

Join Troop 78 for Boots and Paddles Backpacking/Canoeing Trip September 30 – October 2, 2022

Please join us for our inaugural “Boots and Paddles” camping trip from Friday, September 30th to Sunday, October 2nd, 2022. As always, Scout’s dads/male guardians and visiting Webelos accompanied by a father or male guardian are welcome to join us.

Plans, which are still being finalized as we go to press with the Newsletter, call for the Troop to camp at the AMC Mohican Outdoor Center (<https://www.outdoors.org/destinations/new-jersey-and-new-york/mohican-outdoor-center/>) in Blairstown, New Jersey on Friday evening. The Center is right off the Appalachian Trail. On Saturday morning, we will backpack from the Center to Worthington State Forest (<https://nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/worthingtonstateforest.html>) in Columbia, New Jersey. To get to Worthington, we are planning hikes along the AT of two different lengths – a shorter challenge hike for younger and less-experienced backpackers, and a longer hike for more the more experienced crew. Both hikes will feature great views and wonderful vistas, and will culminate with a trek around Sunfish Pond (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sunfish_Pond), which is a scenic, spring-fed glacial lake close to our Saturday evening campsite.

On Sunday, we will stash our packs on the Troop bus and canoe from our campsite at the Delaware Water Gap down the Delaware River for a great half-day of paddling. When we reach our takeout point, we will stow the canoes on our trailer and head back to the Cabin.

Typically, the Troop does not pair our backpacking trip with a canoe trip. But if you’ve ever considered going on our Canada canoeing trip, “Boots and Paddles” will give you a taste of the great adventure that awaits you in Algonquin Provincial Park. A handout and permission slip will be available at an upcoming meeting but **mark your calendars now** for this “Don’t miss” adventure with Troop 78. After the trip, there will only be two kinds of Scouts in the Troop: Those who did the trip and are happy they did; and those who missed the trip and wished that they hadn’t! Which group will YOU be in?