

HUCK FINN ADVENTURE

Greater Lowell District Spring Camporee June 19 – 21, 2009 Camp Wah-Tut-Ca

Troops and Crews are invited to attend the Greater Lowell District Spring Camporee to be held Friday, June 19 to Sunday, June 21 at Camp Wah-Tut-Ca in Northwood NH. The main event is Saturday and features a fun filled day. Scouts will spend much of the morning designing and lashing a raft, then testing its seaworthiness. Next each raft takes to the water. The crew will travel along the Northwood Lake shoreline of Camp Wah-tut-ca making land at various spots along the way. At each landing there will be activities which are purely for fun.

Registration – Units must register by May 7th roundtable, indicating that they will be attending this camporee and a final headcount of youth attending provided at the June 4th roundtable. All participants must pass the BSA swim test prior to the camporee to be eligible to ride on the raft. For those non-swimmers, every time the raft takes to the water, not all of the crew will be able fit onboard, so some from each raft crew will travel to the next activity by land. We will schedule a couple swim test opportunities and troops are welcome to administer their own.

Required Gear – Each scout on a raft must wear a PFD and a pair of sneakers that they can get wet! If you have your own PFD (lifejacket) please bring it. The camp supply will be taxed to its limits. Those going on the rafts should plan on **NOT** staying dry and should wear quick drying clothes.

Schedule of Events (Overview) -

Friday Night - Arrive, register, and set up camp.

Saturday – Opening 8:30 AM followed by raft crew assignments. The most Senior Scouts with BSA Lifeguard, Lifesaving Merit Badge, Swimming Merit Badge will be assigned the rank of captain or first mate. Much of the morning will be spent constructing the rafts and all the remainder of the day will be spent traveling the shoreline and stopping for adventure. The evening will end with a campfire.

Sunday – There will be no planned activities; troops are free to make their own plans and leave when they wish.

Expectations – All units planning on attending the camporee are expected to have a representative attend the Thursday, May 7th planning meeting at 6:45 pm that will precede the Greater Lowell Roundtable meeting at the LDS Church on Concord Rd in Billerica.

Camping – There is a chance the camp tents will be available but we wont get word till close to the event. An attempt will be made to place the troops in the units they will be staying in during the summer if at all possible and there is a chance you may be sharing a site with another unit.

Cost – The cost for the youth attending will be \$15.00. There will be no cost to the adults attending, **but they are expected to earn their keep by manning the rowboats and running the land activities.**

Meals – Everyone should plan on a brownbag style of lunch. We will all gather at a central location for lunch so the scouts will not need to carry their lunch with them during the morning. Each unit is responsible for planning and preparing all their own meals.

Help Wanted – We are looking for 5 or more BSA or Red Cross Certified Lifeguard, preferable 18 years or older and for 5 or more adults 21years or older who are current on their safety afloat training. If you have these qualifications and want to spend the afternoon on a rowboat watching over the rafts please contact Judy Dedinsky at dedinskyj@aol.com or 978-256-3024.