

White Water Rafting High Adventure

Deschutes River 2020

To All Scouts and Parents in Girls Troop 20,

The Deschutes River '20 trip will be Saturday, August 1 to Sunday, August 9, 2020. As in years past, we will raft over 100 miles in five days. The Deschutes offers world-class fly fishing along with the consistency of dam controlled whitewater rapids. This has proven an excellent introductory trip for Scouts with an opportunity to earn merit badges for kayaking, rafting, and the 50 Miler. This year, Andrew Hopkins and Laura Zung will lead the trip with their Scouts, Beatrix and Isabel.

We will take a morning flight to Portland on Saturday, August 1 and visit a local attraction before heading to stay at the Timberline Lodge where we will stay for the first two nights. While there, we will plan to do a hike on the Pacific Coast Trail. We will then head over to the Deschutes River to raft and camp with the Sage Canyon River Company in Maupin, OR. This outfitter has managed the trip in years past. We will spend five days on the river and five nights camping to achieve the "50 miler" recognition. Scouts will have numerous responsibilities, but much of the daily process will be aided by the experience of the guides. This makes the Deschutes trip an ideal introduction to rafting, kayaking, and fishing. Our final evening will be back at the Timberline Lodge for one night to take in some final mountain views and other local attractions before departing Portland on Sunday, August 9.

Much of the land is protected by Warm Springs Indian reservation. The beauty of Oregon and the protected lands ensure great views and countless areas to explore. On the river portion of the trip, Scouts will have the opportunity to sleep outside under the stars, kayak and drift calmer waters, experience higher-class rapids, discover, and explore.

There will be some preparatory activities to make sure that girls are ready for the trip, which may include a visit to the Skokie Lagoons as well as a couple planning meetings for participants. Dates will be advised.

The trip cost with flights, meals, and licenses is estimated to be between \$1800 and \$1950; airfare is the biggest variable followed by any lodge accommodations. An initial nonrefundable deposit of **\$900** is due by **January 13, 2020** and a second payment will be due April 13, 2020. A final payment may be needed after the trip depending on actual costs. Please note that external events may necessitate changes in trip itinerary, travel arrangements or planned activities that are beyond our control.

Please reach out if you have any questions about the trip and we look forward to an exciting time with our Scouts!

Kind Regards,

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August 1 - 9

Level: Introduction

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This trip will be tailored for 11+ year Scouts who have beginner level high adventure experience, no white water rafting, no hiking and introductory camping experience.

We will provide instruction in organizing gear, ensuring wilderness safety, reading topographic maps, cooking on the river, and operating as a crew. The program will culminate with seven days of high adventure in and around the wilderness areas of western Oregon's high desert.

The Deschutes River offers a beautiful desert canyon filled with sagebrush, osprey, incredible basalt rock formations and exciting class II & IV rapids.



The Deschutes is known as the "mini-Grand Canyon."

\$1,900 approx.
All Inclusive



August 1 - 9 
White Water Rafting

- 5/6 nights camping, 2/3 nights in lodge/hotel
- 5 days river rafting covering 100 miles
- Fishing
- Kayaking
- Hiking



Trip Leaders: Andrew Hopkins (hopkinstroop20@gmail.com) and Laura Zung (lzung@zung.org) are leading, the introductory High Adventure trip. We leave Chicago (ORD) in the morning on August 1 and arrive in Portland (PDX) by early afternoon; we depart Portland (PDX) on August 9 in the morning and arrive back in Chicago (ORD) in the evening. In true Troop 20 fashion, Scouts will experience the wilderness, work as a team, and build scouting skills while creating memories.

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\$900.00 deposit due to Andrew Hopkins no later January 6, 2020, Troop Meeting. *Please make checks payable to Troop 20. Please add on memo line: Girls Deschutes Trip 2020.*

We are interested in joining the 2020 Deschutes Rafting Trip:

Deposit (\$900.00 each)

Scout Name 1: _____

Scout Name 2: _____

Parent Name: _____

Total: _____