

Yes, D-Day is rapidly approaching!

I hope everyone's preparations are proceeding better than mine! Between organizing this crew, the 10 projects at work, and trying to relax a little it's been hectic but fun.. This letter is to update everyone on who is coming this year, and provide an update on the "Special Events" schedule. Also enclosed is the annual set of maps and checklists for the River Virgins (and the rest of us).

So.. on to the details!

"Food!"

You're on your own for food except for Sunday evening and Monday breakfast. The people rafting get the Sunday meal for free, while other people can purchase them. I have prices for this now.

The chicken dinner is \$10.95 and the vegetarian (Lasagna) is \$8.95.

Monday continental breakfast (fruit, cereal, granola, etc.) is \$4.00.

I have reserved meals for those of you that requested them (check the back of this page!). If you are interested but have not requested them as of yet, let me know!

Ice and firewood will be provided from the slush fund as usual. There are several restaurants ranging in the immediate area if you are so inclined. Last year Scot organized a Chili tasting that worked out very well...

Let's try it again this year! The only open night at present is Saturday.

"Beer.."

Bring some of course! The tradition is to some interesting local brew (not one of the national labels!). With the micro and craft brewing explosion, everyone should be able to find some interesting ones to bring.

"Ducky Trip"

Rich has consented to organize this again. I think it will be held on Friday. Contact him (rsk@gynko.circ.upenn.edu) or me if you are interested. This trip will probably run the same section of the upper New as the previous two years... This is the stretch that ends at Canard just after Surprise... Those of you that are not going may want to head down to Surprise to see the epic battle of Dr. Ed vs. Surprise..
current score: Surprise 2, Dr. Ed 0.

"GSP Homebrew Contest/Tasting"

This will be held at 4PM on Saturday. It will consist of an anonymous beer tasting (beer style will be known, but not the brewer). Anyone who is interested will be included in the tasting and informal judging. Ed (our professional brewmaster) has agreed to coordinate the judging and Don will manage the contest. Prizes will be awarded for the best overall homebrew and the best first year brewer. If you are interested in participating, please give Don 3 bottles of each beer you wish to enter by 3PM on Saturday.

"Day of the trip"

We have an early trip out of MRT (so that we can avoid the backups on the river). The gathering time will be announced during the Saturday night festivities. There is still time to get raft seating preferences in to me.

Also, there you can still request R4's... Let me know ASAP!

"Other doings"

For those of you getting there early, there will be a day trip to the Monongahela National Foest for hiking (Thursday maybe?).

Please check to make sure that your information on the back side of this page is correct. If it is not, or if you need to make changes, let me know. Currently, I am planning to head to Hico on Wednesday morning. I can be contacted at (908)-771-0187 or rjs@research.att.com until then.

"Important Phone Numbers:"

MRT 1-800-822-1386

Campground 1-304-658-9944

See you in West Virginia!