



Corcl Boats

Council Approval: Required. This is a vendor provided activity.

Certificate of Insurance (COI): Required from vendor providing this activity for Council Approval. Visit [GSNI's webpage](#) for information on requesting a COI from the venue.

If participating in this activity as part of a trip, troops must complete the [GSNI Troop Trip Travel Request Form](#).

Activity Permitted for: B J C S A

Not Appropriate for: Daisies

About Corcl Boats

The Corcl boat is designed specifically for 8- to 15-year-olds to enjoy in flat water: spinning, racing, and having fun at the shore. Corcls offer a great first experience for Girl Scouts who will progress to other paddle sports. Paddlers can move easily and quickly through the water. The boats feature a 225-pound capacity, an innovative double hull that is designed for many ways to paddle, and ergonomic handles for easy carrying and transport.

Corcls flip over easily, so paddlers need to be comfortable in the water. Corcls are not to be towed behind a motorized craft and are for use in flat, calm waters only.

Learn More

- Instructions, tips, and games to enjoy: [Corcl.com](#)

Include Girl Scout Members with Disabilities. Talk to Girl Scout members with disabilities and their caregivers. Ask about needs and accommodations. Always be sure to contact the location and/or the instructor in advance to ensure they are able to accommodate those with disabilities. Visit [Abilities.com](#) for more information about adaptive equipment for paddlers, and to learn about water safety for children with special needs.

Equity. If there are any height, weight, or similar restrictions, communicate clearly to families in advance. Choose a vendor and vessel type that is more inclusive, if necessary, to be sure all can participate. Consider the history, culture, and past experiences of the Girl Scout members in your troop that could affect their ability to equally participate in an activity. Work with members and families to understand how an activity is perceived. Ensure that all Girl Scout members and their families feel comfortable and have access to whatever is needed to fully participate, such as proper equipment, prior experiences, and the skills needed to enjoy the activity. See the Equity section of the [Introduction to Safety Activity Checkpoints](#) for general advice about expense,

Emergency Action Plan (EAP). Review and document your Emergency Action Plan (EAP) before starting any activity and review it so all are prepared. Think through scenarios of what can go wrong, such as an accident, physical injury, missing person, sudden illness, or sudden weather or water emergencies.

Corcl Boats Checkpoints

Ensure participants are able to swim and are comfortable in the water. Success on the water depends on comfort and ability in the water. Conducting a swimming test in advance is highly recommended. See [Swim Test](#) in [Swimming Safety Activity Checkpoints](#) or ask your instructor for guidelines.

Ensure all paddlers are wearing a U.S. Coast Guard–approved life jacket. Type III life jackets are recommended and should fit according to weight and height specifications. Inspect life jackets to ensure they are in good condition and contain no tears.

Start in shallow water where paddlers can learn how to navigate boarding their boat, paddling, balancing using their arms and paddles, and how to stay centered.

Verify instructor/expert qualifications and experience. The skill level of the adults must be higher than the difficulty of the intended boat type. At least one adult instructor or lifeguard should be able to effectively communicate commands and instructions, and be certified or trained per the Corcl section of the Master Progression Chart:

Corcl Boat	Grade Level	Participant to Instructor Ratio	Instructor/Expert Certification <i>With multiple choices, only <u>one</u> is required.</i>
Flat, no current	B, J, C, S, A	12:1 plus 1 watcher/ helper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Red Cross (ARC) Lifeguarding with Waterfront Module OR Demonstrated equivalent experience in line with above credentials

Ensure the instructor or lifeguard reviews site-specific emergency plans. Note that a stationary lifeguard can only be used when Corcl boats are being used close to a dock or shore. For larger bodies of flat water, the lifeguard must be in a boat and positioned with the group.

Arrange for watchers/helpers. One adult watcher or skilled helper is required for every 12 girls, plus one additional adult. See [Paddling and Rowing Sports—Master Progression Chart](#). Watchers should have basic skills in the activity and support the group by reinforcing instructions, watching for possible emergencies, and helping with rescues if needed. Basic Water Rescue, [ACA Paddlesport online course](#), or similar training is the preferred preparation. Troops must provide one adult who is certified in Adult and Pediatric CPR/First Aid/AED.

Stay clear of paddles. Because Corcl boats are small and can float close to one another, paddlers can inadvertently hit other paddlers and boats.

Practice recovery procedures. If a Girl Scout steps on the edge of a Corcl boat, the boat will flip. Demonstrate self-recovery and righting techniques and have members learn and practice these skills. This will help prevent disorientation or fear if the Corcl flips and they end up in the water.

Select a safe site. Corcl boats are only approved for flat water. Do not paddle in unknown areas. Paddling is only permitted near the shore.

Learn lifeguard signals. Whistle and visual signals may be used to pass messages, call paddlers in, or call for help. Cover these before beginning the activity.

Prepare for emergencies. Pack a waterproof first aid kit. See [Introduction: Standard Safety Guidelines](#) for more information and guidance on what to include.

Safety Gear

- U.S. Coast Guard–approved life jacket for every paddler
- Kayak paddle for each boat (smaller Girl Scouts may go two to a Corcl, but only one paddle is used per boat)
- Rescue gear such as throw bag or throw line
- Tether or painter (a strong line at the bow used for securing the Corcl that is at least half the length of the boat) attached to each boat
- Cell phone or walkie-talkies to communicate need for emergency services