

# X-TREME X-PEDITION '09 UPDATE #7

June 3, 2009

## NEWS

- Saturday, June 27, we will be at Vince's cottage at 65536 E. Peninsula Dr. on Shavehead Lake in Michigan all day. Plan to arrive by 9 AM (map on back). Let me know if you need a ride. It is important that we have everyone in attendance to determine canoe partners and practice different strokes with your actual partner. Bring/wear your bathing suit and have a change of clothes. Bring a PFD if you have one even if you're not taking it to Maine. Bring ALL of your gear – no excuse not to have it all by then. We will actually be packing EVERYTHING and figuring out what we can ship to the outfitter ahead of our flight.
- Go to [troop122.net](http://troop122.net) and click on the backpack for XX to get this update, the Gear List, forms, etc.
- Please fill out the Sunrise forms you were given a while back or you can get them from the website. (They are fillable pdf's on the website which are easier to fill out than by hand.) Fill out the Agreement pages 1 & 2 and sign page 2. Scouts under 18 must also have a parent fill out and sign the bottom of page 2. Fill out the Gear Option List. Remember that you are not bringing a tent or paddle and are only bringing a PFD if it's been approved by me.

## FUNDRAISING

Only 2 to go!

Here are the details for our known fundraisers. **PLEASE PUT THEM ON YOUR CALENDAR!** There aren't very many of us so it really hurts if someone is missing. We'll need some family members, too.

Jun 5 & 6	Rummage Sale	Fri, 3 – 10 PM; Sat, 7 AM – 5 PM
Jun 23	Meijer Picnic Setup	4:30 – 8:30 PM at St. Patrick's Park

## GEAR

Gear included for all in the trip cost:

- Chota Quetico Trekker boots (need your shoe size)
- 2 Lightload towels (like handi-wipes)
- 2 16 oz. Nalgene bottles (or one if this is not your first trip)
- 1 great LED headlamp
- Spare LED flashlight

Please check out the Gear List. Only items in the Optional section are optional! If you want to bring an item that's not on the list you have to have it approved. Space is limited in luggage, canoes, and kayaks. You'll be amazed what you don't need. Please ask questions about gear if you're not sure. Especially if you have to buy something – I can probably save you money.

Our goal for having all of our gear together is be June 27, our practice canoeing day. You must bring your gear that day so it can be packed. Past experience shows that poor gear choices cause problems for the whole group, not just you.

We will be providing a heavy duty plastic bag (from Sawbill for those who know) and all of your canoeing/kayaking gear must fit in the bag except the clothes you're wearing, your rain gear, fishing gear, sleeping bag and pad, and items you need during the day like sunscreen.

## CURRENT ITINERARY

Friday, July 17, 2009.....8:45 AM Meet at the South Bend Regional Airport for our 10:15 AM flight to Bangor, Maine via Detroit on Northwest Airlines. We arrive in Bangor at 3:37 PM and will have our own shuttle bus from West's Bus Service to Machias, about 1½ hours. We will be camping this night at the Sunrise Canoe and Kayak home base. Either pizza or Subway for dinner. [www.sunrisecanoeandkayak.com](http://www.sunrisecanoeandkayak.com)

Saturday, July 18.....After breakfast we'll head out for 4 days of whitewater canoeing on the St. Croix River. It forms the eastern border of Maine and New Brunswick, Canada, is on the west side of the river. We may camp in Canada one night! Fishing for bass; watching for moose, eagles, bear; exploring the Maine and Canadian woods; running the rapids!

Tuesday, July 21.....Finish canoeing in the early afternoon. We will be camping this night back at the Sunrise base. Either pizza or Subway (whichever we didn't have on Friday) for dinner. We may have some time this night to pick up some souvenirs. Sunrise will provide breakfast.

Wednesday, July 22.....Head to our kayaking put-in this morning. Spend the next 3 days exploring Machias Bay and the Maine coast in kayaks. We may or may not be moving our camp for these two nights.

Friday, July 24.....Finish kayaking. Head to the Machias Motor Inn for a much-needed and well-deserved shower! [www.machiasmotorinn.com](http://www.machiasmotorinn.com)

.....We'll eat a great home-cookin' dinner at Helen's Restaurant which has award-winning blueberry pies – Steven King has had pie there! [www.helenspies.com](http://www.helenspies.com)

.....Souvenir shopping! Probably Saturday morning, too.

Saturday, July 25.....Leave about 12:30 PM on our shuttle bus back to Bangor for the 4:00 PM Northwest flight. We should arrive in South Bend about 8:05 PM after a layover in Detroit. Since we're leaving Bangor a little later we'll try to include a great local brunch in our budget!

- County Line Rd. north to end at Redfield Rd.
- Right on Redfield Rd. – merge onto US 12 after 4-way stop at Cassopolis St.
- Left on Calvin Center Rd.
- Right on Chain Lake St. to end at Union Rd.
- Right on Union then quick left on N. Peninsula Dr.
- Turn right on E. Peninsula Dr.
- 65536 on mailbox on left, brick and white

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