



Black Swamp Area Council is excited to announce the formation of the NEW Expeditions Trek Program, designed for older Scouts. The vision of this program is to offer a 3-year program, with a new trek added each year. These treks will be offered to Scouts who are 15 or older, as well as adult leaders.

The idea for this program is simple. Your older Scouts have gone to traditional summer camp several times now. They have worked on tons of merit badges, including the exciting ones that draw Scouts to camp. Now they might not be as excited about returning for the 5th time, or more. We want to offer them an experience that gets them outside the traditional realm of summer camp. An experience that will allow them to rely on skills they have learned, and possibly pick up new skills along the way. We want to immerse them in a week long, outdoor program, that is not only exciting and fun, but that challenges their sense of adventure!

For our inaugural year, we are introducing the **Camp to Camp Paddle Trek**. This 5-day excursion will see participants canoe the local rivers and waterways from Camp Berry in Findlay to Camp Lakota in Defiance. Participants can come with their Troop to their scheduled week of camp. Participants at Lakota will be transported to Berry on Sunday afternoons. On Fridays, Berry participants will be transported back after the Trek ends, so they can travel home with their Troops. Participants who do not have a Troop in camp that week can report directly to Berry on Sunday afternoon. Each week, we will have the capacity of 10 paddlers, and two staff guides, for a total group of 12. The intended ratio will be 8 youth to 2 adults. Participants will camp along the way at established camping sites. Cooking will be done by the participants. Additional program activities will await the participants each day at their scheduled stops.

We will offer 5 weeks of this Trek program, coinciding with the normal weeks of summer camp:

June 17-21

June 24-28

July 1-5

July 8-12

July 15-19

Cost: \$375 (includes the regular summer camp fee)

Registration for the Camp to Camp Paddle Trek will open on April 6th.

For questions, please contact Tom James at tom.james@scouting.org or call the Findlay Service Center at 419-422-4356.

