
TROOP 255 SHENANDOAH RIVER CANOEING/CAMPING ACTIVITY

WHEN: May 1-2, 2004 (Sat-Sun) Need permission slips and \$45 by Tuesday, April 27.

ASSEMBLE: 7:00am on Saturday (5/1) at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church (CCUMC) parking lot.

LEAVE: 7:30am sharp from CCUMC parking lot.

RETURN: 4:00pm Sunday (5/2) at CCUMC parking lot.

For emergencies call Mr. Rose's cell phone at 301-807-6441.

OVERVIEW:

Troop 255 will be canoeing down the Shenandoah River near Luray, Virginia, adjacent to George Washington National Forest. This scenic two day, 19 mile river trip is a great trip for beginning canoeers, involving only Class I and II whitewater.

After arriving at the Outfitters, we will station a vehicle and camping gear at the overnight camp site (Good's Falls in G.W. National Forest). Saturday, we will paddle 12 miles or about 5 hours. We will likely stop for BYO bag lunch at Bealer's Ferry (mile 8).

On Sunday, we will canoe 7 miles, about 3 hours, finishing at the "SRO's Pickup" point. We should be off the river about 1 p.m. We will either bring sandwiches to eat on the river or stop for a late lunch on the drive home.

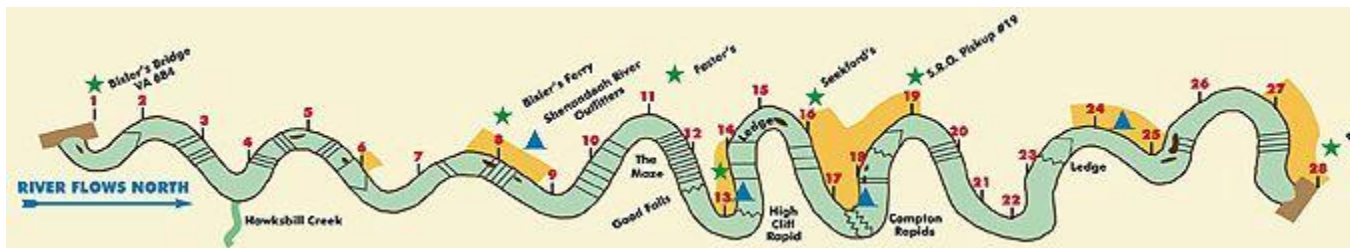
The Outfitter provides, the canoes, paddles, helmets, life jackets, instructions, a safety video, and transportation. We provide our own food and camping equipment.

The Troop's Committee has decided to open this activity up to all scouts, parents and siblings who have met or exceeded the BSA First Class swimming requirements (see permission slips).

If a sibling attends then a parent must attend and take responsibility for the nonscout sibling.

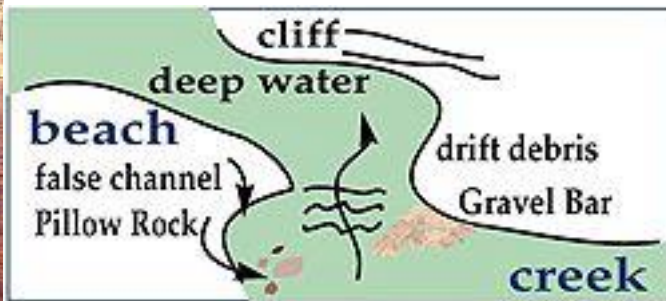
This trip is "rain or shine" unless the outfitter decides that the river conditions would cause a safety issue in which case the cost of the rafting trip will be refunded by the outfitter or scheduled for a later date if we wish.

Shenandoah River Outfitter's River Map



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# 1 Low Water Bridge	Inskeep Boat Landing	(VA Game)
# 8 Bealer's Ferry	Boat Landing	(G.W. National Forest)
# 11 Foster's	Boat Landing	(VA Game)
# 13 Good's Falls	Boat Landing	(G.W. National Forest)
# 16 Seakford's	Boat Landing	(G.W. National Forest)
# 17.5 Compton's Rapid	(right bank private)	(left bank G.W. National Forest)
# 19 SRO's Pickup	Boat Landing	(end of 1 day trips)
# 28 Bentonville	Boat Landing	(end of some 2 day trips)



Golden Rock Cliff at the base of Compton's Rapid # 17.5 Map of Compton's

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ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY

- . 7:00am – Assemble at Church
- . 7:30am – Depart for trip
- . 9:00am - Arrive at Shenandoah River Outfitters.
- . 9:00 to 13:00 Station camp out-car with equipment , canoeing and safety instructions.
- . 10:30pm - Trip start time.
- . 1:00pm - Lunch at Bealer's Ferry.
- . 4:30 pm – set up camp and cook supper at Good's Falls.

SUNDAY

- . 8:00am-10:00am - Wake up, prepare and eat breakfast, and pack.
- . 10:00am - canoe.
- . 1:00 pm. – take canoes out of river.
- . 2:00 p.m. drive home
(depending upon how we handle lunch - bag lunch or fast food on the way home).

COST: \$45/person (includes cost for canoeing, campground and transportation).

Make checks payable to "TROOP 255 BSA".

EQUIPMENT: Scouts should bring the usual camping items (tent, sleeping bag, food, etc.)

For the rafting trip:

- . Bring a towel and a dry change of clothes and shoes.
- . In cool weather, you should wear wool clothing and a wind breaker or jacket.
Avoid cotton clothing in cool weather.

Note that wet suits are being provided by the outfitter but are only needed if the weather is cool.

- . For warmer days, you should wear shorts, T-shirt and swimsuit.

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- . Sneakers are a must. NO HARD-SOLED SHOES !!
- . Secure eyeglasses/sunglasses with a band.
- . Bring sun screen and hat
- . Do not wear jewelry or other valuables.
- . Adults should secure car keys.

MEALS: Patrols should plan meals for Saturday dinner & cracker barrel and Sunday breakfast.

Scouts should also bring a ready-to-eat lunch and snack.

Scouts should bring money for a fast food Sunday lunch.

DIRECTIONS to the Shenandoah River Outfitters (540-743-4159):

Directions from D.C. Area: Beltway 495 to 66W to Exit 43A at Gainesville. Take Rt 29 South to Warrenton. Follow signs to Rt 211 W to Luray. In Luray (follow signs for Shenandoah River Outfitters), take 2nd Exit --340 South Business 200 yards. Turn right onto Rt 675-Mechanic St --name changes to Bixler's Ferry Road--(if you come to the stop light, you went too far). Go 4 miles; cross Shenandoah River, turn right on Rt 684 (S. Page Valley Road), go 6.5 miles to Outfitters on the right. We're 90 miles from D.C.Beltway. Please park in parking lot behind Store.



APPROVAL / PERMISSION SLIP

Approval/permission is granted by the parents/guardians of Boy Scout
_____ for their son/scout to participate
in the activities of Troop 255, Chevy Chase, Maryland, National Capital
Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Approval/permission is granted to the adult members of Troop 255 to
authorize treatment of the Boy Scout named above in the event of an
accident or emergency. Adult members of Troop 255 that authorize
treatment of the Boy Scout in the event of an accident or emergency
shall be released from any or all liabilities.

Local and national tour permits will be obtained by Troop 255 when necessary.

Please note: The Committee of Troop 255 has determined that in the
interest of safety, any minor participating in this activity must have
completed the swimming requirements through First Class (i.e. 2nd Class
#7a-c; pgs 65, 98-107 and 1st Class #9a-c; pgs 113, 152-163).

This approval/permission is valid for the May 1-2, 2004, Rafting
Outdoor Camping Activity.

I can drive: _____ YES _____ NO

If YES, I can carry _____ scouts including my own.

Parent Signature

Parent Name (Print)

Date

Emergency Phone No. _____

OUTFITTER'S WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of Shenandoah River Outfitters, Inc. and Shenandoah Canoe Company furnishing services, food and/or equipment to enable me to participate in canoeing, kayaking, rafting, tubing, meals, camping, lodging and any other activities offered by Shenandoah River Outfitters, Inc. and Shenandoah Canoe Company, I agree as follows:

I fully understand and acknowledge that outdoor recreational activities have: (a) inherent risks, dangers and hazards and such exists in my use of Shenandoah River Outfitters, Inc. and Shenandoah Canoe Company equipment and my participation in Shenandoah River Outfitters, Inc. and Shenandoah Canoe Company activities; (b) my participation in such activities and/or use of such equipment may result in injury or illness including, but not limited to bodily injury, disease, strains, fractures, partial and/or total paralysis, death or other ailments that could cause serious disability; (c) these risks and dangers may be caused by the negligence of the owners, employees, officers or agents of Shenandoah River Outfitters, Inc. and Shenandoah Canoe Company; the negligence of the participants, the negligence of others, accidents, breaches of contract, the forces of nature or other causes. Risks and dangers may arise from foreseeable or unforeseeable causes including, but not limited to, map, video, trip descriptions that may misjudge terrain, weather, trail or river route location, and water level, risks of falling out of or drowning while in a raft, canoe, tube or kayak and such other risks, hazards and dangers that are integral to recreational, meal, and camping activities and/or use of equipment, I hereby assume all risks and dangers and all responsibility for any losses and/or damages, whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence or other conduct of the owners, agents, officers, or employees of Shenandoah River Outfitters, Inc. and Shenandoah Canoe Company, or by any other person.

I, on behalf of myself, my personal representatives and my heirs hereby voluntarily agree to release, waive, discharge, hold harmless, defend and indemnify Shenandoah River Outfitters, Inc. and Shenandoah Canoe Company and its owners, agents, officers and employees from any and all claims, actions or losses for bodily injury, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services or otherwise which may arise out of my use of Shenandoah River Outfitters, Inc. and Shenandoah Canoe Company equipment or my participation in Shenandoah River Outfitters, Inc. and Shenandoah Canoe Company activities. I specifically understand that I am releasing, discharging and waiving any claims or actions that I may have presently or in the future for the negligent acts or other conduct by the owners, agents, officers or employees of Shenandoah River Outfitters, Inc and Shenandoah Canoe Company. The Venue of any dispute that may arise out of this agreement or otherwise between the parties to which the Shenandoah River Outfitters, Inc. and Shenandoah Canoe Company or its agents is a party shall be in the County Courts in Page County. I permit the use of any photos, slides, films, or sketches of him/her taken during the day's activities for publicity, advertising, promotion or other commercial purpose.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE WAIVER AND RELEASE AND BY SIGNING IT AGREE. IT IS MY INTENTION TO EXEMPT AND RELIEVE SHENANDOAH RIVER OUTFITTERS, INC AND SHENANDOAH CANOE COMPANY FROM LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR WRONGFUL DEATH CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OR ANY OTHER CAUSE.

SIGNATURE AGE DATE

NAME (PRINTED)

Street Address

City State Zip

GROUP NAME