

Note from Keith Pierce 04/03/13

Welcome to the T-255 James River Canoe Trek!

Attached is a flyer with a bunch of paperwork for all of you. In addition, I forgot about the fact that there was no Scout Meeting yesterday, April 2, so I have pushed out the payment date to Tuesday, April 16th. Payment is \$250, the check written to "BSA Troop 255", and I will collect the checks either at the meetings or you can send to me at 7200 45th St., Chevy Chase, MD 20815. If you are using Mulch Credits, please let Jacob Kirk (keeper of the Mulch Credit list), Mike Condon (T-255 treasurer) and myself (accountant for this Trek) know.

The attached flyer identifies the documentation required of Scouts and Adults. In addition, it provides a draft packing list, and a request for volunteers to work on managing the paperwork and the planning, acquiring and packing of the food.

Because of the low-key level of the requirements and timing of this trip, I don't think we need a organizational meeting. However, if thoughts of the crew are otherwise, let the group know and something can be arranged.

Any questions, send me an email or see me at the meetings.

This should be fun, low impact trip. Lets have fun!!!

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Here are the people who have informed me that they are interested in participating:

Scouts (5):

Spencer Morgan
Ziad Lien
Eddie Rodriguez
Richard Schugar
Emerson Hemley

Switch Hitter (1):

Dannie Rodriguez

Adults (7):

Benson Silverman*
Tom Rose*
Scott Johnson*
Chris Thieme
Keith Pierce*

Jo-Ann Harron (3 days)
Irene Rodriguez

Now that we have a crew, the Outfitter is flexible on **adding** members to the reservation.

I will be gone through March 25th. Late that week I will send out more detailed information. However, this is the tentative list of things to think about:

- 1) Everyone will need a completed health form: [Annual Health and Medical Record, Parts A thru D](#)
- 2) Those names without an "*" next to it will need to attend the T-255 May 18-19, 2013 Shenandoah Canoe Trip to meet the Outfitter's previous experience requirement
- 3) I will need to make camp site and outfitter reservations. Figure on a payment date of Tuesday, April 9, 2013. Mulch Credits work for this trek.

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T-255 James River Canoe Trek:

Not going or can't go to Philmont? But still want to do something special this summer? How about.....

Paddling 61 miles of the historic upper James River in Virginia from the headwaters at Iron Gate, over official "Scenic River" segments, into the James River Gorge to the Snowden Dam. Experience over 100 class I rapids, and 20 challenging class II rapids, and the infamous Balcony Falls (Class III) rapid. Bring your fishing pole and try your hand at fishing. Camp nightly at wilderness river side and island locations.

This is the exact same trek as offered by BSA Lenhok'sin High Adventure for approximately \$440 pp. But Troop 255 is offering it for **\$250 pp!**

When? **Sunday>Friday, July 7-12, 2013.** Other dates are available, provided the canoe put-in date is a Monday. However, the later in the season the more likely the water level will decline.

This Trek is relatively low-impact. Scouts First Class and above, and at least age 12, are eligible. Adults are both needed and encouraged to attend. See the attached flyer for more information and hyperlinks.

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