



Gary S. Pig says it is time for the 28th Annual GSP Food (Raft) Trip

My fellow GSPs -

The time for sending your money in is now. What money?, you ask. Your money to attend the 28th Annual GSP Food (Raft) Trip.

Yes, my friends, you heard right, it is time to plan that annual summer pilgrimage to Ray's Campground in the stars (uuuhhhh) -- I mean in beautiful sunny Hico, West Virginia.

While on this pilgrimage, GSPers will have the opportunity prepare and eat really good Food (if you want to, that is). Ya know, historically, pigs have been used to find truffles in the forest underbrush. Truffles taste really, really good. By the way, I'll bring some truffles. (Okay - so they'll won't be the kind pigs find in the forest, but they will be the kind Gravy-Sucking Pigs truly like... yup, you guessed it, *dark chocolate truffles*.)

Since you are already planning on coming on this pilgrimage, while here in Hico you can also camp, hike, ride, swim, spelunking, mountain climb, play golf (miniature that is), play BAG (if you don't know what that is, ask a Treece). You can go food shopping or art gallery hopping or maybe even go out to eat Food in a restaurant.

Or, you can stay in camp. (Interested in being the official camp slug?) While in camp, you can prepare really good Food, eat really good Food, play music (listen to others playing music), have a chess match or heaven forbid, read a tabloid. Oh yeah, in camp you'll also be able to drink beer, you know liquid Food. (Or you may consume any other beverage of your choice.)

The Greater Hico area is known for having a grand river, actually the oldest one in the land. Since you came all this way to be here you might as well Raft, Raft, Canoe (!?!), I do, do you? (Most other people on this trip kayak, but I had this great photo of Renee and I on the Upper New.)



Yes, you heard me, on your pilgrimage you can RAFT. You know the drill. Pile onto a school bus, ride over a big bridge while screaming OO, AH several dozen times while looking at the magnificent scenery. Then plop yourself into an inflatable rubber conveyance and paddle like crazy down a swift-flowing river, all the time keeping a eye on your mates so they don't dump you in the drink. And to top it off, during lunch break, have a Food fight. That's right, that's what RAFTing is all about. See the enclosed Trip Form, fill it out, send it, and your money to me by May 1st, 2008. (you know; May Day, Beltaine, four days before Cinco de Mayo, 65 days before The Raft Trip.)

This amazing pilgrimage will take place this coming summer, with the trip on the Upper New, more commonly called the Duckie Trip, on Thursday July 3rd, and the trip on the Lower New, more commonly called The Raft Trip, on Saturday July 5th. And sandwiched in between, on Friday, July 4th, will be the pot luck dinner where we will eat more really good Food.

GSPs, their friends and families are welcome to arrive as early and stay as late as their schedules allow. All attendees are encouraged to contact Ray at Ray's Campground and book their tent/cabin/RV space as soon as possible.

Tent/RV Space: \$8/person/night *Rent-a-tent:* \$10/night for 2 man \$20/night for 4 man

Cabin: \$30+tax/night *RV electric hookup:* add \$5/night *Hotel:* www.hawksnestsp.com/lodging.htm

See the enclosed note from fellow GSP, Gene Cowen regarding how to Donate or Share your Frequent Rafter Card Points.

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