

TROOP 19 SCOUT PERMISSION SLIP due 5/27/08

Activity: *Saco River Canoe Trip.*

Location: Saco River, ME **Activity Coordinator:** Tom Popik, tpopik@geosegment.com

Day/Date: Sat/Sun 7-8 June **Cost:** \$15 per participant paid to B. Perkins. Additional food money to be paid directly to Flotilla Commander (also known as Patrol Leader for land-based trips).

Leave From Parking Lot: Pilgrim Church Sat 6:30 AM **Return To:** Church Sun ~3:00 PM

Emergency Number: Maine State Police (800) 452-4664

Description and Itinerary: We will be taking an overnight canoe trip on the Saco River in Maine. This is a winding and picturesque river with moderate current and few rapids.

We will depart Pilgrim Church at 6:30 AM on Saturday. Please arrive at the church at 6:15 AM so we can distribute participants and equipment among vehicles.

We will be putting in canoes on Saturday at Swan's Falls, about 10 miles downriver of Conway, New Hampshire, at approximately 10AM. We will camp overnight at the old AMC campground at Walker's Rip. This campground has a latrine and water pump.

We will paddle approximately 15 miles on the first day in flotillas of 3-4 canoes each. Each flotilla will have a boy designated as "Flotilla Commander" and at least two adult leaders. Individual canoes will have "Boat Captains" and "First Mates."

We will have a Leadership Flotilla consisting of boy leaders as Commodore and Vice-Commodore, and also including two adult leaders. The Leadership Flotilla will be tasked with making sure that all Flotillas safely arrive at the AMC campground by 5:00 PM.

On the first day each Flotilla will have flexibility in designing their own schedule and side excursions. Possible side excursions include Bog Pond, the "Old Course" of the Saco River, and Pleasant Pond. Scouts desiring to satisfy 1st Class requirement for cooking a hot lunch can stop at a sand bar and cook lunch with a pocket rocket stove.

On Saturday afternoon, after arriving at the Walker's Rip AMC Campground, scouts can work on satisfying requirements for the canoeing merit badge, time permitting.

On Sunday we will depart the campground at 8:00AM, paddle 6 miles, and take-out at Brownfield Bridge at approximately 10:00AM. We will then drive back to Swan's Falls to pick up cars parked there. Distance to Nashua from Brownfield Bridge is 140 miles; travel time is about 3 hours. We will stop midway for a fast food lunch and expect to arrive back in Nashua around 3:00PM.

Clothing and Equipment: All clothing and equipment must be packed in waterproof bags contained in duffles (or backpacks if duffle not available). If you don't have the very expensive waterproof bags available at EMS, then plastic trash bags will do. *With splashing from paddles, the outside of your equipment will get wet.* This is like a backpacking trip without the hiking—leave the large coolers, propane stoves, and other bulky or heavy items at home. Please, no loose items in canoes that can get lost if the canoes capsize. *Bring your swim suits.*

Preparation: All scout participants must have passed the BSA swim test. If a scout has not already passed the BSA swim test, he must take the test at the Merrimack YMCA at one of these times:

- Sunday, May 25, 2PM
- Sunday, June 1 at 2:00 PM

If you plan to attend the May 25 test, please contact Dave Mack at david.mack@juno.com by May 23. If you plan to attend the June 1 test, please contact Tom Popik at tpopik@geosegment.com by May 30.

The YMCA charges \$5 for non-members to take the swim test. This fee is payable directly to the YMCA at the front desk. This test will also satisfy the First Class swim test required for advancement.

We will be conducting a canoe practice session on Tuesday, May 27, 7PM at Mines Falls in Nashua, behind the Conway Ice Arena, in place of the regular Tuesday night meeting. All scout participants in the canoe practice session must have already passed the BSA swim test.

Food: Please arrive at the church Saturday morning having eaten breakfast. Bring a bag lunch to eat on the river. Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast will be in cook groups. Sunday lunch will be a fast food lunch on the way home.

Fees and Considerations: The fee for this trip is \$15 per participant for a donation to the troop lending the canoes, gasoline, and incidentals, payable to Barbara Perkins, with the following considerations:

- If you can volunteer to supply a canoe, two paddles, and two life jackets, the \$15 fee is waived for one participant
- If you can provide a vehicle that carries *four participants*, one canoe, and all associated gear, the troop will pay \$25 toward gasoline; \$30 in total if you also tow a canoe trailer
- If you wish to participate, but cannot afford the \$15 fee, please contact Mr. Anthony about contributing 1 hour of yard work at the home of one of the adult leaders

If you wish to have your \$15 fee waived per above, or can supply a canoe, or can supply a vehicle, contact Mr. Popik, tpopik@geosegment.com, 603-880-5457.

All cook groups will be responsible for shopping and paying for their own meals. Participants should bring \$5 pocket money for a fast food lunch on the way home Sunday.

Boy Leadership: If you wish to apply for a position as Commodore, Vice-Commodore, Flotilla Commander, or Boat Captain, please contact Mr. Popik by email (tpopik@geosegment.com) or telephone (603-880-5457). Commodore, Vice-Commodore, and Flotilla Commanders must complete the on-line BSA courses Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense. Boy leadership will have a planning meeting on Tuesday, June 3, at 6:30 PM before the regular meeting. Leadership positions will be assigned at this meeting; maps of the river will be distributed.

PARENT INFORMATION

<p>I will attend Troop activity <input type="checkbox"/> Sorry, No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p>If yes, my Cellphone # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Sorry, have no cellphone also be sure to talk with adult patrol leader about food menu and tents.</p> <p><u>Tour Permit Driver Info</u> : Driving: <input type="checkbox"/> No, skip following <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, continue</p> <p>I will drive <input type="checkbox"/> Both ways</p> <p>How many self-belted passengers? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> With Gear <input type="checkbox"/> Without Gear</p> <p>Can you haul a trailer? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Vehicle type, year, Model _____</p> <p>Owner name: _____</p> <p>Driver Name: _____</p> <p>Driver's license # _____ State Issued: _____</p> <p>Liability Insurance: per person _____ per accident _____ property damage _____</p>
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SCOUT INFORMATION

Scout's Name: _____ has my permission to attend and to receive any emergency medical treatment and/or anesthesia that may be required. I will verify that my son's medical form is current. Scout Leaders will carry a copy of my son's current medical form which contains medication taken, allergies, insurance, and emergency contact information.

He requires the following medicine and how often:

Who will carry medication?(Circle one) (Scout) (Adult Leader) (Parent/Guardian attending)

He is allergic to the following: _____

Does the scout have any condition that precludes strenuous physical activity? Yes No

My son will attend the full activity. He will leave and return to church with troop Yes No

If NO, special arrival/departure notes:

I have read this form and attached checklist and understand what my Scout and I are responsible for in order to make this activity a successful experience. My Scout will follow Scout Oath and Law.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Phone number(s) where you can be reached during the activity: _____

Emergency Contact (other than you): _____ **Phone** _____

TROOP 19 SCOUT EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

PLEASE RETAIN THIS SHEET FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Permission Slip and Medical Form Due Date: MAY 27 Canoe Practice Meeting

CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT LIST			
Notes: Patrol will bring a single Scout Handbook, X = bring, O=optional			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tent with Netting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pocket Rocket Stove	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sun Screen
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bug spray	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upper-Body Layers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compass	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapstick
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lower-Layers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whistle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pad & Pencil
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hat (warm)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bathing Suit	<input type="checkbox"/> Map - To be supplied	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses (opt)
<input type="checkbox"/> Second pair dry shoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Rain Gear	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Headlamp / Flashlight	<input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Paper
<input type="checkbox"/> Gloves/Mittens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shorts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle (2 qt)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trash bags
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Belt	<input type="checkbox"/> Day Pack	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eating Utensils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1/4"Nylon Rope(25')
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cup	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Backpack or Duffle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mess/Pot Kit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pocket knife
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hat (warm)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Survival kit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matches
<input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook (patrol)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Pad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hand Sanitizer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Watch
MEAL PLANNING			
Snacks: Bring high energy snacks for morning and afternoon – raisins, gorp, or powerbars			
Type of Cooking: Pocket Rocket Stoves			
Cooking by:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flotilla Cook Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Crew	<input type="checkbox"/> Troop
Meals:	<input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast	<input type="checkbox"/> Hot Lunch (scouts seeking 1 st Class cooking requirement only) or 1 bag lunch	<input type="checkbox"/> Dinner
Water for:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flotilla	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self	<input type="checkbox"/> Troop

Scout participants will bring their fully packed duffles to the regular meeting on Tuesday, June 3rd, for inspection by their Flotilla Commanders.

*****PLEASE KEEP THIS SHEET FOR FUTURE REFERENCE*****