

August 17, 2007

Dear Clayoquot Biosphere Trust:

The staff and students at Ucluelet Secondary School would like to thank CBT for supporting the Kayaking 11/12 program this past school year.

The program was a success and we are looking forward to continuing the program again for the 2007/2008 school year. Several steps have been taken in order to ensure the continuation of the program. The School District plans to continue their support of the program. Our instructors are in place and ready to begin in February. And we already have twelve students indicating they want to apply for the program

In order for the program to continue as it has been developed we will require financial support above and beyond the support the School District can provide.

The information attached explains how funds were used this past year and gives some detailed information about the participants, the results of the course, and some supportive comments that were sent to me. We have also provided CBT with a copy of the slideshow that was produced by a USS staff member (and kayaking parent) for the School Board, CBT, and the students.

CBT has supported a very successful kayaking program at USS and we look forward to your continued support.

Please contact me at the school if you have any questions about the program.

Sincerely,

Carol Sedgwick
Principal

CBT Fund Breakdown:

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| First Aid Fees (Instructor fees/materials) | 1009.52 |
| First Aid (Accommodation for instructors) | 157.32 |
| VHF Radio (Instructor fees/materials) | 400.00 |
| VHF Radio (Accommodation for instructors) | 101.46 |
| Paddle Canada Level 1 & 2 and Kayaking Day Guide Certification (Instruction and Evaluation fees) | 3750.00 |
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| Total Spent | 5,418.30 |

School District Fund Breakdown:

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| Supplies (Charts, compasses, tarps, etc) | 1053.71 |
| Equipment rentals | 3546.78 |
| Expert Instructor fees | 5130.40 |
| Paddle Canada Level 1 & 2 and Kayaking Day Guide Certification (Camping fees, food, transportation, etc) | 1425.13 |
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| Total Spent | 11,156.02 |

Participants:

- Eight USS students participated in the Kayaking program from February – June 2008.
- Four students were male and four students were female.
- Three of the students were First Nations students.

Results:

- All eight participants received credit for Kayaking 11. And seven received credit for Kayaking 12.
- Seven participants successfully completed the Basic Wilderness First Aid First Aid Course including CPR Level C.
- Seven participants successfully completed the Restricted Marine Radio Operator Course (VHF Radio).
- All eight participants successfully completed their Paddle Canada Level 1 certification and seven participants successfully completed Paddle Canada Level 2. Paddle Canada is the new name for the Canadian Recreational Canoe Association (CRCA).
- All eight participants successfully completed the content for the Day Guide course recognized by the Sea Kayak Guide Alliance of BC. Once each student reaches the age of nineteen they have the option of contacting their instructor, JF Marleau, if they wish to write the written exam required in order to complete their certification to become as a Kayak Day Guides.
- Three students found work as assistant kayak guides this summer: one at Clayoquot Wilderness Resort and two with Coastal Knights Kayaking.

Comments of support:

As the parent of a Kayaking 11/12 student I have been very impressed with this new, innovative course at USS. What a positive experience for the successful applicants! The skills they learned ranged from leadership, VHF radio, wilderness first aid, CPR to guiding. The course offered them a great opportunity to learn these employable skills and put them to good use here on the west coast. The instructors, JF Marleau and Lewis Duffy demonstrated leadership skills in the most positive (and fun!) way! My thanks to all involved for their diligence in putting Kayaking 11/12 into the curriculum for the school year 2006/07. My son Jonathan is now employed by a local kayaking company and is looking forward to further employment in the business. He loves his work!

Christine Skucas- parent

I would like first of all to thank the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust for your support of the Kayaking course. It has taught me many things like understanding how the weather works and how to predict it. I learned the differences in kayaks like shapes and sizes, which affect the different things a kayak can do, and how one kayak will outperform another in a certain area. This course has taught me so much and is so valuable to me and my other classmates. All the people that took the course with me began to become more than just fellow classmates and ended up as friends. This course has already provided me with a job. Right now I am an assistant guide because I am not nineteen, which is the legal age to guide. But my employer has told me that when I turn nineteen he will be happy to let me be an official guide for his company. Thank you so much again for your support, I have so many stories to share and will remember for the rest of my life.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Skucas-student

I would like to give my support to the USS Adventure Kayak 11/12 course as the owner of the Ucluelet based company Coastal Knights Kayak Adventure Tours. This summer my company has employed two of the grads from the program. The level of experience coming from this program is exceptional. My enthusiasm for the program is on many levels including, level of service to my customers, the youth finding and filling well paying locally offered employment, social and service skills that will continue with the students to the next level in the guiding industry. It should be recognized that the students can, with some cross training, carry the experience into other industries including winter guiding and advanced first aid responders. The opportunities from this entry level program are endless.

Thank you Randy Oliwa

Coastal Knights Kayaking