

Troop 349

18-20 May 2018

Shenandoah River Canoe Trip

www.downriver.com

1-540-635-5526 — 884 Indian Hollow Road, Bentonville, VA 22610

Fee: Scouts \$30



Spring is here and time to paddle down the beautiful Shenandoah River. We will leave Friday evening and camp at the Golden Rocks Campground near Bentonville, Virginia. (Campground has potable well water, picnic tables, fire pits, and porta-poddies).

On Saturday, we will take a luxurious school bus ride up river and put in at Seekfords landing about 1.5 miles above Compton rapids and paddle through Compton Rapids about 7 miles and camp at a primitive site along the river. Scouts will need to carry enough water in their canoes or be prepared to filter/purify water for cooking and drinking. On Sunday we will paddle from camp back to the Outfitters (about 5 miles).

ALL SCOUTS MUST HAVE RIVER OUTFITTERS PERMISSION SLIP SIGNED BY PARENT.

NOTE: All Scouts must have passed the BSA Swim Test in the last 12 months (Be able to jump feet first into water over scout's head, swim 75 yards with a strong stroke and 25 yards with resting stroke with at least one sharp turn and no stops, plus demonstrate ability to float).

FISHING: This portion of the river contains a large small mouth bass population. All adults and Scouts aged 16 or over must have a valid fishing license to fish. No National Forest Permit is required for fishing on the Shenandoah River.

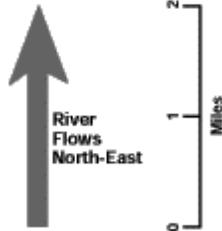
**Deadline for Permission Slip and Payment is
May 15, 2018**

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LEGEND

- Store **S**
- Fresh Water **W**
- Public Boat Landing **B**
- National Park
- State Park
- Rapid
- Cliffs
- Campground
- Good Fishing
- Indian Dam
- Dam



RAPID CLASSIFICATIONS

Class I – Moving water with a few riffles and small waves. Few or no obstructions.

Class II – Easy rapids with waves up to 3 feet and wide, clear channels that are obvious without scouting; some maneuvering is required.

SCHEDULE

Friday, May 18, 2018

- 4:30 p.m. Rally at Legion Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Depart for Golden Rocks Campground (Bring dinner or money for dinner on the road)
- 7:00 p.m. Est. Arrival time; Pitch Tents.
- 8:21 p.m. Sunset

Saturday, May 19, 2018

- 5:56 a.m. Sunrise
- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast and break camp
- 9:00 a.m. Shuttles start running to put-in
- 10:00 a.m. Put in
- 3:00 p.m. Take out at Brenda's Campground
- 4:00 p.m. Troop Activities
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- 8:30 p.m. Campfire)

Sunday, May 2, 2019

- 6:30 a.m. Breakfast, and break camp.
- 8:00 a.m. Load Canoes
- 11:30 a.m. Take out
- 12:30 a.m. Depart Bentonville
- 2:00 p.m. Arrive Legion Hall

Nearest Hospital: Warren Memorial Hospital, 1000 N. Shenandoah Ave., Front Royal, VA 22630; (540) 636-0300; www.valleyhealthlink.com

DIRECTIONS

- I-66 west to Exit 13
- Exit 13 Take a left at top of Ramp to Route 55
- Right on Route 55 about 5.25 miles.
- Left on Route 340 S. about 9.4 miles
- Right on Route 613 Indian Hollow Road. Outfitters is .9 miles from turn.

DIRECTIONS TO GOLDEN ROCK CAMPGROUND

From the canoe store turn left on to Indian Hollow Road (route 613) and follow it for one mile back up the hill to the highway (route 340). Turn right on to route 340 and follow it south toward Luray for just over 4 miles. Turn right through a break in the guardrail and just before a green sign that reads "Compton". Look for a bold 9751 at the turn off. Follow the new entrance road about 200 yards down the hill to a locked red gate where the road bends under a very high railroad trestle (obtain the lock code from our base).

Everything past the railroad trestle is our campground. There are two general camping areas in the campground. The large open area to the left will accommodate your vehicle at your chosen campsite. We call this the trestle or creek side of the campground. The smaller area to the right below the rapid next to the cliff we call the cliff side. Vehicles are not permitted on the cliff side of the campground. If you are camping in the cliff side of the campground park in the designated area and use one of the big wheel carts to move your camping gear to your chosen campsite. Please be considerate of other campers and observe quiet hours from midnight on. There is a fresh water hydrant on the entrance road about half way down the hill on the right, and another hydrant on a concrete pad to the right at the bottom of the hill. For trash, please tie your trash bags closed and place them in one of the large trash receptacles. Because of our environmentally sensitive location by the river, port-a-potties are a fact of life. Please try to keep them as clean as you can. Cell service: Sprint – yes, AT&T – from hill tops, Verizon – nope, T-Mobile – nope. Be safe, be smart, be considerate of others, have fun.

Golden Rock Campground
9751 Route 340 North
Rileyville, Virginia 22651

Packing Checklist:

ALL ITEMS TO BE ENCASED IN WATERPROOF BAG OR DOUBLE BAGGED IN TRASH BAGS.

- Note: This list is in addition to clothes worn to campout.
Wear your Class A Scout uniform for travel.
- Remember:
 - “Cotton Kills” & “Always pack for one season *colder* than now.”
 - **NO ELECTRONICS—Remember they will be destroyed if dunked in the River.****Adults should take an Otterbox or similar for valuables like keys and electronics.**

Shelter:

- ___ Backpack or duffle bag—
- ___ Tent
- ___ Plastic footprint for under tent
- ___ Sleeping bag
- ___ Sleeping pad

Clothes:

- ___ Raincoat & rain pants (avoid ponchos)
- ___ Rain hat
- ___ Watch cap
- ___ Light gloves
- ___ Hat (with brim for sun)
- ___ Sunglasses with strap
- ___ Pants—No cotton or jeans.
- ___ Shorts—No Cotton or jeans
- ___ Short sleeve shirt
- ___ Class B shirt
- ___ Fleece or vest (Class B)
- ___ Long underwear, top & bottom

- ___ 2 pair wool or acrylic socks
- ___ Hiking boots or walking shoes
- ___ Water Shoes
- ___ Swim suit

Safety, Kitchen, & Toiletry:

- ___ Personal 1st Aid Kit (BSA Handbook p. 289)
- ___ Mess kit (bowl, plate, cup, fork, spoon)
- ___ Water bottle, filled
- ___ Pen/pencil & pocket-sized notepad
- ___ Book for reading
- ___ Matches in waterproof container/butane lighter (if Scout has earned Firem'n Chit)
- ___ Whistle on neck lanyard
- ___ Compass with a base plate
- ___ Toiletry kit (hand soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, comb, small towel)
- ___ Toilet paper (half a roll in a Zip-Lock bag)
- ___ Bug Repellent
- ___ Sun screen
- ___ Pocketknife, less than 3" blade (if Scout has earned Toten' Chip)
- ___ Flashlight/head lamp & extra batteries (keep easily accessible in backpack)
- ___ Water Filtration System or Tablets
- ___ Cooking equipment
- ___ Burners and fuel
- ___ Rope for bear bag and bag.
- ___ Coolers sized for canoes
- ___ Clean up Kits
- ___ Ax
- ___ Saw
- ___ Shovels (for cat holes)
- ___ Trash bags.

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As the parent or legal guardian of _____

- I give permission for him to participate in this outing with Troop 349.
- I will provide transportation: Out Back Both Ways

Including Driver my vehicle holds _____ people

Name(s) of Parent(s) planning to attend:

_____ Cell #: _____

_____ Cell #: _____

- My Scout understands travel will be in Class A Uniform and no electronics are permitted.
- Funds Attached (\$30/Scout)

I give permission to the leaders of Troop 349 and the Camporee Staff to render first aid. In the event of emergency, I give permission to the physician selected by the adult leader-in-charge to hospitalize, order anesthesia, order injection, or secure other medical treatment, as s/he determines to be appropriate. I further agree to release and hold harmless Troop 349 and its leaders for any mishaps that may occur during this outing, except for clear acts of negligence or non-adherence to BSA policies and guidelines.

In case of emergency, I can be reached at _____ or _____

If I cannot be reached contact _____ at _____

Medical Insurance Company: _____ Policy # _____

My son:

Has the following medical conditions that adult leaders must be aware:

Has no medical condition.

Has the following medication(s) that adult leaders must supervise and assist in administering (also provide time(s) and quantity):

Takes no Medication

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Date: _____

DOWNRIVER CANOE COMPANY
P.O. BOX 10 • BENTONVILLE, VIRGINIA 22610
(540) 635-5526

IMPORTANT : THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT

Please read and understand this document before signing. If you have any questions please ask us or consult an attorney.

Downriver Canoe Company has done everything possible to assure our guests a rewarding experience. We wish to inform our guests that river running is not risk free. Unlike a theme park setting, your adventure will take place in a natural environment over which Downriver Canoe Company has no control. The same elements that contribute to the unique character of river running, such as constantly changing water levels, can cause loss or damage to equipment, personal injury, or in extreme cases, permanent trauma or death. We simply want you to know in advance what to expect, and to be informed of some of the possible risks. We ask that you read this, sign it, and return it to our office.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK

As a participant, you will be totally responsible for your own movement and safety while on the river. Due to the inherent nature of the sport, you will be primarily responsible for your own rescues.

Although accidents are rare, injury may be sustained by (but not limited to) walking or climbing along the river bank, diving or jumping into the river, getting into or out of the watercraft, falling out of the watercraft becoming entangled in or pinned against rocks, branches, logs, down trees, or low water bridges. Of course drowning is always a possibility when around water.

Heat-sunburn, wind, rain, lightning, or being in the open for extended periods may be uncomfortable or cause injury. Also, certain plants, insects, or animals may cause discomfort or injury. It is possible that some participants would suffer mental anguish or trauma from the experience or their injuries.

I certify my family, including my minor children and myself are in good physical condition and are fully capable of participating in this river trip. Therefore, I assume full responsibility for myself and my family including my minor children.

CONTRACT, WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Downriver Canoe Company, their agents, and employees, from all claims, damages, losses, injuries, and expenses arising out of or resulting from participation in these activities. I further agree to release, acquit and covenant not to sue Downriver Canoe Company, their agents and employees for all actions, causes of action, claims, or damages, damages in law or remedies in equity of whatever kind, including the negligence of Downriver Canoe Company, of my family, myself, or my heirs, against Downriver Canoe Company arising out of participation in this activity.

I agree that the site of any lawsuit shall be Page County, Virginia, and governed by Virginia law. The terms of this agreement shall remain in effect after the river activity has ended. If any part of this agreement is found to be invalid, the remainder of the agreement shall remain in effect.

As liquidated damages, I hereby agree that if Downriver Canoe Company is forced to defend any action, lawsuit or litigation brought by myself, my executors, or my heirs on my family's or my behalf, my heirs or executors and I agree to pay Downriver Canoe Company's cost and attorney fees if they successfully defend such action, lawsuit, or litigation.

I authorize and release to Downriver Canoe Company the use of my image in any photograph or video recording.

I agree not to take any illegal drugs or excessive alcohol while undertaking any activity with Downriver Canoe Company.

I agree to return all equipment on time and in the condition in which it was received. I also agree to pay for any equipment which is lost, damaged, or stolen.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS ENTIRE AGREEMENT

printed name

signature

street address

participating children

city, state, zip

if under 18 guardian or parent signature

today's date