

Voyageur Trace District BSA Presents



Chicago Portage Adventure

Adventure Day IV

April 22-23

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Sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County

Join Voyageur Trace District for our fourth annual **Adventure Day**, canoeing on the Des Plaines River from Stoney Ford (FPDCC) in Lyons to Columbia Woods (FPDCC) in Willow Springs on a **Voyage to discover Chicago's beginnings!**

- Meet at Stony Ford Canoe Ramp and drop off scouts @ 7:00 AM. Cars may then be taken to Columbia Woods where a bus will be available to return drivers to Stony Ford.
- All canoeists **MUST HAVE CURRENT** (within 12 months) BSA SWIMMER CERTIFICATION.
- Registration by unit, At least one Adult per 10 Scouts. **Cost to be announced.**
- Bring your own Canoes / Kayaks (paddles and lifejackets) or reserve rental canoes for an additional fee (t.b.d.) Number of canoes available may be limited.
- Bring meals, extra clothes in waterproof bags, Sunscreen.
- Camp at Columbia Woods (w/Friday Night April 22 camping option!) **No Ground Fires!**
- Optional 5 mile Hike opportunity (instead of Saturday Canoe)
- Optional **Sunday** Canoe trip for more advanced scout canoers  
Columbia Woods to Historic Isle a la Cache (12mi)

Explore, by Canoe, the Path that Joliet and Marquette took (8mi)

Discover the origins of America's most famous Highway

Visit the birthplace of Chicago

Meet 17<sup>th</sup> Century French Voyageurs

Paddle a 34ft Fur trade Canoe built by Chicago's Ralph Frese

See the Canals that fueled Chicago's rise,

Meet a 19<sup>th</sup> Century Canal Tender

Visit The Santa Fe Prairie restoration

Do a Conservation Service Project: Earn some hours!

Learn how you and your unit can do more in and for our Forest Preserves at the Columbia Woods Information Midway featuring the new Scout Conservation Corps, Hornaday Award Program, the I & M Canal Corridor, and much more!

Camping and Canoeing qualifies for **Camping Merit Badge Req. 9.B option 4**

Saturday program covers **American Heritage M.B. Req. 4, Citizenship in the Nation M.B. Req. 2.A,** and partially covers **Citizenship in the Community M.B. Req. 7.**

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