

Canoeing Safety

Careful Planning:

Plan your trip well in advance. Submit a float trip with your tour permit, at least two weeks prior to your event.

Analyze Everything:

Before you leave: Check the canoes and trailer. Make sure you have enough PFD's
Check the water conditions.
Check the weather conditions.
Recheck conditions upon arrival.

KNow:

Know your Scouts and Leaders.
Swim checks for ability level are required. Do this in a pool prior to the event.

Obey:

Obey the Guide to Safe Scouting
Safe Swim Defense & Safety Afloat

Enjoy:

Taking these steps will allow you to have an enjoyable and safe event.

Safe Driving Guidelines

The beds of trucks or trailers MUST NEVER be used to carry passengers.

Do not travel in convoy

Driving time no matter how many drivers there are is limited to a maximum of 10 hours and must be interrupted by frequent rest, food and recreation stops. If there is only one driver, the driving time should be reduced and stops should be made more frequently.

All driving, except for short trips, should be done in daylight

Seat belts are required of all occupants

All drivers must have a valid driver's license, a CDL is required if there are 15 or more passengers

All vehicles must be covered by liability insurance with a limit of at least \$15,000

All drivers must be at least 18 years of age

Do not exceed the speed limit

Towing Canoes in the Catalina Council, BSA

Only tow canoe trailers under good weather conditions

Drive Slow! This could mean less than the speed limit.

Allow plenty of stops; for drivers, passengers and the trailer

Ensure that the hitch and all tie downs are secure.

2 inch ball on substantial hitch is required

Check all canoes, lights and tires on trailer before the trip and at each stop

Call at least two days in advance to arrange for pickup and drop off

Person checking trailer out must be the same one towing to and from the event

Allow one hour to pickup and drop off canoes

Must have eyelets for safety chains

Check that all canoes are properly tied down

PFD's need to go inside a vehicle