

First Parish Church of Stow and Acton
2013 Camping and Canoe Trip July 19-21, 2013
Information Sheet

Welcome to our year 2013 First Parish Church summer trip!

Introduction

This is the 29th annual camping and canoe trip and the eighteenth on the Battenkill. We are camping and canoeing from Battenkill Riversports and Campground on Route 313 near Cambridge in New York State near the Vermont state line. Pets are not allowed on the campsite. For more Battenkill Riversports information:

<http://www.brsac.com/riversports.html> 1-518-677-8868 / 1-800-676-8768

Canoes & Kayaks

You can rent or bring your own equipment. Those renting canoes and/or kayaks will also be provided with paddles and life preservers. Children's sizes are available. The kayaks are singles or double. There is a limit of two people per canoe. One small child up to 50lbs can be included in a canoe with two adults. This limit is to protect the rented canoes from being damaged at shallow spots along the river. We can arrange space for spare kids, singles etc.

Those with their own canoes can collaborate with one or more buddies so that you can transport your canoe and passengers to the put-in spot, return to the camp site, leave one car there and then return with both drivers in another car. Try to leave the minimum number of vehicles at the put-in spot. The locals do not like lots of vehicles parked there. Or, Battenkill Riversports will shuttle your canoe for a fee. Sign up for this service **in advance**.

Schedule

Friday, July 19th

We suggest that you travel to the Battenkill Riversports and Campground on Friday night. It takes about 3½ hours from Stow. Check in at the campsite (or in Candlelight or other motel for those not camping). Identify yourself as a member of the FPC party. The campsite will check off your name on a list. Do not pay. See below for cost and payment information. If you are renting a canoe or kayak you will be issued a paddle and a life preserver. You will be asked to complete a waiver of liability form. If you bring your own canoe and would like Battenkill Riversports to shuttle it upriver for you in the morning, give them your canoe at this time. If you arrive late or are staying in a motel, please get your life preserver and paddle early on Saturday morning. Note that you are liable for loss of or damage to, the equipment you rent.

Saturday July 20th

Everyone to meet at the camp ground under the big tree at 9:00AM for a briefing. Be ready to go at that time. Bring all your gear to the meeting, including a **paddle and life jacket and lunch**, ready to hop into the vans. Please make sure that your BBQ contributions will be accessible when we start the BBQ even if you may still be on the river. Rented canoes and kayaks will be delivered, with their crew, by Battenkill Riversports to the put-in spot. **Recommendations: Sunscreen, hat, waterproof bag for food, towel, water shoes, water bottle.**

The canoe trip is 8-10 miles and can be done in 3.5 hours. We recommend you take longer. It is not a race. There are spots to swim. Take your time and observe nature. Enjoy your picnic.

Expect to be back at the campsite at around 3:00 P.M. The take out spot for rental canoes and kayaks is just BEYOND the campsite at the EXIT sign. Please make sure that any rented canoe is left with others from the FPC party.

Saturday evening there will be a BBQ at the campground. You will be contacted in advance to arrange for your contribution. We will set up the BBQ from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. The food is required no later than 5:00pm. All are welcome. Be ready to step forward to help cook, clean up etc. Campfire and songs follow. Quiet time starts at 10:00PM.

Sunday July 21st

You are on your own to explore this area of New York and Vermont. Floating down the river is a popular pastime. Be sure your paddles and life preservers are returned to the campsite office.

Meals

You are responsible for all meals except for Saturday night when we hope all will join us for the mass BBQ. You will need a picnic lunch and a filled water bottle on the river on Saturday.

Other

Bring bug spray, swim suit, sunscreen, Frisbees, flashlight, musical instruments and a song book (we can never remember the words!). The campsite store has firewood, ice, snacks, dairy products, soda and juice for sale.

Costs (estimated prices – subject to change) (but not by much)

Give / mail this sheet and full payment to Nancy Cataldo by June 20.

Name(s) _____

Email address _____

Phone _____

	Number	\$Cost	\$Total
Canoe /Tandem Kayak rental		55	
Single Kayak Rental		45	
Adult Camping		18 / night	
Child Camping		12 / night	
Your personal canoe or kayak to be shuttled upstream by Battenkill River Sports (rentals are shuttled for free)		15	
Adults at BBQ		8	
Kids at BBQ		4	
Campsite visitor		5	
Voluntary Donation to FPC		20	
TOTAL \$			

Please pay total by check to reserve your place (make check payable to FPC).

Give this sheet and full payment to Nancy Cataldo.

Refunds will be given for changes up to 3 days in advance of the trip, and possibly for illness and other unforeseeable circumstances, if FPC is not charged.

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