

Troop 61 High Adventure Trip Canadian Rockies

Trip Preparation

Before the trip, we need help getting ready with various tasks. "Many hands make light work." We need help;

- Checking tents- yes we are camping the majority of this trip!
- Getting gear out & ready
- Developing menus
- Buying food & supplies

Itinerary

Thursday, June 12th

- 7:00PM- Bring gear to Scout House & help pack the trailer

Friday, June 13th

- 7:00PM- Meet at Scout House & finishing packing
- We will depart when everything is packed

Travel Tips

- We drive all night rotating drivers and seats about every 2 hours
- Pit stops- A lot of time can be lost at gas stations. Our goal is to fill up the vehicles and empty our tanks as quickly as possible.
- A lot of money can be spent at gas stations. More money spent at gas stations means less money for souvenirs in Banff.
- Bring a lunch for Saturday. Our first meal will not be until Saturday dinner.
- Bring snacks & healthier foods to prevent spending splurges at gas stations. We will travel with coolers for storing sandwiches & we will have soda & water
- To keep entertained on the drive, feel free to bring appropriate reading materials. Electronic devices, such as CD players & MP3 players, are permitted, but the troop is not responsible if these items are damaged or lost.
- Responsible cell phone use is permitted, but the troop is not responsible if they are lost or damaged. Remember, we will be traveling out of the country and roaming fees may be charged. Buying a prepaid phone card may be a better option.
- Reasonable size carry-on bag (school backpack size is appropriate)
- Bring your pillow for the van

Saturday, June 14th

- We will drive all day and will eat lunch on the road
- Arrive at Beaver Creek Park in Havre Montana. Set up camp and eat dinner.

Sunday, June 15th

- Wake up early. Cold breakfast. Tear down tents. Depart.
- Travel all day to Waterton National Park
- Late arrival- set up camp

Crossing the Boarder

- When crossing the boarder, scouts are expected to be on their best behavior, listen to instructions and speak only when asked to.
- Exiting the country tends to be easier than entering, where in the past we have had our vehicles and trailer checked, had to exit the vehicle and have had a paperwork reviewed.

Monday, June 16th, 17th and 18th

- In Waterton, we will stay at the Belly Rover Group Campground Site #1
- There is a cooking shelter, wood supply and flush toilets. We will travel to town to the community pool for swimming and showering
- We plan on hiking and possibly a boat ride across the lake

Bear Country

- Both Waterton and Banff have abundant wildlife, special precaution must be followed
- Absolutely no sweet smelling items should be taken into the tents, this includes food, candy, drinks and toiletries
- All food will be stored in a secure food locker and our trailer. Toiletries will be stored in the vans
- Special attention also must be made during food preparation and clean-up. Absolutely no food items should be left out, even food that falls on the floor.

Tuesday, June 19th

- We will get up early, have breakfast and travel to Banff National Park
- On previous trips, we have toured the Olympic training facility in Calgary

Wednesday, June 20th – 25th

- In Banff, we will be staying at the Two Jacks Main Campground. Our campsite will be assigned when we arrive.
- We will have a cooking shelter and flush toilets. We will travel into town to visit the hot springs and showers
- While in Banff, we will be hiking, whitewater rafting and touring a glacier.
- We will allow the scouts to spend several hours in Banff for dinner and sightseeing. Banff is an incredible beautiful and safe community. Scouts are expected to be in their best behavior. Scouts are allowed to eat dinner on their own and there are numerous restaurants to choose from, including fast food.

Thursday, June 26th

- We will depart early from Banff and travel all day to Durnit Regional Park in Saskatchewan.

Friday, June 27th

- We will depart early and travel all day to Glacial Lakes State Park in Minnesota

Saturday, June 30th

- We will travel all day, stopping for a victory dinner.

Additional Tips on Gear

- Label all equipment & clothes. How will you know which socks are yours when they are washed with others?
- Clothes for 7 days- we will launder at the condo (Shorts, shirts, underwear, socks...)
- One pair of swim trunks and a towel
- Shoes or sandals that will not slip off your feet for rafting
- Pack Class A Scout Uniform in a separate plastic bag, label & we will pack these together in a separate plastic bag June 12th
- Deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothpaste & toothbrush
- Sun tan lotion- SPF 45+ (when you outside hiking all day, you can get sun burn)
- Rain gear- coat and pants.
- Day pack for hiking- a backpack may be useful when hiking. We will be going on several longer hikes that will last several hours. Having a backpack may be useful for storing rain gear and warmer cloths
- Stuff-style sleeping bag- no sleeping bags in trash bags & no bags with teddy bear lining
- No suitcases- pack in soft packs
- Line the inside of your bags with a plastic bag and pack your gear inside in order to prevent your gear from getting wet. Do not wrap the outside of your back in a plastic bag.
- Self-inflating air mattress- no foam pads
- Canteen for hikes
- Hiking boots are a must! We will be going on long hikes and proper foot wear is essential. Tennis shoes are not going to supply enough support. Proper socks are also necessary. Wearing ankle socks in hiking boots will lead to blisters. Please break-in your boots before the trip.
- Optional- camera and film (again, Troop is not responsible if damaged or lost)

Extra gear, such as sleeping bags and air mattresses, are available at the scout house. You must ask Doc, sign these items out and return them after the trip.

Emergency contacts:

Please understand that the dates listed represent where we will be staying nightly and we may not arrive to these destinations until late at night. We may be out of cell phone range while traveling. You may need to leave a message for us at the numbers listed below and we will try to contact you as soon as possible.

Reservations at each location are under Paul Roback and/or Boy Scout Troop 61.

- Beaver Creek Park Hill County- Havre, MT- 406-395-4565
- Waterton National Park, Alberta, Canada- 403-859-2224
- Banff National Park, Alberta, Canada- 403-762-1579
- Dunit Regional Park, Saskatchewan- 306-868-4410
- Glacial Lake State Park, MN- 320-239-2860
- On the road contact- Paul Roback's cell phone 414-587-5790
- Milwaukee contact- Mr. Mo (Jon Moscicki) home phone 414-464-6479