

Boating Safety Checklist

Before you head out in the boat this summer, you'll want to prepare for your trip. Whether you will be out for an hour or all day, follow these suggestions for a safer float trip.

- ✓ Make sure you have a wearable personal flotation device (PFD, or life jacket) for each person on board. Kids 12 years of age and younger on any boat 20 feet or less in length and in all canoes and kayaks must WEAR a PFD.
- ✓ Check the weather report and bring along the appropriate gear—including rain jacket or sunscreen—or both! If storms are coming, stay off the water.
- ✓ Tell your parents or another adult where you are planning to go—AND write it down for them.
- ✓ Take drinking water and food with you—taking a sweatshirt is a good idea, too.



Have a great time on the water this summer!