



Spring Canoe Adventure Notice

50 Miles Canoeing

Village Creek, Silsbee, TX

March 10 - 14, 2012

Registrations must be returned by the February 7th, 2012 Troop meeting.

Outing Contacts:

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Outing Theme:

Learn a new skill or practice what you already know. Back by popular demand, the Troop is going on another Canoe Adventure but this year it is a 50 Mile Trek on the Neches River in East Texas. Come test your canoe and high adventure cooking skills!

Outing Details:

Canoeing the Big Thicket National Preserve



Texas Wilderness Canoe Camping Trip

Lower Neches River
Town Bluff (Dam B) to Evadale (US 96) 54
miles

Experience Mother Nature's solitude and
beauty

A very remote and secluded section of Big Thicket, this 54-mile section of the lower Neches River runs entirely within the boundaries of the Big Thicket National Preserve. Distinguishing features are the pristine scenery, abundant wildlife and a colorful Culture largely overlooked in Texas History books.

Steamboat traffic, wharfs and warehouses, farms, ranches and ferry operations were all common along this section of the Neches River prior to and after Texas' Independence from Mexico and eventual Statehood. During the Civil War, union sympathizers and those evading confederate conscription hid out in the deep woods here (Deserters Island #1 and #2). As early as 1850, timber companies "logged" the giant Cypress and Pine trees near the river and floated large "rafts" of logs to Beaumont sawmills. By 1930, all first generation forests had been completely logged in Big Thicket and preservation efforts began. In the late 1950's and 1960's, the local residents, a.k.a. the "Dog People", formed an unlikely alliance with the National Park Service in effort to salvage their 'half-wild and fully-free' way of life. Today, all sign of human endeavor is gone, only the stories remain, as does the beauty of the wilderness, which for now, is

protected for us all to enjoy. The Big Thicket is extremely primitive and features several cypress swamps, old river lakes and connecting sloughs intermixed with pine and hardwood terraces. The river also has a healthy fish population and has been known to give up some very large catfish being caught while camping on the sandbars by rod and reel. Other fish species such as Bass and Bluegill can be caught in the current breaks and back water sloughs.

Activity Fees:

The fee for this outing includes transportation to Neches River, canoe rental, shuttle fees, camping fees and meals to and from Keller, TX.

Earning Merit Badges:

We will be completing various activities associated with several merit badges, especially Canoeing and Camping. It will be the scout's responsibility to obtain the appropriate blue card for Canoeing and Camping and obtain the appropriate sign off on skills passed during the outing.



Spring Canoe Adventure Preliminary Agenda

Saturday – March 10, 2012

6:00 AM Meet at ISMS
6:30 AM Depart ISMS
11:30 AM Arrive at East Texas Canoe Outfitters
12:00 PM Eat Lunch
1:00 PM Shove Off!
3:00 PM Arrive at Campsite and set up camp
4:00 PM Firewood Collecting Contest
5:00 PM Cook as a Group
7:00 PM Camp Fire – Songs and Skits, Fishing
8:30 PM Cracker Barrel – Desert
10:30 PM Lights out (Staff PLC Meeting – Scout Staff & ASM's)

Sunday – March 11, 2012

7:00 AM Rise and Shine
7:15 AM Cook as a Group
8:30 AM Pack Canoes
9:00 AM Exploring the River Bottoms, Fishing
12:00 PM Lunch
1:00 PM Exploring the River Bottoms, Fishing
3:00 PM Arrive at Campsite and set up camp
4:00 PM Firewood Collecting Contest
5:00 PM Cook as a Group
7:00 PM Camp Fire – Songs and Skits, Fishing
8:30 PM Cracker Barrel – Desert
10:30 PM Lights out (Staff PLC Meeting – Scout Staff & ASM's)

Monday – March 12, 2012

7:00 AM Rise and Shine
7:15 AM Cook as a Group
8:30 AM Pack Canoes
9:00 AM Exploring the River Bottoms, Fishing
12:00 PM Lunch
1:00 PM Exploring the River Bottoms, Fishing
3:00 PM Arrive at Campsite and set up camp
4:00 PM Firewood Collecting Contest
5:00 PM Cook as a Group
7:00 PM Camp Fire – Songs and Skits, Fishing
8:30 PM Cracker Barrel – Desert
10:30 PM Lights out (Staff PLC Meeting – Scout Staff & ASM's)

Tuesday – March 13, 2012

7:00 AM Rise and Shine
7:15 AM Cook as a Group
8:30 AM Pack Canoes
9:00 AM Exploring the River Bottoms, Fishing
12:00 PM Lunch
1:00 PM Exploring the River Bottoms, Fishing
3:00 PM Arrive at Campsite and set up camp
4:00 PM Firewood Collecting Contest
5:00 PM Cook as a Group
7:00 PM Camp Fire – Songs and Skits
8:30 PM Cracker Barrel – Desert
10:30 PM Lights out (Staff PLC Meeting – Scout Staff & ASM's)

Wednesday – March 14, 2012

7:00 AM Rise and Shine
7:15 AM Cook as a Group
8:30 AM Pack Canoes
9:00 AM Exploring the River Bottoms, Fishing
12:00 PM Lunch
1:00 PM Exploring the River Bottoms, Fishing
3:00 PM Arrive at Take out Point
6:00 PM Dinner on Road.
9:30 PM Arrive back at ISMS

Meals:

Scouts and Scouters going on the outing will pre-prepare meals as a group. We will discuss the outing menu before going on the trip. The group will be cooking and cleaning up as a group for all meals while on the river. All meals are included in the fee and will be similar to Philmont and Northern Tier type meals.

Patrol Leaders, Troop Guides, and Patrol Advisors:

- Encourage attendance by Patrol members.
- Consolidate patrols & determine tent mates at the March 8th Troop meeting along with meal preparation.

Individual Equipment:

Personal Items:

Large Dry Bag (all personal gear must fit)

Sleeping Bag (+ 20 F and Pad) – Put in 5 Gal Bucket along with Dry Change of Cloths and shoes (Bucket will act as their stool for the weekend)

Personal Life Jacket – If you do not have do not worry they will be provided.

Water Shoes

Light Weight Camp Shoes

Hat with bill or brim

Sunglasses

Rain Gear (Pants and Jacket)

Long Sleeve Shirt (Nylon or Polyester)

Long Pants (Nylon or Polyester)

2 Pair of Shorts – Scout Activity Shorts are great

*2 Short Sleeved shirts (Nylor or Polyester)

Fleece Pullover or Jacket

Plate, Cup and Utensils

Flashlight

Pocket Knife

Personal First Aid Kit

Tooth Brush and Tooth Paste

Small Light Weight Towel (Quick Dry)

Two, One Liter Water Bottles

Duct Tape

Sun Screen – Non Aerosol

Insect Repellant – Non Aerosol

*One to be worn on river the other will be packed.

Patrol Items

Tent – One per Boat

5-Gallon Water Jug – One Per Boat

Refer to Troop 32 campout equipment checklist. Scouts provide their own tents, sleeping bags and personal hygiene equipment. Sleeping pads are recommended in tents. Each scout must supply, clean and store his individual mess kits. **This campout will require the scouts to pack as light as they can, cots and air mattresses are not recommended.**

Remember we are in Texas !! It could be Hot or Cold, Wet or Dry - BE PREPARED.

**Troop 32 – March 2012, Spring Canoe Adventure
Registration and Permission Form – March 10th - 14th**

Registrations must be returned by February 7th, 2012 Troop meeting.

My Scout _____ (please print), a member of the _____ patrol will attend the Spring Canoe Outing on March 10th-14th 2012.

CODE OF CONDUCT: I understand that Scouts shall be strictly held accountable for their behavior. Scouts shall conduct themselves according to the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and the Troop Guidebook.

Signature of Scout _____ Date _____

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION: If in the judgment of any representatives of BSA Troop 32, the above Scout needs immediate care or treatment as a result of any injury or sickness, I hereby request, authorize, and consent to such care and treatment as may be given to said scout by any physician, nurse, hospital, or troop representative. I shall not hold the BSA Troop 32 financially responsible for any emergency care. I hereby agree to release and hold harmless the BSA Troop 32, its leadership, and any agent, volunteer or representative, from any claim, damages, liability, financial losses, and personal injuries, including death, related to or arising from the scouts' participation in, travel to or from, attendance at or incidents associated with the trip or event. My insurance has not changed from the information provided on my BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (__ Yes __ No). If Yes (changed), I have attached a copy of my current insurance card (front and back) to this notice.

ADDITIONAL MEDICAL: Each Scout and Scouter going on this event will be required to have a current BSA High Adventure Medical Form Part A, B and C in order to attend the event.

REQUIRED MEDICATION:

My son requires the following Medication(s): _____

Administering Directions: _____

All medication is to be administered by the Troops Outing Medical Representative with the exception of Inhalers which the Scouts are allowed to carry and use as necessary. All medication must be in the original packaging and turned into the Troop Outing Medical Representative prior to the outing. I understand that if my son does NOT have this medication with him prior to the outing he will NOT be allowed to attend the outing.

ADULT / SCOUTER REGISTRATION:

All Scouters attending the outing must be registered with the BSA and members of Troop 32.

Scouter name (printed): _____ YPT Date: _____

DRIVERS:

I will drive and stay at the event. My vehicle holds _____ passengers in addition to myself.

DL# _____ State: _____ Vehicle Make: _____

Model: _____ Year: _____ Plate#/St. _____

My insurance meets BSA minimum requirements – Liability Limits: 50k/100k/50k

SIGNATURES AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parent's Name (printed): _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Alternate Contact: _____ Phone: _____

MERIT BADGES: Detail on sign up for possible MB

Merit Badge: _____ Complete Partial: _____ Attending for Fun _____

REGISTRATION & ACTIVITY FEES:

There will be no refunds after February 7, 2012

1 Scout @ \$ 160.00 per each \$ 160 _____

Number of Scouts/Scouter _____ @ \$160.00 each \$ _____

Grand Total: \$ _____

Payment: Check #: _____ Scout Acct: _____ Date Received: _____ Total: _____