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Family weeks at Madawaska are back

BARRY'S BAY, Ontario - Madawaska Kanu Centre, the world's oldest whitewater canoeing and kayaking school, offers weeks centered on adventure travel for families and kids alike this summer

During Madawaska's family weeks the children and families arrive at the whitewater kayaking and canoe school together. Children and parents may paddle together during canoeing classes or apart in whitewater kayaking classes. Children and parents are split into different courses depending on their age (children) and skill level. Emphasis is made on fundamentals and skill development in a safe learning environment.

Younger children ages 9-12 have half day kayaking classes with more emphasis put on fun and games. The other half of the day is supervised activities for children with physical activities like boogie boarding and ultimate frisbee.

Madawaska got its start in 1972 and features a clientele of roughly 40 percent Americans. In addition to instruction from Canadian and world champion canoers and kayakers, Madawaska features first class cuisine, on-site yoga and massage therapy, internationally renowned instruction and a progressive learning environment.

A trip to Madawaska is also a study in sustainable travel, as Madawaska teaches a "don't-leave-a-trace," boating philosophy. At its lodge, Madawaska boasts its own organic herb garden, compostable toilet system, uses solar power as well as re-use of gray water and a active recycling program .

Madawaska is currently offering a 10 percent discount for early booking through February. Prices for the Family Weeks range from \$500 (Canadian) per person to \$975 depending on level of lodging, equipment and meals. Weekend courses for the family start at \$200 per person.

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