

Troop 3 Float Trip Buffalo National River April 20, 21, & 22, 2007

The Trip - Assemble at 4:30 PM, Friday April 20th, 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 15 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.

The meal plan – each patrol should prepare to provide the following. Friday PM - 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. An 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 or have access to one you are welcome to bring it. We will transport it for you, just let us know. Everyone will need a PFD (Personal Flotation Device) so if you need one let us 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 dead 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 at our weekly scout meetings.

Boy Scout Safe Floating rules require that a scout be able to pass a swim check to participate. We're set up to use the pool at Marvin Altman's for Wednesday and Thursday night this week (April 4 and 5). We will use the pool from 6:45 to 7:30PM for the swim checks.

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

If your parents have questions they should contact Dan Wald (dan.wald@scoutbell.com) at 646-2217 or 651-3917