

50 MILES

on the Buffalo National River

2010





BOY SCOUT TROOP 142

Fayetteville, Arkansas

www.troop142bsa.org

Dear Parents and Scouts,

Our Troop is planning a 59-mile canoe trip on the Buffalo National River this summer. It will take 5 days to complete the trip. We will average around 10-17 miles per day, so this is a high adventure trek! During this trip we will work on merit badges, rank advancement and contribute service hours cleaning up the river for the National Park Service. Merit badges offered will include Canoeing, Wilderness Survival, and Fishing, along with requirements on other merit badges. Some of the class work requirements will be completed prior to or after the float.

The date for the 50 miler is June 8-13, 2010. Please try and arrive at the scout hut on June 8th **no later than 5:30 PM**. It is important that we leave no later than 6:00 PM so we can set up camp in the light and get our drivers back home at a decent hour. We will arrive in Fayetteville June 14 at approximately 5:30 PM. As usual, we will call on our way in to let you know our ETA.

Currently, the cost will be **\$100** per person. If a scout has worked at least half of the fund-raising activities (football and basketball concessions), he or she will have a cost of **\$50**.

There will be scheduled 50 miler crew meetings on **May 10 at 6:30**, prior to our regular troop meetings and again on **May 24 at 6:30** (even though we do not have a regular troop meeting that night). These are mandatory. If more than one meeting is missed (without an appropriate excuse) you will be marked off the list, adults included. This is where your vote counts on the menu and trek planning.

In order to have a safe and manageable float; we are going to limit the trip to an absolute maximum of 26 floaters, with preference being for a crew of about 20. We are going to require a \$20.00 deposit, which will insure a spot on the float trip. We require that this deposit be paid no later than May 10, 2010. If the deposit or the total fee is not received by this date, you may be removed from the list of those attending. If we have too many sign up, we will have a waiting list. Preference will be given to those who have the appropriate rank and experience.

Everyone **MUST** furnish at least one good cooler with you name affixed.

We will be planning meals during our 50 miler meetings. We know that at least one meal will consist of fish in order to satisfy the requirements of the Fishing merit badge. That means that fishing rods and tackle will be needed. Also, if you are 16 or older, you are required to have an Arkansas Fishing License valid during the float date.

The location of the 50 miler will be on the middle to lower part of the Buffalo National River, starting near Carver and ending at Dillard's Ferry. These locations may change depending on the water levels.

We will camp along the river nightly, pitching tents on well-groomed gravel bars. The scouts will camp and function within their patrols leaving the adults functioning as their own patrol, letting each scout learn and grow with the outdoors. Scouts will prepare and serve all meals to the crew except Saturday night's dinner which is prepared and served by the Adult leaders.

The requirements for Scouts to attend the trip are as follows:

- ❑ 1st Class rank or above and showing dependability and maturity
- ❑ Pass the B.S.A swim test
- ❑ Miss no more than one 50 miler meeting
- ❑ Preferred canoeing experience (fall float, day float, Camp Orr, etc.)
- ❑ Fees paid in full by June 1st.
- ❑ Signed permission form with necessary phone numbers in case of emergency
- ❑ Signed National Park Service wavier
- ❑ Arkansas fishing license if 16 years of age or older

The requirements for Adults to attend the trip are as follows:

- ❑ Be registered as a BSA adult leader
- ❑ Complete the Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat training
- ❑ Complete Youth Protection training
- ❑ Pass the B.S.A swim test
- ❑ Preferred canoeing experience
- ❑ Be prepared to teach or help teach merit badges, Scout skills, or to conduct games/activities appropriate for the trek

Included in the fee will be a "home cooked" meal at a fine restaurant in Gilbert on Friday and a McDonald's lunch in Harrison on the way home Sunday.

The sun can be a problem unless you have a large brimmed hat and lots of sun block. Be sure and pack these items!!

We will need parents to volunteer to transport our crew to and from our destinations. It would consist of driving your vehicle with passengers to the Carver area on Tuesday evening and returning to Fayetteville 11:30 pm -12:30 am and or picking up at Dillard's Ferry on Sunday morning around 11:00 -11:30 am, which would require leaving Fayetteville at 8:00 am. We will gladly buy your gas and if you're one of our pickup drivers, we'll buy your McDonald's lunch on the way home! Please let us know if you can provide this much needed support for the crew!



EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

You will need to provide the following items yourself and have them packed and ready to go by **MONDAY JUNE 7th, WHICH IS SHAKEDOWN NIGHT.** We will load the trailer that night with all possible gear to save time on our departure night. You will need all of your gear packed in 2 plastic 5-gallon buckets with lids or 2 (size HD30) dry bags. You can also bring your fishing tackle boxes.

- ****Arkansas Fishing License if 16 years of age or over****
- 1 or 2 - Fishing rods and reels
- 1 - Fish stringer (big enough to hold 100 or more fish...) ☺
- 2 - Small crawdads and or small floating broken back minnows
- 10 - 15 small crappie jigs and or grubs 1/8 oz and 1/16 oz (various colors)
- Sun block (at least SPF 25 and nothing over SPF 30, it will do more harm than good to your skin)
- Sun burn treatment (the troop will have some for each patrol also)
- Large floppy hat to protect your face and ears from the sun
- Water shoes (river sandals, old tennis shoes, or water shoes that can get wet and stay wet for several days and wear without discomfort – **NOT flip-flops or crocs!**)
- Extra **DRY shoes** for wearing around camp (flip-flops, crocs, old sneakers, moccasins, etc.)
- T-shirts (2-3)
- Shorts (have a dry set to change into after floating all day to prevent areas of discomfort!) ☺
- A complete clothing change, including underwear and socks, placed in a small duffel or bag with your name on it to be left in the trailer for the ride home
- Towel
- **Dry** socks (at least two pair)
- Sleeping clothes – Long underwear, sweats, or PJ pants and tee shirt that are warm.
- Lightweight jacket
- 2 - Swim trunks
- Fork, Knife, Spoon (we will not have extras)
- Large plastic mug with lid (none will be provided) – suitable for hot or cold drinks
- Durable plastic plate (you will be using this for every meal – a Frisbee works great!)
- Light weight tent for every 2 people w/ground cloth – we will decide tenting at our 50-miler meetings
- Rain gear (poncho or rain suit)
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, toilet paper, etc.)
- Waterproof camera (if you want any memories)
- Insect repellent (if desired) – **NON-AEROSOL!!!** This means wipes, lotions, or pump spray.
- Sleeping bag (**light weight** and **small**) or sheets + pad (inflatable or closed-cell foam)
- Small travel pillow (optional)
- Straps to hold eye glasses
- Extra eye glasses or contacts
- Spending money for cokes, snacks, etc. at the Gilbert General Store - **NO MOOCHING! Keep your spending money separate from your buckets or dry bags... carry it with you!**
- 1 - 1 gallon bleach or milk container for a water bailer [we have some available]
- Personal first aid kit - suggestions are lip balm, Band-Aids, Tylenol & bug bite remedy
- 1 - Flashlight with extra batteries
- Pocket knife
- Small bottle of “Camp Suds”, bio-degradable soap for performing laundry duties and bathing
- Mesh litter bag – 1 per boat [we have some available]
- Folding chair [if desired]
- **Personal survival kit** – we will talk about this in 50-miler meetings too



THINGS YOU CAN'T BRING:

- Personal coolers (sorry but there isn't enough room in the boats)
- Weapons of any kind (such as sheath knives, guns, archery equipment, etc.)
- **GLASS** of any sort
- **Personal radios, electronic games or CD players of any kind**
- Airsoft or paintball guns
- **Cell phones**
- Fireworks
- Aerosol cans (no spray deodorant or bug spray)

It will be **hot** on the river during the day. PLEASE bring the large plastic Nalgene or water bottle and drink PLENTY of water. **Always use sunscreen daily to prevent burning.**

It can get **cold** on the river if we have rainy weather! Pack some long underwear or sweats to sleep in, plus be sure you have a light jacket or hoodie that you can throw on. Your rain jacket can serve this purpose very well if you have a long-sleeved shirt to wear under it.

Be Prepared!



Canoes, Kayaks, Inner Tubes on Arkansas Waterways *(Arkansas Act 803, Effective August 13, 2001)*

Glass containers are prohibited.

LAW: Except for containers for substances prescribed by a licensed physician, no person shall possess or use glass containers within the banks of Arkansas' navigable waterways, within a vessel. (For purposes of this act "vessel" shall not include houseboat, party barge, johnboat, runabout, ski boat, bass boat or similar craft not easily susceptible to swamping, tipping or rolling.)

Fasten cooler lids.

LAW: All persons entering, traveling upon, or otherwise using Arkansas' navigable waterways by canoe, kayak, inner tube or other vessel easily susceptible to swamping, tipping, rolling or otherwise discharging its contents into a waterway, and transporting a cooler, icebox or container for foodstuffs and beverages shall assure that the container is made to seal or lock in the contents to prevent the contents from spilling into the water.

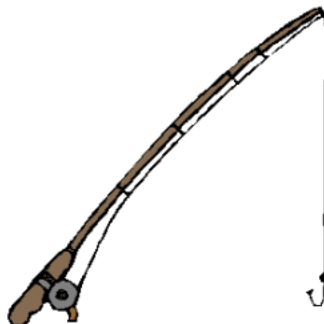
Attach and use a mesh litterbag.

LAW: Carry and affix to the vessel, a container or bag suitable for containing refuse, waste and trash materials and capable of being securely closed. The container or bag shall be of mesh construction. Transport all refuse, waste and trash to a place where the materials may be safely and lawfully disposed of. A container shall not be required for those persons traveling without foodstuffs or beverages.

Use a floating holder for beverages.

LAW: At all times other than when a beverage is securely contained as in a cooler or litter bag, keep the beverage attached to or held within a floating holder or other device designed to prevent the beverage from sinking beneath the surface of the waterway.

Penalties: A violation of Act 803 shall be a misdemeanor and each violation may be prosecuted as a separate offense. Each violation shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500). Effective August 13, 2001 and thereafter.



50 MILER PRAYERS

WILDERNESS GRACE

*For food, for raiment
for life and opportunity
for sun and rain
for water and portage trails
for friendship and fellowship
we thank thee, oh Lord*

Amen



THE RIVER GRACE

*For each new morning with its light
For rest and shelter of the night
For health and food and loving friends
For everything thy goodness sends
Father, we thank thee.*

Amen

DEPOSIT

I understand that this deposit of \$20.00 and any payments made hereafter will go towards the total 50 miler float trip fee and is non-refundable, except in the case of a medical emergency.

Parent or Guardian (signature)

Scouts name deposited for (please print)



(BELOW FOR TROOP 142 USE ONLY)

FEE STATUS FOR 50 MILE FLOAT TRIP

Name _____

Date ____/____/____

Trek Fee Total \$ _____

Deposit paid \$ _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Account _____
(PLEASE CHECK ONE)

Remainder owed \$ _____ Cash _____ Check # _____ Account _____
(PLEASE CHECK ONE)

Scouts Initials _____

Leaders Initials _____

Form No. 10-89
(1-83)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
VOLUNTEERS-IN-PARKS PROGRAM

AREA

Parental Approval Form

NAME OF VOLUNTEER

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE: (Residence)

(Business)

I affirm that I am the parent/guardian of the above named volunteer. I understand that the National Park Service's Volunteers-In-Parks program does not provide compensation, except as otherwise provided by law, and that the service will not confer on the volunteer the status of a Federal employee. I have read the attached description of the work that the volunteer will perform.

I give my permission for _____ to participate in this

program sponsored by **BOY SCOUT TROOP 142, FAYETTEVILLE, AR**
(Name of sponsoring organization, if applicable)

at **BUFFALO NATIONAL RIVER CLEANUP** from **JUNE 8, 2010** to **JUNE 13, 2010**
(Name of park or office) (Date) (Date)

(Signature)

(Date)

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PERMISSION SLIP FOR ACTIVITIES

I give _____ permission to attend the **50 Mile Float Trip**
Name of Scout Event Scheduled
with Boy Scout Troop 142, Westark Area Council.

We will depart on **June 8 2010** at approximately **5:00 PM**.
Date Time

We will return on **June 13, 2010** at approximately **5:30 PM**.
Date Time

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, I understand that every effort will be made to contact me (if an adult member under 40, my spouse or next of kin). In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the physician selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my son (for me, if an adult).

Emergency Phone Numbers

Home: _____

Work: _____

Cell: _____

Other: _____

Parent or Guardian Date

Scoutmaster or Event Leader Date

Special instructions (if any)

