

X-TREME X-PEDITION '11 UPDATE #1

March 3, 2011

NEWS

- Some of you may not know our exact destination for our backpacking trip this summer. You can find out more about Willmore Wilderness Park at <http://raysweb.net/willmore/pages/raystrips.html>. See the map on the next page to get an idea of where in the world it is!
- We need to schedule some get-togethers for various things we have to do before the trip. Everyone **MUST** be at these meetings! The first meeting will be to discuss our route and look over the maps, talk about gear and find out what is still needed, go over all of the wilderness camping info you need to know including grizzly bears and wilderness first aid. The second meeting will be taste testing all of the possible food choices for the trip! Come hungry! The third meeting (either 6/25 or 6/26) will be to repack and pack all of the food. The fourth and final meeting (either 7/9 or 7/10) will be to pack all of the food, personal items, and group gear into our backpacks. At the end of this meeting we should be ready to get on the plane!
- Parents, we will need a volunteer to drive us to the airport in Grand Rapids at 6 AM on 7/16 and a volunteer to pick us up at 7 PM on 7/24. Can be the same person or two different people. We need to know ahead of time so we can have your name added to the approved driver list for the bus. We'll need a copy of your driver's license.
- As always, please email or call if you have questions! 574-315-6253, troop122@comcast.net

FUNDRAISING

Only 4 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.

March 26	Port-A-Pit #1	9 AM - ? (some help setting up at 8 AM)
April 2	Port-A-Pit #2	9 AM - ? (some help setting up at 8 AM)
June 1	Sunburst Bags	4:30 – 8:30 PM
June 3 & 4	Rummage Sale	Fri, 5 – 10 PM; Sat, 7 AM – 5 PM

GEAR

Gear included for all in the trip cost:

- Hiking boots (you should be breaking them in)
- Backpack
- Rain gear
- Walking stick
- Sleeping Bag (if you needed one)
- Sleeping Pad (if you needed one)
- 2 Lightload towels (like handi-wipes)
- 2 16 oz. Nalgene bottles (or one if this is not your first trip)
- Zip-off pants
- Hiking socks and liners
- 1 LED headlamp
- Spare LED flashlight
- Matches, Lighter
- Small first aid kit
- Compass
- Emergency poncho
- Whistle
- Emergency blanket

A personal gear list of items you need to bring on the trip will be provided before or at our first meeting. Any gear on the above list that you don't already have will be handed out at our first meeting, too. Then we'll figure out what people still need.

CURRENT ITINERARY

Saturday, July 16, 6:00 AM

Meet at the church to drive to Grand Rapids for our 10:25 AM Air Canada flight to Edmonton, Alberta via Toronto, Ontario. We arrive in Edmonton about 5:00 PM and will have our own shuttle bus from to our trailhead at Rock Lake, northwest of Hinton, AB. The drive will be about 4 hours! We will be camping this night at Rock Lake. We will stop for dinner along the way.

July 17 – 23

Backpack throughout the Eagle's Nest Pass area about 13 miles from our trailhead at Rock Lake. We'll have 3 full layover days during the week for exploring, climbing, etc.

Saturday, July 23

Return to the Rock Lake trailhead by late morning to be picked up by our shuttle. Head back to Edmonton for much-deserved showers and a great meal. We'll spend the night at a local hotel!

Sunday, July 24

Shuttle to the airport for our 8:00 AM flight back to Grand Rapids via Toronto. We will arrive in Grand Rapids about 7:00 PM.

WHERE WE'RE GOING!

