

Dear Parents and Scouts

16 April 2008

The plan for the canoe trip this summer has been finalized. We will leave on Sunday morning 13 July and return to Vicksburg on Saturday 19 July. We plan to canoe on the Gasconade River in Missouri provided the water conditions are suitable. If water conditions are not suitable, the alternative plan is to canoe the Current River in Missouri. Before we leave for the trip, the river to be canoed will be announced. The schedule attached provides times you need to know to make this a successful trip.

The only requirement to go with us is the swimming requirement for canoeing merit badge. If you are new to the troop, one of the adult leaders will have to witness your ability to swim. Make arrangements for swim testing with Mr. Evans.

An equipment list is available, make sure you have one and that all the equipment listed is in your waterproof bag. You will need a change of clothes when we arrive at the campsite. Your scout uniform needs to stay as clean as possible for the return trip.

You may want a few dollars for the trip, although all meals will be provided.

The cost of the trip will be \$210/person. Please pay the money or make other arrangements with Mr. Evans before we leave.

You will notice of the schedule that your canoeing equipment is to be loaded in the trucks on Saturday morning 12 July 2008 at the Scout Camp. It is necessary that your waterproof bag be loaded at this time. We will not have time to load up you gear on Sunday.

We request some information for all scouts and adults going on the canoe trip. Please fill out the form at the bottom of the letter and return it to us. If you have any questions, call or ask any of the Assistant Scoutmasters.

Greg Evans
Scoutmaster

Scout Name: _____
Scout's Social Security # _____
Home Phone # _____ Alternate Phone Number _____
Health Insurance Company _____
Health Insurance Id # _____
Health Insurance Company's Telephone # _____

Canoe Trip 2008

July 12	9:00 12:00	Meet at Scout Camp to load equipment trucks with troop and personal gear
July 13	6:00 4:30 5:00	Meet at KC Hall. Vans and trucks should be full of gasoline and serviced. Arrive at camp site Supper
July 14	6:00 8:00	Wake up Call Shuttle service to river Canoe river
July 15 July 18		Canoe river
July 19	6:00 7:00 8:00 6:30	Wake up Call Load personal gear in trucks Leave for Vicksburg Arrive in Vicksburg Halls Ferry Rd Fred's. Vans and trucks are to be filled with gasoline after scouts have left.
July 20	2:00	Meet at Scout Camp to unload equipment trucks

Emergency phone numbers:

Gasconade River		Current River	
Gasconade Hill	(573) 765-3044 (800) 869-6861	Sheriff	(573) 226-3615
		Pulltite Ranger station	(573) 858-3319
		Round Springs	(573) 858-3319
		Power Mill	(573) 226-5438
		Van Buren Park Service	(314) 323-4236

Canoeing Equipment List

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All of the items on the list are recommended. **If you do not own some of these items, please ASK SOMEONE to help you locate or borrow them.** It is important, when packing your equipment to remember, that your equipment may get wet so you will need to water proof it in Ziploc bags or garbage bags inside a waterproof bag. When all of the equipment has been inspected and loaded into the vans, you will not be allowed to use your canoeing bag until we get to the river, so don't count on digging into your water proof bag while traveling. You will be responsible for your eating utensils while on the river – cups and paper towels will be provided for lunch while traveling.

No plate, cup or spoon on the river - no eat or drink!

Canoeing

Equipment

Water Proof Bag
Wet shoes or sandals for canoeing
Extra lightweight camp shoes or sandals
Poncho / rain gear
Pocket knife (no sheath knives)
Tent (to be shared)
Sleeping Bag
Sleeping pad /air mattress
10 ft. of rope
3 Extra Ziploc bags
3 Extra garbage bags
Biodegradable soap
Water bottle (2 qts)
Sunscreen
Sunglasses
Toilet paper in a plastic bag
Toothbrush + toothpaste
1 plate (scout cook kit)
Spoon
Fork
Cup
Flashlight
Insect repellent
1st Aid Cream
ANY PERSONAL MEDICINES

1 pair of long pants
3 pair of socks
Baseball cap / hat
6 T- shirts
1 nylon wind shirt / wind breaker
Swimming Suit
4 towels
2 Wash cloths

Traveling

Complete uniform
Dry shoes

Clothing

6 pair of underwear
6 pair of shorts

SUMMER TRIP MENU - 2008

DATE	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	SUPPER	CAMP FIRE
Day 1 Sunday July 13	Home!	Sandwiches Chips Kool Aid	Grilled Chicken Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Iced Tea	Kool Aid Cookies
Day 2 Monday July 14 Pickup Canoe	Oat Meal Cocoa/ Strawberry Coffee Orange Juice	Singular Sausage Crackers Trail Mix	Spaghetti Garlic Bread Cold Slaw Pistachio Pudding Iced Tea	Cocoa/ Strawberry Peaches Kool Aid
Day 3 Tuesday July 15 Canoe	Pancakes Smoked Sausage Milk Coffee	Hot Dogs Apple	Chicken and Dressing Peas/Carrots Corn Cheese Cake Kool Aid	Fruit Cocktail Kool Aid
Day 4 Wednesday July 16 Canoe	Breakfast Burritos Grits Cocoa/ Strawberry	Beef Jerky Crackers Granola Bars Peanut Butter	Burritos Refried Beans Spanish Rice Salsa/Chips Cheese Cake Kool Aid	Cocoa/ Strawberry Pears Kool Aid
Day 5 Thursday July 17 Canoe	Pan Cakes Bacon Cocoa/ Strawberry	Dried Apples Crackers Cheese Peanut Butter Granola Bars	Onion Soup Swiss Steak Rice Butter Beans Chocolate Pudding Iced Tea	Fruit Cocktail Kool Aid
Day 6 Friday July 18 Canoe Pickup	Omelet Pan Biscuit Cocoa/ Strawberry Tang	Singular Sausage Crackers Trail Mix Peanut Butter	Fresh Ham Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans Cheese Cake Iced Tea	Peaches Kool Aid Cocoa/ Strawberry
Day 7 Saturday July 19	Cold Cereal Milk Orange Juice	Sandwiches Chips Kool Aid	Home!!!	

Travel Day				
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Gasconade River Missouri Fishing Regulations

1. Any person resident or nonresident 15 years of age or younger are exempt from buying fishing permits. Youngsters fishing without a permit are limited to the following methods – pole and line, gig, bow, cross bow, snaring, grabbing and snagging.
2. Pole or rod and line: Fishing tackle normally held in the hand, such as a cane pole, casting rod, spinning rod or fly rod, to which more than 3 hooks with bait or lures are attached. Does not snagging, snaring, grabbing, trotlines, jug lines or other tackle normally attached in a fixed position.
3. Daily fishing permit - \$7.00 per day. For fish, frogs, mussels, clams, turtles, crayfish and live bait. Maybe purchased by residents and nonresidents for multiple days. There is an additional \$2.00 charge for online purchase. The web site: <https://www4.wildlifelicense.com/mo/start.php> (Gasconade Hills Resort does not sell fishing permits)
4. Bass limit -6 daily (Black Bass min. 12”) (only 1 Small Mouth min. 18”)
5. Goggle eye / Warmouth Bass – 15 daily
6. Bluegill / Green sunfish – 50 daily

The Current River has different limit rules