

CNJ Power Treks 2007

Power Treks are returning to our Council Camps on September 28-30, 2007!!!! These classic Scouting adventures which are open to both Boy Scouts and Venturers will once again challenge participants with their choice of either Hiking, Cycling, or Canoeing from Kittatinny Mountain Scout Reservation (KMSR) to Yards Creek Scout Reservation (YCSR) in one day. The adventures begin at KMSR on Friday night where the Trek Crews will camp for the evening and receive final instructions. On Saturday, rain or shine, the Crews will set out on their chosen journeys.

Participants in the Canoeing Power Trek will be transported by bus to a nearby boat launch on the Delaware River, then paddle downriver for about 12 miles to the Poxono Boat Launch. From there they hike over the Kittatinny Ridge for about 3 miles to YCSR.

The Cycling Power Trek will offer two exciting and challenging routes. Route A will cycle from KMSR via the Paulinskill Valley Trail and roads for about 33 miles to YCSR. Route B will cycle from Allamuchy State Park via the Sussex Branch Trail, the Paulinskill Valley Trail, and roads for about 40 miles to YCSR. Both Route A and Route B end with a stimulating climb up Walnut Valley Road into camp.

Participants in the Hiking Power Trek will hike from KMSR via the Appalachian Trail for about 22 miles to YCSR.

Trekkers are encouraged to park most of their vehicles at YCSR on Friday and then take a shuttle bus to KMSR. Shuttle buses will also be available on Saturday evening to take drivers from YCSR to KMSR to pick up any remaining cars. At KMSR, participants will not cook any meals or build any fires. Snacks on Friday night and breakfast on Saturday morning will be served in the KMSR Dining Hall. All camping gear used on Friday night will be packed up and loaded onto the shuttle buses on Saturday morning for transport to YCSR, so Trekkers can travel very light. Participants will need to supply their own trail food. On Saturday evening at YCSR an optional Power Trek Dinner will be served in the YCSR Dining Hall.

There will be several checkpoints along each Trek where water and first-aid treatment can be obtained. Each of the Power Treks requires prior experience in the activity selected. Proper physical conditioning is essential. More detailed information and application forms will be found at <http://mad-bsa.org/powertreks>

Power Trek Crews will be grouped by ability level. Crew size will be 6-10 scouts with 2 adults. Please note that volunteers will be needed at KMSR on Friday night and Saturday morning, at the checkpoints and support stations along the Power Trek routes on Saturday, and at YCSR all weekend.

If you would like to volunteer to help or you have any questions, please contact:

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