LAUNCHING AND LANDING

There are many ways to get into and out of a canoe. Some are more dramatic and wetter than others.

Dry launch refers to keeping everything as dry as possible while getting in and out of a canoe.

Wet launch would be walking into the water with the canoe and then getting into it.

Here is how you describe doing a dry launch using a beach or gently sloping shore.

LAUNCHING:

- Place most of the canoe into the water. Look out for rock under the canoe.
- Place all equipment into the canoe.
- One person stabilizes the canoe while the other person gets in.
- The person that gets into the canoe holds on to both gunnels and step down the center of the canoe as if there was a balance beam down the middle to walk on
- When that person is seated and is ready to paddle the second person get in.
- The second person pushes the canoe into the water and then also steps into the middle of the canoe.

LANDING:

- Let the bow of the canoe come to shore gently
- Have the bow person set on shore and the hold the canoe for the other person
- The other person should walk down the middle of the canoe holding the gunnels stepping down the center of the canoe as if there was a balance beam down the middle to walk on