



# Water Camp

The PWDC is pleased to offer to its members and other PWD owners a water camp in Alberta.

**Location** Dixon Point Alberta. This camp is at Glenifer Lake reservoir near Spruce View Alberta

**Date** July 5-6, 2019, all day event.

**Even if you don't plan to trial, this is your opportunity to train your dog around water and learn the work his/she was born to do!**

**Your dog should have basic commands: down sit, stay, come. Additionally, if your dog retrieves and has been swimming, that is ideal but not a pre-requisite.**

You will, however, be asked to keep your dog under control. Please invest in a long training line (see #6). Even well trained adult PWDs get over-excited sometimes, and a long line helps keeps your dog under control.

Water Work is a co-operative activity everyone needs to pitch in to make a trial and/or a training session a success. Water Work requires handlers and dogs supported by rowers, stewards (Land and Boat).

Please be aware that not all dogs are comfortable in an unstructured situation. Know your dog, and act accordingly:

All the dogs need to be supervised, and on leash at all times (except when working in the water or on the boats).

Intact males and bitches require special vigilance, even if normally they are fine with other dogs.

Therefore, bitches in season may participate but will be scheduled to practice at the end of the day.

## What you should bring:

### DOG STUFF

1. Your dog!
2. A crate, blanket/towel and something to cover the crate in case your dog is upset at being crated. (Covering the crate usually solves the problem).
3. Food, water and bowls.
4. **LOTS OF TRAINING TREATS!** We highly recommend a variety cut into small pieces (about the size of a Chick Pea) such as: freeze-dried chicken hearts, liver, and fish, cheese, hot dogs.
1. **REMEMBER: The treats will get wet, so don't use anything with flour, you'll be sorry!**
2. Don't forget a treat bag that can be closed tight. If the bag doesn't close, the treats will float away in the lake. Try to find a mesh bag that closes, and drains.
5. **Water Gear:** We will be working with a bumper, 3 handled toy, and float line. We will have club equipment for you to use. A quick drying harness can be sourced at [www.ezydog.com](http://www.ezydog.com) or check online a [4mypwds.com](http://4mypwds.com) or other pet stores. If you purchase a bumper, attach a non-sinking 18" finished line.
6. **Leash and a Long Training Leash** – Flat collar or harness only, no choke or pinch collars and bring a flat cotton training lead at least 15 ft. long. Nylon rope will burn your hands and won't have the required control. 5/8" cotton webbing up to about 50ft. costs about \$20.00.

### HANDLER, PEOPLE STUFF

1. Lunch and lots of water for yourself. We will break for lunch, and hopefully, it will be a nice day for a picnic.
2. Life jacket and closed-toe water shoes.
3. Bathing suit, towel, wet suit optional, and a change of clothes (the weather can change rapidly).
4. Insect repellent (there may be black flies and mosquitoes).
5. Sunscreen and a hat.
6. Chair(s) for resting your tired body, sunshade or pop-up if you have one.
7. Towels, both for people and dogs.
8. Anything else you would take along for a day at the beach.