



## ACA San Juan Island Adventure 2012

Led by Outdoor Adventure Center; ACA Pro School  
Benefiting the American Canoe Association



***Spend a week sea kayaking along the Pacific Northwest coast, learning about its rich marine environment and enjoying an exclusive island adventure while supporting the ACA's educational and stewardship programs. Join us!***

Join with fellow American Canoe Association (ACA) instructors and adventurers this summer as we travel to the San Juan Islands of Washington State for a week of sea kayaking, marine biology exploration, and adventure! This unique trip includes the best of the Pacific Northwest Coast and is customized for the adventurous paddler. Together, we'll explore the San Juan's uninhabited State Park Islands and pristine coast while learning about the marine environment and its amazing inhabitants. In addition to our time spent on the water, there will be opportunities for hiking, beach combing, photography, exploring, socializing, and relaxing!

### **Itinerary**

Arrival Day – August 20, 2011

Activity Days – August 21-25, 2011

Departure Day – August 26, 2011

Our adventure begins at Spencer Spit State Park on Lopez Island – *“the friendly isle!”* Each island has its own unique characteristics and places of interest – and our friendly and experienced guides are eager to share them with you! Our destination for day one is Clark Island State Park; an uninhabited island with beach-front camping. On days 2-5 we venture out into Orca Whale territory and will be on the lookout for these and other magnificent creatures of the Northwest (such as Dals Porpoise, Bald Eagles, Harbor Seals, and River Otters). Depending on the weather, currents, and pace of the group, our rest-stops and camps may include the State Park islands of Clark, Matia, Sucia, Stewart, and Jones as we make our way around the north side of Orcas Island (home of Mount Constitution). On day 5 we arrive on San Juan Island (site of the Pig War incident) and after freshening up, will spend the evening dining, shopping, and exploring the only incorporated town in the islands – Friday Harbor.

*\* Our itinerary is subject to change based on the weather conditions, tides, and safety considerations.*

### **About the San Juan Islands**

The San Juan Islands are a spectacular and secluded destination known for their natural beauty and relaxed “island time.” Comprised of over 700 islands, the San Juan Islands have become a popular paddling destination, and are regularly included in National Geographic Adventure's *Best Places...* listings. Located less than 3 hours from Seattle (and less than 4 hours from Vancouver, BC - home of the 2010 Winter Olympics) the islands provide an ideal blend of quaint harbors, artistic and historic sites, and outdoor adventure opportunities!

### **Accommodations**

The first 5 days of our adventure will include camping in State and County campgrounds – generally on uninhabited islands with amazing sunset views. As with most of the island campsites we will visit, you will have access to cold running water and basic restroom facilities, but no lights, mirrors, or power outlets. For all activity days (August 21-25) you can expect clean, newer composting facilities (i.e. no running water). On night 6 you will be lodging in the only incorporated town in the San Juan's; Friday Harbor!



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### About The Participants

This adventure is open to all American Canoe Association instructors and members who have completed an ACA assessment or certification course. Our goal is to have an energetic group of adult paddlers (ages 18+) who already have basic kayaking experience and are ready for a multi-day group adventure!

### About Your Guides

This NW adventure will be led and outfitted by ACA instructors from the [Outdoor Adventure Center](#) and by marine biologist Larry Ausley, ACA Board Member and paddling Instructor who will be providing information and explorations on our PNW marine biology throughout the trip.

### Logistics & Pricing

Trip cost is \$1,275.00 per person + \$36.00 Transportation Fee

*15% of the trip cost goes to the American Canoe Association to further its programs and activities.*

Trip cost includes ACA certified instructors, kayaks and paddling equipment (fiberglass singles, doubles, and triples), camping fees, outfitter camp kitchen and meals (from lunch on August 21<sup>st</sup> through lunch on August 25<sup>th</sup>), beverages and snacks, tents (shared), and solar hand-wash station and showers.

Transportation fee includes shuttle transportation to/from Seattle to the San Juan Islands, and ferry fees. *A complete gear list and sizing chart will be included in your registration packet.*

*Not included:* Airfare, personal items, clothing, sleeping bags, souvenirs & gifts, incidental costs, meals on arrival and departure days, breakfast on 8/21 and dinner on 8/25, lodging on 8/25 and gratuity. *A complete packing list will be included in your registration packet.*

### Registration

Complete your registration online at [www.OutdoorAdventureCenter.com](http://www.OutdoorAdventureCenter.com) or by calling 800-282-4043. If you would like to take advantage of our deposit option, please call the office so that we can take your deposit payment and reservation information over the phone.

A nonrefundable deposit of \$375 confirms your registration. The remaining balance of \$900 plus \$36 transportation fee is due by May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 or, if registering after May 10<sup>th</sup>, full payment is due at the time of registration.

For more information, contact us: 800-282-4043 / [info@OutdoorAdventureCenter.com](mailto:info@OutdoorAdventureCenter.com) .

### Cancellation Policy

The deposit is not refundable. For written cancellations received by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 we will refund 50% of the total trip cost (equal to \$655.50). Please allow 14 days for us to process your refund. No refunds after June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012. If Outdoor Adventures cancels the trip (for example, due to low enrollment) we will issue a complete refund with no penalties. If the trip is cancelled due to weather, natural disaster, or forces beyond our control, it will be rescheduled and you will be offered alternate trip dates (no refunds). We recommend that you purchase travel/trip insurance to cover possible losses.

### Minimum Number of Participants

Outdoor Adventures requires a minimum of 10 paid participants.