

Troop 3 Float Trip
Buffalo National River
April 18th, 19th, & 20th, 2007

Assemble at 4:30 PM, Friday April 18th, 2007 at Christ the King Belltower. Depart at 5PM for a campsite on the Buffalo National River (Steel creek, Ozark, Carver, or Woolum). Spend the night. Saturday, load canoes with gear and provisions to travel approximately 18 to 20 miles, spending Saturday night on a gravel bar somewhere along the way. Pull off the river about 11AM on Sunday with return to Fort Smith around 4PM. If floating is not feasible due to weather or low water the trip will not be canceled, but will be converted to a hike or similar outing.

The meal plan – Friday PM – each scout should bring a sack lunch as we will not be stopping to eat. Saturday AM and Sunday AM – Items that can be mixed with hot water such as Oatmeal and Hot Chocolate. Saturday and Sunday Lunch – Lunchmeats, Tuna, Summer Sausage, Spam, etc.. Saturday Snack – Apples, Oranges. Saturday PM – Foil packs made with ground beef, potatoes, carrots, peppers, and onions. (Alternate Sunday lunch – Bring money for eating at local restaurant such as McDonalds or Pizza Hut.)

Canoes will be provided, however if you have your own canoe or kayak visit with me as to its suitability (some kayaks don't have enough space to hold camping gear). We will transport it for you, just let me know. Everyone will need a PFD (Personal Flotation Device) so if you need one let me know.

The Saturday and Sunday float requires that we carry everything that we will need with us and keep it safe. First, only take items that you are certain to need as anything extra is unneeded weight. Scouts should pair up and sleep 2 to a tent. Second, you will need to keep your sleeping bag and clothes dry by using dry bags. Take and wear nylon clothes as cotton takes a long time to dry if it gets wet. We'll discuss this more a couple of weeks before we go.

Boy Scout Safe Floating rules require that a scout be able to pass a swim check to participate.

If you have any questions bring them up with your Patrol Leaders and Senior Patrol Leaders and they will get the answers.

Two dates to remember: Monday April 7th – commit to go date, menu planning and selecting grubmaster; and Monday April 14th – Grub money due.

If your parents have questions they should contact Dan Wald (danwald@swbell.net) at 651-3917(c), 646-2217(h), or 783-0840(w).