

Ready for something EXCITING? Troop 186 is going to MAINE for some

# WHITEWATER ADVENTURE !!!



This summer, your troop is headed to Maine to take on the Kennebec River in rafts and kayaks ! We're working with the Professional River Runners to give our Scouts a taste of the best parts of the Maine wilderness. A rafting trip, a kayaking trip, a mountain climb, and some other activities you can only find in Maine are in store for everyone who joins us!

Every year we take a trip that's a bit different than the rest of our year's activities. This year, we're going outdoors – the wilderness of Maine! We'll get a taste of an outdoor adventure trip – and come back with a merit badge or two, a chance to try out some of those Scouting skills we learn all the time, and some memories that will last a long, long time.

The trip is approved for every scout in the troop, from age 10 up to our leaders. We're working with a group that leads trips down the Kennebec River all summer, and they'll be teaching us everything we need to know before they let us go down the river. Every Scout who comes on the trip will be able to earn the Whitewater merit badge, and will be able to work on a number of other outdoor merit badges as well. We plan to climb a mountain while we're there, and to find some of the other natural sights that can be found in Eastern Maine.

Sound interesting? Check out the details on the next page...

# Trip details:

Dates: August 8 (Friday) through August 12 (Tuesday), 2008

What's included:

- Transportation by chauffeured limousine (parents!)
- Luxury accommodations ("cabin tents")
- Gourmet dining (all meals when we're not on the road)
- Whitewater rafting trip (class III and IV rapids)
- Inflatable kayak trip (class I and II rapids)
- Overnight camping trip between river adventures
- Mountain hike (mountain to be decided)
- Campfires
- Time for group and individual activities (priceless!)
- Time for advancement or other scouting activities

Cost: \$140 per person with the Troop's \$90 subsidy  
((\$230 per person if you use that subsidy for summer camp at JN Webster instead)

We've designed this trip to have everyone able to attend, so we hope you'll be able to join us! This website link,

<http://www.proriverrunners.com/PDF/AAA-Article.pdf>

is for an article that describes a family overnight trip very much like the one we'll be taking. It's with the same company, and it illustrates why we think that this trip will be great for all of our Scouts, no matter what the age.

To secure your spot for the trip, you'll need to fill out the form on the last page. Full payment is due by JUNE 4, 2008 – but is appreciated as soon as you can make it!

## WHAT TO BRING:

Plan for a NORMAL camping trip for this time of year. This is a suggested list of equipment to pack, but Scouts should use their good judgment in terms of what to bring.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **SCOUT TEE-SHIRT**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **SLEEPING BAG**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **SLEEPING PAD** (if you like)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **1 pair HIKING SOCKS**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **STURDY HIKING BOOTS**, 1/2 size larger than regular size to fit both inner & outer socks -- see above. (\$5 at thrift stores)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **RAIN SUIT or PONCHO**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **T-SHIRTS, SHORTS, SWIM SUIT**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **WATER SHOES – MUST HAVE SOME KIND OF FOOTWEAR WHILE ON THE RIVER!!**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **UNDERWEAR, SOCKS**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **LONG SLEEVE SHIRT**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **HEAVY SWEATSHIRT**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **1 pair LONG PANTS**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **HAT with a brim** (but don't bring any YANKEE hats!)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **1 or 2 LARGE plastic trash BAGS**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **GOOD QUALITY WHISTLE** on neck chain
- \_\_\_\_\_ **POCKETKNIFE with cord**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **MESS-KIT** (BOWL, CUP, FORK, SPOON, PLATE – heavy-duty plastic or metal)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **WATER BOTTLE(S)**, at least 1, filled (Any STURDY plastic bottle is OK, best are Wide-Mouth “Nalgene” Bottles, \$4)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **SMALL FLASHLIGHT**, & EXTRA BATTERIES
- \_\_\_\_\_ **SMALL FIRST AID KIT** (You can make your own: BSA Handbook, Page 289).
- \_\_\_\_\_ **COMPASS with a BASEPLATE**, in a Zip-Lock bag
- \_\_\_\_\_ **MATCHES**, in a Zip-Lock bag.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **CLEAN-UP KIT** (Small Hand Soap, Small Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Comb, Floss, small Fast-Drying Camp Towel)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **TOWEL for swimming**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **TOILET PAPER** (Half a roll in a Zip-Lock bag).

## WHAT NOT TO BRING:

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Excessive Snacks**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ **Game devices** (PS3 or similar)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ **Music players** (I-Pods, Walkman, and anything like that)
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# Troop 186 Whitewater Adventure Trip, August 8 – 12, 2008

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent/guardian of  
\_\_\_\_\_, grant permission for him/them to attend:

**Troop 186 Whitewater Adventure Trip, August 8-12, 2008.** I also give permission to the leaders, Steve Leslie or his designees, to seek any necessary, emergency medical treatment for my son.

Another Responsible Party (besides yourself): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Their Phones: \_\_\_\_\_

**CAN YOU DRIVE & CAMP? THIS IS FOR ADULTS WHO WANT TO GET AWAY FOR A WHILE. The Troop will reimburse you for gas.**

**YES, I want to drive! I HAVE ROOM FOR \_\_\_\_\_ SCOUTS**

**I can't drive, but I'd like to join you if there's room!**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Trip Cost:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Scouts X \$230 each: \_\_\_\_\_ Scout fee total (if not using the troop subsidy)

\_\_\_\_\_ Scouts X \$140 each: \_\_\_\_\_ Scout fee total (if using the troop subsidy)

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults X \$230 each: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult fee total (if not a registered troop leader)

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults X \$140 each: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult fee total (if adult is a registered troop leader)

\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL ENCLOSED**

**Full Payment is DUE by JUNE 4, 2008**