

GEORGIAN BAY SEA KAYAK TRIP

- WHO: Teens entering grades 10-11
- WHEN: Session 4: Sunday, July 20 – Friday, August 1, 2008
- WHERE: Georgian Bay, Ontario, Canada
- WAIVERS: Canadian Travel Permission
White Squall – Program Registration and Medical Information Form
White Squall – Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risk Form
White Squall – Participant’s Release and Waiver of Liability Form
- NOTE: ***Must bring a passport, or photo ID and official birth certificate, for Canadian travel. We strongly recommend a passport; start the application process now.***

As a tripper, you will come to Camp Echo to have a couple days of training and pack out all necessary materials. We will then drive to Georgian Bay, camping for the night at Killbear Provincial Park. We will spend the next day receiving sea kayak instruction at the White Squall Paddling Center, where the White Squall staff will explain safety precautions, teach proper paddling techniques, and go over rescue procedures. The actual trip will begin at Chikanishing Creek, near the northeastern corner of the bay. For the next seven days, we will explore little bays, inlets, and islands along the coast, ending at Byng Inlet. A typical day will begin with an early morning wake up and breakfast. After eating, we will take down camp, review the course for the day, pack up the kayaks, and hit the water. Distances traveled each day will vary depending on weather conditions and the ability level of the group. The flexible paddling pace will allow us a chance to take in the scenery, converse with others, and reflect on the bay’s remote beauty. After stopping for lunch on a picturesque rock, we will paddle into the late afternoon. The long hours of summer daylight in Georgian Bay will give us plenty of in-camp time to explore this amazing region. Our nights will be spent camping on the many small islands that line the bay.

TRAVEL TO CAMP: Trippers will ride to Camp Echo on the buses departing from the McGaw YMCA, if not already at Echo for layover. Check the bus schedule in the Parent Information Booklet.

Sun. 7/20: Trippers arrive at Echo (*swim tests; health checks; trip orientation; group building activities*).

Mon. 7/21: Pack gear, group equipment, and food; review maps and itinerary.

Tues. 7/22: Leave camp and drive to Killbear Provincial Park.

Wed. 7/23: Trippers receive sea kayak instruction and training at White Squall Paddling Center.

***Check-in with Camp Echo**

Thurs. 7/24 – Tues. 7/29: The group spends the next exploring the islands to the Georgian Bay.

Wed. 7/30: Trippers pull kayaks out and begin the drive back to Camp Echo.

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Thurs. 7/31: Return to Camp Echo; npack and clean all group equipment; celebrate accomplishments.

Fri. 8/1: Return to McGaw YMCA, Evanston.

TRAVEL HOME: Trippers will take the bus from Camp Echo to the McGaw YMCA in Evanston. Bus departure information and progress is posted and updated every 30 minutes on the Camp Echo website. In order to meet your child on time and avoid waiting at the McGaw YMCA for the busses to arrive, please check the website frequently. Participants signed up for another Echo program for Session 5 may spend the two nights at home or register to stay as a layover camper.