

# Canoeing Synopsis 5th—6th, upper



## Summary:

*Learn to paddle on Hartley Pond!  
This introductory paddle class must be done in conjunction with another 1/2 day environmental class. Rental fee \$1/student, full day incentive applies. Limit 30 students each session.*

## Authenticity

Students work together to successfully navigate a canoe, a life-long skill for enjoyment of the natural world.

## Goals & Objectives

### **This program will:**

- Help students feel comfortable with canoeing.
- Introduce basic techniques and tips for safe and efficient canoeing.

### **Students will be able to:**

- Properly use equipment.
- Canoe at an introductory or intermediate level.
- Use proper canoeing etiquette.
- Work together to navigate a canoe on Hartley Pond.

## Activities

### **In the classroom:**

- Discuss basic canoeing information. Gauge prior knowledge and experience of the group.
- Cover safety guidelines and the plan for the rest of the class.

### **In the field:**

- Go canoeing! Walk down to the pond, distribute equipment, review safety and proper technique, and begin putting canoes in the water.
- Practice canoeing with various strokes, encouraging students to remember their role (either bow, stern, or duffer). Discuss situations/tips/questions as they arise.
- Play a canoeing game if time permits.

## Bad Weather Alternative

This program cannot be conducted indoors. Canoeing can happen in fair or poor weather, but will be cancelled at the discretion of the field trip leader or Hartley educators if extreme weather or danger threatens the safety of the students. This would include high winds, heavy rains, or any sign of lightning or thunder.