

Vision statement:

Paddling experiences for all children and youth across Canada

Mission statements:

Support organizations that foster the engagement of children and youth in paddling experiences across Canada.

- Provide mentorship and opportunities to share.
- Share information and resources to educators and stakeholders navigating policies and procedures
- Support commercial and non profit organizations in expanding, maintaining, and developing their programs
- Bring together a national voice.

Promote opportunities for children and youth across Canada to play and learn through paddling self-propelled watercraft.

- Promote equitable access to all types of paddling experiences
- Reframe risk and risk management
- Share inspirational stories
- Provide research and resources for education/advocacy.

Connect children and youth across Canada with local paddling experiences and remote expeditions.

- Foster active communities through paddling experiences
- Support initiatives focused on moving towards equitable access and diverse representation within the paddling community.
- Connect non-profits and commercial entities with each other to network
- Connect children and youth with paddling initiatives regardless of socioeconomic

status

Pillars:

Safety
Opportunity
Representation & Access
Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
Impact & Inspiration
Stories & Education
Advocacy
Joy

Slogan

Get kids paddling. See kids paddling. Keep kids paddling.

Get Kids Paddling - Opportunity. Access. Equity.

See Kids Paddling - Representation. Stories. Impact.

Keep Kids Paddling - Advocacy. Joy. Community.

Cultural Acknowledgement:

We respectfully acknowledge that we are joining this meeting from the traditional territory of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples from coast to coast to coast. We recognize the contributions of Indigenous peoples in caring for the land and waters of Turtle Island. May we, as settlers, seek truth and take action in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

Get Kids Paddling acknowledges and respects the long history and cultural traditions of the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples, and as an organization, we stand as allies and are committed to building meaningful

and longstanding relationships with Indigenous communities. We acknowledge that our employment in and enjoyment of outdoor spaces and modes of travel are directly related to the ongoing contributions of Indigenous people.