



Web Site: www.SweetwaterKayaks.com

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Happenings September 2008

Special Events

KAYAK DEMO DAY

- Date: Sept 6, Saturday - Weather Permitting
- Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Location: Gandy Beach, SW side, by the mangroves

Join us on the water to 'try before you buy' the kayaks you are interested in. With the purchase of each new kayak, we offer a free FUNDamentals Class.

Day Tours [Website has Maps](#)

Look for tours labeled →

USE LESS GAS

Beginners often find they have more fun if they take our 3 hour FUNDamentals Class first, taught on most Saturdays and Sundays.

Trips may be cancelled if insufficient people RSVP.

All but the Egmont Key Trip are for NOVICES and above.

CHASSAHOWITZKA RIVER DAY TOUR

The Creeks Are Mostly In-The-Shade

- Date: Monday, Sep 8 **Beat the Heat**
- Time: 10 am to 4:00 pm
- Location: Chassahowitzka River Campground Boat Ramp
- Fee: \$30 with your own kayak
- \$60 with kayak rental

Tide will be up. Maybe we can find even more places to paddle than last time. Lots of springs to be seen.

RSVP (727) 570-4844

Weedon Island Eco Tour

Only 2 miles from Sweetwater Kayaks

- Fri, Sep 12, 9:00 - 11:30
- Sun, Sep 14, 9:00 - 11:30 **USE LESS GAS**
- Thu, Sep 25, 12:00 - 2:30
- Location: The canoe launch at Weedon Island
- Fee: \$25.00 per person - Kayak Rental: included

Join Marine Biologist David Camp on a guided kayak tour thorough the enchanting mangrove forest. You will get the insider view of this incredible ecosystem of mangroves, oysters and marine life. You will also encounter the amazing array of birds that reside there.

This tour is designed for those who have little or no experience kayaking. The kayaks are wide and stable. They are available as singles or doubles.

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TGIF Coffee Pot Bayou

Only 6 miles from Sweetwater Kayaks

- Date: Friday, Sep 19 **USE LESS GAS**
- Time: 6:30 pm
- Location: Coffee Pot Park Boat Ramp
- Fee: \$25 with your own kayak
- \$55 with kayak rental

Coffee Pot to Spa Beach and return **RSVP (727) 570-4844**

ZOO PADDLE - Includes Zoo Admission

Only 20 miles from Sweetwater Kayaks

- Date: Sunday, Sep 21 **USE LESS GAS**
- Time: 9:30 am to 4:00 pm
- Location: Lowry Park, Tampa
- Fee: \$25 with your own kayak
- \$55 with kayak rental

Way cool event! Pay for this event and you get free admission to the zoo (normally \$18.95). We will put in at Lowry park, paddle part of the urban version of the Hillsborough River, and tour the zoo. Rest up the night before.

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Rainbow River

Very Cool Paddle - Water is 75° **Beat the Heat**

- Date: Saturday, Sep 27
- Time: 10 am to 4:00 pm
- Location: KP Hole Park Boat Ramp
- Fee: \$30 with your own kayak
- \$60 with kayak rental

Out most popular summer trip.

Don's found several side trips that make this a unique way to see this popular venue.

Kayak Classes

Classes at Sweetwater Kayaks are taught by certified coaches. Most classes are taught in shallow, clear water just minutes from our shop, with one coach for each four students. **REGISTER at (727) 570-4844**

FUNDamentals - Introduction to Sea Kayaking

- **Most Saturdays and Sundays**
- Meet at Sweetwater Kayaks at 9:30 am
- Fee: \$75.00 includes kayak, paddle, and PFD
- Semi-Private Classes – up to six students.

Get started with the basics in sea kayaking. Learn to launch your boat, get out & in your boat in deep water, basic paddle strokes and safety tips. The class is about three hours long.
REGISTER at (727) 570-4844

EFFECTIVE PADDLING

FREE! Mini Seminar

- **When:** Wed, Sep 3, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- **Where:** The Shop at 5:30

An insight in how your body, boat and paddle work together to condition the body and increase the performance of your kayak. Learn the four fundamentals to good form in your kayak.

Whether you have a sea kayak, or sit on top you will receive some great tips from the experts at Sweetwater Kayaks.

FORWARD STROKE SKILL SESSION

- **When:** Thur, Sep 4, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- **Where:** The Shop at 5:30
- **Fee:** \$50 with your own kayak
- \$40 additional for kayak rental
- **Prerequisite: FUNDamentals Class.**

We'll get up to 4 of you on the water, watch you paddle, and select what we will teach based on your existing paddling skills.

TGIF EVENING ROLLING CLINIC

- **When:** Every Friday - 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- **Where:** The Shop 1/2 hour before your appointment
- **Fee:** \$54 with your own kayak (1st lesson)
- \$38 with your own kayak (additional lessons)
- \$40 additional for kayak rental

This class is tailored to your needs. Individual hourly sessions will be scheduled on this day. Buy 2 rolling sessions at once and save nearly 20%. Pay Only \$75 for both sessions.

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NEW BCU 2 STAR TRAINING

- **When:** Sat, Sept 13, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm
- **Where:** The Shop at 9:30
- **Fee:** \$99 with your own kayak
- \$40 additional for kayak rental
- **Prerequisite: FUNDamentals Class.**

Take your skills to the next level. We add edging for control, new strokes (stern rudder, low brace turn, sculling for support, high recovery) and Eskimo rescues to what we covered in the FUNDamentals Class above.

Bring Lunch
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HOW TO ROLL YOUR KAYAK

FREE! Mini Seminar

- **When:** Wed, Sep 17, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- **Where:** The Shop at 5:30

The mysteries of kayak rolling will be revealed in this mini seminar. You will actually see what is going on under water and under the deck in this above water presentation

BRACING and SKULLING Skill Session (Skull Session?)

- **When:** Thur, Sep 18, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- **Where:** Meet at The Shop at 5:30
- **Fee:** \$50 with your own kayak
- \$40 additional for kayak rental
- **Prerequisite: FUNDamentals Class.**

If your braces always work, you will never need to roll. This skill session will put you on the road to perfecting your braces. We'll do some skulling, too.

NEW BCU 3 STAR TRAINING (Coastal Skills)

- **When:** Sat, Sept 20, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm
- **Where:** To Be Determined
- **Fee:** \$99 with your own kayak
- \$40 additional for kayak rental
- **Prerequisite: BCU 2 Star Training**

Take your skills to a new level as we move from sheltered to open water. Basic navigation and boat control in wind and currents are explored.

Bring Lunch.
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SIT-ON-TOP FUNDAMENTALS

- **When:** Sun, Aug 31,
- Meet at Sweetwater Kayaks at 9:30 am
- **Fee:** \$75.00
- Semi-Private Classes – up to six students.

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PRIVATE COACHING

Offered Daily

- **Fee:** \$65 per hour up to two paddlers
 - (3 hour minimum)Call to set up your session

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VACATION-TO-HELL

Keep checking the Team Sweetwater BLOG at <http://devon.ircationtohell.com/> to see the team's progress 1100 miles above the arctic circle.