

**34th ANNUAL HUCK FINN RAFT RACE
SCOUTS CANADA
TRILLIUM HIGHLANDS AREA**

"TO THIRTY-SIX HIGHWAY YOU MUST STEER,
TO THE HUB OF THE KAWARTHAS THAT'S VERY NEAR.
SO BUILD YOUR RAFT IF YOU WILL,
FOR ADVENTURE, IN COMBINATION WITH SCOUTING SKILLS."

The

34th Annual

"HUCK FINN RAFT RACE"

To be held on the weekend of

JUNE 5th, 6th, 7th, 2015

**This event will take place in the
Village of Bobcaygeon, rafting on the
Little Bob Channel and camping at Riverview Park.**

**In order to participate, you must be a registered member of
SCOUTS CANADA or GIRL GUIDES OF CANADA.**

**Sponsored by the Trillium Highlands Area
Hosted by the Village of Bobcaygeon
in the
City of Kawartha Lakes**

*Cut off for registration: Early - **April 13th, 2015***

Late fee will apply to all those not post marked prior to or on April 13th 2015

Should you have questions regarding registration, please call:
Barry Baxter (Home) 705 738-6628 (registration & administration)

or

Curtis Poulson (Home) 705 887-2753 (events)
Chris Picard (Home) 705 374-4946 (events)

Or email us **huckfinninfo@yahoo.ca**

HUCK FINN RAFT RACE RULES

SAFETY:

SAFETY must be the crews' FIRST consideration - Rafts must float with the full crew on board.

Each crew must consist of 1 registered adult (minimum 18 years) plus a maximum of 6 crewmembers.

Everyone must expect to get **wet** while on the raft. Adults will be allowed to help in the navigation of the rafts in certain portions of the 'Gold Race' Adventures, but ***not during*** the Raft Race or the Tug-of-War. Leadership of the crew will be in the hands of the crew captain and first mate. Everyone on rafts **MUST WEAR** a D.O.T. approved LIFEJACKET. Each raft shall carry a lifeline, minimum of 25 feet with a floatation device on the free end (use a plastic bottle with lid). Please ensure that it is tied securely to the main frame of your craft.

SAFETY CHECK IS MANDATORY BEFORE RAFT IS ALLOWED ON WATER!!!

The Water Safety Committee will do a safety check of your vessel either Friday night (if you are ready) or Saturday morning. This inspection will include having your whole crew stand on each corner of the raft to make sure that raft will not flip upside down and is stable on the water. If you do not pass this test you will automatically be disqualified from all rafting events. The Water Safety Committee will award raft pennants upon certification. Unsafe rafts will not be allowed to participate in the water activities.

Each raft must have a strong grab rope all the way around the raft. This is to ensure that if one of your crewmembers goes overboard, there will be something that they will be able to grab to get back onto the raft.

RAFT CONSTRUCTION:

Minimum size - 8 feet x 10 feet

Maximum size - 12 feet x 12 feet

Rafts can be of any style within the guidelines of size. Horsepower for propelling rafts must be provided by muscle, wind or water power. No parts specifically manufactured commercially for boats or canoes may be used (i.e. hulls, mast, paddles, sails, etc.). For example, if a paddle is used it must be made by the participants. Floatation may be provided by inner tubes, barrels or any other buoyant material. If styrofoam is used for floatation, it must be wrapped completely so that it cannot come apart.

It is recommended that when installing the floatation devices for your raft, that they be placed as close to the outer edge of the raft as possible to provide greater stability. It is recommended that you have at least one extra piece of floatation (tire tubes, barrels, etc.). Small barrels are not the best to use. If possible, try to get at least a medium to large barrel size.

Rafts must have a mast minimum 7 feet high, maximum 10 feet high for the flying of the pennant provided. It is also recommended that you carry some long poles to help in the navigation of your craft, especially in the shallow water.

Each raft must have a rope railing all around the raft. A loop of rope at the back of the raft for the tug-of-war competition is required. This can be part of the rope railing.

RAFT CLASSIFICATION & DESIGN

Raft class will be decided by method of propulsion only. It is at the judges' discretion to change the classification of the raft if necessary. ***There will only be 2 classes this year, Huck Finn Traditional and Formula 1.***

Design of the rafts will be judged, both prior and during the Saturday day events. There will be two divisions for "best raft design":

- a) ***Traditional Huck Finn Raft - only propelled by poling.*** Raft to be constructed from logs or purchased lumber supported by inner tubes, barrels or wrapped styrofoam. **Construction *should be lashed.*** Keep in mind there will be additional design points added for using lashed log construction as opposed to purchased lumber (2X2, 2x4, etc.) nailed or bolted together. **Points will be substantially reduced with use of nails or bolts. Lashing is the preferred method.**
- b) ***Formula 1 Raft*** - propelled by any other type of mechanical propulsion such as paddle wheels. Paddles, sails and other methods or combinations may be used. Again, no parts specifically manufactured commercially for boats or canoes should be used. **If commercially manufactured parts are used, points will be substantially deducted in judging.** Paddles & paddle wheels should be handmade by participants.

When judging for "best raft design", safety and basic pioneering skills will be considered favourable (i.e. lashed joints are more desirable than bolted or nailed joints). Following safety rules and minimum/maximum size requirements, feel free to decorate or design your raft to suit your troop.

BEST CROW'S NEST:

This will be judged in conjunction with 'Best Raft Design'.

To qualify, the rafts must cover a pre-set distance with a crewmember safely and freely supported in the crow's nest. Judging will be based on:

- a) Safety
- b) Originality (use your imagination)
- c) Must be within the height guidelines (Crows' Nest or mast). The height will be measured from the highest point of the raft to the lowest part of the crew-members body.

At the top of the crow's nest mast assembly, there should be a place to fly a pennant provided by the Water Safety Committee.

Note: should your crew decide not to compete in the 'Best Crow's Nest', it is necessary that you have a mast (follow height guidelines), in order to fly the pennant provided.

GOLD RACE:

This is the main event of the 'Huck Finn Raft Race' on Saturday where crews compete in at least six skill-testing adventures located in and around Riverview Park. The top six scores will be used in marking. Rafts may use whatever method of propulsion to get to each event that they chose. This does not have to be declared prior to the Gold Race.

After arriving at the locations by rafts, crews will be required to execute several Scouting skills at each of the adventures. Scouting skills may be any of those mentioned in the "Scout Handbook".

Lunch will be at the discretion of each raft. You may take it on the raft in waterproof containers to eat at an event or go back to your campsite at any time that you decide.

The winners will be the crews that accumulate the most points. Points will be awarded for:

- a) Leadership performance of crew captains and first mate.
- b) Knowledge and execution of the Scouting skills.
- c) Teamwork of the entire crew at each event and on the rafts.

RAFT Tug-of-war:

This event will take place in the calm waters of the Little Bob Channel, where there will be one tug-of-war competition at a time. Tug-of-war rules have changed for 2013. They are as follows:

- Each raft # registered will be automatically entered into the tug-of-war and will be limited to **ONLY** one category
- Traditional Raft category is **POLES ONLY**
- Formula One Raft category will be **ANY OTHER MEANS OF PROPULSION EXCEPT POLES NO POLES** at all will be allowed in the Formula One Category for Tug-of-war
- Traditional Raft Category will run first at 3:30 pm, followed by the Formula One Category.
- The Tug-of-war Roster will be posted by 9:30 am Saturday at headquarters. This is to ensure that all the rafts will be prepared for their start time and can plan accordingly.
- After two minutes of pulling, if the pull is tied, a horn will blow and each raft will lose one rafter (that rafter will simply sit down on the raft or drop their pole). This will happen at each succeeding two minute mark until the pull is called a win.
- The first Rafts to pull must be on the water and ready for competition starting at 3:15 pm. All other Rafts must be on the water and in the staging area 3 tugs in advance of their turn.

TRYING SOMETHING NEW FOR TUG OF WAR -

Please add eye-hooks or some alternative attachment points to the back of your raft (opposite side of pull-rope hook up) so that the shore crews can attach quickly with carabineers. If these lines would interfere with paddle wheels or other aspects of your raft design an extension may be added for the use of hooking points and may exceed the maximum raft size if needed. This extension may only be attached during the tug of war.

SATURDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT:

The entertainment for Saturday night is still not confirmed – watch for details to follow.

FASTEST RAFT RACE:

Best time will determine the winner of this event for both types of rafts. Timing will commence from the dock at Riverview Park to the bridge at Highway 36 and back to the dock. Traditional Huck Finn rafts can only use poles for propulsion; any other method or combination of methods of propulsion will automatically designate the raft to be Formula 1 raft.

Crew Captain of each raft must declare classification chosen prior to the event.

Each raft will have to pick an item up at the bridge at the half way point of the race and return it to the scorekeeper at the end of the race.

If there are a lot of Venturers registered for the race we are offering a separate more challenging obstacle course on your raft. This will be confirmed at the Crew Captions Meeting Friday night.

SCOUTS OWN:

This is a non-denominational religious service first thing Sunday morning. Should anyone in your group wish to go to the church of their choice, please note that they are all within walking distance of Riverview Park. Please contact the committee for particular church denominations in the area.

HUCK'S BARBECUE & AWARDS PRESENTATION:

This event will begin following the Fastest Raft Race on Sunday and generally lasts 1 hour. The meal is provided courtesy of the "Huck Finn Raft Race Committee". Trophies & special awards will be presented after the BBQ.

UNIFORMS:

Uniforms (from the waist up) are required for certain ceremonies held during Huck Finn. All participants must be in uniform for Opening Ceremonies on Saturday morning, Scouts Own and announcements on Sunday morning and also during the Awards ceremonies and Closing ceremonies on Sunday afternoon. Dark/solid colour pants or shorts are preferred. This is applicable to both Scouting and Guiding, including leaders.

PARKING:

Please obey the "**NO PARKING**" signs that will be posted along the road. Due to fire and safety regulations we must keep one side of the road clear at all times. We are trying to use the overflow parking again this year. There will be no parking at the pool parking lot this year. Parents, leaders and all visitors to the groups must be informed of this. Parking permits are available at registration. All vehicles must be registered.

CAMPING:

Please keep in mind when planning, that campsites are usually shoulder to shoulder – space is limited. Each troop is allowed **one (1) dining/cook shelter** only. All tents, pegs, and guide lines will be kept within the allotted space for each troop. Camp equipment cannot encroach onto the designated walkways due to safety concerns. Please include expected # of tents required for sleeping. This will help us allocate the correct size site for your troop. If you are sharing equipment with another troop, we will also need to know this in advance (to make sure you are camping next to the right group). Camp equipment trailers will not be allowed on your campsite. They will have to be parked in the overflow parking area for the weekend.

EVENTS:

Each year we request events from different troops. It is expected for any returning group to Huck Finn to supply and man an event for the Gold Race. The event should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete from start to finish. Traditionally we have had the same people bring in events and it is time to help them out. WE NEED MORE EVENTS!!! Make sure you have enough people to help out so that everyone can take a break. This is a good idea for parent volunteers or other section leaders to be able to come out and be part of Huck Finn. **There is a registration form for events. Please complete and return with your registration package.** We will contact each troop regarding their event to make sure that we don't have any duplicates. We will also need to know approximately how much room is required for your event.

REGISTRATION:

Riverview Park will be open to the crews on Friday at 3:00 p.m. Rafts can be constructed on-site or may be brought completed. Many troops bring their rafts constructed, but put their floatation on at the park. Registration will end at 9:00 p.m. Friday night.

OPENING CEREMONY:

It is mandatory that everyone, including all helpers, leaders and youth attend opening ceremonies! Ceremonies will begin at 7:45 a.m. and will be located at the main activity area by the flagpole at Riverview Park. No one will be allowed to work on the rafts at this time.

AWARDS:

There may be more Awards depending on the number of rafts registered for Venture Companies and senior scouts. If a registered troop has a raft with 15 year old and 16 year old youth, this raft will compete with the Venture Company rafts. Divisions are noted below. All other Awards will not be judge separately.

Note: Pathfinder units will be considered to be "Troop". "Company" below refers to Venturers

OVERALL WINNER - plaque and keeper trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd

GOLD RACE WINNER -plaque and keeper trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd

BEST RAFT DESIGN - Traditional Huck Finn - plaque

BEST RAFT DESIGN - Formula 1 - plaque

TUG-OF-WAR - Troop Traditional Huck Finn - plaque

TUG-OF-WAR - Troop Formula 1 - plaque

TUG-OF-WAR - Company Traditional Huck Finn - plaque (Tentative)

TUG-OF-WAR - Company Formula 1 - plaque (Tentative)

FASTEST RAFT - Troop Traditional Huck Finn - plaque for 1st, 2nd & 3rd

FASTEST RAFT - Troop Formula 1 - plaque for 1st, 2nd & 3rd

FASTEST RAFT - Company Traditional Huck Finn - plaque for 1st & 2nd (Tentative)

FASTEST RAFT - Company Formula 1 - plaque for 1st & 2nd (Tentative)

BEST CROW'S NEST - plaque

MYSTERY QUESTIONS - plaque

BEST CAMPSITE - plaque

SPIRIT OF SCOUTING - keeper plaque

SCAVENGER HUNT - keeper plaque

DON JAMES MEMORIAL AWARD – keeper plaque

HUCK FINN SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Subject to change)

FRIDAY, June 05, 2015

- 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Registration and Water Safety
*All groups **must register** before setting up their campsite*
- 9:45 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Troop Meeting at Main Pavilion
Non-formal info session for all crew chiefs & at least 1 leader
- 12:00 a.m. Quiet time and lights out at campsites
All groups must be at their own campsites. It will be a busy day tomorrow

SATURDAY, June 06, 2015

- 7:45 a.m. Opening Ceremonies & Announcements
Uniform shirt, necker and dark, solid colour pants/shorts must be worn to opening
- 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Safety Inspections completed
All rafts must be safety certified before competing
- 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Gold Race
Let the Adventures Begin!!!
- 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Tug-of-War Competition
- 5:00 p.m. Scavenger Hunt ends
Bring everything that you have collected to the pavilion
- 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Supper Break
- 8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Evening Entertainment
(Weather permitting)
- 12:00 a.m. Lights out
After the workout today, everyone should be able to sleep tonight!

SUNDAY, June 07, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. Scouts Own
Uniform shirt, necker & dark, solid colour pants/shorts are required
- 8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Horseshoe Announcements
Don't change your clothes yet for the day
- 8:45 a.m. Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Parade of Rafts (Best Raft Design)
- 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Fastest Raft Race
All rafts will go to the bridge and back!! (
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Huck Finn BBQ
Oh, what a feast, mmmm.
- 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Awards Presentations
May the best crews and rafts win!
- 1:45 p.m. Closing Ceremonies
Remember to wear your uniform
- 2:30 p.m. Campsite Inspections

Remember to practice No Trace camping.

2015 HUCK FINN REGISTRATION

Troop/Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Address: _____

Contact Phone#: _____ Fax#: _____ email _____

Number of Rafts Traditional: _____ Formula 1: _____

Total of # Participants: Adults/Helpers: _____ Youth: _____

Total # of Sleeping Tents: _____ Are you bringing a dining shelter? Yes No

Are you sharing equipment? Yes No

If YES, with which troop/company: _____

Early Registration (received by April 13th) for 2015 Huck Finn Raft Race is as follows:
Youth \$15.00
Adults \$10.00

Registration Received After April 13th will be as follows:

Youth \$30.00 Adults \$20.00

All registration fees are non-refundable – they may however be applied to a different applicant as long as that information is conveyed to the registrar upon arrival at the event.

All information MUST be complete and accurate with no information missing. Scouts Canada has a new requirement for scouting events that all groups show proof of current registration of youth and leaders. Please provide a print out of your groups' enrolment from MyScouts Web Page.

Payment Information:

of youth _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____
 # of adults _____ @ \$10.00 = \$ _____

of youth _____ @ \$30.00 = \$ _____ (if after April 13th)
 # of adults _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____ (if after April 13th)

\$ _____ **Total of cheque**

2015 HUCK FINN REGISTRATION

Troop Name: _____ **Contact Name:** _____
Contact Email: _____

CREW REGISTRATION:

NAMES	PHONE NUMBER
Crew Captain	
First Mate	
Crew	
Crew	
Crew	
Crew	

CREW REGISTRATION:

NAMES	PHONE NUMBER
Crew Captain	
First Mate	
Crew	
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LEADER & HELPER REGISTRATION:

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We promote this event through television and newspaper and this year would like to put photos on our website - however we are not permitted to do that without the proper paperwork on file. Make sure to inform us if you have a youth that is not allowed to be photographed.

A signed copy of the outdoor activity forms (available on-line, www.scouts.ca) must accompany your registration form in order to participate in this event. Please mail cheques, registration & a copy of your outdoor activity form to:

Scouter Barry Baxter
335 Birch Point Road.
Dunsford, ON
K0M 1L0

Cut-off date for reduced registration is April 13th, 2015

2015 Huck Finn Event Registration

Troop/Company Name _____ Contact Name: _____
Contact Phone #: _____ Fax#: _____ email address: _____
Total Number of Event Co-ordinators/Helpers: _____

Note: All Event co-ordinators and Helpers must be registered with the Huck Finn Committee and all information must be complete and accurate.

REGISTRATION:

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NAME OF EVENT IDEA/PLAN:

AMOUNT OF AREA REQUIRED FOR EVENT:

If you would like to put on an event but don't know what to do or where to start, feel free to contact the committee at huckfinninfo@yahoo.ca.

We can help out with ideas! We will need to know early to avoid duplication of events and to allow for time to select the proper site for your event. Send this form in with your registration form. We will contact all event contact persons.

CHECKLIST

- Print out of your groups enrolment in Scouts Canada from MyScouts Web Page***
- Group Registration Form – page 8***
- Group Check payable to “Scouts Canada”***
- Crew Registration – page 9***
- Leader & Helper Registration – page 10***
- Event Registration Form – page 11***

Reminders:

- *There is no fresh drinking water on the site – you must come to the event self-contained.*
- *Space is at a minimum – please be aware that quarters are tight and be respectful of our neighbours*
- *The only pets allowed on site will be Guide Dogs. Please be sure to inform any parents of this that will be visiting over the course of the weekend.*
- *Absolutely no open flames or campfires at the event.*
- *Absolutely no trailers at the event. This is a tent only site.*

Did you know we are on Twitter? Follow us **@HuckFinnRaftRac**

