

Greetings – We are sending this message out to update you on some changes in our weekend camping schedule.

Instead of leaving for camp on Friday, September 30th, we will be departing from the cabin on **Saturday morning, October 1st, at 7:30 AM SHARP!** Further, we are changing our itinerary from backpacking on Saturday to day-hiking on Saturday. Assuming that the weather cooperates, we will still canoe on Sunday, October 2nd.

This change in our itinerary means the following revisions to our schedule:

1. The **Thursday, September 29th packing meeting at the Cabin is cancelled.** All campers should pack their gear in a duffle bag instead of a backpack. **Line your duffle bag with a trash bag to help ensure that your gear stays dry.**
2. On **Friday evening, September 30th, Patrol Leaders and the SPL should report to the Cabin at 6:00 PM.** We will be making packed lunches for campers at this session. We will also pack canoes and strap them down. We should be done by 7:30 PM on Friday night.
3. We will **meet at the Cabin on Saturday morning, October 1 to head to our camping destination at Delaware Recreation Area. Arrive early for a 7:30 AM departure.**
4. **All campers must bring a day pack and bring at least two liters (roughly, two quarts) of water in suitable containers for drinking on the hike.** Pack a rain jacket in your day pack. Bring a pack cover or make one from a trash bag as the forecast is for rain on Saturday.
5. **There will only be ONE HIKE. The hike will be about 9.5 miles in length.** Given that we will only be carrying day packs with minimal personal gear, we are confident that all participants will be able to complete this hike.
6. **We still plan to canoe on Sunday.** If there is too much rain on Saturday or if the adult leaders otherwise determine that we cannot canoe safely under the conditions on Sunday, we will either do another small hike from camp OR we will break camp and return home.

A hallmark of Scouting is our motto: **Be Prepared.** We have fashioned a strong alternative to our original itinerary, and we still expect that this will be a GREAT trip! We encourage you to come and plan to enjoy the challenge and the comradery.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks

- Mr. D; Dr. Motel; Mr. Bennett