



HRCC NEWS

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THIS YEAR'S TRIP DATES

Administrative Day
Wednesday 8/24
2005

HRCC Canoe Trip
Thursday 8/25 -
Sunday 8/28
2005

AND THE SURVEY SAYS...

DING! JARVIS ISLAND!

Greetings once again, Hogs! Well, the June 1st deadline has come and gone. By a unanimous vote of 11 to 0, the actively voting half of our members has decided to move a good hunk of our trip downriver! Jarvis Island, here we come! If you didn't vote but still want to... tough shit, too late.

Now that it's official and all, it's time to make preparations for our modified trip. Basically what will be different is that we will lose the amenities of Wilgus after Friday morning. There will not be a nice warm shower, or running water, or pre-built lean-tos to sleep in. But these things are easily overcome. We'll take our baths, haul our water, and pitch our tents.

I teased in the last letter about us being cut off from our usual hourly trips to the packy for beer and cigs. The real difference will be that everybody will have to get in a boat and go across the channel before we'll be able to drive to any stores. We're really only going to be about three miles farther away from everything than we already are at Wilgus. No biggie, eh?

However, there will be repercussions for any Rookies who will be in attendance <evil laugh>. Recent years at the posh Wilgus Resort and Spa have proven to be very easy on Rookies. At the island they will once again resume their responsibilities of gathering the Hog Fire wood and swabbing the watercraft. "But what happens if there are no Rookies?" No worries, Mate. Rookies are Rookies until there are new Rookies... just ask Mark how many years he got to be a Rookie. No wonder he's Rookie Master now!

Now our collection of shiny satellite photos is cool and all, but the CIA might tell us that there's no substitute for a man on the ground. So, a human intelligence mission is in the planning stage and will be carried out forthwith (whenever the hell that is). I and any willing volunteers will make a trip to Weathersfield Bow to assess our access possibilities at the Bow. We will also approach what landowners we can find about the idea of parking vehicles in crop plots along the river. We might even be able to get actual permission to park in somebody's cornfield to avoid getting our vehicles towed away to Bubba's Chop Shop and Impound Yard.

Redundant, but important things to keep in mind:

- There are no lean-tos. Each member must make arrangements for his own shelter.
- There is no running or potable water. We must bring our own so there will be a limited supply. Use sparingly.
- There is no ice machine. Good coolers make for happy beers. Buy cold / keep cold uses less ice.
- We can burn things. Yes Deano, you can burn things too. (Dean almost burned down my house once...)
- Courtesy of the *Disposable Heroes*, we'll be able to shoot at each other.
- Fireworks, potato cannons, lesser explosives... <smile>
- We can use chainsaws for fire wood. All Rookies rejoice. It sucks cutting 5 cord with a bow saw and hatchet.
- If we're really nice we might be able to get Moose to bring his generator (for night horseshoes).
- There is no escape from this island. Noone has ever escaped. Face that fact and serve your time and with good behavior you'll be out before you know it. (Oh, wait... wrong movie... sorry...)

On the back I've included a screen shot of the equipment list that is posted on the website. It gives everyone a good idea of the things that they might wish to bring with them... Hell, bring whatever you feel like. I've slept under a tarp before. Comfort is in the mind of the drunken... er... yeah, whatever.

Oh yeah, please remember to send your dues! \$75 this year...

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at 508-886-7107 or by e-mail at occo@verizon.net. If I know the answer I'll tell you. If not I'll make something up that sounds really really good.

See you on the river.... *Andy*

"Then did the Hogs raise their voices in unison proclaiming unto the world, "We shall go forth upon this river and once again make it our own!" And so they did. And seeing this, all of the fishes and eagles and beavers and skunks and mosquitoes and natives and cattle did bow their heads in praise... for it was good."

Excerpt from the Book of Hog
Chapter 29 : Verse 13

THE HOG RIVER CANOE CLUB

Shit Happens!

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Individual Checklist

The purpose of this Individual Checklist is to give Members a helpful reminder of the things they should bring (or not bring) on the trip to make it as comfortable and enjoyable as possible. The club provides all meals and, through the generosity of the members, most of the needed equipment. Individual members are responsible for providing their own sleeping arrangements (although a limited number of lean-to spots are normally available, don't count on them) and recreational consumables (beer, snacks, beer, soda, beer, etc.).

The general rule for non-essential items is... bring anything you think will be fun to have, but don't bring anything that you would be upset about if it were to be smashed to bits or sent to the bottom of the river. Mind you, Hogs don't go about wreaking havoc on everything in sight, but shit happens.

Clothing:

- ◆ Hog River Hats & Shirts
- ◆ Shorts / Bathing Suit
- ◆ Extra Socks
- ◆ Boots / Sneakers
- ◆ Extra "River" Shoes
- ◆ Jacket / Sweatshirt
- ◆ Rain Gear
- ◆ Long Pants

Personal:

- ◆ Sun Glasses
- ◆ Sun Block
- ◆ Towels
- ◆ Bug Spray
- ◆ Bathroom / Shower Items
- ◆ Aspirin / Alka Seltzer etc.

Equipment:

- ◆ Sleeping Bag
- ◆ Air Mattress / Pad
- ◆ Waterproof Bag
- ◆ Flashlight
- ◆ Pocket Knife
- ◆ Fishing Gear & Bait
- ◆ Cooler
- ◆ Lighter / Matches
- ◆ Lantern & Mantels
- ◆ Tent
- ◆ Ground Cover
- ◆ Extra Blankets
- ◆ Pillow
- ◆ Lawn Chair

General:

- ◆ Drivers - Extra Keys
- ◆ Money (Cash)
- ◆ Special Snacks
- ◆ Beverages
- ◆ Camera
- ◆ Entertainment Items

Bring On the River At Your Own Risk:

Certain items should be left at camp if at all possible:

- ◆ Wallets
- ◆ Keys - If You're not driving
- ◆ Anything else that you don't want WET, DIRTY, BROKEN or LOST.

Certain things should not be brought at all:

- ◆ Weapons of mass destruction
- ◆ Assholes (the bigger than an orifice type)
- ◆ Any living thing not manufacturing its own testosterone
- ◆ Grossly illegal items that are not easily concealed