

ODNR Division of Watercraft

Paddlesports Report

A Summary of Revenue and Expenditures

2004 – 2013

The purpose of this report is to list financial contributions of paddlers (canoeists/kayakers) through their watercraft registration fees, and to show expenditures from the ODNR Division of Watercraft in support of this user group. Information in this report covers 2004 through 2013. Common services not specific to paddlers, such as homeland security, accident investigation, general law enforcement services, general publication printing and development, boater safety education courses, web site maintenance, boating access facilities, boat safety inspections, hull identification inspections, registration records management, as well as administrative services and payroll, are not detailed in this report.

The report is presented in three sections:

Part I: Registration and Numbering Revenue 2004-2013

Part II: Paddle Sports Program Expenditures 2004-2013

Part III: Additional Statewide Services Provided Exclusively for Paddlers

Part I: Registration and Numbering Revenue 2004-2013

Over a ten-year period, paddlesports generated over \$4 million in direct revenue through registration fees. This includes fees collected through traditional 3-year registrations, alternative registrations, and livery registrations:

2004 - 2009 Revenue

Registration Type	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Canoe/Kayak	50,335	52,098	54,155	59,422	61,064	64,803
Alternative***	4,533	6,428	8,239	10,857	14,000	17,867
Livery	5,123	5,195	5,486	5,522	5,576	5,771
Total	59,991	63,721	67,880	75,801	80,640	88,441

Registration Type	Total Registrations 2004-2009	Fee*	Revenue
Canoe/Kayak	341,877	x \$4.00	\$ 1,367,508.00
Alternative***	61,924	x \$5.66	350,489.84
Livery	32,673	x \$4.00	130,692.00
Total	436,474		\$ 1,848,689.84

2010 - 2013 Revenue

Registration Type	2010	2011	2012	2013
Canoe/Kayak	67,500	71,724	75,760	80,936
Alternative***	22,359	25,969	31,911	38,184
Livery	6,275	6,296	6,730	7,384
Total	96,134	103,989	114,401	126,504

Registration Type	Total Registrations 2010-2013	Fee*	Revenue
Canoe/Kayak	295,920	x \$5.66	\$ 1,674,907.20
Alternative***	118,423	x \$7.34	869,224.82
Livery	26,685	x \$5.50	146,767.50
Total	441,028		\$ 2,690,899.52

* **Registration fees** shown equal one-third of the triennial registration fee; triennial registration fees are \$12 for traditional canoe, kayak and other manually propelled vessel registrations and \$17 for alternative registrations for hand-powered vessels. A \$3.00 writing fee is charged on all registrations in addition to the registration fee; however this fee is retained by the registration agent and is NOT included in the revenue amounts above. Nearly 200 agencies across the state of Ohio sell boat registrations. These agencies include clerk of courts, motor vehicle registrars, marinas, boat dealers, and other private businesses, in addition to the Division of Watercraft offices. Motorized boat registrations are valid for three years and the fees are based on boat propulsion and/or boat length. Motorboat and sailboat registration fees increase as the boat length increases; they range from \$33 to \$93 for a triennial registration.

** **Explanation of the Waterway Conservation Fee:** Beginning with registrations issued in 2010, all non-motorized boats (canoes, kayaks, rowboats, and sail-powered) were assessed an additional \$5.00 Waterway Conservation Fee resulting in registration fees of \$17 for traditional canoe, kayak and other manually propelled vessel registrations and \$22 for alternative registration for hand-powered vessels over the triennial registration period.

*** **Explanation of Alternative Registration for Hand-Powered Vessels:** The Alternative Registration Decal was implemented in 2002 in response to paddlers and rowers who did not wish to place 3-inch block "OH numbers" on their vessels. The additional \$5.00 charge for this option is to replace lost federal revenues. The state boating program is reimbursed from the Federal Boat Safety Account of the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund administered by the United States Coast Guard. Reimbursement to Ohio is calculated on a three-part federal formula which includes financial support based on the number of registered vessels which display the full, federally defined number (such as "OH 1234 AB).

Part II: Combined Paddlesport Expenditures 2004-2013

Over the same ten-year period, over \$6 million was returned directly to the paddlesport community through community grant programs and publications. Grant support provided carry-in and small boat access, hands-on skill development through local education and recreation programs, and printed publications detailing stream access and paddling opportunities. No expenditures are listed for development of the brochures or staff resources to oversee and administer the statewide grant programs. Only direct payments for services, facilities, and programs are summarized below.

Paddlesports Expenditure Summary: Table 2

Expenditure Type	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Carry-in/Small Boat Access Completed Grants (<i>Table 2.1</i>)	\$ 91,261	\$339,514	\$474,798	\$ 51,425	\$102,500	\$ 348,080
Carry-in/Small Boat Access – Grants In Progress (<i>Table 2.2</i>)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paddling Safety & Education Grants (<i>Table 2.3</i>)	178,968	213,398	207,285	248,647	243,124	264,040
Publications – Streams, Water Trails (<i>Tables 2.4 and 2.5</i>)	11,201	6,000	20,077	-	8,913	17,270
Scenic Rivers Program (<i>Table 2.6</i>)						964
Total	\$281,430	\$558,912	\$702,160	\$300,072	\$354, 537	\$630,354

Paddlesports Expenditure Summary: Table 2 - Continued

Expenditure Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Carry-in/Small Boat Access Completed Grants (<i>Table 2.1</i>)	\$393,825	\$1,115,155	\$330,000	-	\$3,246,558
Carry-in/Small Boat Access – Grants In Progress (<i>Table 2.2</i>)	-	-	360,000	-	360,000
Paddling Safety & Education Grants (<i>Table 2.3</i>)	230,163	193,454	320,034	172,648	2,271,761
Publications – Streams, Water Trails (<i>Tables 2.4 and 2.5</i>)	11,775	16,854	58,466	8,500	159,056
Scenic Rivers Program (<i>Table 2.6</i>)	0	9,057	206	0	10,227
Total	\$635,763	\$1,334,520	\$1,068,706	\$181,148	\$6,047,602

Carry-In/Small Boat Access 2004-2013 - Completed (Detail): Table 2.1

Agency	County	Project Name	Amount	Year Complete
Walhonding Valley Fire District	Coshocton	Walhonding Valley Boat Ramp	\$91,261	2004
Warren County Park District	Warren	Lower Twin Creek Scenic Stream Access Park Small Boat Access	\$72,852	2005
Warren County Park District	Warren	Clint Fultz River Access Park Small Boat Access	\$17,000	2005
Warren County Park District	Warren	Morrow Park Scenic River Access Small Boat Access	\$34,902	2005
Miami Conservancy District	Montgomery	RCIS Three Hand-Carried Boat Ramps Small Boat Access Great Miami, Stillwater and Twin Creek	\$122,200	2005
Village of Archbold	Fulton	Reservoir #2 Small Boat Ramp Small Boat Access	\$63,210	2005
Darke County Park District	Darke	Alice Bish Park New Canoe Launch Small Boat Access	\$29,350	2005
City of Upper Sandusky	Wyandot	Upper Sandusky #2 Reservoir New Boat Ramp Small Boat Access	\$84,961	2006
Village of Tuscarawas	Tuscarawas	Village Of Tuscarawas Boat Ramp Project	\$174,491	2006
Colerain Township Board of Trustees	Hamilton	Great Miami Southwest Ohio Access Small Boat Access	\$79,250	2006
Lake Metro Parks	Lake	Grand River Landing Small Boat Access	\$136,096	2006
Village of Dresden	Muskingum	Village Of Dresden New Boat Ramp	\$51,425	2007
City of Findlay	Hancock	Findlay Reservoirs	\$32,500	2008
Rushcreek Conservancy District	Fairfield	Site Vi -A Rushcreek Lake	\$70,000	2008
Five Rivers Metro Parks	Montgomery	One Hand-Carried Boat Launch Ramp	\$65,000	2009
Village of Tuscarawas	Tuscarawas	Snyder's Landing Boat Launch	\$143,080	2009
Miami Conservancy District	Butler	Middletown Hand-Carried Boat Ramp	\$50,000	2009
Village of Barnesville	Belmont	Slope Creek Boat Launch Ramp	\$90,000	2009
City of Toledo	Lucas	Ottawa River Small Craft Launch	\$100,000	2010
City of Athens	Athens	W. State Street Park Boat Access	\$27,000	2010
Wayne National Forest - Ironton District	Lawrence	Arabia (Symmes) Creek Canoe Launch	\$162,825	2010
City of Defiance	Defiance	Defiance Reservoir Boat Ramp & Facility	\$104,000	2010
Div. of Parks & Rec. Lake Alma State Park	Vinton	Lake Alma State Park	\$60,000	2011
Village of Gnadenhutten	Tuscarawas	Village Boat Ramp Area Imprvt.	\$89,838	2011
Lorain County Metropolitan Park District	Lorain	Vermilion-Lorain Water Trail Canoe/Kayak (4) Accesses	\$65,865	2011
Miami County Park District	Miami	Great Miami River Canoe/Kayak Access	\$125,700	2011
Div. of Parks & Rec. Lake Hope State Park	Vinton	Small Boat Access	\$131,000	2011
Div. of Parks & Rec. Harrison Lake State Park	Fulton	Small Boat Access	\$242,752	2011
Div. of Parks & Rec. Alum Creek State Park	Delaware	Howard Road Boarding Docks	\$125,000	2011
Div. of Parks & Rec. Portage Lakes State Park	Summit	Nimisila Reservoir Ramp Renovation	\$175,000	2011
Hueston Woods	Preble	Hueston Woods Boat Ramp Restroom	\$100,000	2011
Kent Parks & Recreation	Portage	Cuyahoga River Access	\$250,000	2012
Div. of Parks & Rec. Kiser Lake State Park	Champaign	Dock Facilities for Kiser	\$80,000	2012
Total Amount Awarded			\$3,246,558	

NOTE: There were no small ramp projects completed in 2013.

Carry-In Access 2004-2013 (In Progress - Not Completed): Table 2.2

Agency	County	Project Name	Amount	Grant Year
City of Piqua	Miami	Goodrich Giles Park Canoe/Kayak Access (CITY OF PIQUA CANCELLED THIS PROJECT)	-	2009
City of Troy	Miami	Treasure Island Restroom	\$85,000	2012
Div. of Parks & Rec. Findley State Park	Lorain	Kayak/Canoe Launch Dock/Lighting	\$70,000	2012
Div. of Parks & Rec. Indian Lake State Park	Logan	Canoe-Kayak Loading & Unloading Facility	\$75,000	2012
Portage Park District	Portage	Cuyahoga River Water Trail: Red Fox Trailhead	\$80,000	2012
Trumbull County Metroparks	Trumbull	Mahoning River Water Trail Upgrades	\$50,000	2012
Total Amount Awarded			\$360,000	

Paddlesports Safety and Education Grant Recipients 2004-2013

The programs funded by these grants range from ACA QuickStart paddling instruction to advanced instructor-level courses. Grant monies can be used for equipment, training aids, advertising, etc. Only programs that are paddling-specific are listed below. Other programs, such as those focused on powerboat instruction, are not included. The Division of Watercraft awards approximately \$350,000 in Boating Safety Education Grants per year to non-profit organizations. The highest yearly amount available per agency/organization is \$30,000 and requires a 25% in-kind or cash match.

Paddlesports Safety & Education Grants: Table 2.3

Grantee (county)	Amount	Year
4-H Camp Ohio-Agricultural Extension Camps (Licking)	\$3,374	2007
	\$2,836	2009
Adams Co. SWCD	\$11,447	2007
Akron Power Squadron (Summit)	\$18,732	2011
	\$29,818	2012
	\$19,635	2013
American Canoe Association (Clinton)	\$12,340	2004
American Canoe Association (Ohio-Penn)	24,850	2006
American Red Cross (Summit)	\$12,542	2008
Ashtabula County Educational Service Center	\$9,930	2004
	\$9,625	2005
	\$11,815	2006
	\$9,207	2007
	\$10,247	2008
	\$12,058	2009
	\$2,651	2010
	\$3,422	2011
	\$22,054	2012
	\$5,208	2013
Baldwin Wallace College	\$22,110	2010
Barberton Parks & Recreation Commission (Summit)	\$18,675	2007
	\$10,040	2008
	\$4,454	2009
	\$11,393	2013
Bay Village Schools (Cuyahoga)	\$11,755	2004
	\$7,325	2005
	\$9,000	2006
	\$2,900	2007
	\$1,623	2008
	\$2,475	2009
	\$711	2010

Grantee (county)	Amount	Year
	\$1,100	2011
	\$2,239	2012
	\$1,480	2013
Big Brothers/Big Sisters (Franklin)	\$13,542	2012
Big Brothers/Big Sisters (Athens)	\$14,000	2005
	\$7,190	2008
Bowling Green State University	\$11,451	2010
Camp Fire USA, Northwest Ohio Council (Hancock)	\$18,357	2008
Central Ohio Safe Boating Council (Delaware)	\$13,296	2004
	\$13,956	2005
	\$18,950	2006
Children's Center for Development dba The Oakstone Academy	\$18,081	2010
Cincinnati Recreation Commission (Hamilton)	\$19,782	2006
	\$6,543	2008
	\$9,790	2011
	\$7,532	2013
City of Gahanna (Franklin)	\$17,206	2010
City of Mentor (Lake)	\$13,350	2004
	\$6,240	2005
	\$5,680	2006
	\$6,480	2007
	\$4,500	2008
	\$7,910	2009
	\$6,807	2010
	\$5,088	2011
\$17,135	2012	
\$9,820	2013	
City of Westerville Parks & Rec. Dep.(Franklin)	\$10,434	2012
Clermont Co. SWCD	\$11,160	2005

Cleveland Metro Parks (Cuyahoga)	\$23,000	2004
	\$18,200	2005
	\$18,900	2010
	\$28,424	2011
	\$13,999	2012
Cleveland State University (Cuyahoga)	\$25,116	2013
Cleveland Treatment Center (Cuyahoga)	\$4,206	2010
	\$3,382	2013
Columbus Outdoor Pursuits (Franklin)	\$13,373	2005
	\$10,415	2006
Columbus Recreation & Parks (Franklin)	\$11,450	2005
CYO Camp Christopher (Summit)	\$6,918	2004
Darke County Park District	\$14,985	2007
	\$5,942	2012
Diabetes Assoc. of Greater Cleveland-Camp Ho Mita Koda (Geauga)	\$5,387	2008
	\$3,750	2009
	\$7,282	2011
Direct Instructional Support Systems Inc. (Franklin)	\$5,650	2005
	\$20,380	2009
Disability Resource Network (Franklin)	\$23,023	2012
	\$13,052	2013
Eastern Ohio Extension Camps (Belmont)	\$10,476	2013
Erie Metro Parks	\$23,467	2010
Five Rivers Metro Parks (Montgomery)	\$20,660	2006
	\$27,150	2008
	\$17,575	2012
Flying Horse Farms (Morrow)	\$15,218	2012
Girl Scouts, Seal of Ohio Council, Inc. (Franklin)	\$18,560	2008
Granville Recreation District (Licking)	\$7,554	2012
Great Miami Rowing Center	\$9,305	2010
Great Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America (Summit)	\$9,900	2007
	\$2,625	2008
	\$3,600	2009
	\$2,236	2011
Greater Dayton YMCA (Montgomery, Warren)	\$6,404	2006
Greene County Rec. & Parks	\$7,299	2007

Hamilton County Park District	\$12,147	2007
	\$14,139	2010
Kent State Univ. (Portage)	\$14,561	2008
	\$3,923	2009
	\$11,386	2012
Lake County MetroParks	\$10,800	2004
	\$21,600	2005
	\$14,322	2006
	\$12,508	2007
	\$6,030	2008
	\$11,635	2009
	\$1,856	2010
	\$8,169	2011
	\$8,290	2012
	\$6,589	2013
Licking Co. SWCD	\$19,856	2012
Lorain County Education Service Center	\$17,750	2005
	\$12,785	2006
	\$5,850	2007
	\$7,500	2008
	\$18,640	2009
	\$5,085	2010
	\$3,566	2011
	\$14,676	2012
\$4,100	2013	
Lorain County Metro Parks	\$10,195	2004
Lorain County Spirit of America	\$11,905	2004
Malone University (Stark)	\$12,954	2012
Maritime Academy of Toledo (Lucas)	\$12,100	2013
Miami County Park District	\$10,369	2008
Miami County YMCA	\$2,840	2005
Miami SWCD	\$12,490	2010
Miami University	\$13,867	2011
Mineral City Elementary (Tuscarawas)	\$1,065	2004
	\$925	2005
	\$1,410	2006

Mohican School In The Out-of Doors (Richland)	\$14,300	2004
	\$6,125	2005
	\$7,125	2006
	\$5,611	2007
	\$1,985	2008
	\$2,888	2009
	\$1,593	2011
	\$6,952	2012
	\$2,864	2013
Muskingum Watershed Conservancy Dist. (Richland/Ashland)	\$7,190	2006
	\$9,633	2007
	\$10,103	2008
	\$10,689	2009
	\$12,534	2010
	\$650	2011
N. Central Ohio Safe Boating Council (Richland)	\$5,625	2013
ODNR-Parks & Rec.Cowan Lake State Park	\$13,396	2010
ODNR-Parks& Rec.SWORD (Clinton)	\$9,585	2012
Ohio Conference of United Church of Christ-Templd Hills (Richland)	\$9,405	2013
Ohio FFA Camp Muskingum	\$17,500	2009
Ohio River Corridor Initiative	\$15,273	2009
Ohio River Foundation (Brown)	\$3,300	2008
	\$3,100	2009
Ohio River Way, Inc. (Hamilton)	\$6,250	2005
	\$11,767	2006
	\$9,790	2007
	\$9,575	2008
	\$14,000	2011
	\$12,669	2012
Ohio University	\$28,667	2009
	\$25,802	2011
Orange Community Ed. & Recreation (Cuyahoga)	\$16,051	2004
OSU Foundation Ohio 4-H Sea Camp (Erie)	\$8,179	2007
Raccoon Creek Partnership (Athens)	\$3,740	2013

Regional Greenspace Initiative (Hamilton)	\$7,100	2013
Rivers Unlimited	\$13,412	2009
Simon Kenton Council, Boy Scouts of America (Franklin)	\$11,643	2008
	\$9,211	2011
Sojourners (Vinton)	\$14,556	2007
Spirit of America Foundation (Lake)	\$24,063	2004
	\$20,750	2005
	\$22,535	2006
	\$12,750	2007
	\$16,117	2008
	\$16,450	2009
	\$3,630	2010
	\$7,826	2011
	\$19,600	2012
Stark County Parks	\$18,164	2009
Team River Runner (Hamilton)	\$9,759	2012
The Adaptive Adventure Sports Coalition (Franklin)	\$19,656	2007
Toledo Children's Hospital	\$23,077	2010
USCG Aux. 76 09ER (Lake)	\$4,870	2012
USCG Aux. Assoc. 091-16-15	\$2,350	2010
University of Akron (Summit)	\$19,890	2007
	\$12,032	2009
Wellington School	\$16,016	2010
West Ohio Conference-United Methodist Church (Hocking)	\$13,010	2006
Wright State University (Green)	\$23,395	2007
	\$15,472	2009
	\$18,495	2012
Xavier University	\$14,031	2013
YMCA of Van Cert County	\$15,474	2010
YMCA of Central Ohio – Camp Wilson(Franklin)	\$6,753	2012
Young Men's Christian Association (Franklin)	\$26,179	2005
	\$12,305	2011
Youngstown State University (Mahoning)	\$27,177	2008
TOTAL AWARDED	\$2,271,761	

Division of Watercraft Operating Budget Expenditures

Printing Expenditures

Boating On Ohio Streams Brochure Series: Table 2.4	Quantity	Year	Cost
Northeast and Southeast Regions (map; river access & features)	75,000	2004	\$ 10,800
Northwest and Southwest Regions (map; river access & features)	40,000	2006	9,640
South Central Stream Map	75,000	2010	11,775
Ohio Boating areas (map; lake access & features)	140,000	2012	22,400
Ohio Streams Maps (Eastern & Western Ohio) updated in 2013; individual maps available for print on-demand from website. Maps printed for events and area offices.	10,200	2013	1,900
TOTAL			\$56,515

Water Trails Program: Table 2.5	Year	Cost
Kokosing River Water Trail	2005	\$ 6,000.00
Muskingum River Water Trail	2006	10,437.00
East Sandusky Bay Water Trail	2008	7,909.00
East Sandusky Bay Water Trail	2008	1,003.91
Vermilion Lorain Water Trail	2009	16,488.00
Vermilion Lorain Water Trail	2009	782.00
Kokosing River Water Trail brochure (reprint)	2011	1,854.30
Great Miami River Water Trail brochure	2011	11,000.00
Signage for Great Miami, Stillwater & Mad River Water Trails	2011	4,000.00
Update and reprinting of the Mad River Water Trail publication	2012	6,000.00
Signage for the Great Miami, Stillwater, and Mad River Water Trails	2012	600.00
Development and printing of the Mahoning River Water Trail publication	2012	7,723.00
Signage for the Mahoning River Water Trail	2012	3,879.00
Development and printing of the Mohican River Water Trail publication	2012	17,704.00
Signage for the Mohican River Water Trail	2012	160.00
Update & reprinting of the Stillwater River Water Trail publication	2013	6,000.00
Signage for the Great Miami, Stillwater and Mad River Water Trails	2013	600.00
TOTAL		\$102,140.21

Scenic Rivers Program: Table 2.6	Year	Cost
Little Miami SQM Report	2009	\$ 28.00
Stillwater SQM Report	2009	28.00
Mad River Strategic Plan	2009	107.76
Scenic Rivers Brochure	2009	270.00
Scenic River Informational Brochure	2009	530.00
Little Miami Scenic River Map	2011	9,056.67
Ohio's Stream Quality Monitoring Project	2012	103.60
Ohio's Scenic River Program	2012	102.40
TOTAL		\$10,226.43

Part III: Other Statewide Services Provided Exclusively for Paddlers

(Expenditures Not Calculated)

Water Trails

The Division of Watercraft works with local community sponsors to develop water trails. In 2012, 28 miles of the Mohican River and 23 miles of the Mahoning River were designated and dedicated as the 8th and 9th water trails in the state. The Division of Watercraft entered into agreements with Knox County Park District and Trumbull County Metro Parks and funded production and printing of brochures as well as the manufacturing and installation of signage.

Additionally in 2012, the Division of Watercraft partnered with the Miami Conservancy District to fund updating and reprinting the Mad River Water Trail brochure as well as manufacturing additional signage for the Great Miami, Stillwater, and Mad River Water Trails.

Brochures for the Great Miami River Water Trail were printed and distributed; and signage for all three rivers was produced and placed at access points in 2011.

In 2010, the Great Miami, Mad and Stillwater rivers were designated as the 5th, 6th and 7th Ohio Water Trails. Collectively, these three rivers flow over 265 miles through 11 southwest Ohio counties, making this trail network the largest of its kind in the state. The Miami Conservancy District, Rivers Unlimited and Division of Watercraft helped provide leadership among a larger group of 32 local and regional partners across the region to showcase the importance of the region's waterways as a means to attract paddlers and encourage economic development and tourism.

In 2013, the Water Trails Program provided funding for updating and printing maps and brochures as well as the purchase of signage for the Great Miami River, Mad River, and Stillwater River Water Trails. It was a coordinated effort between ODNR, Miami Conservancy District and several other local partners.

Instructional Programs

The Division has ACA-certified canoe and kayak instructors on staff that teaches or assists with certified paddling courses. The following is an illustrative list of many of those events/courses hosted by the Division of Watercraft or conducted in partnership with other organizations:

- ACA Paddlers River Rescue course offered 2004-2010
- ACA Level 1 Canoeing Instructor Workshops 2004-2012
- ACA Level 2 Paddling Instructor Workshops offered 2004-2012
- ACA Level 1 Kayak Instructor Workshops 2004-2013
- ACA Adaptive Paddling Instructor Endorsement Course 2004 – 2013
- Ashtabula Canoe School in conjunction with the American Red Cross Greater Cleveland Chapter 2004
- Annual assistance for college-level multi-day courses at University of Akron
- Paddling workshops for Women in the Outdoors events across the state
- Yearly school programs across the state
- Yearly Girl Scout/Boy Scout canoeing safety across the state
- Yearly paddling safety for clubs and associations across the state
- Spirit of America paddling programs (Lake, Lorain, Cuyahoga, Mohican and Ashtabula counties; at least two days each year)
- Metro Parks paddling programs including stand-up paddle board courses (Five Rivers, Cleveland, and Lake) 2004-2013
- Greater Cleveland Safe Boating Council paddling program 2004
- Canter Cave 4-H Camp Counselor canoeing safety (Jackson County; two days) 2004

- ACA SmartStart Kayak instruction to over 3,500 participants at the ODNR Kayak pond at the Ohio State Fair 2008-2013
- Flat-water canoe and kayak courses annually offered by instructors on staff (36 canoe and 26 kayak courses in 2013)

Special Events

Division of Watercraft staff participates in numerous paddling activities statewide. The Division is often requested to provide boats and gear, instructors or other assistance; a “canoe simulator”; a display booth and publications/information; and rescue throw bags and targets. State watercraft officers and watercraft volunteers often attended, assisted in the planning, and participated in these events.

- Paddle in the Park (1 day/year; Five Rivers Metro Park; Dayton) 2004-2011
- Muskingum Riverfest (1 day/year; McConnellsville) 2004-2009
- Paddle Power Demo Day (1 day/year; Chillicothe) 2004-2010
- Alum Creek Boating and Fishing Fest (2 days/year; Delaware) 2004-2006
- Great Ohio River Paddle (3 days/year; Ohio River) 2004-2013
- Paddlefest (1 day/year; Ohio River/Cincinnati) 2004-2013
- Mad Hatters Race (1 day/year; Lake County) 2004-2008
- Earth Days (12 days/year; Rocky Fork State Park) 2004-2008
- D.A.R.E. (1 day/year; North Canton) 2004
- School Days at Ohio State Parks (statewide) 2004-2008
- Kayak Pond at the Ohio State Fair (Columbus) 2008-2013
- Vinton County Canoe Float/Raccoon Creek 2006-2008
- Greater Dayton Rowing Association (Five Rivers Fall Regatta/Great Miami River) 2010
- Caesar Creek State Park Boating & Fishing Festival 2006-2010
- The Adventure Summit or Adventure Speaker Series (Five Rivers MetroParks and Wright State University; Dayton) 2009-2012
- Midwest Outdoor Experience (Five Rivers MetroParks; Dayton) 2008-2013.
- Grand River Canoe & Kayak Race 2004-2013
- Dillon Family Days 2007-2009
- North Central Boating and Fishing Festival (Pleasant Hill Lake) 2005-2013
- Paddlepalooza (Columbus) 2010-2011
- Great Outdoor Weekend, Hamilton County Park District 2010-2013
- North Coast Harbor Boating & Fish Festival 2010-2013

Equipment Loan

Two 8-canoe trailer with paddles and life jackets; 15 sit-on top kayaks with trailer, paddles and lifejackets:

- Girl Scouts (Delaware) 2004-2008
- River cleanups (various locations such as Hocking, Licking, Little Miami and Ohio River) 2004-2013
- Numerous equipment loans to several other organizations statewide each year
- Transferred 2 canoe trailers and 16 canoes to the Division of Parks and Recreation for their canoe safety and bird watching trips 2006-2007

Law Enforcement / Safety Patrols

- State watercraft officers patrol the Little Miami River, Mohican River and Mad River.
- Patrols are also conducted on the Olentangy, Scioto, Licking, Kokosing and other rivers.
- Safety, litter and sobriety saturation patrol/checkpoints are conducted throughout the season on rivers with a high volume of boating traffic.
- State watercraft officers complete more than 50 livery safety equipment inspections annually.