



Canoeing on the *Russian River* *Overnight* *Sep 10-11, 2011*

Start the scouting year with a blast! Canoeing and body surfing the current! DIFFERENT this year – we're overnighing at Spring Lake (Santa Rosa) in order to get on the river early. If time permits, we'll attempt the long course back into Healdsburg. Sign-up now for this is always one of most fun trips of the year and fills up. The river is quite pretty and this is an easy and fun canoe trip. No prior experience needed and all beginners welcome. There are no major rapids, although there are occasional fast areas where the river narrows or has sharp turns. Our regular 4-6 hour float trip is approximately 10 miles long. Fishing/Swimming is possible at Spring Lake.

Date: Saturday, September 10 - Sunday, September 11, 2011

Location: Russian River, near Healdsburg, CA. www.riversedgekayakandcanoe.com

Time: Meet at the Scout House at 10:00 AM sharp on Saturday, Sept. 10. We'll be back after dinner on the road. Some cars may return early without stopping for dinner. (if you have sports in the morning, it may be possible to leave in the afternoon depending on driver availability)

Adult Leaders: Dave Gee (dgee.burltree@sbcglobal.net) and Chip Wytmar (chip@wytmar.com)

Scout Leaders: TBD

Cost: \$65 (covers canoe rental, transportation, camping, dinner, breakfast)

Prerequisites: 1) BSA swimmer (be able to swim 100 yards & then float on back)
We will arrange a swim test before the trip for those needing it.
2) Be comfortable in slow-moving water (No prior canoeing experience is required)

Food and transport: Bring a bag lunch, std camping gear pack, fishing pole, water wear (& water shoes/sandals), change of clothes, a waterproof bag for personal items you plan to take in the canoes, a strap if you wear glasses, a hat, sunscreen and money for dinner on the way home.

Reply Deadline: Tuesday night, September 6, via email to Anne Anderson (aa@andpac.com) and please specify in the email whether or not you have prior canoeing experience, and if you require the BSA swim test (if below First Class rank) so that we can schedule as necessary.

Follow-up by dropping off or mailing a check and the attached canoe rental waiver to:
Troop 57, 2080 Tasso St., Palo Alto, CA 94301.

The sooner you can let us know the better, as the trip has filled up in past years with waiting list.

Contact Info:

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