

Troop 188 San Juan Islands Sea Kayak High Adventure Trip



July 15th through July 22nd, 2007



Trip Requirements:

14 years old, 1st Class, Swimming & Canoeing Merit Badges

This year the scouts have selected sea kayaking in the San Juan islands of Washington as one of their high adventure trips. While several details of the trip will need to be decided by those going on the trip, we are planning on the week of July 15th for 3 days of sea kayaking with Island Outfitters. With opportunities to see orca whales, Dalls porpoises, harbor seals, and bald eagles, this should be a great experience for all. We will be camping on the islands during the evenings and kayaking around them during the day. The kayaks will be tandem sea kayaks, and our guides will teach us the skills and knowledge to navigate the San Juan Islands while experiencing nature upclose.

What needs to be decided? Well first of all, fly or drive. Flying is obviously more expensive (estimated at \$300-\$400), but the drive will require 3 days each way (more that 1300 miles). We also need to figure out what else we want to do there. Three days will be enough kayaking, but not enough for a Troop 188 high adventure. There are a number of other fun activities that we can



do: bicycling around some of the islands, backpacking / camping in the Hoh rainforest or camping on Vancouver Island (Canada eh!). Camping in the rain forest, and Olympic National Park, some of which is along the coast, is a great experience.



There will be some training sessions for the kayak portion of this trip. We will rent kayaks here in Fort Collins, and spend time kayaking at Horsetooth or Boyd Lake. These training sessions will be mandatory, but will be scheduled so that everyone has a chance to attend. If we plan on bicycling we will also need to plan some bicycle training rides too. We might be starting at sea level, but Mt. Constitution goes up to 2409'.

The trip costs will be determined once the above details are figured out. Payment schedule for both scouts and adults is spread out in the following manner:

- \$200 – Due immediately to reserve your spot on the trip
- \$400 – Airfare to Seattle, WA (We should be able to do better than this)
- \$200 – Due June 19th, 2007 to cover food, car rental, ferries, gas, etc.

This trip is limited to 12 scouts and adults, so reservations will be taken in the order in which your initial deposit of \$200 is received. This money will cover the kayak gear and guides, and does not include food. Individuals are responsible for personal gear and camping equipment. You must have your 1st class rank and the required merit badges prior to July 14th in order to come on this trip.

The Troop will need a \$1200 deposit to reserve our trip with Island Outfitters. As soon as we have 6 people signed up, we will book our trip with the outfitters. If you cancel after the trip is booked, you will lose your \$200 deposit.



There will be much more information as we finalize some details and as we get closer to the event. Please contact Steve Urlocker at s.urlocker@comcast.net or at 970.226.1961 with any questions!

