

50 MILES



on the Buffalo National River

2007

BOY SCOUT TROOP 142

Fayetteville, Arkansas

www.troop142bsa.org

Dear Parents and Scouts,

Our Troop is planning a 54-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, and can become very tiresome. During this trip we will work on merit badges, rank advancement and contribute service hours cleaning up the river for the National Park Service. Some of the merit badges that will be offered are Canoeing, Wilderness Survival, Fishing, along with requirements on other merit badges. Some of the class work requirements will be completed prior to the float.

The date for the 50 miler is June 8-13, 2007. Please try and arrive at the scout hut 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 13th at approximately 5:30 PM.

Currently, the cost will be **\$90.00** 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 **\$45**.

Beginning in April, there will be scheduled 50 miler crew meetings at 6:30, prior to our regular troop meetings. 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 26 floaters. 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 7, 2007. If the deposit or the total fee is not received by this date, you may be removed from the list of those attending.

With the current number of Scouts signed up to go, we will possibly have a shortage of canoes and coolers. If you have access to a canoe that yourself or another scout could use, we would greatly appreciate your help. 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 at Mt. Hersey and ending at Buffalo Point. 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.

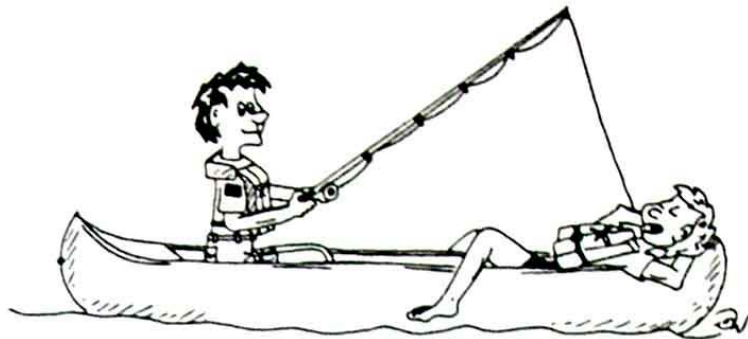
The requirements for attending the trip are as follows:

- ❑ 1st Class rank or above and showing maturity
- ❑ Pass the B.S.A swim test
- ❑ Miss no more than one 50 miler meeting
- ❑ Preferred canoeing experience
- ❑ Fees paid in full by June 5th
- ❑ 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

Included in the fee, we be a “home cooked” breakfast on Monday at the Riverside Café in Gilbert and a McDonald’s lunch in Harrison on Wednesday.

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

It will be asked of some parents to provide a driver and vehicle to transport to and from our destinations. It would consist of driving your vehicle with passengers to Mt. Hersey on Friday evening and returning to Fayetteville 11:30 pm -12:30 am and or picking up at Buffalo Point on Wednesday morning around 11:00 am, which would require leaving Fayetteville at 8:00 am. If interested, please contact one of the leaders for instructions.



EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

You will need to provide the following items yourself and have them packed and ready to go on Monday June 4th. You will need all of your gear packed in 2 plastic 5-gallon buckets with lids or dry bags.

- ****Arkansas Fishing License if 16 years of age or over****
- 1 - Fishing rod and reel
- 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
- Large floppy hat to protect your face and ears from the sun
- Water shoes (shoes that can get wet and stay wet for several days and wear without discomfort)
- Extra **DRY shoes** for wearing around camp
- 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, placed in a small duffel to be left in the trailer for the ride home
- Towel
- **Dry** socks (at least two pair)
- Lightweight jacket
- 2 - Swim trunks
- Fork, Knife, Spoon (we will not have extras)
- Large plastic mug with lid (none will be provided)
- Durable plastic plate (you will using this for every meal)
- Light weight tent for every 2 people w/ground cloth
- Rain gear (poncho or rain suit)
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, toilet paper, etc.)
- Waterproof camera (if you want any memories)
- Insect repellent (if desired)
- Sleeping bag (**light weight** and **small**) or sheets
- Small travel pillow
- Straps to hold eye glasses
- Extra eye glasses or contacts
- Spending money for cokes, snacks, etc. at the Gilbert General Store - **NO MOOCHING!**
- 1 - 1 gallon bleach or milk container for a water bailer
- 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]
- 6 – Wooden clothes pins for hanging out laundry
- Folding chair [if desired]



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

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



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.

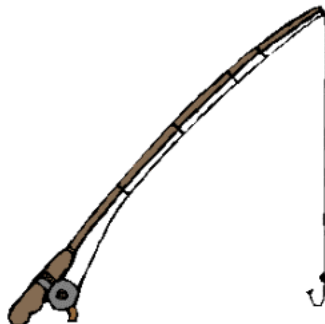
Attach and use a mesh litterbag.

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

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, 2007** to **JUNE 13, 2007**
(Name of park or office) (Date) (Date)

(Signature)

(Date)

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 _____

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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, 2007 at approximately 6:00 PM.
Date Time

We will return on June 13, 2007 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: _____	Parent or Guardian	Date
Work: _____		
Cell: _____	Scoutmaster or Event Leader	Date
Other: _____		

Special instructions (if any)

