

Adventure Trek 2008, High Desert Challenge

April Newsletter

How is everyone coming getting ready for Adventure Trek? I hope everyone is getting excited. We are just 3 days short of 4 months to the event. I have received very little email or calls on the first newsletter so I assume everything was clear. I sent you a detailed registration spreadsheet to list your youth and adults into. Remember to have it returned to Pat Mead by May 23rd. Having this information is important to our planning. The sooner we know about any with special food needs the better.

Also as another important reminder, all the fees are due by May 30th. If you have any questions about this please contact me. Don't forget about getting those medical forms together. Another needed item is a permission slip. Using the recommended permission slip for a Kodiak event, we have put together a permission slip that we want everyone to use for Adventure Trek 2008. This slip includes a release for photos & video that may be published. Many of our photos will be on Venturing Websites (or like the last event) in Scouting Magazine. BSA now requires a release to use these photos and/or video. The permission slip is attached as a Word document and as a PDF. Please turn these in during check in on August 4th. These will also cover the permission slip requirement for your tour permit.

Since this is a high adventure event, in the next 4 months please make sure your youth are prepared for the biking and hiking events. I highly recommend doing some practice bike rides and some practice hiking with packs (backpacks will be required on both days of backpacking). If you have access to a canoe and can do some practicing that would be great.

Each of you received an email on March 27 about Kodiak and new date for names of leaders that we can train as instructors. As a reminder that new date in April 19. It is important that we receive these names. With Kodiak full incorporated into the event, it might be more appropriate to call the event "Kodiak Adventure Trek 2008 – High Desert Challenge".

There is a change from the March newsletter related to the Saturday schedule. Based on feedback from our rafting folks and fully incorporating Kodiak in to the schedule we made the following change. Group one will raft in the morning, come back to Wasco County Fairground for lunch, attend the closing session of Kodiak, final packing and cleanup and then go home. Group 2 in the morning will complete packing and cleanup, attend the closing session of Kodiak, have lunch and then go rafting in the afternoon. Group 2 will go home after rafting.

Remember to let us know if have access to GPS and if so we would like to what brand and model.

If at any time in the next 4 months you have any questions or concern my team and I will be happy to help. You can contact me at the following:

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I looking forward to the race and meeting all of you. Remember if you have any questions or concerns contact me. More details to follow next month. This document is also attached as a PDF.

Dennis McGary