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Dear Families:

We would like to thank you for encouraging your kids to participate in the wilderness camp canoe trip with THE ARK Christian Ministries. Al Mitchell, one of the deans this week, has gone on at least 3 canoe trips with Discovery Ministries, so he is familiar with Eminence, MO. Dan Morris and I (Jackie Hasty) have also been on wilderness trips with THE ARK, so we have prior experience leading groups of kids through outdoor adventures, with the intent of helping youth grow in their relationship with God. With this letter, we want to inform you with details about the trip, as well as a packing list of what to bring.

- We will be canoeing on the Current River through the Mark Twain National forest in Eminence, Missouri.
- We will meet for check-in at THE ARK Christian Ministries on Sunday, July 15th at 5pm. The campers will get to meet with the camp missionaries before we leave on our trip.
- We will be doing a high ropes course thru Discovery Ministries on Thursday, and caving on Friday. Closed-toe shoes (tennis shoes) are required for both activities. Parents must print out and fill in Liability Form (Participation Agreement) and Medical Forms by following the links below. Please bring them to camp with you. We will have extra forms at check-in.  
[http://www.dmchallenge.org/uploads/1/0/1/6/101627546/medical\\_form.pdf](http://www.dmchallenge.org/uploads/1/0/1/6/101627546/medical_form.pdf) [http://www.dmchallenge.org/uploads/1/0/1/6/101627546/participant\\_agreement\\_1.pdf](http://www.dmchallenge.org/uploads/1/0/1/6/101627546/participant_agreement_1.pdf)
- We will return to THE ARK Christian Ministries on Saturday, July 21st, an hour before the 4:30pm check-out time to debrief and clean out the van.
- You should be aware that cell phone reception is occasionally available on the river and sometimes unavailable. If you need to contact your child, you should do so through the camp office.
- If you have further questions for us, please email me at [rjbhasty@swayzee.com](mailto:rjbhasty@swayzee.com) or 765-669-0885. You can text or leave me a voice mail.

### Packing List:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bible, pen, small notebook (Bring an older, smaller Bible and keep in a ziplock bag to protect from water) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen and Mosquito Spray  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag or hammock  | <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries (biodegradable soap and deodorant)—We will have shower accessibility at a couple of campgrounds. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small travel-size pillow   | <input type="checkbox"/> Towel and washcloth   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight   | <input type="checkbox"/> Refillable water bottle   |

- ☐ Swimsuit, one-piece bathing suits, in compliance with camp rules
- ☐ Clothes (dry fit shirts are nice because they breathe and dry quickly) Bring t-shirts, shorts, 1 sweatshirt and 1 pair of pants is advisable, as well as a lightweight raincoat.
- ☐ Medications (Camp provides a first aid kit, but be sure to make the camp aware of any medications your child will be bringing or any allergies.)
- ☐ Strap on sandals (like Tevas, no flip-flops) Old tennis shoes can work but they keep the foot wet longer, which can cause problems.
- ☐ Dry Bag, 20, 30, or 40 liter (a specialized waterproof bag for multi-day water trips) Your child will want to get one large enough to hold everything they need for 3 days on the river. You can purchase one on Amazon for around \$20, and it can arrive in a couple of days. You can pack items in ziplock bags, but without some form of protection, clothing and sleeping bags can get wet if canoe tips over or even if it doesn't. If you don't purchase a dry bag, 4 gallon buckets will be available at camp. Please let us know if you need one when you arrive at camp.

### **You may bring:**

- Camera that can get wet
- Broad-rim hat
- Sunglasses
- Your own snacks
- Tennis shoes for caving and high ropes course
- Money for missions and 4 meals while traveling

Camp fees provide for meals in Missouri and covers cost of canoeing, high ropes course, etc.

### **Do Not Bring:**

- Cell Phones, IPODS, headphones of any sort

**We are looking forward to a great week with your child!**

**Jackie Hasty, Dan Morris, Al Mitchell**