

2011 High Adventure Trip

Glacier, Grand Tetons, Yellowstone & Rocky Mountain

Trip Preparation

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

- Checking tents
- Getting gear out & ready
- Developing menus
- Buying food & supplies

Itinerary

Thursday, June 16th

- 7:30PM- Bring gear to Scout House & help pack the trailer.
- Bring your Class A Scout Uniform and Class B scout t-shirt in a Zip Lock bag with your name on it. We will pack all uniforms in a separate bag and will wear them for group pictures and other occasions.

Friday, June 17th

- 7:30PM- 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. A seating chart is utilized to prevent scouts from sitting in a middle seat for long durations.
- 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 and dinner in Jackson Hole.
- Bring a large lunch for Saturday. Our first group meal will not be until Saturday dinner. We will have a cooler available to pack lunches in. Remember to label your lunch bag and to pack it in a zip lock bag to prevent the contents from getting wet from the melting ice in the coolers.
- Bring snacks & healthier foods to prevent spending splurges at gas stations. We will have free soda & water for the entire trip. There is no need to bring your own.
- To keep entertained on the drive, feel free to bring appropriate books, magazines and cards. 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 in remote areas where roaming fees may be charged or there may be no service. 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
- Bring a sweatshirt for the van ride, no matter how hot it is the night we leave. The vans are large and the temperature inside is hard to control. It may be hot in one area and cold in another.
- Pack a rain coat in case it rains along the way or when we are setting up camp the first night
- Scouts should bring enough spending money for 2 dinners. There may be two evenings in town where scouts will have the opportunity to explore, shop and eat. It is the scouts choice if he needs enough money for McDonald's or a more expensive restaurant.
- We will be gone for Father's Day. Plan accordingly.

Saturday, June 18th

- We will drive all morning and will eat lunch on the road
- Arrive at Custer State Park, SD in the early afternoon. Set up camp, tour (Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse and/or Wind Cave) and eat dinner. We are staying at Center Lake Group Camp (youth banner).

Sunday, June 19th - Father's Day

- Wake up early. Cold breakfast. Tear down tents. Depart.
- Travel all day to Glacier National Park, MT.
- We are staying at Apgar Campgrounds, Group Sites E9 & E10.
- Late arrival- set up camp

Monday, June 20th and Tuesday 21st

- Hiking all day
- Temps.- Avg. low 44, avg. high 71
- Large water bottles and sun screen is a must (SPF45)

Wednesday, June 22nd

- We will get up early and travel all day to Grand Teton National Park, WY.
- We are staying Coulter Bay Group Camp Site

Thursday, June 23rd

- Hiking all day
- Temps.- Avg. low 37, avg. high 71

Friday, June 24th

- Rafting the Snake River- Class III+ rapids. We will rent wet suits.

Saturday, June 25th and Sunday, June 26th

- Hiking, Alpine Slide, trip to Yellowstone and free time in Jackson Hole.

Monday, June 27th

- We will get up early and travel all day to Rocky Mountain National Park

- We are staying at Glacier Basin Group Site G009-L
- Temps.- Avg. low 41, avg. high 73

Tuesday-Thursday, June 28th - 30th

- Hiking

Friday, July 1st

- Travel all day to Lake Manawa State Park, Iowa
- We are staying in the Youth Group Site

Saturday, July 2nd

- We will travel all day, stopping for dinner. Arrive in Milwaukee after 7PM. A more accurate time will be given after we have dinner.

Additional Tips on Gear

- Pack Class A Scout Uniform in a separate plastic bag, label & we will pack these together in a separate bag on Thursday June 16th.
- Label all equipment & clothes. How will you know which socks are yours when they are washed with others? Use safety pins.
- Clothes for 8 days- we will launder once during the trip
- One pair of swim trunks and a towel
- For rafting- shoes or sandals that will not slip off your feet.
- Deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothpaste & toothbrush
- Suntan lotion SPF 45+ (you will be outside hiking all day)
- Rain gear- coat and pants. Pack rain coat in your carryon.
- Day pack for hiking- a backpack may be useful when hiking. We will be going on several all day hikes. Having a backpack may be useful for storing rain gear, warmer cloths, snacks and water bottles
- Stuff-style sleeping bag- no sleeping bags in trash bags & no bags with teddy bear lining. Sleeping bag should be rated for 25-30 degrees. Extras available at the scout house.
- 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 pack in a plastic bag. Experience has taught us that it may be raining when we arrive at a campsite and bags may be left in the rain while we are unpacking and setting up camp. We do our best to prevent gear from getting wet.
- Self-inflating air mattress- no foam pads. Extras at scout house.
- Canteen for hikes- 2 quarts
- Sturdy hiking boots / shoes 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)
- Consult packing checklist for additional items

- Extra gear, such as a sleeping bag or air mattress, is 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. These numbers are to be used in case of emergency only!

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

- Custer State Park, SD Center Lake Group Camp (youth banner), 605-255-4515
- Glacier National Park, MT. Apgar Campground, Group Sites E9 & E10. 406-888-7939 (visitor center) or 406-888-7800 (general park #)
- Grand Teton National Park, Coulter Bay Group Camp Site, 307-543-0923
- Rocky Mountain National Park, Glacier Basin Group Site G009-L, 970-586-1206 (visitor center) or 1-888-448-1474 (general park #)
- Lake Manawa State Park, IA, 712-366-0220
- On the road contact- Paul Roback's cell phone 414-587-5790
- Milwaukee contact- Mr. Mo (Jon Moscicki) home phone 414-464-6479