



WHITE PLAINS TROOP 73

DELAWARE CANOE TRIP

June 13-15, 2008

Great Camping!
30 miles of Canoeing.
Wonderful meals and beautiful scenery.



Here it comes! Troop 73's annual Delaware Canoe Trip takes off in just a few weeks. And we certainly hope to have lots of Scouts and family members coming along once again. So here is some information:

We begin our trip on Friday, June 13th. While many Scouts and their families schedule their departure from White Plains at their own convenience, there will likely be one or two main groups that will leave together, before and after rush hour. Upon our arrival at Ten Mile River Scout Reservation on the Delaware River, we'll set up our campsite and get some rest for the coming days' activities. Early Saturday morning, after a good breakfast, we'll leave our campsite and head down to the beach where we'll get our canoes, receive final instruction, and start paddling. Canoe partners will be decided and announced in advance, with adults accompanying new scouts and older scouts teaming with each other. In about ten miles, we will pull off the River at the Minisink Ford canoe base and be met by our head *Mystery Chef* with our gourmet lunch. After lunch we get back on the river and paddle another ten miles down. If the river doesn't get you wet on its own, certainly a friendly scout with a water-bazooka will be happy to help! When the river is flowing pretty well, the canoes will go about 3+ miles per hour by themselves. If you push the flat side of the paddle against the water, they go even faster! When we reach the Pond Eddy canoe base, we'll regroup and get shuttled back to the campsite. A fabulous dinner will be ready soon, to be followed by a campfire, and a good night's sleep.

Sunday morning we pack up the entire campsite, load the cars, and return to Pond Eddy to resume our journey down the river (with canoes - not the cars). We still have a short, but action packed, eight or so miles to go! Upon reaching our final destination, the Knight's Eddy canoe base, our group is shuttled back to Pond Eddy where we are greeted by our eagerly-awaited lunch. When all has been said and done, everyone heard for home, usually arriving home well before 5:00 P.M., often as early as 2:30 or 3:00 PM

The cost for the trip, which includes our campsite, 5 delicious meals, and 2 days of canoeing (total of about 30 miles) is just \$50 per person. Adults who would like to come along but do not wish to canoe may pay \$15 to cover the campsite and meal costs.

Attached is a **registration form**, which ***must*** be returned by the **June 10th Troop meeting** along with a completed and signed **permission slip**. Reservations may be made sooner, but the **final deadline** is June 10th. Checks may be payable to Troop 73. Please indicate on the form the number of individuals attending and the requested info for each. We will be using this information to assign canoe partners and buddy canoes. If parents are coming along, please indicate if you wish to canoe with your son.

More Detailed Info on "What to Bring" and "What to Expect"
will follow in the coming weeks and can be found on the Troop Website:

www.troop73bsa.com

Any Questions?

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