Kayak Clothing/Gear

Standard	Warmer Water	Colder Water	Optional
PFD (personal flotation device)Comfort importantpockets	Non-cotton under clothing	Non-cotton under clothing	Sunglassesuse strap that floats (use also for prescription glasses)
 Spray skirt Fits kayak cockpit and waist size Different materials and waist options 	Quick dry shirt • Long sleeve or short sleeve?	Warm non-cotton pants/long underwear Layer for colder water	Hat/Hood Sun or rain hat Neoprene hood for cold
Water shoes Neoprene boots River shoes with mesh for more support No sandals with straps	Wet suit (Farmer John or Jane) Neoprene Different zipper options	Warm non-cotton shirt/pullover • Layer for colder water	Helmet • Necessary in rough water or near rocks
	Paddle jacket (optional) Tight wrist to prevent water up arm	Warm socks	
		Gloves	
		Dry suit Gore-tex breathes	

- Use non-cotton clothing you already have for other outdoor activities
- Shop sales and try to get discounts on big ticket items
- Buy critical items first (ones you can't rent with boat or ones for safety or comfort)