



Troop 45

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Tetons Update

Departure on the Tetons Expedition is now only a month away. Most of the major preparation items and a myriad of associated details are now taken care of (you can thank Shirley Morris), but there are a few issues remaining and some areas of known confusion. Herewith for your information, contemplation, and action, some items of Teton interest:

Travel to Boston. Gregg Hoge is meeting this challenge by arranging a charter with Dartmouth Mini-Coach. If you'd like to join that group, please contact Gregg. The more the merrier (and cheaper).

Parking Limitations. The Park Service strictly limits parking at Colter Bay. If you are planning to have a vehicle, please let Shirley Morris know soon. We may need to ask some families to double up on cars, and we'll want to do this as early as possible.

Backpacking. Gregg Hoge and Michael Ward are still sorting out the logistics of the Tetons backpacking trip--which is looking more and more like three separate excursions. If you are planning to participate, please try to join the troop backpacking outing planned for the weekend of 11-12 July. Backpacking in the Tetons, with its challenges of elevation, snow cover, terrain, and weather is not to be undertaken lightly. The shakedown will be an opportunity to sort out many issues of equipment, technique, and organization.

Raft Trip Waivers. If you are going on a raft trip (this is just about everyone), please complete the enclosed form and return it to Shirley Morris as soon as possible.

Supervision. In planning your family's activities, please keep in mind that the Scoutmasters cannot be responsible for non-scouts, and only take direct responsibility for scouts during scheduled troop activities.

Decorum and Expectations. Throughout the expedition, I hope that all of us, scouts and non-scouts alike will remember that this is a Boy Scout operation, and that we will conduct ourselves according to the principals and practices of Scouting. To wit:

We will wear the uniform correctly whenever traveling or appearing in public as a group. Yes, this includes lunch at McDonald's and viewing Old Faithful.

The Scoutmasters are in charge. Junior leaders will be responsible for daily operations including morning flags, evening flags, and campfire.

The Scout Law is the law of the Expedition. "A Scout is Trustworthy" means that we will strive to comply fully with the regulations and procedures of the airline and the park. "A Scout is Courteous" means that we will keep in mind that we are surrounded by others seeking tranquillity in a place of peace and beauty.

Be prepared.