

To: Parents of Troop 208
From: Asst. Scoutmaster Andy Gates
Topic: Pine Creek Canoe Trip

Dear Parents,

This letter is to share the details of our troop canoe trip on Pine Creek through the beautiful Grand Canyon of PA west of Wellsboro over the week-end of April 23 - 25 2010. This is a trip my home troop paddled a few times and we have returned over the years. Similar to T208 rafting trips, we will camp two nights and spend the Saturday paddling almost 20 miles over 6 hours using troop and personal canoes.

The number of scouts who can participate will be determined based on adult participation and drivers. The trip will be limited to scouts who have the Swimming merit badge or have passed a summer camp Swimmer test AND bring along a parent (w/ canoe experience helpful). The water level fluctuates depending on rain and snow melt but is generally less than 3'. Most of the creek is smooth, but quick with one set of rapids early in the trip so canoe experience is wise. For info on Pine Creek go to www.pinecrk.com

Event..... Pine Creek Canoe Trip

Location..... Pine Creek from Ansonia to Blackwell, PA

Time of Departure..... 2:00 p.m. on Friday 4/23 - meet in Village Landing lot

Time of Return..... 1:00 p.m. on Sunday 4/25 (will call when close to home)

Cost..... \$30 plus spending money for Friday dinner/Sunday lunch

Transportation..... Parent drivers; a truck is needed to pull the canoe trailer;
(there is a nice inn nearby if some moms wanted to shuttle)

Leadership..... Boy Leaders, Andy Gates, Alan Aufderheide

Shelter..... Troop tents

Menu..... To be planned, purchased and cooked by scouts

Personal Equipment..... Weekend camping gear; a dry sack is nice to have but plastic zipper and garbage bags work well for day gear

As the parent/guardian of scout _____, I give our son permission to camp with Troop 208 on the Pine Creek Canoe Trip during the weekend of April 23 - 25, 2010. I acknowledge that my son is a Swimmer. My son is on the following medications: _____

and I give permission to the leaders in charge to administer as prescribed. Yes _____

In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I give permission to the physician selected by an adult in charge to arrange proper treatment for my son(s). Yes _____

I will canoe Y N I will drive Y N

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____