

*Alberta Whitewater Association &
Kayak West Paddlers Club present*
**Jasper River Rendezvous
Western Youth Camp**
August 13 – 16, 2009
Jasper, Alberta



Registration:

Registration for the Western Youth Camp must be done by **July 31**, 2009. Please fill in the online registration form at www.albertawhitewater.ca to let us know you're interested in this camp. You will then need to print out the camp-specific registration form along with the waiver and medical form, and send these along with your payment (cheque made out to the AWA) to the Kayak West Paddlers Club.

Cost:

\$300.00 for the Camp; or \$100.00 per day; Camp participants attending with their coach either attend free or at a discounted rate. Talk to your coach for more information.

Contact:

KWPC organizer – Rebecka Riddell-McKay rebeckarm@gmail.com

Program Objectives:

To create an opportunity for young paddlers to participate in all paddle sport disciplines. River running, kayak polo, slalom and freestyle sessions will be offered in a fun and social atmosphere.

Participant Ability:

All levels are welcome to attend. There will be pool & lake sessions, as well as class I, II and III river runs. The FUNdamentals (orange), Learning to Train (yellow) and Training to Train (green) stages of the LTAD will be accommodated through freestyle, club runs, slalom and canoe polo sessions.

Session Descriptions:

All activities will be available as skill sessions during the camp. The river runs/club runs will focus on choosing safe lines, scouting rapids from your boat and the shore, identifying river features and play boating. Groups will be organized based on paddling level and ability. The slalom and kayak polo sessions will focus on techniques specific to each sport through a series of games and small competitions. See the following schedule for more details.

Location:

Jasper National Park, AB.: Marmot Meadows group campsite at Whistlers Campground (2 km South of Jasper on Highway 93.)

Instructors:

Sean Allen, Saskia van Mourik, and others.

Schedule:

This schedule is subject to change, depending on the skill level of registered participants and water levels. Other river possibilities for more advanced paddlers include Maligne 5th to 6th Bridge, Maligne Canyon, Upper Whirlpool, Astoria, and the Upper Fraser.

	Thurs. Aug. 13	Friday, August 14	Saturday, August 15 Athabasca Day	Sunday, August 16 Fraser Day
9:30 AM (MST)	Saskia to coach for the day. Runs will depend upon the ability of paddlers present. Sean & his kids may join in.	Meet at the group campsite. Arrange shuttles for Miette River run (beginner) or Whirlpool River run (intermediate).	Meet at the group campsite. Arrange shuttles for the Mile 5 section on the Athabasca River (class I-II). Take out at Old Fort Point.	Meet at the Jasper Aquatic Centre to arrange rides. Drive out to Mount Robson, BC, to do the Raft Run (class II - III) or the Float Trip (class I+). on the Fraser River .
2:00 PM (MST)		Lake Edith Session Meet at Doggy Beach. Beginner skills and flatwater tricks.	Falls Run on the Athabasca River (class II). Meet at Athabasca Falls. Take-out at Mile 5 bridge.	River TBD depending on level of participants around on Sunday afternoon
Evening	Pot luck supper at Marmot Meadows group campsite (6 pm)	Pool session Kayak polo at the Jasper Aquatic Centre (8:30 – 9:30 pm)	Maligne River Walk & Talk Meet at the 5 th bridge parking lot (5 pm)	

Program Logistics:

Participants and their families are responsible for their own food, accommodations, and transportation. However, we will be organizing a group meal on Thursday evening for those who are interested in taking part. Camping at the group campsite is encouraged. We also strongly encourage participants to car-pool as much as possible. The AWA will seek to assist in coordinating rides to & from Jasper in advance of the trip.

Accommodation:

The Marmot Meadows group campsite (in Whistlers Campground, near the townsite of Jasper) is booked for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. The cost will be \$5.80 per person per night. Parents & other family members of the registered participants are welcome to stay at the campground with us. This is a tenting-only area (RVs & trailers could stay at a regular site in the main campground). Please indicate on the registration form if you plan on staying with the group.

Food:

Participants will need to arrange their own meals. On Thursday, we will be having a pot-luck supper for those who wish to participate. If you are going to eat in town at a restaurant, Friday night would be a good night for this as we will need to be in Jasper at the Aquatic Centre at 8:30 pm for our pool session. Jasper does have two grocery stores, but they are *very* busy (and consequently, the shelves are sometimes bare) so it would be wise to plan your meals and buy most of your groceries in advance. Bring your own gas stove as the campground cooking facilities are limited.

What to bring:

Please bring camping gear, personal paddling gear for river running, play boating and slalom; shared gear will be made available, but supply is limited.

Nearest Amenities: Jasper is a full-service tourist town. It is approximately 2 km North of the Marmot Meadows group campsite.

If you do not wish to stay with the group at the Marmot Meadows group campsite (which is located in the Whistlers Campground), the following accommodation suggestions are all located off Highway 93 or 93A, south of Jasper on the Icefields parkway, near the group area.

Camping:

Wabasso campground (smaller campground, 16 km South of Jasper)
Whistler & Wapiti campgrounds (full hook-ups near the town of Jasper)

Hostels:

Jasper International Hostel
Athabasca Falls Hostel

Travel Directions:

From the North/West/East of Jasper:

Once you reach the town of Jasper, head South on Highway 93 until you come to the signs for Whistlers Campground. Turn right. At the campground kiosk, ask for directions to the Marmot Meadows group camping area.

From the South:

Head up the Icefields Parkway (Hwy 93). A couple of km after you pass the park gate kiosk & turnoff for Marmot Basin ski area, look for the signs for Whistlers campground. Turn left. At the campground kiosk, ask for directions to the Marmot Meadows group camping area.

Fee Includes:

- Kayaking sessions & instruction on Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday
- Pool session Friday night

Additional Costs:

All participants are required to be members of the Alberta Whitewater Association and sign the respective waiver and medical forms prior to the program. Non AWA members will have to pay for a membership fee of \$15.00 for an individual membership (not associated with a club) or \$4.00 for a one-time event membership.

Alberta Whitewater Association
Jasper River Rendezvous ~ Western Youth Camp Registration Form
August 13-16, 2009
Hosted by the Kayak West Paddlers Club

Please mail registration packages to:
Jasper River Rendezvous
Kayak West Paddlers Club
Box 3007
Jasper, AB
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Please include the following required items:
 Registration form
 Waiver
 Medical form (2 sides)
 Payment (cheque made out to the AWA)

A **waiver** and **medical form** must be filled in prior to participating in this camp. **You must complete new forms for this camp, even if you've already filled them out for other events.** Print out the last two forms from www.kayakjasper.ca (look under *Membership and Registration Forms*) and have them signed by a parent/guardian if you are **under 18**.

Please note: Your registration will not be confirmed until your payment and all forms are received.
If you have any questions, please contact Rebecka at rebeckarm@gmail.com

Name of Paddler: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Male Female

Name(s) of Paddler's Parent(s): _____ Home phone #: _____

AWA Member? Yes Home Club & coach: _____
 Not yet (please include \$4 for temporary AWA membership)

E-mail address: _____
(Your confirmation will be e-mailed to this address when we receive your payment and forms.)

Mailing Address: _____

Paddling Ability: (Please bring your **Paddling Passport** if you have one.)

Beginner (class I-II) Intermediate (class II – III) Advanced (comfortable on class III+)

Rolling: Not yet On flatwater/in the pool On the river Bomb-proof!

Boats & Gear: I have a boat and all my own gear (PFD, drytop, deck, helmet, paddle, throw bag, whistle)
 I would like to borrow _____ if possible.

Please indicate if you will be joining us:

_____ people (*include paddler and family members, if any*) will be camping at Marmot Meadows group campground on the following nights:

- Wednesday, Aug. 12
- Thursday, Aug. 13
- Friday, Aug. 14
- Saturday, Aug. 15

Camping fee of \$5.80 per person per night will be charged when you arrive at the campground.

Thursday night pot luck supper at the group campsite:

- Yes, _____ people will attend. (*include paddler and any family members.*)
- No, I won't be there.

Friday night pool session at the Jasper Aquatic Centre:

- Yes, I will be there and will bring my boat, paddle and deck.
- Yes, I will be there but I will need to share boats & gear.
- No, I won't be there.