

DISCOVERY ADVENTURES

Sea Kayaking & Snorkeling

KIDS SUMMER PROGRAM 2009

Dear Adventurers,

Greetings from Discovery Adventures! We hope you're enjoying the summer season and getting excited for the start of our kids sea kayak/snorkel program. It's right around the corner, so to prepare for your upcoming camp session, here are some reminders and helpful pieces of information:

WHERE & WHEN: Monday through Friday on the weeks of your scheduled camp session we'll be meeting promptly at **10am** at our shop at **1077 Washington St.** in Lanesville. To get to the office (if you're coming from the Gloucester side of Lanesville), you will drive on Washington St., pass Plum Cove beach on your left, head up a small hill and round a right corner just as you're entering the "heart of Lanesville". At this point on the immediate right you will see a small building with our sign out front. Our door is on the left front of this building. Park on the side of the street and be careful not to block driveways. Pickup time is at **4pm** at our **kayak trailer**, which is located in the back of Lane's Cove. You can access the cove by taking a left onto Duley Street, then bear right. You'll see the trailer parked on the right with our Discovery Adventures sign.

WHAT TO BRING:

2 Full water bottles – hydration is crucial!

Lunch (can be packed in your own soft mini-cooler or in our dry bags in the morning)

Bathing suit

T-shirt & quick-drying shorts

Sturdy shoes or sports sandals that can get wet

Towel

Long-sleeved shirt

Sunblock & Lip protection

Brimmed hat

Sunglasses

Raincoat (if foul weather is forecasted)

Any necessary medications

Optional – waterproof camera; fishing rod; fleece or warm layer for chilly days, if appropriate

Campers can store their backpacks or any other extra gear in our shop for the day if necessary. It is easiest to have your child already wearing their bathing suit and ready to get wet when you drop them off with us, but it is possible to change in the shop and use the restroom.

WE PROVIDE: All kayaking gear, lifejackets, snorkeling gear, wetsuits, dry bags, first aid kits and experienced guides.

ABOUT US: In addition to our regular kayaking and snorkeling tours with the general public, for the past 10 summers Discovery Adventures has offered our day camp program to kids ages 8 to 15, who are mostly from the Cape Ann area. Groups consist of a maximum of 12, with 2 lead instructors. Kacy Lafferty will be accompanying the groups each week. We also anticipate occasional guest appearances from other local experienced guides and teachers. Kacy has over 15 years of outdoor guiding experience, Lifesaving and WEMT (Wilderness Emergency Medical Technician) certification. The entire Discovery Adventures team possesses extensive experiential and formal education backgrounds, substantial personal experience on and under the water and of course, a "boatload" of energy - our camp is just as fun for us as it is for the kids!

A typical week runs from Monday through Friday, 10am – 4pm. In good weather (no high winds or extremely rough seas), we will be exploring the shores and beaches of Cape Ann, launching our kayaks, packed with our lunches and gear, from Lane's Cove in Lanesville, or occasionally from other locations on the Cape. We'll be paddling in and out of the many nooks and crannies of our local coastline, as well as getting an underwater perspective with the use of snorkeling gear and wetsuits. All guides are equipped with marine radios, cell phone access, extensive knowledge of the local waters and coastline, and the latest weather information. If inclement weather is predicted (high winds/rain), we may choose to stay on land: taking field trips - to local museums, the Boston Aquarium, Salem, etc. - or engaging in some other fun activities such as mountain biking, hiking or fishing. If there is a change in drop-off or pick-up locations due to weather conditions, alternative activities or special paddling expeditions we will let you know the night before.

Regarding payment: if you have already paid the full amount of the camp cost (\$450.00/child), many thanks. If you have given us a minimum deposit of \$100/child, please send the remaining balance due with your child on the first day of camp. We take cash, Visa, and checks (please make out your check to Discovery Adventures). Also, if we have not yet received your paperwork - Registration Form and Waiver – include this as well on the first day of camp, or if time, send it to us by mail. Please notify us of any pertinent medical information or special requirements of your child either on your registration paperwork or to us directly, and feel free to call our office at (978)283-3320 if you have any questions.

We look forward to providing your child with a fun, educational and safe experience out on the water this summer!

Best Regards,

Kacy Lafferty

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