



Troop 323 High Adventure

Delaware River Canoe Trek

Who: Venture I and Venture II Patrols – You must be 13 years old by January 1, 2009 and minimum First Class rank and be able to pass the BSA Swim Test.

What: 50+ miles of canoeing over the course of a week (side hike to Indian Cliffs at TMR Scout Reservation for rappelling)

Where: The Delaware River between Callicoon, NY and Port Jervis, NY.

When: July 5 – 11, 2009

How: Attend a brief (10-15 minute) orientation meeting at the conclusion of Thursday's (4/2) Troop meeting (Scout and Parent). Sign up with \$50 deposit (check payable to Troop 323) by April 9. Total cost \$360

Ten Mile River Scout Reservation invites you to step into the backcountry, and challenge yourself mentally and physically while discovering nature's wonders. This five day High Adventure Trek program will offer you one of the most invigorating, challenging, and memorable experiences in scouting. With a great sense of adventure, tradition and history, we have a program that is specifically designed for the older youth.

We'll begin on Sunday afternoon with check-in at Ten Mile River base camp. After the normal BSA swim test we'll meet our guide for the week, receive equipment, review the trek, have dinner and attend a camp-wide campfire put on by the camp staff. Basecamp tents are the typical summer camp type (canvas on platforms).

Monday is spent at basecamp. After breakfast we'll meet our guide at the lake for basic canoe training. The afternoon schedule usually provides for a choice of lake kayaking or high COPE climbing activities.

On Tuesday morning we'll be transported to the river to begin our 50 plus mile journey. For the next four days we'll paddle the river, navigating the Class III rapid called Skinner's Falls and stopping to hike and rope rappel at Indian Cliffs. Each night we'll camp by the water's edge cooking trail dinners provided by TMR.

We'll complete the trek on Friday and return to basecamp where we'll cook dinner and attend an evening campfire. Saturday morning, after breakfast, we'll depart for home.

With some conservation work completed in advance of the trek, we'll all qualify for the BSA 50 Miler award. It's possible that you may be able to complete the Canoeing merit badge.

More information will be forthcoming including a gear list. Additional special gear required for this trek is minimal. TMR provides all food, tents, canoes, paddles, personal flotation devices and a certified guide.

Please contact Mr. Loughran at 516-455-9246 for additional information.

To push the boundaries of strength and stamina. To see what we are made of. Embrace the unknown, learn about yourself by exploring the outdoors.