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Today!**

ADVENTURE

July 7-13, 2016

Deposits now being accepted for our Swampbase High Adventure Trek. Total cost is \$800 if paid by early bird deadline of December 31st. Regular fee after December 31st is \$850. Contingent will be limited to a maximum of 7 youth (with one 18-20 year old) and 4-5 adults. Immediate deposit of \$100 is required to secure consideration.

Swamp Base currently offers a 61.6-mile high adventure canoe trek over 6 days/6 nights. The trek includes challenging tests of endurance and survival skills with specific lessons about the environments, cultures, and communities of the Atchafalaya.

- Paddle an average of 15.4 miles a day in our first-class Wenonah 16'9" canoes!
- Join your crew's fully trained Trek Guide for the entirety of the journey.
- Introduce yourself to Louisiana's unique cultures at the Vermilionville Folklife Park.
- Come to understand the importance of our nation's largest wetland ecosystem while staying on board the Swamp Base houseboats.
- Face the elements, and test your willingness to survive a night in the swamp at primitive Rougarou Island.
- Experience how local communities have lived on the water at Island Outpost by fishing, paddling, cooking, and recreating like the Cajuns, Creoles, and Natives of South Louisiana.
- Fly through the swamp on an airboat!

Trek Schedule:

Arrival Day/Day 1

Meet at Vermilionville in Lafayette, LA at 2:00 pm

Arrival Night 1 – Spent in Lafayette, LA at University of Louisiana at Lafayette dorms

Program - Trek preparation/Gear shakedown

Day 2

Depart from trailhead at Bayou Courtableau; Paddle 19.3 miles through the Indian Bayou Area

Night 2 –Houseboats at “Dark Forest” in the Henderson Swamp

Program - Connection to the Wetlands

Day 3

Paddle 10.3 miles through Bayou Berard to Rougarou Island in Catahoula, LA; Airboat ride through Henderson Swamp; 900' long Henderson Portage

Night 3 – Hammocks on Rougarou Island

Program - Short-term Swamp Survival

Day 4

Paddle 14.4 miles through cypress swamps and Lake Dauterive

Night 4 – Cabins on 24 acre Island Outpost

Program - Laissez les bon temps rouler!

Day 5

Rest from paddling

Night 5 – Cabins on 24 acre Island Outpost

Program - Living off the Swamp

Day 6

Paddle 17.6 miles through Lake Fausse Pointe and Grand Lake; 550' long Grand Avoille Cove Portage; Exit Atchafalaya at trail end, Myette Point

Night spent in Lafayette, LA at University of Louisiana at Lafayette dorms

Program - Patch ceremony & final meal

Departure Day

Leave Lafayette for home. Check-out is by 9:00 am.



Eligibility for all participants (youth and adult): 1. Must be a registered Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venture Scout, Sea Scout, or adult leader. 2. Must be 14 years old on or before December 31st of the participating year. Age requirements for the Swamp Base cannot be relaxed. Please do not request or expect exceptions. All youth participants are required to present proof of age before participating in the program. (Appropriate ID includes one of the following: ☑ School photo ID ☑ Copy of a birth certificate ☑ Passport ☑ Valid government-issued ID Those individuals who do not meet the minimum age requirements or do not present appropriate ID will be sent home, no exceptions. Help prevent a tragedy by adhering to the age policy and by bringing proper proof of age. 3. Must pass the BSA Swim Test before arrival. 4. Must be in good health evidenced by a BSA Annual Health and Medical Record filled out and signed by your doctor within the past 12 months. Only the most current BSA Health and Medical Record will be accepted. 5. Must know and use the Scout Oath and Law as their guide to appropriate behavior during their trek. Swimming Ability: All participants (youth and adults) are required to pass the standard BSA Swim Test before arriving at Swamp Base. Swamp Base requires that all participants pass the BSA Swim Test as a “Swimmer” or “Beginner.” Those only passing the test as a “Learner” will not be able to participate. SWIMMERS must demonstrate the following: Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, and begin swimming. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl (no dogpaddle); then swim 25 yards using an easy, resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be completed in one swim without stops and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating for one minute.