



SERC Canoe And Kayak Launch Application For Groups

Group Leaders: Welcome to the SERC campus! We are open to visitors and groups, and we encourage the learning and enjoyment of our campus area. Please keep in mind the SERC is a research facility and certain areas, that are marked, are off limits due to the sensitive nature of ongoing research.

As a group leader you are responsible for the following:

1. **Registration with SERC staff** of your group by calling (443) 482-2300.
2. **Obtaining a group registration form and paying before your trip.**
3. **Keeping your group together** while on the SERC campus, ensuring their safety, and keeping them together on the Rhode River and Muddy Creek.
4. You are responsible for any **damages caused by your group members on SERC property.**
5. **Knowing all the rules and regulations** for launching canoes and kayaks at SERC (see below)
6. **Reporting any accidents or problems** to SERC Security (443) 482-2298.
7. **If individuals in your group drive separately they must register their vehicle** at the Reed Education Center before departing on the canoe/kayak trip.
8. **All boats must be launched at the canoe/kayak launch area** at the SERC dock. Launching at other sites is prohibited.

*SERC offers a wide variety of educational programs for individuals and families and groups, including guided canoe excursions. Our guides can lead you through the nature, wildlife, and research here at SERC.
For more information call (443) 482-2300 or visit our website www.serc.si.edu.*

Complimentary interpretive canoe guides are available in the Reed Education Center, along with informational brochures and restrooms.

SERC is open to the public Monday-Saturday from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. You last boat should be pulled out by 4:00 p.m.

Application Procedure

1. Read the rules for canoe and kayak launching at SERC.
2. Fill out this outfitters application form.
3. Return the Group Application form, completed, with \$5.00 per canoe/kayak that you will be launching. Checks may be made out to the SERC. We also accept Visa, Master Card and Discover.
4. Bring with you the Group Day Pass permit when your group arrives, and carry it with you.
5. Drop off the Group Day Pass at the Reed Education Center when your group departs.
6. For emergencies, or to report suspicious/unsafe behavior, please call SERC Security (443) 482-2298.

Rules and Regulation for launching canoes and kayaks at SERC

1. Motorized boats are not allowed to be launched from the SERC docks.
2. All launches must occur at the SERC floating dock.
3. All children 15 and younger must be accompanied by an adult.
4. PFD's must be worn on the water, and by all group members, at all times.
5. SERC is not responsible for your personal safety, vehicle, or damage to you, your boat, or personal property.
6. No firearms or fireworks.
7. No alcohol or drugs.
8. Our shorelines are fragile ecosystems so please no landing on SERC property except the launching dock.
9. Collection or removal of any objects, including artifacts or plant materials, without written permission is prohibited.
10. Unsafe behavior or actions can result in your visitor privileges being revoked, and possibly legal recourse.



Smithsonian Environmental
Research Center

SERC Security
Phone Number:
(443) 482-2298

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Date of Trip: _____ Time of Launch: _____ Estimated Time of Trip Finish: _____

Name of Organization/Group: _____

Address of Organization: _____

Phone Number of Organization: _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____

Insurance Coverage Provided by: _____

Name of Group Leader(s): _____

Contact Phone Numbers of Group Leaders: _____

Purpose of Trip: _____

Trip Route Description: Start: _____

Number of Canoes: _____ Number of Kayaks: _____

Number of Adults in Group: _____ Number of Minors in Group: _____

Number of Vehicles in Group: _____

Launch Fee is \$5.00 Per Canoe/Kayk: Total Payment Due: \$ _____

Payment Method (Circle One): Check Cash Visa/Master Card/Discover (checks may be made out to SERC)

For Visa/Master Card/Discover, please fill out the form below, we will send you a receipt:

Type of Card: _____

Name of Card Holder: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Digit code on back of Card: _____

**SERC Educational Staff reserves the right to first priority of the launching dock and canoe trails.*

**The SERC launching dock may be closed for security purposes due to inclement weather, small craft advisories, or other incidents. Please call ahead (443) 482-2298 if you have questions or for campus conditions.*

Please Return This Completed Form to:

Outreach Coordinator, SERC

P.O. Box 28

Edgewater, MD 21037

(443) 482-2300