

Troop 3 Float Trip
Buffalo National River
April 17th, 18th, & 19th, 2009

Assemble at 4:30 PM, Friday April 17th, 2009 at Christ the King Belltower. Depart at 5PM for a campsite on the Buffalo National River (Ozark, Carver, or Woolum). Spend the night. Saturday, load canoes with gear and provisions to travel approximately 18 to 20 miles, spending Saturday night on a gravel bar somewhere along the way. Pull off the river about 11AM on Sunday with return to Fort Smith around 4PM. If floating is not feasible due to weather or low water the trip will not be canceled, but will be converted to a hike or similar outing.

Canoes will be provided, however if you have your own canoe or kayak visit with me as to its suitability (some kayaks don't have enough space to hold camping gear). We will transport it for you, just let me know. Kayaks will also need to carry a 5 gallon bucket attached to hold your share of food and troop gear. Everyone will need a PFD (Personal Flotation Device) so if you need one let me know.

The Saturday and Sunday float requires that we carry everything that we will need with us and keep it safe. First, only take items that you are certain to need as anything extra is unneeded weight. Scouts should pair up and sleep 2 to a tent. Second, you will need to keep your sleeping bag and clothes dry by using dry bags. Take and wear nylon clothes as cotton takes a long time to dry if it gets wet. We'll discuss this more a couple of weeks before we go.

Boy Scout Safe Floating rules require that a scout be able to pass a swim check to participate.

If you have any questions bring them up with your Patrol Leaders and Senior Patrol Leaders and they will get the answers.

Two dates to remember: Monday April 6th – commit to go date, menu planning and selecting grubmaster; and Monday April 13th – Grub money due.

If your parents have questions they should contact Dan Wald (danwald@swbell.net) at 651-3917(c), 646-2217(h), or 783-0840(w).