigation, paddling various sections, and the River Mole. The day is usually social, but experience can be gained, and some informal coaching can be provided.

Though a weekend, the same applies to the River Medway trip, complete with light-weight camping on Saturday night.

**Explore course.** Run in parallel with the Discover courses, participants may choose to do the Explore course in kayak or open canoe, for both days. A certificate is usually awarded after one weekend of training, followed by a second weekend where the skills can be demonstrated to the required level. Having done the award in one craft, many people elect to repeat the training, but in the other craft.

At this point people have choices over the direction they will progress; safety and rescue, personal skills in kayak, and/or open canoe, leadership skills. It is a pre-requisite for a Scout Permit.

**Paddlesport Safety & Rescue Course.** Formerly the FSRT. This is a 1-day course exploring ways to look after one self and others, and rescues. This can be carried out in kayak, open canoe or SUP. A certificate is awarded on completion, and is a pre-requisite for a Scout Permit, and some British Canoeing leadership and coaching qualifications.

**White Water Kayak Award.** This NGB award is first delivered by a 1-day course at Godalming, exploring and perfecting skills in a sheltered environment, before then taking part in weekends on moving water venues further afield. See below.

**Open canoe award.** This NGB award is similar to the White-Water Kayak Award, but with the addition of open water training. See below.

**Poole Harbour Weekend.** A visit to the birth of Scouting on Brownsea Island. Usually carried out in open canoes, we travel from Wareham to the island, either as a social trip, or taking part in open water training, as part of the Canoe Award.

**Weekend White Water Trips.** As part of the training for the White-Water Kayak Award, and the Canoe Award, in order of difficulty, we visit the Dee & Tryweryn in North Wales, and the Dart in Devon. For those that do not require training it can be a social trip, usually paddling the harder sections. The final assessment for both awards is made on the second weekend attended, and awarded if the required skills are demonstrated.

**Event organisers listed above can be contacted via the following email address:**

[sswac@surrey-scouts.org.uk](mailto:sswac@surrey-scouts.org.uk)

Our annual programme usually increases with further dates for other opportunities. If anyone has other ideas for our programme contact [sswac@surrey-scouts.org.uk](mailto:sswac@surrey-scouts.org.uk) . Further dates and more detailed information will be circulated by email and will be posted on the club website.

We often provide groups with taster sessions, or training sessions for groups aiming to take part in expeditions, and assistance/advice in running expeditions, often as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award progress.

Some people have difficulty making the training or assessment dates in the programme. Alternative dates may be possible by arrangement.

We offer club events to be used for assessments leading to Scout Activity Authorisation Permits.

Enquiries should be made to [sswac@surrey-scouts.org.uk](mailto:sswac@surrey-scouts.org.uk)

We also welcome those from other Scout Counties, and we are often joined by paddlers from Greater London, Kent, Sussex and Hampshire.

## **CENTRE HIRE**

Our boating Centre at Godalming, and the kayaks & open canoes within, is available for hire to groups who have their own Permit holders. Seven more open canoes, five solo SUPs and one giant SUP are stored off site.

### **Rates for hire:**

#### **For Scout and other youth groups:**

SSWAC boat hire per paddler per day: £12. The total charge is subject to a minimum charge of: £24 **per day** per group.

***Boat hire and minimum charges are reduced by 50% for sessions of 4 hours or less.***

***Permit holders using club kit for their personal use do not pay rental for the kit they use.***

Contact Ian Rowlands via [sswac.bookings@surrey-scouts.org.uk](mailto:sswac.bookings@surrey-scouts.org.uk) to make a booking.

For further information on open canoeing and kayaking, contact Roger Harris on [roger.harris@surrey-scouts.org.uk](mailto:roger.harris@surrey-scouts.org.uk).

For information on canal narrow boating, off-shore sailing, and dinghy sailing, or Permit applications, contact [sswac@surrey-scouts.org.uk](mailto:sswac@surrey-scouts.org.uk)