

Troop 777 Colorado River Canoe Trek

Spring Break 2009



DATES:

WEEK #1 Monday April 6th through Friday April 10th, 2009

WEEK #2 Monday April 13th through Friday April 17th, 2009

Itinerary:

- **Monday** - Drive from Encinitas Sports Authority and spend the night at the Park Moabi campground, near Needles, California
- **Tuesday** – Travel by the outfitter’s bus to Bullhead City, Arizona, where we will put in the water. Once on the river, we will see the casinos of Laughlin, Nevada, an original Route 66 bridge, and abundant wildlife. We will spend the night camping on the river’s edge.
- **Wednesday** – Enjoy the river all day and arrive back at Park Moabi campground for hot showers and re-provisioning.
- **Thursday** – Paddle through scenic Topock Gorge, past Castle Rock, then into the top of Lake Havasu. We will camp on the edge of Lake Havesu.
- **Friday** – We have a relatively short paddle across the top of Lake Havasu and end up at the famous London Bridge. The outfitter will pick us up around noon and we will arrive back home that evening.

PRE-REQUISITE: Canoeing Merit Badge and recent Salty Rat

COST: The cost of the trip will be \$140. This includes camping fees, canoe rental (canoe, paddle, PFD), transportation and food.

FOOD BUY: The food buy will occur at 3 PM on the Sunday prior to departure. Only the Cook-masters are required to attend. Following the food buy, ALL CANOEISTS ARE REQUIRED to come help pack the food. Packing will start at approximately 5 PM, at the home of (to be determined).

DEPARTURE: We will meet at 9:30 am on Monday at the Sports Authority in Encinitas. Come with all gear packed. **Please remember to wear your Class A uniform for travel.**

ADULT-IN-CHARGE:

Week #1: John Anderson (760) 634-7744

Week #2: Jerry Shiller (760) 436-4629

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SPRING BREAK CANOE TREK Permission Form

Scout Attending: _____ Parent Attending: _____

Week Attending: ___ WEEK #1: April 6th- 10th

___ WEEK #2: April 13th- 17th

___ # attending X \$140 = \$_____ (___ Check #) (___ Cash) (___ Scout Account)

Parent Permission: _____

What to Bring For the River

Remember to try to pack **everything** in a single Backpack, Duffle-Bag or Dry-Bag. To properly waterproof your bag, line the inside using a 20 Gal Ziplock bag, Plastic Trash Compactor Bag or Dry-Bag. Please be sure to use another smaller bag to line the inside of your compression sack for your sleeping bag. Please use the Ziplock or Trash Compactor bags as a liner INSIDE of your Backpack or Duffle-Bag and do NOT bring you gear in a bare-plastic bag! Unprotected plastic bags will rip and become useless. Glad and Trash compactor bags are available at local grocery stores and Dry-Bags can be purchased from REI or Adventure 16. (Reference the attached pictures)

- ▶ Dry Clothes for travel and in camp
- ▶ Dry Shoes for travel and at camp
- ▶ Water Clothes for on the river (Swimsuit or clothes you can get wet)
- ▶ Water Shoes that tie or have a strap, Flip-Flops are NOT acceptable
- ▶ Plastic Bag to store wet clothes
- ▶ Jacket/Sweatshirt
- ▶ Swimsuit
- ▶ Beach Towel
- ▶ Hat & Sunglasses
- ▶ Sunscreen and Chap stick (A Must!)
- ▶ Personal Toiletries & Washcloth
- ▶ Personal Dining items (Utensils, Cup, Plate/Bowl)
- ▶ Tent & Buddy
- ▶ Sleeping Bag, Ground Pad & Pillow (Make sure to pack your sleeping bag in a separate plastic-lined compression sack or Dry Sack)
- ▶ Flashlight/Headlamp
- ▶ Camp Chair (if desired)
- ▶ Nalgene bottle and/or Water Bladder
- ▶ Canoeing Gloves
- ▶ Canoeing Seat (if desired)
- ▶ Rain Gear (if chance of rain)
- ▶ 20 to 50 feet of Nylon Rope
- ▶ Insect Repellant

▶ Nylon Rope



▶ Dry Bag's from REI and Adv-16 (\$\$)



▶ Dry-Bag Backpack (\$\$\$)



▶ Ziploc "Big Bags" or Trash Compactor Bags (\$)

