

TROOP 461
2009 ALLEGHENY FOREST BACKPACK and CANOE TRIP
PARENT PERMISSION FORM

TROOP 461 will be DEPARTING from the pool house in the Highland Hts. Community Park on **SATURDAY, July 25th @ 8:30 AM**. We will be returning on **WEDNESDAY afternoon, July 29th**.

The cost for this trip will be **\$45.00 per person**. A signed Allegheny Outfitters release agreement is required for each person going on the trip. Please turn in your permission slips, Allegheny Outfitters release agreement and fees as soon as possible.

I give permission to the leaders of the above unit to render First Aid, should the need arise and or to secure other medical treatment, as needed. I further agree to hold the above named unit and its leaders blameless for any accidents that might occur during this outing. I further agree that if the leaders feel it necessary to ask my child to leave Camp, due to the child's misbehavior, lack of cooperation, or poor attitude, considered detrimental to the other participants, I will come and pick him up immediately upon being telephoned.

Questions: Contact Dr. Kezele or Don Dlugosz at 440-449-5803

(Tear along line and turn in with fees)

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PERMISSION SLIP-Sign and return as soon as possible

My Scout, _____, has my permission to attend this outing.

In case of emergency, notify: _____

Phone number _____

Medical Insurance Carrier _____

Policy Number _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Allegheny Forest Backpack and Canoe Trip July 25th – July 29th

This year, Troop 461's big adventure will be a trip to the Allegheny Forest, in Pennsylvania, for some backpacking and canoeing. It will be a 5 day trip starting on Saturday July 25th. Here's what we'll be doing.

Saturday July 25th

We'll meet at the pool house at 8:30 am and leave shortly after. Packing at the pool house should be easy, since we'll only be taking what can fit in our packs. We'll arrive at the Morrison trailhead in the early afternoon and hike about 3 miles to a wilderness (no facilities) campsite along the trail.

Sunday July 26th

We'll break camp mid morning and hike 3 miles to the Morrison campground. Morrison is a primitive campground, but does offer picnic tables, fire rings, latrines and pressurized water. It's located right on the Allegheny Reservoir, so don't forget your swimming gear and lightweight fishing tackle. We'll either camp in, or very close to the campground.

Monday July 27th

A 6 mile hike will take us back to the trailhead and our vehicles. We'll take a short drive to the Buckaloons campground where we'll camp in a group campsite. Buckaloons is a moderately developed campground offering showers and bathrooms. A troop provided dinner will be in nearby Warren.

Tuesday July 28th

We'll need to pack up early to get to Indian Waters Canoe livery before 8:00. An early start from our departure point at the Kinzua dam is needed to make our 15.5 mile paddle to our camp on Crull's island. Crull's is a 96 acre wilderness island and has NO facilities. There's a good chance we'll have the entire island to ourselves.

Wednesday July 29th

A 10.5 mile paddle will take us back to Indian Waters livery and our vehicles. Bring some extra money for a quick lunch on the way back to the pool house.

Questions and Answers:

Q: What equipment do I need?

A: Minimally, you will need a backpack and your personal sleeping gear (pad, sleeping bag). You will need some cooking equipment, but the troop has stoves and pots if you need to borrow them. You can also borrow a troop tent if you need one. Other equipment is needed, but we'll talk about that at upcoming troop meetings.

Q: What will I eat?

A: You will need to provide and prepare most of your own meals on this trip. You'll need 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners and trail snacks. The troop will provide dinner at a restaurant (probably pizza!) on Monday night. We'll talk about what kind of food is best for the trail at upcoming troop meetings. Bring some money for a quick lunch stop on the way home.

Q: I might get thirsty – how much water should I bring?

A: We'll only be away from pressurized water sources for two of the four nights we'll be camping. On those days, we'll use our water filters to purify water from the available streams and rivers. Don't forget your water bottle.

Q: How long are the hikes? How long will we be paddling?

A: The daily hikes will be 3 miles, 3 miles and 6 miles. While this may not seem like that far, if you're not used to hiking with a heavy pack, it can be strenuous. But don't worry; we'll take lots of breaks. The daily paddles will be 15.5 miles and 10.5 miles. Expect to be on the water about 6 hours the first day and 4 hours the second day.

Q: How much money will I need?

A: You should only need money for one or two food stops. The \$45.00 fee covers the canoe, camping and Monday dinner costs.

Q: What should I do if I want to participate?

A: Just turn in your permission slip(one per Scout), fees and Allegheny Outfitters Release form(one per participant). You may also want to attend the July 9 troop meeting where we will go over required gear and answer any questions you have.

Q: Where can I check out more information if I'm interested?

A: The Internet, of course.

Indian Waters Canoe Link

<http://www.alleghenyindianwaters.com/>

Morrison Trail Link

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/allegheny/recreation/hiking/morrison/>

Buckaloons Link

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/allegheny/recreation/camping/buckaloons/>

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2. I understand and acknowledge that the above list is not complete or exhaustive, and that other risks, known or unknown, identified and unidentified, anticipated and unanticipated, may result in bodily injury, death, illness, or damage to myself, or to others. I expressly accept those risks not specifically listed above as well. My participation in this activity is purely voluntary, no one is forcing me to participate, and I elect to participate in spite of risks.
3. I agree to hold harmless and indemnify AO, its owners, agents and employees for all losses, damages, defense costs, attorney's fees, and any other costs incurred in connection with claims for bodily injury or property damage related to the use of this equipment, except for reasonable wear and tear.
4. I hereby voluntarily release and forever discharge AO from any and all liability, claims, demands, attorneys fees, actions or rights of actions, which are related to, arise out of, or are in any way connected with my participation in this activity and with installation, maintenance, selection, adjustment and/or use of this equipment including specifically but not limited to the negligent acts or omissions of AO, for any and all injury, death, illness, or damage to myself, to my property, or to others.
5. I have not misrepresented to AO my height, weight, age, physical condition, experience or skill.
6. In the event that I file lawsuit against AO, I agree to do so solely in the state of Pennsylvania, and I further agree that the substantive law of that state shall apply in that action without regard to the conflict of law rules of the state.
7. Should it be necessary for AO, or someone on AO's behalf, to incur attorney's fees and costs to enforce this agreement, I agree to pay AO reasonable costs and attorney's fees. I, the undersigned, have carefully read, agreed to, and understand the release agreement above.

Signature _____ Date _____

PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S ADDITIONAL INDEMNIFICATION

(Must be completed for participants under the age of 18)

In consideration of _____ (print names of minors)
("Minor") being permitted by AO to participate in its activities and to use its equipment and facilities, I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless AO from any and all claims which are brought by, or on behalf of Minor, and which are in any way connected with such use or participation of Minor.

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