

THE DAY TRIPPER PROGRAM

This program is designed to offer older Scouts an adventure experience while still being able to participate in camp program with their troop. The program consists of day-long trips which depart after breakfast and return before dinner. The minimum age to participate is 14 years old and we have enough slots to accommodate 8 scouts, an adult leader and the day trip director making a group size of 10 maximum. Selection will be based on the age and rank of a Scout if more sign up than can be accommodated. Activities include, but are not limited to the following:

➤ **Kayaking up the Outlet- Difficulty Rating: *Easy/Moderate***

This trip consists of a 2 mile kayak through Camp Russell's extensive 80 acre outlet property. There is plenty of opportunity to view wildlife and ecology that you cannot find anywhere else in camp including carnivorous plants, beaver dams, and aquatic life.

➤ **Bike Hike - Difficulty Rating: *Moderate***

Using mostly improved seasonal back roads, this trip leads 25 miles through public, private and state lands to the Erwin Town Park in Boonville. There is a 120 ft. change in elevation from Boonville to Camp Russell and provides a challenging but fun ride through forests, fields and along an old tow path edging the Black River Canal.

➤ **Blue Mountain and Adirondack Museum - Difficulty Rating: *Moderate/Challenging***

We spend the first half of the morning climbing a steep but quick hike up Blue Mountain. It's a 4 mile round trip with a 1,559ft change in elevation from base to summit. At the top is an old fire tower which is open to allow for a 360 degree view of the Adirondacks. In the afternoon, after the descent, we visit the Adirondack Museum.

➤ **Rock Climbing, Biking and Hiking - Difficulty Rating: *Easy/Moderate***

Cedarlands Scout Reservation, our sister camp is home to *Schillo Tower*, a permanent rock climbing tower. After a morning of climbing and rappelling, we eat lunch along scenic McRorie Lake and spend the afternoon biking and hiking up OA Mountain.

➤ **Geocaching -Difficulty Rating: *Easy***

We spend part of the day as participants of a national "treasure hunt", using preloaded coordinates we search for hidden caches throughout or property and surrounding areas. Using GPS units and some basic compass and land navigation skills, some of the treasures are only a short trek away.