



Troop 695



Eden Prairie, Minnesota

2007 Black Hills Expedition

This Expedition is a fantastic way for younger Scouts in the Troop to experience a bit of high adventure. It is aimed at 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year Scouts (those who are not old enough for the BSA High Adventures such as Northern Tier, Sea Base, and Philmont). This experience will give the Scouts a chance to have fun with fellow comrades and participate in activities that will nearly equal the higher BSA adventures.

The Black Hills Expedition is not solely about sight-seeing and having fun. We intend to create an Expedition for Scouts in which they are able to learn teamwork and leadership. For some, this may be their first experience; for others this may be a chance to practice and reinforce existing skills.

Like the 2005 Expedition, the 2007 Expedition will offer Scouts opportunities for 2nd Class & 1st Class Rank Advancement. Work toward earning Merit Badges such as Camping, Hiking, Cooking, Nature, Astronomy, Geology, Archaeology, and Indian Lore will also be offered. Many of the activities planned for this Expedition are intended to give the boys a great start. A generalized itinerary is included below.

The senior boy leadership and adult leaders in charge of the Expedition pledge the following goals and objectives for the Expedition:

1. Scouts will have fun!!!
2. Scouts will share in various outdoor adventures and explorations
3. Scouts will review current Scouting knowledge
4. Scouts will have the opportunity to apply current Scouting knowledge
5. Scouts will have the opportunities for rank advancement/merit badges
6. Scouts will learn various skills in team-building, communication, and ethics
7. Scouts will learn the basic fundamentals of leadership
8. Scouts will have fun!!!

Dates: June 11, 2007 through June 17, 2007
Cost: \$200.00 (Approximate)
Leave: June 11, 2007; 7:00am (Prairie Lutheran Church)
Return: June 17, 2007; 5:00pm (Prairie Lutheran Church)

What to Do: Commit NOW;
Mark your calendar;
Fill out permission slip with initial \$100 deposit;
Wait for 1st Pre-Expedition Rendezvous

Expedition Itinerary

- Day 1 - Leave EP (early morning departure)
Reach Badlands/Set-Up Camp
Short Evening Hike (Activity 1)
- Day 2 Morning Badlands Hike (Activity 2)
Break Camp/Leave Badlands for Custer SP, Black Hills
Reach Custer SP, Black Hills/Set-Up Camp
Evening Exploration/Activities at Custer SP (Activity 3)
- Day 3 Morning Tour of Mt Rushmore NM/Hike of Presidential Trail (Activity 4)
Lunch with George, Abe, Tom, and Theo
Afternoon visit to Black Elk Wilderness Area/Harney Peak (Activity 5)
Evening Exploration/Activities at Custer SP (Activity 6)
- Day 4 - Morning Tour of Mammoth Hot Springs Site/Archeology MB (Activity 7)
Early Afternoon Tour of Wind Cave NP (Activity 8)
Afternoon Free Time of fishing/water activities at Custer SP (Activity 9)
Evening Exploration/Activities at Custer SP (Activity 10)
- Day 5 - Morning Tour of Jewel Cave NM (Activity 11)
Early Afternoon Service Project (Activity 12)
Hands-On Instruction for Camping, Hiking, and Nature MB (Activity 13)
Afternoon/Evening Free-Time at Custer SP (Activity 14)
- Day 6 - Break Camp/Leave Custer SP, Black Hills
Tour Minuteman Missile Historical Site in Philips (Activity 15)
Reach Split Rock Creek SP/Set-Up Camp
Final Expedition Campfire – Awards and Recognition (Activity 16)
- Day 7 - Break Camp/Leave Split Rock Creek SP
Morning Tour of Pipestone National Monument (Activity 17)
Reach EP (mid/late afternoon arrival)

