

**Grimes Canoe Trip**

**September 28-29, 2019**

Trip Leader: David Guthrie (david.guthrie@united.net or (615) 390-1180). Call or email with questions.

Location: Grimes Canoe Base, 767 Boy Scout Rd, Flatwoods, TN 37096: Phone: (931) 589-5150

Grimes Canoe Base Director: Jeff Tatum – Cell (931) 628-1888

Directions:

From Nashville take 1-40 West (towards Memphis). Exit at Waverly/Linden - Highway 13 (Exit 143). Turn left (South) on Highway 13. Grimes Canoe Base is 30 miles from the Interstate on your left. There is a wooden sign marking the entrance. Mile Marker 4 on Highway 13. Total drive time = approx. 1hr 45 min.

Departure: Saturday, September 28nd

* **Arrive at the church at 6:30 am**, so we can pack the vehicles and get everyone situated in a vehicle.
* Leave from the church at 7:00 am. Drive to the campground.
* We will stop for breakfast on the way to the Grimes Canoe base, so bring cash. We usually stop at McDonalds’ at Exit 143 off of I-40.

Plan (based on past trips but subject to change):

* Arrive at Grimes Canoe Base around 9:00 am.
* Float from up river to Grimes (without overnight gear) and eat lunch on the river.
* 4-5 pm: arrive at campsite on the river.
* Saturday evening - setup camp and prepare meals (see meal info below)
* Sunday: Prepare breakfast and tear down camp. Continue down the river to exit point.

Meals:

* Scout meals will be prepared by designated Grubmasters, which Mr. Matt Smith & Mr. Guthrie will help assign prior to the trip.
* Grubmasters will bring sack lunches for Saturday lunch on the river and serve Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast at the river campsite.
* Adults will form their own Grubmaster group or prepare their meals individually.

Weather:

* We will monitor the weather closer to our departure date. This is, after all, Tennessee: “if you don’t like the weather, wait a few minutes, and it will likely change.”

Gear:

* Attire: All Leaders & Scouts must wear **“Class B”** shirts. You should bring clothes and shoes that you can get wet on the river. You will need to bring a dry change of clothes and shoes for Saturday night.
* Grimes will provide life jackets, paddles, and canoes.
* We will carry all the camping gear in the canoes, so make sure your gear is packed in waterproof containers to keep it dry (dry sacks, contractor bags, and/or plastic storage containers work well). Keep in mind that your gear needs to be compact and light.
* The campsite has trees for those who would like to bring hammocks, but tents are recommended, for backup if nothing else.

Reminder of things to bring individually or by patrol:

* Individual
* Water bottle(s) and snacks
* Rain gear
* Fishing gear if you want (and license if you need one)
* Sunscreen, hat, and sun glasses (way to secure if you’re concerned about losing)
* Flashlight
* Camping gear: hammock (optional), tent, ground cover, sleeping bag, sleeping pad
* Group:
* 1 or 2 gallons of water for drinking and cooking
* Tarps in case we have to cook in the rain
* Cooler(s)
* Stove, fuel, and matches
* Rope/Twine
* Water filter (for backup)

Cost:

* Bring money for breakfast on Saturday and lunch on Sunday.
* The cost for the canoe rental will be determined and communicated after the trip.
* Grubmasters will need to split their grocery costs across their meal group and let each member of the meal group know what he owes. Plan to communicate this information after the trip.

Return: Sunday, September 29rd

* We normally stop at Sonic in Linden on the way home. Bring cash for this meal.
* 3 pm – approximate arrival back at FHUMC - If there is a change in arrival time, we will have Scouts call with an update.

NOTE from David Guthrie: “We are pleased to have adults attend this trip. I cherish the memorable events and friendships that I have developed over the years. However, adults are only along to enjoy the trip and help when needed. Adults are not along to do the work. That is the responsibility of the Scouts.”