



Troop 695

Eden Prairie, Minnesota



2009 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 these 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 Expeditions of 2005 and 2007, the 2009 Expedition will offer Scouts opportunities for 2nd Class & 1st Class Rank Advancement. Work toward earning Merit Badges such as Camping, Hiking, Cooking, Nature, Astronomy, 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 this 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 27, 2009 through July 3, 2009
Cost: \$250.00 (Approximate)
Leave: June 27, 2009; 7:00am (Prairie Lutheran Church)
Return: July 3, 2009; 5:00pm (Prairie Lutheran Church)

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

2009 Black Hills Expedition

General Itinerary

Day 1 (June 27, 2009)

Leave EP (early morning departure)
Reach Badlands/Set-Up Camp
Short Evening Hike/Astronomy MB (Activity #1)

Day 2 (June 28, 2009)

Morning Badlands Hike/Nature MB (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 (June 29, 2009)

Visit to Black Elk Wilderness Area/Harney Peak/Hiking MB (Activity #4)
Evening Exploration/Activities at Custer SP (Activity #5)

Day 4 (June 30, 2009)

Morning Tour of Mammoth Hot Springs Site/Archeology MB (Activity #6)
Afternoon Tour of Mt Rushmore NM/Hike of Presidential Trail (Activity #7)
Dinner with George, Abe, Tom, and Theo
Evening Mt. Rushmore Flag Ceremony by Troop 695 (Activity #8)
Evening Exploration/Activities at Custer SP (Activity #9)

Day 5 (July 1, 2009)

Morning Lantern Tour of Jewel Cave NM (Activity #10)
Hands-On Instruction for Camping/Hiking/Nature MBs (Activity #11)
Afternoon/Evening Free-Time of Fishing/Water Activities at Custer SP (Activity #12)
Final Expedition Campfire - Awards and Recognition (Activity #13)

Day 6 (July 2, 2009)

Break Camp/Leave Custer SP, Black Hills
Reach Split Rock Creek SP/Set-Up Camp
Evening Exploration at Split Rock Creek SP/Astronomy MB (Activity #14)

Day 7 (July 3, 2009)

Break Camp/Leave Split Rock Creek SP
Early Morning Service Project (Activity #15)
Morning Tour of Pipestone National Monument/Indian Lore MB (Activity #16)
Reach EP (mid/late afternoon arrival)



Troop 695 Campout

Month: June 27 - July 3, 2009
Camp Description: 2009 Black Hill Expedition
Sponsoring Patrol: 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Year Scouts of Troop 695
Theme: High Adventure Trip for Younger Scouts
Camp Location: Badlands NP (SD), Custer SP (SD), and Split Rock Creek SP (MN)
Campout Date(s): Saturday, June 27 2009 through Friday, July 3, 2009
Load at: 6:30 am at Prairie Lutheran Church
Depart at: 7:00 am
Return to: Prairie Lutheran Church
Return date & time: Friday, July 3 between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
Cost for Scout: \$250.00 **Cost for parent (if any):** \$0.00
Additional Information: The only requirement is Scout PMA (Positive Mental Attitude) and a willingness to have fun.

Please return lower portion to Mark Fairbrother no later than the Tuesday, April 20th Troop meeting!

If you have further questions, please contact Mark Fairbrother at 952.239.4603 or email at mark.fairbrother@dot.state.mn.us.

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Troop 695 2009 Black Hills Expedition Campout Permission Slip

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>write Scout's name here</i></p> <hr/> <p>WILL be attending this campout. His health history has not changed since the submission of his last medical form that is currently on file with Troop. He understands the Troop rules of conduct at campouts and will call his parents to pick him up at camp to be taken home if he does not abide by these rules.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>write your name here if you will be attending this campout</i></p> <hr/> <p>WILL be attending this campout.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Scout Fee:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Scout Account</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check (no cash)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Parent Fee (if any):</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">TOTAL AMOUNT PAID BY CHECK: \$</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div>
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Can parent drive?

Yes, and I can take passengers in addition to my son(s)
 No Only if needed

If you are traveling separately, when are you arriving? _____ departing? _____

Parent's Signature (permission): _____ Date: ____/____/____