

Boy Scout Troop 61 **Canoe Trip Campout** May 17-18, 2014

The Wisconsin River south of the Dells is dotted with small Islands and sandbars, making it perfect for an overnight canoe trip. We would like to encourage all scouts and dads / moms to attend this mini high adventure trip.

This is a great opportunity to experience wilderness camping, high adventure, spectacular scenery, and nature at its finest. Pictures from our 2006, 2008, 2010, and 2012 trips can be viewed at: picasaweb.google.com/troop61bsa/

Leave: Saturday at 7:00am.

Return: Sunday around 3:30pm

Trip Plan: We will enter the Wisconsin River near Sauk City, WI and paddle about 14 miles downriver. Along the way the scouts will select a sandbar for our overnight camp. Scouts will setup tents, secure the canoes, unpack food and gear, and cook dinner. Later that evening we will gather firewood and have a campfire by the river's edge. Sunday morning we will cook breakfast, reload and paddle to our take-out.



Packing of Equipment: We will pack the trailer with equipment on Friday evening, May 16. Please come and help.

Departure: We will meet at the Scout House at 7:00am on Saturday and depart when final packing is done and rides are assigned. Bring a big bag lunch, snack & drink for travel. No other food. Wear your Class B uniform (a troop t-shirt) for traveling.

Spending Money: Five Dollars is adequate spending money. We will only be stopping at gas stations.

Equipment: Bring personal items on the checklist to the Scout House on Friday, May 16. Mark all clothes and equipment with full name. NO radios, iPods, electronic games, axes, or sheath knives are allowed. See complete checklist on next page. This gear will be packed into plastic bags, then into water tight Duluth packs.

Tents: The troop is fully equipped with lightweight nylon tents. Scouts will be assigned to tents by buddy or patrol. Adults can share a troop tent with other adults or sleep alone in a two man troop nylon tent. Let us know your preference. (Some adults prefer to sleep under the stars under tarps if the weather is clear.) Adults, if you want to use your own tent, please let us know. The troop is not responsible if it is damaged during the trip.

Air Mattress or Pad: A small self inflating air mattress is highly recommended. The troop has a few you can borrow if you do not own one. Regular air mattresses should be no more than 36" wide. Full and Queen air mattresses do not fit in our tents. Scouts and adults must have a pad or air mattress. A sleeping bag alone is not adequate.

Emergencies: The troop may be contacted in an emergency via Patrick Bieser's cell phone at 414-915-6423. Cellular service on the river is spotty. If no answer leave a message for Boy Scout Troop 61 and we'll call back ASAP.

No Fishing Gear: There will be very few opportunities for fishing. Sorry, no gear allowed this trip.

Food: Bring a bag lunch for the trip out Saturday. All other meals and snacks will be provided by the Troop. Other than Saturday bag lunch, no other food should be brought.

Swimming: The river water will be cold, but if the sun, weather and wind are just right, sandbar eddies can often be warm. Bring a swim suit and towel if you feel brave.

Return: We should arrive back at the Scout House between 3:00pm and 4:00pm on Sunday. 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. Call 414-915-6423 after 1:00pm on Sunday for a more exact arrival time.

Canoe Trip Campout 2014 Checklist

Permission slip (below) due May 9 with \$20 fee.

CLOTHING and BEDDING

- class B uniform (troop t-shirt)
- 1 ea socks, underwear, shirt, long pants, shorts, hooded sweatshirt, knit hat
- pack clothes in large zip lock bags
- warm pajamas
- rain gear / poncho
- compact sleeping bag
- cover for sleeping bag
- small pillow (optional)
- air mattress or thick foam pad
- baseball hat for paddling
- swim suit / towel

FOOTWEAR

- one pair regular shoes for camp
- water shoes, sandals with straps, or old tennis shoes. Will get wet.

TROOP WILL PROVIDE

- ✓ life jackets (PFDs)
- ✓ snacks and food
- ✓ tents
- ✓ cooking gear
- ✓ everything else

DO NOT BRING

- ✓ **No** IPODs, radios, e-games, etc.
- ✓ **No** fishing gear

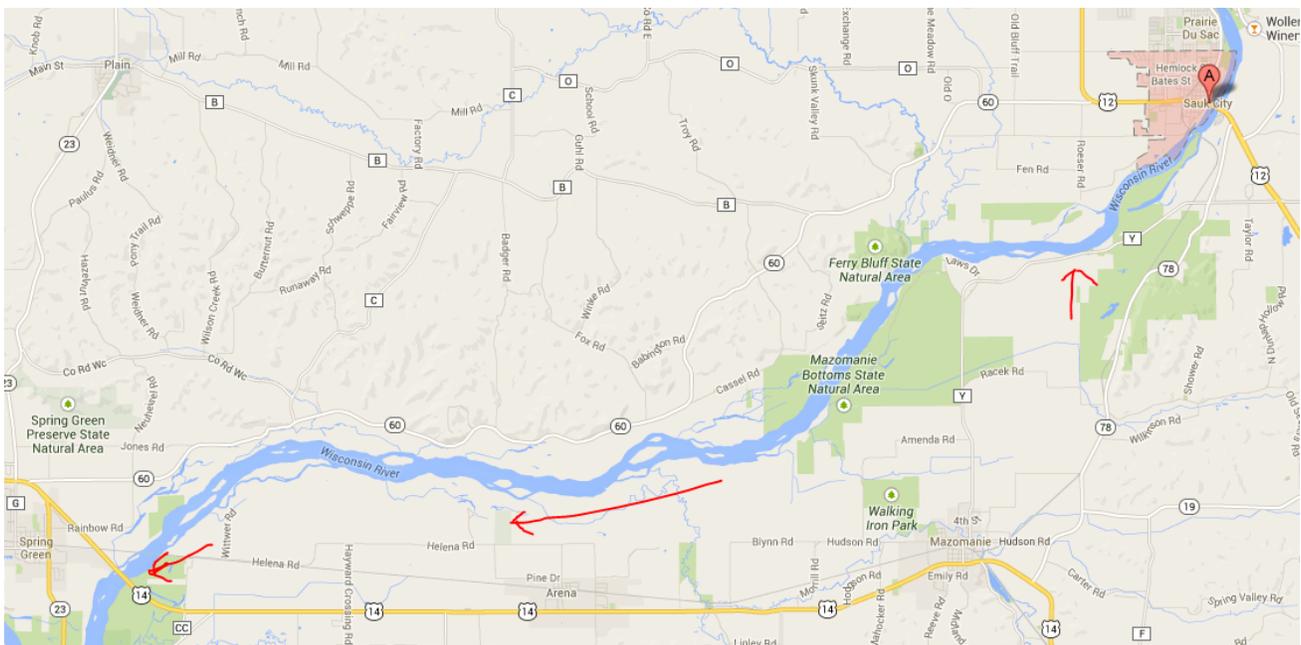
EQUIPMENT

- insect repellent
- sun screen
- flashlight
- toothbrush, paste
- canteen or water bottle

OPTIONAL

- pocket knife < 2" blade
- camera (might get wet)
- first aid kit (personal)
- compass, survival kit

1. If you do not own all of the above items, see the Scoutmaster. The troop has extra equipment for Scouts to use. Lack of equipment should not keep a Scout from camping.
2. Mark and Tag all clothing and equipment.
3. Travel in class B scout uniform (camp t-shirt)



General Section of the River we will travel.

Canoe Trip Campout 2014 Permission Slip

Permission is hereby granted to Scout(s) _____ to attend Troop 61's Wisconsin River Canoe Trip and Campout on May 17-18, 2014 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.

Answer the Question Below Then Sign

Scout Transportation

With The Troop

Arriving separately

Departing separately:

Day & Time: _____

Day Time: _____

With Whom: _____

With Whom: _____

Adult Attendance

Sorry, can't make it this time

Adult: _____

Entire weekend

Adult: _____

Driver

I can help drive Saturday

I can help drive Sunday

_____ # Seats (including driver)

Tour Permit Information (Ignore if previously submitted)

Driver's License # _____

Insurance Coverage: Each Person \$ _____

Each Accident \$ _____

Property Damage \$ _____

Year / Make / Model: _____

Pull a Trailer

I can pull a Trailer

Hitch Ball Sizes (check all available)

1-7/8 2 2-5/16

Anything we should know

Cost

\$20 per scout or adult

\$ _____ Check

\$ _____ Cash

\$ _____ Can / Wreath Credit

Signature of Parent of Guardian: _____