

Commanders,

Just a little info about the canoe trip. You will be responsible for everything you need for your outpost. We provide canoes if you need them. You must inform us of how many canoes you need. 2 people per canoe. If there are not enough canoes, 3 to a canoe. After breakfast we load up and from the launch point get going down the river. There will be instructions that morning. You need to make sandwiches snacks and drinks for lunch on the river. Use baggies (zip lock) 2 bags. One over the 1<sup>st</sup> one. A cooler with ice will keep everything fresh. Water is better than pop. Rope the cooler into the canoe and also rope the cooler shut so if you flip the canoe you won't lose everything. Everyone will need life jackets. The boys need to wear them on the river. We have them but you can bring them if you want to. We do not want anyone to drown. Your boys need to stay with you on the water. After the day's trip we pull out of the water and do dinner. Next day we go back down the river. Lunch this day as well. Then we pull out. Load up, and head home. You will need a water scooper to bail out the canoe. Cut the top off a plastic bottle. No ramming canoes into each other. Do not flip over any canoe. If you flip your canoe stay with the canoe. Hold on to it and another canoe will help you. Do not chase after paddles. Again stay with the canoe someone will get the paddle.

Boys will need to wear an old pair of shoes (no flip flops or sandals) so they do not step on a sharp object in the water. Bug spray and sun block are needed as well. This will give you an idea of how things go. Questions? Call or e-mail me.

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### **Canoe trip directions:**

Start at rt. 88 north.

Road changes from rt.88, to rt. 358, to rt. 62.

Go to Franklin PA. Follow rt. 8 & 62 north to Oil City (8 miles)

Take rt. 8 bypass north to the 1<sup>st</sup> street light (rt. 227 east)

Go right on rt.227 East 3 miles to Plumber and follow Eagle Rock signs.

When you turn right off rt. 227, go 5.2 miles. The camp is on the right. You cross a guard rail and a sign on the pole (right side) says Simon Lane. (blue and white sign).

Google Maps: search for Simon Lane, Oil City, PA

Pull in and camp on the left in the grass away from the campers. Remember NO FIRES. Be quiet at night showing consideration for the campers there. Remember that we are a guest of Mr. Bills and he does not charge us to stay which is why the trip costs you nothing. Leave the grounds better than you left them. Supervise your boys and do not let them wander out of the camp. Remember this is private property. Have a good time.

### **Using Eagle Rock as base camp.**

#### **To launch up river: (3 to 3 1/2 hr. trip down river)**

Go right out of camp. As soon as the pavement ends go left.

At the fork in the road stay right. (Steward Run road)

At pavement again (golf course) go left on rt. 62 to Tionesta.

Go right across the big cement bridge just past the canoe livery.

Cross the bridge and go right on rt.36 north.

Go 2 blocks to the Midtown Motel on Highland Street. Go right.

Go to the end to the fish museum and you will see the parking and to the right is the launch point.

There are stores and gas stations by the Midtown Motel.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> day directions to canoe pull out spot: (4 1/2 hr. trip down river)**

Left out of camp to rt. 227 west and go left to rt. 8 south.

Take rt. 8 to the rt. 8 & rt. 62 split and go left on rt. 62 north.

Cross the bridge. 1<sup>st</sup> street on the right is Front Street (which is one way.) Go to the next street and turn right.

Look for the sign on the right side that says Marina and turn right.

Go to the end and turn left into the parking lot and launch ramp.