



TRAIL POST

New River canoeing set this weekend

Troop 400 will be heading to western North Carolina this weekend to canoe the New River (which, despite its name, is one of the oldest rivers in North America). The trip will be led by Al Joyner.

What time do Scouts have to be at Aldersgate on Friday? Everyone please be at the scout shed by 5 pm Friday, we will load the trailer and leave as soon as everyone is ready, hopefully by 5:30 pm

Where exactly are we going? Is there a website, or Mapquest term we can use to find it? <http://www.canoethenew.com/map.htm>

What kind of food does each individual scout need to bring? We'll stop in Sparta for dinner if folks didn't get a chance to eat Friday dinner. Patrols are responsible for their meals for Saturday Breakfast, Saturday Dinner, and Sunday Breakfast. Each scout needs to bring his own lunch and drink for Saturday to be eaten during the canoe trip (packed in a ziplock).

What is the cost of transportation? bring \$5 if you ride with someone and \$5 for the person pulling the trailer.

How much extra money should each scout bring? The cost of the canoe rental and camping is around \$20. Boys should bring enough to pay their patrol member for purchased food and for Friday and possibly Sunday fast-food stops.

Is there anything each scout should bring in addition to normal clothes and camping gear? water shoes or old sneakers that fit snug. Towel for after the trip and dry clothes. Closed toe shoes for the campsite due to the wetness (no flipflops).

Do we expect to stop somewhere for lunch on the way home Sunday? We should plan on that.

What time should parents be at the church on Sunday? We'll call when we get close, but we should arrive no later than 1pm

Who should we contact if we have questions before the campout?

Mr. Walters- tim_walt@hotmail.com 451-2401

Is there a contact number parents can call during the weekend? Mr. Walters cell above. Note that cell phone service may be spotty in this area.

A note from Al Joyner:

Driving instructions:

From Durham, take I-85/I-40 West to Winston-Salem (make sure to take the I-40 bypass south of Winston). At the end of the I-40 bypass, take US 421 North to I-77. Take I-77 North to US 21 North (this exit is a left exit off the freeway) to Sparta. You will do the major part of the mountain climb on this stretch, so watch for overheating if loaded heavily. In Sparta, you will find gasoline and food (Hardee's, etc.). I recommend gasoline unless there is plenty to get back to this area and beyond as there is little after this to the campground. From Sparta, follow US 21 until you intersect with US 221. Take US 221 South (a left turn) toward West Jefferson. Proceed until the highway crosses the New River, New River Outfitters will be on the right (general store) as soon as you cross the bridge. Take a right immediately beside the store and through the gate. This driveway is EXTREMELY steep, so use much care. The camping area is at the bottom on the left, a very large field with plenty of room and picnic tables. Please close the gate after all are in, but it is not necessary to lock it.

There are Port-O-Lets available, but you may want to bring extra toilet paper. The store opens about 7 a.m.. The owners and outfitters are W.D. and Nancy Bare, exceptionally nice folk. The store has basic provisions, snacks, sodas and water in bottles, ice, maps, T-shirts, etc. I did forget to mention the need for bug spray at the

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meeting, not a bad idea to have some. Phone number for New River Outfitters is 336-982-9192.

I was asked if they would also bring back private canoes/kayaks - yes, if only a couple of them.

I think it is important to emphasize the need for plastic grocery bags to keep one's food and drink in as well as for trash in each canoe, and there can never be too many gallon zippered baggies. I will have a couple of dry bags in my canoe in case of the need for cell

phones, keys, medical items, etc. The canoe trip will be 4.5 to 6 hours in length, dependent on number of swim/eating breaks. This should be fun for all! I will be at the church by 5:30 p.m. on Friday and hope we can leave soon after that time. If you have other questions or needs, please CALL me at 471-8108. I look forward to a great weekend with all of you!!

-- Al Joyner

OA Fall Fellowship to be held Sept. 19-21

Fall Fellowship is the weekend of Sept 19-21, and we could still use some help with Elangomats. If you would be willing to serve in this capacity or have any questions, feel free to contact me. Elangomats should aim to be down at Camp Durant by 6 pm on the 19th. You'll check in at the admin building first and then head down to the Scoutcraft shelter to check in with the Chief Elangomat. The Elangomats are some of the most important people in our program as they serve as the first example of what an Arrowman is to the candidates. By serving as an Elangomat, you volunteer to undergo the Ordeal with the candidates. So, you also serve as their guide, showing them how to appreciate the full meaning of the Ordeal and showing them that it is possible to complete it successfully. If this interests you, or you have any questions let me know.

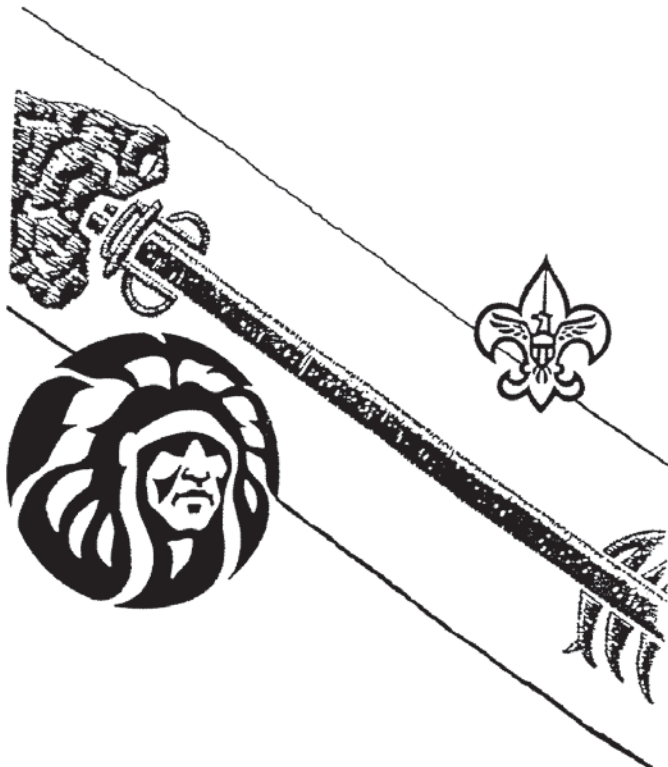
Also, Friday night will be our annual Vigil Call-out Ceremony.

In between swimming at the waterfront, the service projects, electing lodge officers, and the AIA activities be sure to complete your Brotherhood Trail if you are eligible. The cost is \$15 (in addition to your event fee), which pays for a new sash and flap. Anyone who has been an Ordeal member for 10 months or more is eligible

to seal his membership in the Order by completing the Brotherhood Trail. Take advantage of this opportunity to complete your induction into the Ordeal. You should have the Obligation and the Song memorized and have a working knowledge of the rest of the material in the Brotherhood Booklet. If you need help with any of this before Fall Fellowship, let me know. We will also have people available that weekend to help you if you need it.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns let me know.

Yours in Service,
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Orienteering event set Sunday, Sept. 21

Next event for the Backwood Orienteering Klub (BOK) event is Sunday, Sept 21st at Umstead South, Whispering Pines, I-40 side area.

If possible please fill out the entry form before each BOK Orienteering event. Lines tend to get long however it goes smoother if you have the registration form filled out before hand:

http://treklite.com/bok/images/Entry_Form_Regular_BOK_Events.pdf

No big deal if you don't.

Stick #: leave empty.

Course: White for beginner and all on trails, Yellow for beginners but a few yards off-trail walking.

The rest is self-explanatory. Most people will do \$5 Entry Fee/Map and \$5 Rental Finger Stick. Total \$10.

Be sure to bring: Compass, whistle, long pants (for ticks & bugs), \$10 for entry fee, map and finger stick. Cold water will be there.

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June orienteering results

This is a report on the first orienteering event held at Umstead State Park) on June 8,

We had a good intro class to orienteering before the event. It was very hot but had a good time. Both Aaron and Justin walked with me. I was proud of both for using their new skills well especially the long off-trail walk through the woods.

Kevin and Ken, the person that finished a few minutes before you, Ron Brown, is an experienced, long time walker of the orienteering events. So, you both did well matching his time.

** Note this is why you carry a whistle **

Special mention goes to heroes of the day Andy Fulton, Justin Rose, and Josh Adams. The temperature was hot enough on this day that one orienteer started experiencing severe heat exhaustion while still out on the course. This individual was able to keep the presence of mind to start blowing his whistle for assistance, which was heard by Andy, Justin and Josh, who immediately set aside their own courses in order to render aid. They were able to contact the park ranger, and stayed with the person to make certain he was all right until help could arrive. The Camp Whispering Pines area presents challenges to the creation of be-

giner level courses, in that there are no looping trails available in the area. However, all of the orienteers on the White course braved the off-trail hike up the creek and final reentrant for a successful finish. On Yellow, everyone made it through the long off-trail section along the large creek, but a few people had difficulty locating the control which was at the pit. (After finishing this course, I was chided for placing a Yellow control down -inside- the pit. In my defense, it is a rather large pit.)

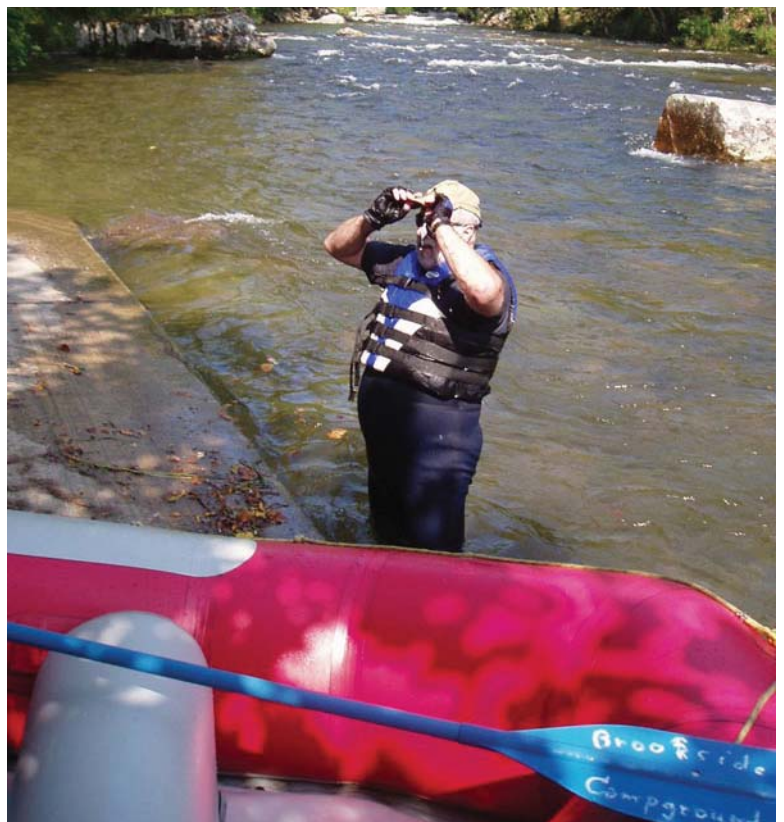
Final results found here:

http://treklite.com/bok/results/08-06-08._umstead_whispering_pines.htm

Steven Fishback



Labor Day weekend rafting trip down the Nantahala River



Photos by Steven Fishback

More pictures can be found at

<http://s245.photobucket.com/albums/gg60/scfishback/Scout%20Rafting%20Aug-31-8/?albumview=grid>



Troop 400 Goes to Philmont

In August 2008, Troop 400 sent 27 scouts and adults to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico for a backpacking adventure that included ten days in the mountainous backcountry.



Three views of the Tooth of Time, one of the symbols of Philmont: Above, from base camp; at right, from the trail; at left, under a full moon.



We were divided into three groups of nine hikers each. All three treks climbed Baldy Mountain, right, Philmont's highest peak, elevation 12,441 feet.





Above left: Mr Walters atop the Tooth of Time. Above right: some of the colorful characters who were part of Philmont's backcountry staff



At left: Climbers make their way to the top of Baldy; Above: The desolate landscape at the top of the mountain





At left: Mr. Wicker's shoes were falling apart by the end of the hike. Below: The shoes made their way to the top of Philmont's entrance gate.



At left: Philmont was donated to the Boy Scouts by Waite Phillips, whose home Villa Philmonte is open for tours. At right: It was necessary to hang food and other "smellables" from a bear cable every night.





At left: Trek 806K1 packed and ready to go.



At right: Trek 806K2 on top of Baldy Mountain.



At left: Trek 806K3 at the Philmont entrance.

2008-2009 Troop 400 schedule

2008

Sept 12-14 - Canoe trip on the New River – Mr. Joyner
Sept 16 – Troop meeting – Troop elections, Badger patrol program
September 19-20 - Occoneechee Lodge Fall Fellowship, Camp Durant
Sept 21 - Orienteering Merit Badge at Umstead – Matthew and Mr. Fishback
Sept 23 – Troop meeting – Raccoon patrol program
Sept 26-28 – NC AT Hike – Matthew and Mr. Fishback, 2 day hiking trip
Sept 26-28 – Council climbing instructor training
Sept 27 – Council new leader essentials training
Sept 27 – Troop committee challenge training
Sept 27 – Boy scout leader specific training
Sept 30 – Troop meeting – court of honor
Oct 4-5 - VA Creeper Trail – David and Mr. Korest, Webelos invited
Oct 6 – Troop committee meeting
Oct 7 – Troop meeting – Cobra patrol program
Oct 10 – 12 – Mawat Fall Camporee Orange County Speedway – Mr. Walters, WEBs invited
Oct 14 – Troop meeting – Air Freshener patrol program
Oct 21st – Troop meeting – Poised Platypuses program
Oct 18 – 19 – SIWASH – Ethan and Mr. Norman/Mr. Buttry
Oct 19 – Orienteering Merit Badge at Umstead – Matthew and Mr. Fishback
Oct 24 - 26 – AT Hike Matthew and Mr. Fishback, 2 day hiking trip
Oct 24-26 – Council IOLS
Nov 1 – District merit badge college
Nov 3 – Troop committee meeting
Nov 4 – Student vacation/election day
Nov 11 – Student vacation/Veterans day
Nov 16 – Orienteering Merit Badge at Umstead – Matthew and Mr. Fishback
Nov 22 – Council new leader essentials training
Nov 21 - 23 – Ft Bragg – Tommy and Mr. Walters
Nov 26-28 – Student holiday thanksgiving
Dec 1 – Troop committee meeting
Dec 2 – Toy drive with Pack 400
Dec 7 – Orienteering Merit Badge at Umstead – Matthew and Mr. Fishback
Dec 19 – Vertical Edge Lockin – Mr. Simpson
Dec 22-31 – Student winter holidays – Tentative Seabase – Mr. Howe and Mr. Gentry

2009

Jan 1 – New years day holiday
Jan 5 – Troop committee meeting
Jan 10 – Pack 400 pinewood derby (need adults to judge)
Jan 13 – Troop 400 Meeting – Pinewood derby – Eric and Mr. Hofmann
Jan 16 – 18 – Freezeree – Mr. Walters
Jan 20 – Student vacation
Jan 27 – Troop meeting – court of honor

2008-2009 Troop 400 schedule

Feb 1 – District Pinewood Derby
Feb 2 – Troop committee meeting
Feb 8 – Scout Sunday and Spaghetti Supper – Kevin and Mr. Parham
Feb 13-16 – DC trip – James and Ms. Pearson and Nathan and Ms. Padula, Webelos invited
Feb 17 – Troop meeting – OA elections
Feb 28 – Skiing
Mar 2 – Troop committee meeting
Mar 13-15 – Webelos campout with the troop – Mr. Walters
Mar 21 – Webelos OA Day
Apr 3-5 – Patriot’s Point (U.S.S. Yorktown)
Apr 6 – Troop committee meeting
Apr 10-12 – Busch Gardens
Apr 10-17 – Student spring break
Apr 25 – Pilot Mountain climbing – Aaron and Mr. Menchini
May 1-3 – Mawat Spring Camporee, Camp Tuscarora, troop 451 – Mr. Walters
May 4 – Troop committee meeting
May 9 – 10 – Webelos X-over – Mr. Walters
May 15 – Tentative Bulls
May 22 – Tentative Bulls Game May 25 – Student Memorial day holiday
May 26 – Troop meeting – court of honor
May 29-31 – Zorbing – Jake and Mr. Buttry
June 1 – Troop committee meeting
Jun 10 – Last day of school
Jun 12-14 – Caving – Aaron and Ms. Moran
TBD Summer camps
July – Tentative Northern Tier or Glacier Park Camping – Mr. Howe and Mr. Gentry
Aug 25 – First day of school
Sep 7 – Labor day
Nov 11 – Student holiday veterans day
Nov 25 – Student vacation utility day
Nov 26-27 – Student vacation thanksgiving
Dec 21-22 – Student vacation utility day
Dec 23 – Student vacation
Dec 24-25 – Student vacation
Dec 28-31 – Winter holidays

