

GENERAL FITTING CONTINUED...

- Straddling the bike, the rider should have a 2" clearance.
- To adjust seat, rider's leg should be slightly bent at the knee when peddle is at the lowest point of rotation.

TENTS

OAC tents are rated 3-season.

- Check tent for proper parts prior to using.
- Never allow tent to come into direct contact with heat sources (ex. Fire, stove, gas lantern etc.). Tent material is highly flammable.
- Do not wear shoes/boots or allow pets inside tent. May cause rips and tears to the floor.
- Do not store food in the tent. Animals attracted to food can do serious damage.
- Do not smoke in tent. Nylon is flammable and will absorb the odor.
- Be gentle. Don't force zippers, straps, and buckles.
- Secure tent to the ground. Wind can cause serious damage to an unsecured tent.
- Keep tent and storage bags organized.
- DO NOT allow the shockcord to snap the pole sections together. This can damage the poles.

Before Returning:

- Check that all parts/pieces are included.
- Tents and tent parts should be returned in the individual storage bags and organized.
- Clean and air-dry tent to avoid additional fees.
- To clean, wipe with a damp cloth or sponge.
- Do not wash tent in washing machine.

BACKPACKS

Pack sizes may range from 4800-6000 in³ and rated for 5+ days in the field.

- Pack gear well. Sharp edges can tear through pack material from the inside.
- Pack stove fuel on outside away from food.
- Keep the pack clean and remove all food and "smellable" items each night. Animals are attracted to odors from sweat, crumbs, wrappers, and even toothpaste. Clean with a damp cloth or sponge.
- Do not pick up fully loaded pack with shoulder straps. They are not designed for that stress.

- Don't drop the pack to the ground. May damage pack cover, contents, or bend/break frame.

- Place pack on ground with frame side up.

Before Returning:

- Be sure to empty pack completely.
- Wipe off excessive dirt with damp cloth or sponge.
- If wet, open all pockets and air-dry.

CANOES/KAYAKS

OAC canoes and kayaks are rented as a package to include all straps and foam blocks to secure.

Canoe Package:

- 2 canoe paddles
- 2 PFD or Life Jackets

Kayak Package:

- 1 kayak paddle (2 for Tandem)
- 1 PFD or Life Jacket (2 for Tandem)
- 1 Sprayskirt (if available)

OAC boats may weight upward of 70 lbs and are not designed for white water above a class II ranking.

- Make sure all parts/pieces are included prior to departure from the OAC.
- Watch and listen to OAC as they secure boat to vehicle. Ask questions.
- Do not drop or drag boat.
- ALWAYS wear a PFD or Life Jacket while in the boat or around water.
- Secure all personal belongings and gear in or to the boat.

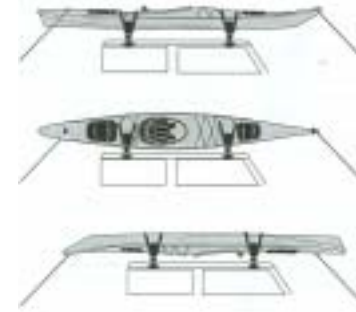
Before Returning:

- Check that all parts/pieces are included.
- Wash off/out excessive dirt and mud before loading.
- Load boat(s) securely and properly.
- Recommended to contact OAC prior to arrival in order to have drop off area open.

Canoe/Kayak Tie Down:

The OAC and SMU OA are not responsible for any damage to personal vehicles from improperly attached boats.

Canoes and Kayaks are best transported resting on sturdy cross bar roof racks (aftermarket rack or factory luggage rack), strapped down to each cross bar, and front and back of vehicle. Check vehicle owners manual



and/or OAC for appropriateness. It is recommended that the boat be positioned hull up. Make sure all floatation bags and latches are secure or they may be damaged or lost. Foam blocks are available and can be used for short

distances and lower speeds. Foam blocks are not as secure as cross bar racks. With foam blocks, it is essential to strap the boat directly to the roof and secure at the front and back of vehicle.

It is not recommended to carry more than one boat without the appropriate aftermarket roof rack and care must be taken in securing multiple boats.

Check straps and security often. Straps may elongate with humidity, coolness and moisture such as rain. Due to potential for damage, special care must be taken to secure boats to specific vehicles with the following characteristics and may be denied by OAC staff:

- 2 Door Vehicles,
- Sun/Moon Roof Windows,
- Rear or sun-roof spoiler,
- Non-removable car phone antenna,
- Short-bed *Pick-Up Truck.

* Regular bed pickup trucks are capable of carrying a large kayak or canoe in the bed. We follow a 5/8 Rule-if 5/8 of the boat is within the truck bed, it can be secured.

Abide by all traffic ordinances and laws. If more than 4 ft of boat extends out of bed, it must be tagged with a red marker.

Securing the boat from the bed to truck roof is not recommended for long distances or higher speeds. Also not recommended for multiple boats.

STOVES

The OAC rents 2 varieties of stoves:

- 2-Burner Camps stove-great for car camping
- Backpack Stove-smaller, lighter and packable.

Rentals include fuel appropriate for that style of stove. Stoves use highly volatile and flammable fuels.

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The OAC recommends that renters have prior knowledge and experience using outdoor recreation equipment. The OAC periodically offers clinics and instructional workshops.

If necessary, ask OAC staff for a demo. This does not serve as adequate instruction to become fully competent in the use and function of the equipment or participation in the activity.

BEFORE YOU GO, REMEMBER...

- Check for proper equipment and its function before you leave.
- Research the activity area. Know the terrain, weather, and conditions to be encountered.
- Have an Emergency Plan. Let someone NOT attending the activity know the destination, when to return, and the plan just in case.
- Know your limits and abilities. You can't rely on being "just a phone call away" from help.
- Take care of our natural areas. Follow Leave No Trace minimum impact guidelines.

UPON RETURN, NOTIFY OAC STAFF OF ANY DAMAGE OR MISSING PIECES

Do Not Attempt To Repair OAC Equipment In Your Possession As This May Cause Further Damage.

BICYCLES

OAC Bike Rentals include a lock and helmet. Helmets are one-size fits all and locks can be programmed for a personal 4 number combination.

- Check for all parts/pieces and proper function prior to departure from the OAC.
- Make sure OAC has the agreed upon lock combination noted on the rental agreement.
- Check that bicycle is properly secured in or to vehicle.
- Wear a helmet.

Before Returning:

- Wipe away excessive dirt and mud. DO NOT HOSE OFF.
- Check that all parts/pieces are included.

General Fitting:

Proper bike size for the individual biker and style or technique of riding is important.

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STOVES CONTINUED FROM INSIDE...

Always use good judgment and safety while using a camp stove.

- Prior to departure, check for all parts and function.
- Always use stove in open, ventilated area, and keep away from flammable materials and open flames.
- Use proper fuel and fuel container. Using the wrong fuel or container is unsafe and can cause damage.
- Never handle or move a lit or hot stove.
- If excessive fuel or flare, turn stove off, move away, and allow to cool before attempting use.

Before Returning:

- Make sure all parts and pieces are included.
- Clean any excessive food spillage.

COOKWEAR AND UTENSILS

- Check that all parts are included prior to leaving OAC.
- Do not use pots on open flame. Too hot and may melt and/or discolor.
- Do not clean cookwear with metal utensils or steel wool.
- Utensils are plastic and may melt if exposed to heat for extended times.
- Keep pieces organized in storage sack.

Dutch Ovens

- Before use, season by wiping with vegetable oil or PAM and wipe away excess. Do Not Use Animal Fat
- Do not clean with soap and water. Use dry or damp cloth to wipe clean.
- Do not place a hot dutch oven in cold water.
- Do not use metal abrasive materials to clean.

Before Returning Cookwear:

- Make sure all parts/pieces are included.
- Remove excess food and burned residue.

**More Information on Rental Policies and Rates available at the OAC page of the SMU OA website,
www.smu.edu/recsports/adventure**



Outdoor Adventure Center Rental Equipment Care Guide

A guideline of the appropriate operation, use, and renter expectations associated with OAC rental equipment.

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