

From the desk of Gus Denzik... but for the Grace of God go I.

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Dear People going on the trip formerly known as the Canadian Outback,

For the second year in a row Canada is effectively closed for us for our normal trip. We did a pretty cool trip last year but decided to do something similar to the Canadian Outback Trip in Michigan. We will be going to the Manistee River and doing 100 river miles on a back country adventure!

We are pretty excited about the trip we have planned. We will meet and leave from Butler Springs Christian Camp at 9am on Saturday, July 10th and return on Friday the 16th by 8PM. We will make calls in route if we will be later! This reflects a change from the brochure of a Saturday pick-up.

The theme this year is 'Where the Spirit leads me'. God's Spirit should be a powerful force in the life of a Christian. Pray with me for a blessing of fun, fishing, laughter and growth as we take on the wilderness!

In Christ,

Gus Denzik
Butler Springs Christian Camp

Outback List of Important Things!

1. Michigan Fishing License if you plan on fishing (17 or older)! You can get online before we leave. There is a year long one for \$76. There is a single day one for \$10 per day and you pick your days. We will be on the water from Sunday the 11th until Friday the 16th. It is your choice. If so also bring fishing gear.

2. Backpack – Shoulder Straps and a Waist belt adjusted to fit comfortably. (Must hold all of your gear for the trail and your share of group gear and food) Camp has some packs that are reserved on a first come first serve basis. We have also used some water tight buckets. Bring what you have and camp can help supplement to find a combo that works for you and your canoe partner. We divide up into partners when we get started so don't worry about that.

3. Spare duffle bag – for day tripping...Put your name on everything.

4. Full foot latching sandal (not flip flops!). Durability is important!, Spare shoes for hiking, exploring etc. Socks as you like them.

5. Sleep Gear – Camp sleeping pad, sleeping bag.

6. Fork, Spoon, bowl, cup. No sense in taking anything else. This is all you need!

7. 4 Water bottles, Gatorade bottles (32 oz) work fine and don't cost extra!

8. Clothing: 3 pair of light shorts to wear and one swim suit, sock combo(even if you just bring sandals, socks feel good at night!), A tee shirt to wear and 3 to pack, a wash clothe, underwear as necessary, light weight rain jacket and pants (it can be cool at night and in the mornings)

9. Other Necessary Items

Backpacking style small tent (we partner up and put people together so that we take only what we need, foam sleeping pad, Towel, hat, toothbrush and small tooth paste, hair brush, deodorant – small dry, soap, Personal supply of TP, Bug cream, Sun Screen, light first aid needs – the staff will carry a more comprehensive kit, flash light, matches or a safety lighter.

10. Still Other Potential Items: Sunglasses, hammock, small amount of cash

11. Items not to bring:

Hunting knives (folding pocket knives are okay), Electronic stuff – (These are usually valuable and would be left at the trail head in the vans which get very hot and could be broken into), illegal things or medications not prescribed for you (All meds should be left in their original bottles), large sums of money, everything else that you know better than to bring!

12. Pack all gear to be carried in Gallon size Ziplocs. This insures them being dry and fresh when you want to use them.