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KEY BENEFITS

Balance & Coordination

Improves balance, strength, and coordination through paddle sports.

Water Safety

Promotes water safety awareness and understanding of aquatic environments.

Teamwork

Encourages teamwork and communication during group paddling.

Environmental Awareness

Teaches environmental stewardship of rivers, lakes, and coastal habitats.

KEY HAZARDS & CONTROL MEASURES**Capsizing & Drowning**

- ✓ All participants must wear PFDs
- ✓ Qualified instructor supervising
- ✓ Practice capsize drills before activity
- ✓ Safety boat available for larger groups

Cold Water Shock

- ✓ Check water temperature before activity
- ✓ Brief participants on cold water risks
- ✓ Wear appropriate thermal protection
- ✓ Have warm clothing available for after

Weather Conditions

- ✓ Check weather forecast before departure
- ✓ Monitor conditions throughout
- ✓ Set wind speed limits for activity
- ✓ Have contingency plan for deterioration

Group Separation

- ✓ Brief participants on staying together
- ✓ Regular headcounts and visual checks
- ✓ Use lead and sweep paddlers
- ✓ Establish rally points



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