



CANADA RAFTING 2010

TRIP DATES: July 17-July 24, 2010

INFO DATE: July 3, 2010

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SATURDAY **7/17/2010** **ON THE ROAD - 5:00 AM, TO NIAGARA FALLS, NY**

Drive to the U.S. side of Niagara Falls; arrive about 2 PM. Explore the Falls, ride the Maid of the Mist boats, hike the Cave of the Mist, visit the Canadian side, eat dinner, go souvenir shopping, watch the light show at night! Camp at the Greater Niagara Council's Stonehaven Scout Camp about 20 miles from the Falls.

SUNDAY **7/18/2010** **WILDERNESS TOURS RESORT 888-RAFT-NOW WWW.WILDERNESSTOURS.COM**

Drive to Wilderness Tours Resort on the Ottawa River near Foresters Falls, Ontario, Canada; arrive about 5 PM. Set up camp and have dinner. Get ready for 5 days of fun on the Ottawa River!

MONDAY - **7/19 - 7/23** **RAFTING, ETC., ON THE OTTAWA RIVER**

FRIDAY Spend 5 days exploring various sections of the Ottawa River via raft, sportyak, and sea kayak from our base camp at Wilderness Tours. Gentle rafting (up to class III), High Adventure rafting (up to class V), fishing, body surfing, island exploring, swimming, wall climbing, hiking, and more!

SATURDAY **7/24/2010** **ON OUR WAY HOME - 7:00 AM**

Drive home Saturday; arrive at OUM Church approx. 11 PM for pickup.

TRAVEL DOCUMENT INFO:

- ◆ U.S. citizen children under the age of 19 must have an original or copy of their birth certificate.
- ◆ U.S. citizens age 19 and older must have a U.S. Passport or Passport Card. Applications for both U.S. Passports and Passport Cards are currently being processed in approximately 4-6 weeks from the time of application. However, the U.S. Passport Card cannot be used for international air travel. It can only be used to enter the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda at land border crossings or sea ports-of-entry. Passports and Passport Cards are both valid for 10 years. If you may be traveling outside the U.S. in the next 10 years we ask that you purchase a Passport at your own expense (currently \$100). If you are likely to travel by land or sea back into the U.S. in the next 10 years (take a cruise, for example), please consider purchasing the Passport Card at your own expense (currently \$45). If you do not have or do not wish to purchase a Passport or Passport Card, the trip will pay for a Passport Card for you but you must complete the application process on your own. You can begin the application process for either a Passport or a Passport Card by visiting the following website: http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/ds11/ds11_842.html. Please talk to Bonnie Clay before applying. PLEASE PLAN TO APPLY NO LATER THAN FEB 1, 2010 to allow sufficient processing time.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFO:

- ◆ In order to be eligible to participate, at the time of the trip scouts must be at least 12 years old, First Class rank and have earned the following merit badges: Camping, Canoeing (or partial), Emergency Preparedness, First Aid, Swimming, & Wilderness Survival. We will be working on the rank & merit badge requirements as a troop and at summer camp.
- ◆ The trip cost is \$650 for all ages. This includes ALL expenses except souvenirs (even 2 trip t-shirts and a patch). NO ONE will be allowed to buy snacks, pop, or other 'convenience store' items during the trip. These will be provided and are included in the trip cost.
- ◆ A deposit of \$50 is due by 9/1/2009. Additional payments: \$50 by 12/1/2009 (total paid \$100); \$250 by 3/1/2010 (total paid \$350); final \$300 by 6/15/2010. Full refunds will be given for cancellations prior to 6/15/2010. NO REFUND AFTER 6/15/2010! The amount of the last 2 payments will depend on fundraising and point money earned by the participant.
- ◆ Adults are welcome. However, the number of adults allowed will be determined by the number of scouts registered for the trip. Priority will be given to those adults with the highest level of troop involvement. Secondly, registrations will be given consideration on a first come, first served basis so register and pay your deposit early! Registered adults must participate in all preparation requirements, agree to adhere to troop camping, behavior, and safety guidelines, and be willing to act in the capacity of chaperone, sharing in the responsibility for all minors.
- ◆ EACH participant MUST fully complete a NEW BSA Medical Form including the annual physician's examination. Forms are available at troop meetings. This is the same form used for summer camp.
- ◆ The phone number above for Wilderness Tours is provided for emergency use only. Bonnie Clay can be contacted by cell phone at 574-315-6253. Do not expect to speak to your scout or adult during the trip. "No news is good news" as the only reasons for us to be calling home usually involve emergency medical care. There are VERY few situations that would warrant a call from you during this trip. Please consider the necessity and overall impact of your call before you make it. This is our WILDERNESS camping trip!

EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS YOU MUST BRING:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SLEEPING BAG | <input type="checkbox"/> PONCHO or RAIN SUIT | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 PR. SUNGLASSES | <input type="checkbox"/> FLASHLIGHT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INSECT REPELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> LAUNDRY BAG | <input type="checkbox"/> COMPASS | <input type="checkbox"/> BATTERIES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SUNSCREEN (30+) | <input type="checkbox"/> PERSONAL FIRST AID KIT (small) | <input type="checkbox"/> POCKET KNIFE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXTRA BULB |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LIP PROTECTOR | <input type="checkbox"/> SMALL CANTEEN OR WATER BOTTLE | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TOILETRY KIT - INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TOOTHBRUSH | <input type="checkbox"/> TOOTHPASTE | <input type="checkbox"/> COMB | <input type="checkbox"/> DEODORANT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SOAP | <input type="checkbox"/> HAND LOTION | <input type="checkbox"/> WASHCLOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> SMALL TOWEL |

CLOTHING YOU MUST BRING FOR RIVER AND ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES (KEEP SEPARATE FROM CAMPING CLOTHES):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 LIGHTWEIGHT LONG SLEEVE SHIRT | <input type="checkbox"/> LIGHTWEIGHT/WINDBREAKER JACKET |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 PR LIGHTWEIGHT (NYLON) LONG PANTS | <input type="checkbox"/> WARM SWEATER/SWEATSHIRT (Polartec, wool, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 PR. SHORTS | <input type="checkbox"/> WATER SANDALS OR AQUA SOX |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 PR. SHORTS | <input type="checkbox"/> TENNIS SHOES (can be for travel also) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 T-SHIRTS | <input type="checkbox"/> HIKING BOOTS (not low rise, sturdy) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 PR. SOCKS | <input type="checkbox"/> HAT WITH A BRIM (not a visor) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 PR. UNDERWEAR | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 SWIMSUITS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SLEEPWEAR | |

NOTE: Fleece, polyester & nylon are better materials than cotton if you have a choice when packing.

CLOTHING YOU MUST BRING FOR TRAVEL (PACK IN SEPARATE BAG/PACK FROM ACTIVITY CLOTHES ABOVE):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 PR JEANS/COMFORTABLE LONG PANTS | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 PR SOCKS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 PR SHORTS | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 PR UNDERWEAR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CLASS A UNIFORM SHIRT & NECKERCHIEF (hanger!) | <input type="checkbox"/> WARM SWEATER/SWEATSHIRT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TRIP T-SHIRT (will be provided to wear on Day 1) | <input type="checkbox"/> LIGHTWEIGHT/WINDBREAKER JACKET |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RAFTING T-SHIRT (will be provided) | <input type="checkbox"/> SHOES (can be for activities also) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TROOP HAT (if you have one) | |

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS YOU MAY BRING (IF IT'S NOT ON THE LIST, ASK):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CAMERA | <input type="checkbox"/> PLAYING CARDS | <input type="checkbox"/> BINOCULARS | <input type="checkbox"/> PILLOW (must fit in luggage) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FILM & BATTERIES | <input type="checkbox"/> BOOK(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> BANDANA | <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED SMALL GAMES (not electronic) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WATCH | <input type="checkbox"/> JOURNAL | <input type="checkbox"/> SEWING KIT | <input type="checkbox"/> COMPACT SLEEPING PAD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FANNY PACK | <input type="checkbox"/> RETAINER STRAP FOR GLASSES | | |

GEAR NOTES:

- This list does not include clothes you are wearing when we start the trip unless you're wearing the shoes and/or jacket listed under camping clothing. PACK ALL TRAVEL/CAMPING CLOTHES IN A SEPARATE BAG. This way we know we have clean clothes to come home in.
- MP3 players and electronic games are OK to bring in the vehicles but will be stored during the week as they are not in keeping with a 'high adventure' philosophy. (Electronic games must have 'mute'.)
- Prior to the trip we will provide each participant with 2 t-shirts. We will travel in the official trip t-shirt on the way there. While we are at Niagara Falls we will wear our Class A uniform and neckerchief. Adults who do not have a Class A uniform should wear a troop t-shirt. We will wear a t-shirt with the Wilderness Tours logo on the way home. When packing your clothes for this trip, please remember that we always want to present ourselves in a way that is in keeping with the Scout Law.
- Please bring your Class A uniform shirt and neckerchief clean, ironed and on a hanger. Put your name or initials on the shirt tag.
- Remember that everything you bring must in the trailer! Pack your gear in a soft duffel type bag that can be stored easily. No frame packs or hard-sided suitcases. Light colors work better in the sun. The sun is always stronger on the water due to reflection.
- Our outfitter suggests (and so do we) that - For all of our activities throughout the week a rain suit (pants and jacket) works better than a poncho.
- Please remember that we always want to present ourselves in a way that is in keeping with the Scout Law. This applies to our clothing, our actions and, especially, our attitude.



2010 TRIP PREPARATION NIGHT

FRIDAY, JULY 16, 4-8 PM

BRING TO THE CHURCH:

- All luggage except items you will be taking in the vehicle. Use the list on the back of the trip information form to be sure you pack everything. Luggage must be soft (no hard-sided suitcases or frame packs) so it can be packed in the trailer.
- Clean, ironed, Class A uniform shirt and neckerchief **ON A HANGER** with ID on the shirt tag.
- Medical form if not yet turned in. We will have the form from camp if you went.
- Wilderness Tours Waiver, Canadian Parent Permission Letter, Trip Registration Form if not yet turned in.

DO AT THE CHURCH:

- Put together your own personal snack bag for the vehicle.
- Verify all forms – Medical, Wilderness Tours Waiver, Canadian Parent Permission Letter, Trip Registration.
- Get your t-shirts. Pack the Wilderness Tours shirt in the luggage you brought to wear home next Saturday. Take the troop shirt home and wear it in the morning.
- Help load the luggage and food in the trailer.

HELP NEEDED:

- Quartermasters and older scouts – please plan to arrive by noon to work on the trailer. Please let Bonnie know if you can help.
- We will need a few parents to help with food & other items starting at noon. Please let Bonnie know if you can help.

REMINDERS:

- Final payment is past due! Mail to Bonnie Clay, 59921 Valley View Trail, Osceola, IN 46561. Checks should be made out to Troop 122. If you can't pay your balance, please let Bonnie know.
- Don't pack less gear and clothes than are on the list. A week is a long time to wear the same clothes!

NOTE - NOTE - NOTE:

- **PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE BY 4:30 AM ON SATURDAY, JULY 17! WE WANT TO LEAVE BY 5:00 AM! THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE ORIGINAL TIME!**

PARENT MEETING NOTES:

- Registration forms are still needed for Jeff Heritz, Kristian, Kyle, Matt & Jeff Van Antwerp.
- Preference forms are still needed tonight for Andrew, Jeff Heritz, Joel, Kristian, Kyle, Robby, Eric, Shaun, Ben, Klay, Devin, Chauncey, Donny, Bonnie S., both Larry's & Jeff Van Antwerp. T-shirts sizes are needed!
- Adults in charge of boats: Bonnie Clay, Ron Hipsher, Larry Potterbaum, Bonnie & Larry Swiatkowski, Jeff Van Antwerp. Young adults going along: Matt Brownbridge, Devin Cartwright, Chauncey Frend and Donny Mow.
- The Naval Warfare Station across the Severn River from the USNA is not allowed to have Scout groups camping due to heightened national security. Instead, we will be camping our first 2 nights and our last night at Sandy Point State Park which is about 4 miles away. It is right on the shore of the Bay, has showers and beaches, and does not allow camping except for two youth tent areas. We will have our own picnic shelter. We may have time to use the beach on Friday afternoon or evening following sailing.

MONEY:

- Scouts will only be allowed to spend money during souvenir shopping sprees of which there will be several. Plenty of snacks are provided. No one will be allowed to buy food or drinks. No other money is required!

SAFETY:

- PFDs will be required at all times while on deck when underway and while swimming. PFDs will not be required while belowdecks or while at anchor or docked. No exceptions!
- We will stay together at all times while traveling, eating, shopping, etc. Boats may be out of each other's sight during the day but will be in radio contact with each other. We will have a power boat that travels in the same area as our sailboats in case of emergency.
- Our captains and Annapolis Sailing School have been in business for over 25 years. They know the Bay and their sailboats. They have also received information from me as to the various levels of ability on each of our boats and will assign a captain according to that ability. We will be in constant radio contact with the shore and each other. Safety is of the utmost concern at all times and our collective responsibility for it as adults will never be taken lightly.

CONTACT:

- Scouts will not be allowed to call home during the trip. Even though we won't be in the wilderness the effect should be the same. Scouts are not allowed to bring cell phones on the trip. Adults (young and old) should leave their cell phones behind, too. This is an adventure not a family vacation! I will call one person on Friday night when we return to land from sailing to let them know how everyone is and how the week went. They will call some other people and so on until everyone knows we're all OK. If our arrival time at the church on Saturday night is going to be much later than 11 PM for some reason, I will call one person to let them know. Otherwise, if you get a call from me or one of our other adults any time during the week it won't be good news!
- If you need to reach us, phone numbers are provided on the Trip Information sheet for Sandy Point State Park and Annapolis Sailing School as well as Bonnie Clay. Please don't call unless it's an emergency!
- An emergency contact number is needed for each person/family on the trip. Please add one if you just gave your home phone on the registration form.

CLOTHING & GEAR:

- We will wear our Class A uniform with neckerchief to the US Naval Academy and to dinner at Mike's Crab House on Sunday. Please make sure uniforms & neckerchiefs are clean, ironed and on a hanger when you bring them Friday night before the trip and that all insignia is sewn on properly. Name or initials should be on the shirt tag. Adults that don't have a Class A uniform should plan to wear a troop t-shirt that day. Pants or shorts worn that day should be appropriate for church.
- You should have 2 pieces of luggage plus your sleeping bag. One contains clothes you will be wearing for sleeping in camp 3 nights, for Sunday at the Naval Academy and to wear home on Saturday, August 2. This bag WILL NOT come sailing with you. The other bag contains everything else that's on the gear list. You WILL have access to your sailing bag while we are camping. Keep in mind that space will be at a premium as we have 40 people and their gear! Make sure your toiletries are travel size, don't bring bigger luggage than you need, etc. No loose items or items tied to the outside of your bag. You can also have a small bag of items for the car. The bag itself WILL NOT come sailing so make sure there is room in your sailing bag for car items you want to bring on the boat. Electronics of any kind are not allowed on the boat!
- Please arrive on time on Saturday morning! I know 5:00 AM is early but our drive is long. You should only have to bring your vehicle stuff – CD player, books, etc. We won't be stopping to eat until about 9:30 but you will have plenty of snacks!

