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Come learn, explore and have fun early with the Harbourfront family this spring!



Dear Friends,

Hope you have weathered the winter well and are ready for Spring 2017.

All of our programs are now available for booking.

Scroll down to see what's coming up soon...



Morning at Snug Haven in Spring

Your Spring Escape from the City

We are happy to announce our fifth spring training camp for sea kayakers will be held 3 hours north at Snug Haven [Resort](#) on Georgian Bay. Paddle Camp is meant to bring sea kayakers together to improve their skills as well as get everyone into mid-season form early so we can all have a nice long paddling season. By keeping the instructor to participant ratio low, and providing electives each day, it ensures paddlers get specialized and individualized attention. The getaway includes the option of meals made by our instructors, and is a great way to interact with fellow kayakers and instructors in a wonderfully relaxing setting. Lodging has sold out for this trip in past years so decide soon. [Click here for details.](#)



Achieve your paddling goals early this season on the May long weekend at Paddle Camp.

Paddle With Us In Maine: Sept 2-10 2017

Our previously sold out trip to [Maine](#) has had a few spots open up to paddle the coastal waters of New England. This adventure with Erik & Lien will be day trips centred around two base lodges: one in Bar Harbor and the other out of Stonington. This trip is best suited for those who have established intermediate level kayak paddling skills, experience and physical conditioning. Our wonderful paddling excursions will explore archipelagos with cliffs and coves while keeping our eyes out for marine life such as sea birds and seals.



Only a couple of spaces left, so give the Maine Itinerary a read & [email us](#) if interested.

Social Dinner/Film Talk: Monday April 3rd

We invite you to join us for a great social evening of delicious food, a fantastic paddling film and friendship. We will meet up at our neighbour's social room for a warm and cozy atmosphere (located on the South/West corner of Queens Quay & Robertson Crescent). The evening begins at 6:30pm and winds up around 9:00pm. Part of the proceeds from the evening go to the Toronto Food Bank. Seating is limited, so reserve your space by [clicking here](#).



The new 30 min. film [THE CANOE](#) will be featured at the Dinner with behind the scenes stories by film maker, Goh Iromoto.

In-Pool Kayak Courses Begin April 1st

Beginning Apr 1 at the beautiful Birchmount Community Centre Pool we once again start [In-Pool Rescues](#) Courses & [In-Pool Rolling](#) Courses. These courses are great to reassure the beginner or seasoned paddler what to do if capsized, with time and instructor:guest ratios to allow for effective learning. All equipment and boats are provided. For details click on one of the above links to learn more and feel confident and safe the next time you are out paddling.



Toronto's Birchmount Pool is only a 20 min drive from Harbourfront & features free parking, a large pool area and a hot tub

Overnight Touring-Essential Theory Clinics

Held once a week for 4 weeks, [these 3-hour clinics](#) will prepare you for safe and worry-free camping; whether you're paddling a canoe, kayak, or SUP. Topics are: Weather Forecasting, Wilderness Navigation, Trip Planning and Lightweight Camping, and Intro to Wilderness Cooking. Erik Ogaard and Dave Johnston's clinics will take place in our neighbour's classroom.



Overnight Paddling Clinics in April

Spring Touring Value Package

This new series of excursions has been expanded and invites experienced paddlers to start their season up early. Each excursion will offer paddling tips, skill development, and fun day trips. The revised, consistent schedule allows time for a rewarding excursion with breaks. Choose 6 out of 8 weekend days being offered; with the option of adding on a 7th and 8th day. Early season fun awaits!



Harbourfront Paddles begin April 1

Other reasons to plan ahead with us...

"Harbourfront Canoe & Kayak trips are the best. Each tour is organized with seemingly every possible detail managed in advance, yet with the flexibility to always accommodate the aims and wishes of the group. The HCKC guides could not be better: They are generous, thoughtful, respectful, and very, very knowledgeable. While at all times fostering an atmosphere of friendliness and fun, their focus on group safety and on the learning of each individual is unwavering. You'll come away from your trip as a more experienced, more assured paddler, and you'll have a new group of pals with whom to share many future adventures. Not to be missed!"

-David K.

"I want to tell you that being able to go down to Harbourfront and take out a kayak after work is one of the best experiences/activities going in Toronto. This adds an incredible value to our lives here...and you guys make all this a reality!! Thank you sooo much!"

-Dave B.

"Thanks for a great weekend. Great instructors, time with friends, old and making new ones, food as always was amazing. Lots of new memories and hope I can remember everything I have learned."

-Beatrice S.

"Just wanted to thank you a lot for today...the girl at the front desk has been super helpful and kind, and gave me the opportunity to charge my new camera and get an amazing video of my first paddle outside Europe which I will keep as one of my best souvenirs from Toronto. The guy working with the kayaks was so kind to recommend and give me his favourite boat, which turned out to be very nice and recommended a very nice route. Just wanted to tell you this is probably the best service I ever got at a kayak rental and thank you a lot for a positive experience which I will remember."

-Giuseppe L.



Erik & Lien lead Harbourfront Adventures trips worldwide



Refining some of the Basics at Paddle Camp



Harbourfront docks from above

"I just wanted to pass on a HUGE thank you for the Paddle Camp weekend. I think this ranks as one of the best weekends I've ever had! I definitely came out of this weekend a better, more knowledgeable paddler, (with things to work on), and had a blast!! I met a lot of great people and have new friends to paddle with. The staff and instructors were amazing, not only in their paddling expertise and ability to teach, but also as "people". I also have to mention the food,, nutritious, healthy and very tasty. Awesome! Not only would I recommend this to others...I would also do this Paddle Camp again without any hesitation. You guys have a new fan and you'll definitely be seeing me this season."

-Peter P.



Setting sun at Snug Harbour during Paddle Camp

"Being a business owner myself, I am encouraged to see a business such as yours that has so much passion within their staff. Everyone always goes out of their way to help. I have great admiration and respect for what you guys do at Harbourfront. Passion in a company is not bought! It is inspired, created and cultivated. Your staff has helped me reach a new level of comfort and skill in kayaking."

-Eric K.



Kayaking the 13 Toronto Islands

"I have found your instruction to be consistently excellent. It's obvious you run a great place there from the top down. I really enjoy being there for recreation and classes. I just wanted to let you know you are doing a great job in providing an oasis in the middle of the city that connects to the lake in a way that didn't resonate for me before."

-Yvonne B.



An oasis in the middle of the city

"Harbourfront Canoe and Kayak has introduced me to a whole new world of outdoors fun and I consider myself extremely fortunate to have contacted you when I started out last year because I couldn't think of a better place for anyone to get their introduction to the sport of paddling."

-Pat M.



A paddling course from above at Harbourfront Canoe & Kayak

"This community of new & decades-old guests who come down to learn, social paddle, and explore is simply wonderful for the soul. Before I know it, these folk are making friends (...sometimes even getting married), sharing with new-comers, and contributing to the community here in more ways than they will ever know. Thanks for the smiles and being an integral part of this wonderful place I get the blessing to share in. Happy Spring Everyone"

-Dave C.
(Owner)



Dave, Clare, Jess, Josh & James
thank you all for this wonderful
community

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