

Troop 188 Mini-High Adventure Trip to the Black Hills of South Dakota August 18 – 21, 2005

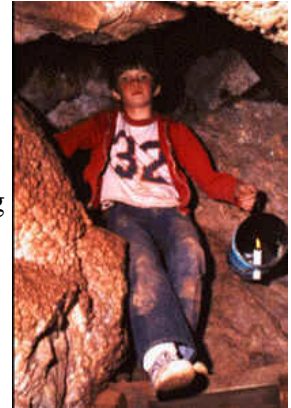


Come take part in the final Troop 188 summer adventure trip of the year. Experience the sights and sounds of the old western frontier that inspire a person to sing “Oh, give me a home, where the buffalo roam, where the deer and the antelope play”.

This trip is open to all scouts in the troop regardless of age or rank. We will be camping in Custer State Park among the largest herd of buffalo to roam freely in the US. We will visit Crazy Horse Mountain where they are currently carving an entire mountain into the shape of the Indian warrior Crazy Horse riding on his trusty steed. After dark we will watch the “Legends in Lights” laser light show using Crazy Horse Mountain as the projection screen.



We will climb Harney Peak (7242 feet above sea level) the highest mountain east of the Rockies where we can get a view of the entire Black Hills region. Then we will crawl through Jewel Cave, the third longest cave in the world, using only the light from a candle bucket, just the way the earlier explorers discovered the cave.



And finally the highlight of the trip will come when we visit Mt Rushmore, where our entire troop will have the privilege in leading the audience in the pledge of allegiance, followed by participating as Saturday nights honor guard while we retrieve the flag from the Rushmore monument during the evening lighting ceremonies.

Trip Itinerary:

Thursday Aug 18

7:00 AM – Leave Linton parking lot

Stop in Guernsey, WY to view Register Cliff and Wagon Rut Hill

Noon – Stop for Subway lunch in Custer

2:30 PM – Arrive at Shady Rest Campsite

2:30 to 5:00 PM - Setup camp, free time, eat dinner, clean up

5:30 PM – 9:30 PM - Crazy Horse Mountain

 Watch 20 minute

 6:30 bus ride to base of mountain

 Visit museum, Laser Light show

10:30 PM - Back at camp, lights out

Friday

6:45 AM – Reveille

7:00 – 7:15 AM - Camp flags, announcements

7:15 – 8:30 AM - Breakfast, cleanup

8:30 – 9:30 AM - Drive Needles Highway to Harney Peak Trailhead

9:30 – 3:00 - Harney Peak Hike (lunch on top)

 Highest Point East of Rocky Mountains 7,242ft.

 The climb is about 6 miles round-trip with an elevation gain of around
 1,500 ft., and should take about 3-5 hrs. total.

4:00 – 10 PM - Back at camp, dinner, free time, camp fire, lights out

Saturday

6:15 AM – Reveille

6:30 – 6:45 AM - Camp flags, announcements

6:45 – 7:30 AM - Breakfast, cleanup

8:30 – 12:00 Jewel Cave Tour

1:00 – 5:30 PM - Back at camp, lunch, free time, dinner

6:30 PM - Arrive at Mt. Rushmore

8:20 PM - Meet Ranger at Amphitheatre

Lead audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, during lighting ceremony

9:30 PM - Retrieve and fold flag

10:00 PM - Leave Mt Rushmore

11:00 PM - Back at camp, lights out

Sunday

6:45 AM – Reveille

7:00 – 7:15 AM - Camp flags,

7:15 – 8:30 AM - Breakfast, cleanup

8:30 – 9:00 AM - Pack the trailer

9:00 AM - Leave for home

Noon – Lunch somewhere on the road

4:00 PM - Arrive in Fort Collins

This trip is expected to cost each person \$45. This will include gas, camp ground fees, entrance to the parks, and caving. It does not include food for patrol meals, souvenirs and two meals on the road. For all scouts and adults that are planning on going on this trip, please plan to pay a deposit of \$20 on Tuesday, August 9 with the remaining \$25 due when we arrive at the Linton parking lot on Thursday, August 18. Also be sure to make arrangements with the person buying the patrol food to make sure that the patrol food expenses are properly taken care of.

Class B uniforms will be required for the ride in the cars to and from the Black Hills. Class A uniforms will be required at Crazy Horse Mountain in order to get free admission. Full dress Class A uniforms will be required for the honor guard ceremony at Mt. Rushmore. This means each scout should be sure to have tan shirt, neckerchief, green pants and any kind of OA or merit badge sash. We want to look our obsolete best while we are at Mt Rushmore.

Low-heeled, rubber-soled shoes or boots, long pants and a light jacket or sweater are recommended for the cave tour. The cave temperature is 49 degrees year-round. Persons who have heart or respiratory problems, or have a fear of heights or closed-in spaces should talk with a park ranger before selecting a tour. The Lantern Tour is a 1930s-style adventure. Visitors enter and leave through the historic entrance and view the cave from an unpaved trail. This tour is considered strenuous. The tour route is approximately 1/2 mile long, and includes steep wooden steps. The only light is provided by a lantern each visitor carries. There is bending and stooping as you work your way through passages to the Dungeon or Heavenly Room. The tour lasts approximately 1-3/4 hours. Participants must be at least 6 years old. There is a limit of 20 persons on each tour.

Any questions regarding this trip can be directed to Mr. Keen at 206-0894.

Permission Slip

As the parent or legal guardian of _____, I hereby give my permission for him to participate in the Troop 188 mini-high adventure trip to the Black Hills of South Dakota on August 18 – 21 2005.

I give permission to the leaders of the above unit to render First Aid, should the need arise. In the event of an emergency, I also give my permission to the attending adults to seek emergency medical treatment, as needed. I further agree to hold the above named unit and its leaders blameless for any accidents that might occur during this outing except for clear acts of negligence.

In case of emergency, I can be reached by phone at _____ .

Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy Number: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent or Guardian)

As a condition of my participation in this activity I agree to conduct myself in a manner consistent with Scouting principles, and to abide by the rules set forth in the Scout Law, Oath, and the Outdoor Code.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Scout)