

A WEEKEND IN CHIANG MAI FROM 4TH – 7TH OF AUGUST 2010



A. Location and situation

Me and my mom drove up to Mae Tang, Chiang Mai to set up a short paddling camp in hopes that we can recruit more paddlers up in the area and to share the knowledge I received to other paddlers.

B. Participants and equipment

Overall there were 9 local paddlers, including 6 new additional paddlers, all male with age range from 17 – 23 years old. There was a course set up with approximately 10 gates. During the camp we mostly work on strokes (with much emphasis on straight shaft forward strokes and rudders), preparation and the use of sight.

On this visit we also gave the group 5 lifejackets and 3 boats that were donated from Montreuil sur Mer Canoe-Kayak Club and a C1 paddle.

Thus we built a new boat rack. With additional paddlers the team now has 3 juniors K1M, 2 seniors C1M and 4 seniors K1M. All eager to participate in the Thailand Canoe-Kayak Championship planned next month

C. Future and development

Furthermore my mom got a chance to talk to one of the local school's dean and he was very interested in the program and promised that he would send some of his school girls to try the sport. Moreover we also found a strategic location near the riverbank for our future club centre. On the whole this trip was a valuable one the group came a step closer to become a sustainable canoe-kayak club.



The venue



Video session



Building the boat racks

