

Activity: Spring Backpacking
Location: Gov. Knowles State Park
Dates: May 2-4, 2014
Departure: 5:30 p.m. Friday, CVBC
Est. Return: 3-5pm Sunday, CVBC
COST: \$15 (\$12/5meals, \$3 for DQ)

Tom Arneberg's cell phone: 651-560-5675



Details: We're going backpacking once again! Our plan is to arrive at County O Landing before dark Friday, and set up camp there. We'll be able to cook breakfast Saturday morning using equipment from the troop trailer before hitting the trail. There will be two options: Experienced backpackers (and those going to Philmont) can hike around 5-6 miles south along the St. Croix River to the canoe campsite, while younger Scouts can ride in the van further south to the pickup point, and hike back north 2-3 miles. So we'll all be camping together Saturday night, and hiking 2-3 miles south to the van Sunday morning.

You must have a **good backpack with a padded hip belt** capable of carrying all your food and water and gear (including sleeping bag, tent, etc.), and you need to **pack light**. The troop owns two loaner backpacks. (See the Troop Guidebook for rental policies.) Since we might encounter cold and wet conditions, please avoid cotton clothing. Cold and wet cotton is an invitation to hypothermia. You should have wool socks, synthetic inner layer, and fleece for warmth, along with good rain gear. If your sleeping bag doesn't fit in your pack, wrap it in a trash bag and then in a stuff sack (in that order) to keep it dry. If you simply put a trash bag over it, then the trash bag will rip and will hold all the rain water that comes in, leaving you with a wet sleeping bag and a miserable night of non-sleep. Return the form below with any money by 7pm on Monday, April 28. (We will be buying food that night.)

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Fees: \$ _____ from Scout's account + \$ _____ enclosed check = \$15

(make checks payable to "Troop72.com")

In consideration of the benefits to be derived, and in view of the fact that the Boy Scouts of America is an educational institution, membership in which is voluntary, and having full confidence that every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety and well-being of my Scout son/ward, namely:

First _____ MI _____ Last _____

on the activity above, I agree to his participation and waive all claims against the leaders of this trip, officers, agents and representatives of the Boy Scouts of America, and the sponsoring organization, Chippewa Valley Bible Church. In the event of an emergency, the troop leader of the activity named above has my permission to obtain medical treatment for this Scout at the nearest hospital or doctor, at my expense, if our own doctor is not readily available, and as restricted on the medical form on file with the Troop.

☐ Yes, I will attend this activity with my son(s)

☐ Yes, I can drive the troop trailer to/from the campsite

Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian contact phone number: _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION ON FILE?

☐ Yes, I have an updated medical form on file with the troop (less than a year old).

☐ No, I still have to fill out that medical form and get it to the troop.

☐ The following is new information since the medical form was filed: