



# Troop 1983 Big Event

## June 2010



**Event: Whitewater Rafting and Camping Trip**

**Where:** Rafting on Youghiogheny and Cheat Rivers, Ohiopyle, PA (about 3 hours from Oakton)

**When:** Depart: 4:30 pm, **Friday, June 11**, Vale Church  
Return: 2:30 pm, **Sunday, June 13**, Vale Church

**What:** The troop is doing whitewater rafting on the Youghiogheny and Cheat Rivers. We are camping at Benner Meadow Run Campground [www.bennersmeadowrun.com](http://www.bennersmeadowrun.com). On Saturday the scouts will split into three groups (organized by age and experience), and spend the day rafting the Youghiogheny River or Cheat River (dependent on river level). Professional guides from Laurel Highlands River Tours [www.laurelhighlands.com](http://www.laurelhighlands.com) and troop adults will accompany scouts at all times.

We have arranged three whitewater rafting options given the wide range of age and experience in the troop. This activity is open to all parents. Each trip lasts about six hours with lunch included and will begin at 9:30 am. Be sure to note on your registration form your option. Also, all participants must have a signed release form (both Scout and Parent). For those Scouts choosing the Cheat River, you will need to sign both the Cheat and Lower Yough Release forms.

- Beginner:** The middle section of the Youghiogheny River has class I and II rapids that are fun to navigate but not too challenging for the inexperienced paddler. Scouts and adults in four-man rafts will be escorted by guides in kayaks as they take in the scenic beauty of the river valley. All ages may participate.
- Intermediate:** The lower section of the Youghiogheny River contains class III and IV rapids that will provide challenges and excitement but not intimidate those without previous rafting experience. A Laurel Highlands guide will be in each raft to assist and steer the raft. Participants must be at least 11 years old, 5' tall and 90 pounds.
- Advanced:** Older, more experienced scouts may opt for a special trip on the Cheat River in nearby West Virginia. The ever-changing moods of this free-flowing Class III-IV-V river will bring a new challenge to you every time you raft it. A Laurel Highlands guide will be in each raft to assist and steer the raft at each major rapid. Participants must be 14 years or older and in good physical shape. This option is questionable due to current river levels. If the Cheat is closed you will do the Intermediate run.

(For an explanation of whitewater classifications and safety information, be sure to read the Safety Code of American Whitewater [here.](#))

**Food:** Patrols will plan, purchase, and prepare Saturday breakfast & dinner and Sunday breakfast. We will stop enroute to eat on Friday and Sunday.

**Costs:** Intermediate and Advanced Rafting Trips -- \$90; Beginner Trip -- \$50  
Additional Expenses: All scouts and adults can rent an optional wet suit onsite at a cost of approximately \$20. The outfitter advises that wet suits are not required this time of year.

**What to Bring Checklist:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Scout uniform (wear it Friday & Sunday) | <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack or a duffle bag   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Troop t-shirt                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Quick drying t-shirt and bathing suit  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping clothes                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Light Jacket/sweatshirt  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shoes to wear in camp                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Old tennis shoes, water socks or tight-fitting beach shoes that stay on in the water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra set of dry clothes                |   |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal eating utensils, plate, and cup | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag w/ground pad                | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook (if applicable) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight with good batteries           | <input type="checkbox"/> Protractor Compass (optional)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal hygiene items and hand towel    | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket knife (optional)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beach towel (pool at campground)         | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal first aid kit         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eyeglass retainer (for rafting)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Hat (optional)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate rain gear                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterproof camera (optional)   |

**Don't Bring:**

- Military clothing (camouflage)
- MP3 players, Cell phones, Computer games, or other electronic items
- Fireworks, firearms, drugs, alcohol, contraband, etc

**Leadership:** SPL Stephen Axelson & ASM Andy Wescoat

**Permission slip/check:** Email Mike Dawson at [dawsonml@verizon.net](mailto:dawsonml@verizon.net) and your patrol leader if you plan to participate. We need to know exactly how many scouts and parents will be taking part in each of the three trips **no later than the June 7 troop meeting** (preferably before) so that we can cover our guaranteed trip payments, have the right number of guides reserved, and have enough parents available to provide transportation!

**Big Event Coordinator (BEC):** Mr. Mike Dawson, [dawsonml@verizon.net](mailto:dawsonml@verizon.net), (C) 571-233-0771



# Troop 1983 Permission Slip

I give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the **June 11 – 13 Whitewater Rafting.**

I understand the proposed activities, mode of transportation, the leadership accompanying the troop, and all other circumstances related to this Boy Scout experience. I certify that my child, as a member or guest of the troop, is in good health and can participate in all normal activities of the group except as described below.

I understand that reasonable measures will be taken to safeguard the health and safety scouts and of the Troop and that I will be notified as soon as possible in the event of an emergency. In the event of sickness or accident, I authorize calling a doctor and/or providing other necessary medical services.

*I authorize the release of medical or treatment information covered under HIPAA to the scoutmaster, assistant scoutmaster or other registered leader with the troop to assist in assessing and treating my child's health as if I were present, and I authorize them to release such information (including BSA physical examination forms) to medical or emergency authorities as may be necessary for assessing and treating my child's health.*

I understand the proper use of medications is the responsibility of each scout and his parents, and I list below all medications my child is currently taking.

**In case of emergency, I can be reached at the following telephone number(s):**

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(Parent/Guardian Signature)

List any change in Part A, Health History in respect to allergies, medications, limitations, or restrictions, etc. (if none, state "none"):

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