

Troop 61 Hartman Creek Bike Campout May 21-22, 2011

Hartman Creek State Park, just 2.5 hours north of Milwaukee, is surrounded by 32 miles of meandering rustic roads, perfect for biking on a spring day. We will camp at the group site in the park, and then spend the late morning and afternoon biking through the nearby lakes and woods. There will be 14 mile and 18 mile options (or both) for scouts to choose from. Fathers, as always, are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Bicycle Equipment

1. **Required:** Bike Helmet. Bicycle with at least 24" wheels and multiple gears (that work). Working brakes.
2. **Not Allowed:** BMX bicycles, trick bicycles, 20" wheel bicycles, and single gear bicycles. (These bikes are not designed for distance riding. Scout who use them run out of steam after 2 miles.)
3. **No bicycle or bike too small?** Borrow a bike from a friend or family member. Not an option? See the scoutmaster (Doc) about his bicycle services. Not having a bike should not keep a scout from attending.
4. **Inspection:** Friday night, April 29 – bicycle inspection and tune up night.

Helmet: A bike helmet is required for all scouts and adults, and must be worn at all times while riding. Put your name on it!!

Packing Bikes and Personal Gear: We will pack bikes and personal gear on Friday, May 20 at 7:00pm.

Departure: Wear your Class A uniform for traveling to the campout. We will meet at the Scout House at 7:00am on Saturday May 21. We do not leave at 7:00am but when final packing is done and rides are assigned.

Return: We will return at the Scout House between 1:00pm and 2:00pm on Sunday, May 22. Call 414-915-6423 after noon on Sunday for a more exact arrival time. After arrival, all equipment must be put away. No one leaves until the trailer is unpacked and gear put away. Please help out and be patient. Check lost and found.

Trip: After arriving at Hartman Creek, we will unload, and then ride the east loop together (see map on next page). This leg winds between a chain of lakes, crosses the Crystal River several times, and passes through small towns before returning to Hartman Creek. For scouts who wish to continue, the west loop travels through a wildlife preserve and climbs a few steep hills before looping back to camp. Scouts who are able can ride both loops. **Saturday** evening will include swimming (if it's warm enough), a huge meal, capture the flag, and a campfire. **Sunday** we will cook breakfast, attend church, and head home.

Chase Car: The troop will have a chase car(s) with a trailer that will follow the group to assist bikers. The peloton will make frequent stops to keep the group together and ensure no one gets lost.

Health: Please tell Dr. Harrington about any medical or emotional problems your son may have. Give Dr. Harrington any medications your son takes, or may need, in a bag labeled with his name along with instructions.

Spending Money: \$5 is adequate spending money for gas station stops during travel.

Sleeping: Bring an air mattress or low profile cot no more than 36" wide. No full size and Queen size air mattresses. They **do not** fit in our tents. Low profile cots (under 9" tall) are acceptable but bring an insulating pad for top of cot.

Tents and Gear: The troop provides all tents, camping equipment, and cooking equipment.

Emergencies: The troop may be contacted in an emergency via Patrick Bieser's cell phone. 414-915-6423.

Food: Meals and snacks are provided by the Troop. No food should be brought from home.

Swimming: If the weather allows, we will visit the public beach when we return from biking.

Drivers Gas: The Troop will pay for gas if you transport other scouts. Save your receipt when you buy gas and turn in to Mr. Moscicki.

Hartman Creek Bike Campout 2011 Checklist

Deadlines:

- May 13: Permission slip and \$15 fee due. If you already paid, put an "x" on "Already Paid" on permission slip.

Health Form:

- Required for all scouts and adults
- Forms available at scout house or at this link: www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf
- Pages 1-2 are all we need for this campout. Page 1-2 are completed by parent.
- Pages 3-4 are needed before summer camp. Complete now if possible. **Ignore pages 5-14.**
- Pages 3-4 must be completed by licensed healthcare provider (Doctor, Physicians Assistant, Nurse Practitioner)
- Health Form is valid for one year.

----- Checklist -----

CLOTHING and BEDDING

- Class A Scout uniform
- socks, underwear, shirts, long pants, shorts, hooded sweatshirt
- warm cloths, knit hat, jacket
- pajamas
- rain gear / poncho
- swim suit and towel
- sleeping bag with cover
- pillow
- extra blanket
- air mattress / cot / foam pad

FOOTWEAR

- shoes for camping and biking
- beach clogs or sandals for beach

TROOP WILL PROVIDE

- ✓ snacks and food
- ✓ soap, shampoo, mirror
- ✓ everything else

DO NOT BRING

No iPods, radios, e-games, cell phones.

EQUIPMENT

- bike helmet (put your name on it)
- flashlight, extra batteries
- toothbrush, paste

OPTIONAL

- camera, pocket knife < 2" blade
- small first aid kit
- baseball hat

IMPORTANT

- Label all items with your name!**

NOTE: If you do not own all of the above items, contact the Scoutmaster. The troop has extra equipment for Scouts to use. Lack of equipment should not keep a Scout from camping.



Hartman Creek Bike Campout 2011 Permission Slip

Permission is hereby granted to Scout(s) _____ to attend Troop 61's Hartman Creek Bike Campout on May 21-22, 2011 with the Scouts and Scouters of Troop 61, Mother of Good Counsel church, Milwaukee, WI, under the leadership of the Troop Committee. In consideration of their engaging in this activity, I agree to save harmless the Troop Committee and their associates, the Troop sponsoring institution, the Mother of Good Counsel Congregation, and the Boy Scouts of America, because of any claims arising on behalf of my said son from possible injury or illness while engaged in this activity. I authorize emergency medical care for my son.

Signed _____

Cost		Payment Method	
Already Paid	_____	Check Amt	_____
Scouts & Adults @ \$15	\$ _____	Cash Amt	_____
Total Due	\$ _____	Can / Wreath Credit Amt	_____

Scout Transportation

Travel with Troop

Arriving separately: Day time arriving: _____ With Whom: _____

Departing separately: Day time leaving: _____ With Whom: _____

Pull a Trailer

I can carry bikes on my car _____ Number of bikes

I can pull a Trailer Hitch Ball Sizes: 1-7/8 2 2-5/16 All

Adult Attendance (Fathers are welcome!)

Entire Weekend I can drive a chase car (and skip bike ride) if needed.

Partial Day and time arriving: _____

Day and time leaving: _____

Help Drive Up / Back

Tour Permit Information. Ignore if already on file.

I can help drive up 5/21 Drivers License # _____

I can help drive back 5/22 Insurance Coverage: Each Person \$ _____

_____ # Seats Total (including driver) Each Accident \$ _____

DNR Sticker Needed: Y / N Property Damage \$ _____

Year / Make / Model: _____

Anything else we should know: _____
