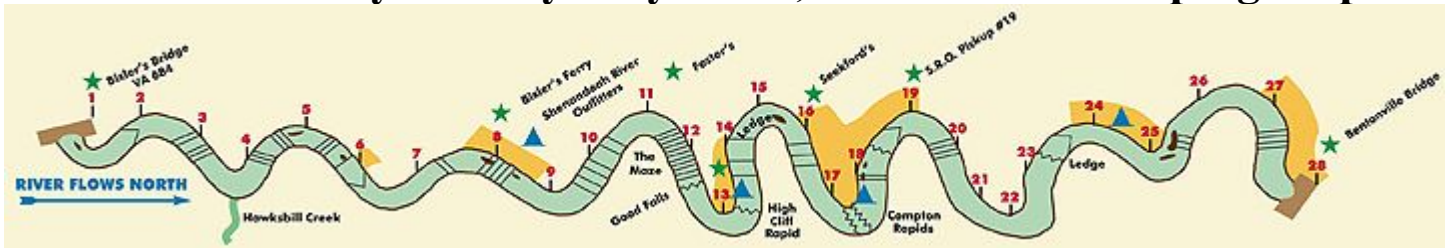


# T-255 Saturday-Sunday May 18-19, 2010 Canoe/Camping Trip



## Shenandoah River Outfitter's River Map

**Assemble:** 6:30 am, Saturday May 18 at CCUMC parking lot

**Return:** 4 pm Sunday May 19

**Who Can Go:** All Scouts who have passed the BSA swim test. Parents and siblings welcome. The outfitter does not have a minimum age requirement. Siblings are the responsibility of the parents. The outfitter will provide advice about river conditions on-site before we commit to the river. Parents should use their own judgment about the abilities of children to have a safe outing.

### OVERVIEW:

Troop 255 will be canoeing/kayaking down the Shenandoah River near Luray, Virginia, adjacent to George Washington National Forest. This scenic two day, 19-mile river trip is great for beginners, involving only Class I and II whitewater.

We will depart early at 6:30 am Saturday, May 18 from the CCUMC parking lot. After arriving at the Outfitters, we will station vehicles and camping gear near the overnight campsite (Good's Falls in G.W. National Forest). Saturday, we will paddle 12 miles or about 5 hours. We will likely stop for BYO bag lunch at Bealer's Ferry (mile 8).

On Sunday, we will canoe/kayak 7 miles, about 3 hours, finishing at the "SRO's Pickup" point. We should be off the river about 12:30 p.m. We will stop for a fast food late lunch on the drive home.

The Outfitter provides, the canoes/kayaks, paddles, helmets, life jackets, instructions, a safety video, and transportation. Two person canoes rent for \$40 per person (\$80 total). Single person Kayaks rent for \$50. We provide our own food and camping equipment. Camping equipment will be carried in vehicles not canoes to within ¼ mile of the campsite.

The Troop's Committee has decided to open this activity up to all scouts who have met or exceeded the BSA First Class swimming requirements. Parents and siblings may also paddle along and camp, but youth that have not met the minimum requirement first class swimming requirement are the sole responsibility of their parents who must accompany their children. (see Outfitter's release form).

This trip is "rain or shine".

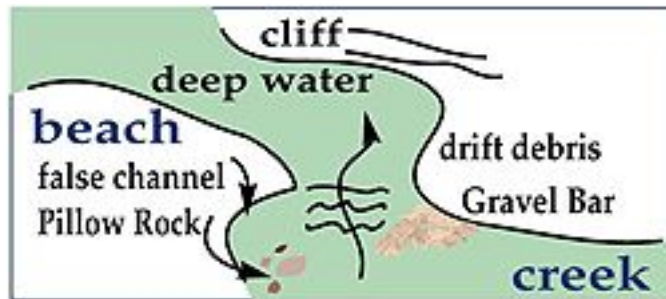
**This trip provides the minimum experience needed to qualify for the James River Canoe Trek this summer.**

**Cost:** The cost per participant will be \$10 for transportation plus equipment rental (\$40 canoe or \$50 Kayak). The fee is non-refundable. Participants who supply their own transportation and equipment are free of charge (see sign-up sheet). Payment must be made no later than the troop meeting prior to departure (May14th). Make checks payable to "BSA Troop 255". (Last minute participation is acceptable, but car-pool seats will be assigned based on a May14th head-count.)

**Further information:** <http://www.shenandoah-river.com/entrance.html> or Dave Evans, 301-907-9451 ([dave.evans@earthlink.net](mailto:dave.evans@earthlink.net))

Note: The BSA T255 Permission Form and Outfitter Release Form must be signed by all participants or the parents of participants under 18 years old..

# 1 Low Water Bridge	Inskeep Boat Landing	VA Game
# 8 Bealer's Ferry	Boat Landing	G.W. National Forest
# 11 Foster's	Boat Landing	VA Game
# 13 Good's Falls	Boat Landing	G.W. NF Camp site
# 16 Seakford's	Boat Landing	G.W. National Forest
# 17.5 Compton's Rapid	(right bank private)	left bank G.W. National Forest
# 19 SRO's Pickup	Boat Landing	end trips



Golden Rock Cliff at the base of Compton's Rapid # 17.5 Map of Compton's

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TROOP 255 SHENANDOAH RIVER CANOEING/CAMPING ACTIVITY

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ACTIVITY SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY

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- . 6:30am – Assemble/depart at Church
  - . 9:00am - Arrive at Shenandoah River Outfitters in Virginia.
  - . 9:00 to 10:00 - Station camp out-car with equipment. SAFETY INSTRUCTION FROM OUTFITTER.
  - . 10:30pm – Target trip start time.
  - . 1:00pm - Lunch at Bealer's Ferry.
  - . 4:30 pm – Set up camp and cook supper at Good's Falls campsite.

SUNDAY

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- . 8:00am-9:30am - Wake up, prepare and eat breakfast, and pack.
  - . 9:30am – canoe/kayak.
  - . 12:30 pm. – take canoes/kayaks out of river.
  - . 1:30 p.m. departure and drive home (lunch or fast food on the way home).

EQUIPMENT: Scouts should bring the usual camping items (tent, sleeping bag, food, etc.)  
PACKED IN EVERYTHING INTO BACKPACKS.  
There is a ¼ mile hike into the camp site from the parking lot.

For the trip:

- . Water/lunch/snacks
- . Bring a towel and a dry change of clothes and shoes (in water-proof/zip-lock bags).
- . In cool weather, you should wear wool clothing and a wind breaker or jacket.  
Avoid cotton clothing in cool weather.
- . For warmer days, you should wear shorts,  
T-shirt and swimsuit.
- . Sneakers are a must. NO HARD-SOLED SHOES!!
- . Secure eyeglasses/sunglasses with a band.
- . Bring sun screen and hat for both warm and cold weather
- . Do not wear jewelry or other valuables.
- . Adults should secure car keys.

MEALS: Patrols should plan meals for Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast.  
Scouts should also bring a ready-to-eat lunch and snacks.  
Scouts should bring money for a fast food Sunday lunch.

DIRECTIONS to the Shenandoah River Outfitters (540-743-4159):

**Directions from D.C. Area:** Beltway 495 to 66W to Exit 43A at Gainesville. Take Rt 29 South to Warrenton. Follow signs to Rt 211 W to Luray. In Luray (follow signs for Shenandoah River Outfitters), take 2nd Exit --340 South Business 200 yards. Turn right onto Rt 675-Mechanic St --name changes to Bixler's Ferry Road--(if you come to the stop light, you went too far). Go 4 miles; cross Shenandoah River, turn right on Rt 684 (S. Page Valley Road), go 6.5 miles to Outfitters on the right. We're 90 miles from D.C.Beltway. Please park in parking lot behind Store.

