

**Troop 799 Canoe Trip Plan  
Saturday & Sunday  
May 19-20, 2007**

**NOTE: No Uniforms. Please review the attached "What to Bring" List and dress appropriately for weather conditions.**

**GATHERING AT 7:00 A.M.**

The canoe crew will meet at the **Tuckahoe Village Shopping Center** on West Patterson Avenue at 7:00 a.m. in the open parking lot near McDonald's. Scouts and leaders interested in having breakfast at McDonald's or Burger King are recommended to arrive before 7 a.m. to enjoy their food and to finish early enough to be in the lot for pack line up and instruction.

**DEPARTURE FOR WESTVIEW ON THE JAMES ESTIMATED AT 7:30 A.M.**

Once the food coolers and packs are loaded up into the Troop Trailer we'll send the truck/trailer tandem off ahead of our group so the trailer can be dropped at the campsite then return to the Westview entrance. The remaining Troop caravan will travel to Westview to pick up the canoe trailers. All vehicles will go there so any passenger changes can be done while the trailers are being hooked up.

Scouts will keep their food and gear for the float. Their food supply will need to last until Saturday Dinner so that will require them to have liquids for the whole day. There are limited resources at Westview and no food or drink sources neither at our put-in point at Columbia, nor at the lunch stop at Cartersville.

**THE MORNING STOP AT WESTVIEW**

The Troop will not go to the campsite but will remain at the entrance area. This will take about 30 minutes. We will keep the Scouts in the general area so we depart without delay after the canoe trailers are retrieved.

**HEADING ON TO COLUMBIA**

The trip to our departure point is another 13 miles and we expect to get to the boat landing no later than 9:30. Unloading the canoes does take some time. Once sunscreen is slathered on, life vests donned and paddles distributed, the launching is expected to be finished by 10:00.

**DRIVERS NOT STAYING OVERNIGHT**

For any drivers not staying overnight, you then head back to town. Those drivers who are needed for the Sunday return trip, you will meet the Troop at Maidens boat landing (south side of the James River at Route 522).

The Troop will be ready for the river by 9:30 a.m. Sunday and run the last 8 miles of the James. The boys will pack their packs but will leave tents out to dry. The Troop will return to Westview once the canoes are secured. Rough estimate for the arrival at Maidens is 12:30 p.m. There is no rush down the river and there are often head winds that slow the last leg some.

## **RETURN TO THE Tuckahoe Village Shopping Center**

Because there are a number of variables on the total Troop transit time, we'll target the return conservatively. With allowances for complications we can predict a return time no later than 3:00 p.m. Roy Tedesco will make a final announcement on this and we'll communicate any updates on the plan.

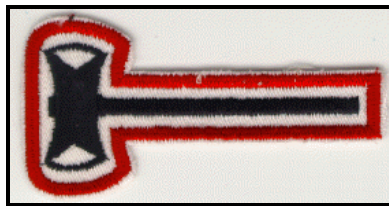
## **KAYAKS**

You may bring your own kayak if you wish. Please see Mr. Tedesco if you plan to do so.

## **SATURDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES – PLEASE SEE MR. TEDESCO TO SIGN UP FOR THESE ACTIVITIES:**

### **1) PAUL BUNYAN WOODSMAN**

Mr. Jones will teach a Tot'n Chip Class and work with interested scouts to earn the Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award. They will head to the woods with razor sharp axes and bow saws to clear some dead trees and make a brush pile!! Please do not wear Sneakers or open toed shoes. Boots are required for this activity.



**PAUL BUNYAN WOODSMAN**

### **2) 1-MILE ORIENTEERING COURSE**

Mr. Tomlinson will be teaching the 1-mile orienteering course for those Scouts who have yet to satisfy this requirement. If you are one of these scouts, please plan to participate in this activity.

### **3) FLY FISHING MERIT BADGE**

Mr. White has arranged for a merit badge counselor to work with those scouts interested in earning their Fly Fishing Merit Badge. For those scouts interested, please be sure to obtain the merit badge handbook and read it prior to the weekend. You may bring your own equipment or we will arrange for equipment to be provided if you do not have a fly fishing rod.

## **What-to-Bring Checklist**

- Food:**
1. Saturday Bag Lunch and Drink LABELED in a water-proof bag!
  2. Saturday dinner will consist of Hobo packs (double-wrapped with heavy duty aluminum foil and placed in a labeled ziplock bag). Each Patrol will be responsible to bring ice for the patrol cooler and Match Light charcoal. Patrols should also plan to bring drinks and late night snacks.
  3. Sunday breakfast – each Patrol will plan their own breakfast.
  4. Sunday Bag Lunch and Drink LABELED in a water-proof bag!

### ***What to wear to Canoe:***

- Bathing Suit and T-shirt
- River Shoes or Tennis Shoes that can get wet
- Cap or Hat

### ***Carry in Canoe:***

- Insect Repellent
- Sunscreen
- 10' Rope for securing gear and/or canoe
- Towel in plastic bag
- Bailer (Gallon Milk jug with top cut off - Leave Handle on!)
- Small Backpack or Book bag to carry above items (one that might get wet!)
- Water bottle or canteen (2 liters)
- Small Cooler (*labeled*) packed with Saturday & Sunday Lunches and Drinks; Snacks

### ***Other Required Items for Overnight to be left in Trailer:***

- Pack & Pack-Cover or Big Trash Bag
- Sleeping Bag & Ground Pad
- Extra pair of Tennis Shoes
- 2 pair socks & 2 pair underwear
- 1 pair shorts & 1 T-shirt (extra)
- 1 pair long pants or sweat pants
- Poncho or rain suit
- Sweatshirt or Jacket
- Towel (extra)
- Toiletries (including comb, toothbrush & paste, soap, deodorant, toilet paper)
- First Aid Kit
- Flashlight w/ EXTRA BATTERIES
- Mess Kit & Eating Utensils
- 25' nylon rope (1/4")
- Scout Handbook, Paper & Pens/Pencils
- Extra money - \$5 (only if you are arriving 30 minutes early for breakfast)

### ***Optional Items:***

- Watch (waterproof)
- Pocketknife (MUST carry Totin' Chip card to use!)
- Camera and Film
- Fishing Gear/Bait