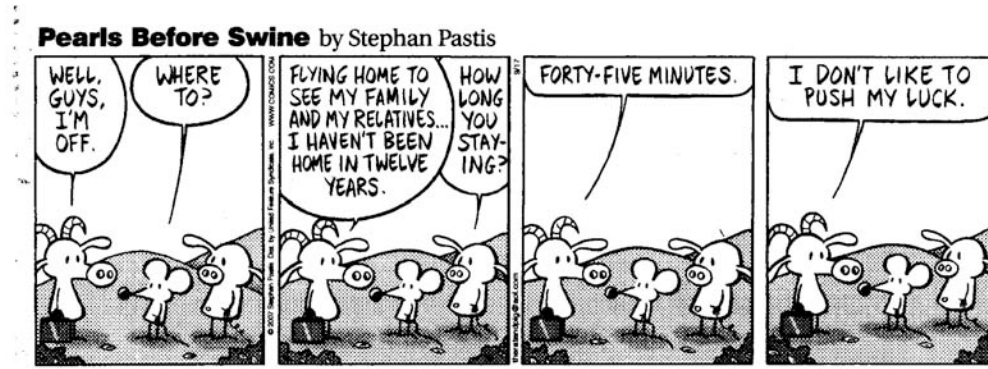




GSP Food (Raft) Trip 2008

Second Letter



My Fellow GSPs:

Now it's time to start packing for your pilgrimage to Ray's Campground in the Stars. See the *List of Things to Bring...*

You need **directions**, well, find your own way to West Virginia, then check out the handy maps that come with this letter. (*Directions Map, River Map*) Ray's Place is on Sunday Road in Hico. (Just off Route 60 at the junction of Interstate 19.)

Speaking of Ray, PLEASE stop in at the office and **pay Ray** what you owe based on how many nights your staying (general tent space \$8/person/night). Then set up your tent (or cabin - in Gene's case) on either side of the road just beyond the office. The group campfire is located between the volleyball court and the shelter (behind the office).

The first GSPs will start arriving on June 29th and continue trickling in over the course of the week.

Food: You can bring your own or shop for your own at the beautiful Kroger grocery store in Oak Hill (don't forget your Kroger Cards), but you can't grow your own. (None of us will be at Ray's that long.) Ray will have his massive grill (which Jeff and I will twick to make more user friendly), charcoal for grill will be provided from the slush fund.

The Annual Pot-Luck dinner will be on Friday July 4th, (time TBD).

Rafting: If you are rafting, and almost half of us are please check out the attached, *Things to bring on the River*, for the **Duckie** trip you need to be at Class VI's base camp at 9:55 AM on Thursday July 3rd. (hard boat info TBD - see Pam in camp). And for the Big **Lower New** trip you need to be at Class VI's base camp at 9:00 AM on Saturday July 5th.

Class VI River Runners is located on Ames Heights Road about 1 mile west off Interstate 19 south of the intersection of Interstate 19 and Route 60.

GPS	Decimal Degrees (WGS84)	Degrees, Minutes & Seconds
Latitude Longitude	Latitude Longitude	Latitude Longitude
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Class VI does NOT offer a free Continental Breakfast the way MRT did, they only offer free coffee. I have made available the following options. Please let me know which/if any you want.

1. At Class VI's restaurant, **Smokey On the Gorge** a Breakfast Buffet is available for \$8.48/person (kids under 12 are 1/2 price). For this option you need to arrive at Class VI at least one hour prior to check in time.
2. At **Dren's Kitchen** you can get a hearty breakfast of eggs, biscuits and gravy, bacon, sausage, hash browns, coffee and juice for \$7.50/person. For this option you need to roll out of your tent one hour prior to check in time.

Beer: Deb will be bringing in the communal cooler on Monday the 30th. Don't forget to:

1. Bring some unusual, home brew, local brew, beer with you to WV.
2. Put said beer in/near the communal cooler
3. Write down what you brought (and your name) on Jeff's ever present dry bagged spiral-bound notebook. (that way, your beer gets represented on the web site)

Tastings:

1. Tomato Beer Tasting - run by Linda Swihart. This pre-lunch happy hour will take place on Friday, July 4th at around 11am. Linda hopes to make this a "fun educational session". She is planning on tasting 3 or 4 lagers with various tomato based beverages.
2. Cider Tasting - run by Ed Bronson, Date TBD (probably Thursday)- email Ed the name of the cider you plan to contribute to the tasting (so that we don't have duplicates).
3. Jeff Schwab has a new twist on the Truffle Tasting. Bring your favorite truffle recipe and all ingredients with you to WV and make your truffles the old fashioned way on Wednesday the 2nd, right here in camp.

Campfires: They are where you are if you are in W.V. after 9:00 PM. Jeff sometimes pops popcorn, the Smith sisters sometimes toast smok-wyli-links.(both yum). The Piglets entertain us with skits and 1 act plays. Ed... well we all know Ed (enough said). The Gauley Lama blesses us with his presence. We are subjected to various "Full Moon Productions" skits. The musical musings of the GSP Groto Band delight our ears. And of course we sit on the edge of our seats for the much awaited Bourne Raft Trip wrap-up. These events and more brought to you at the Campfires, Wednesday through Saturday.

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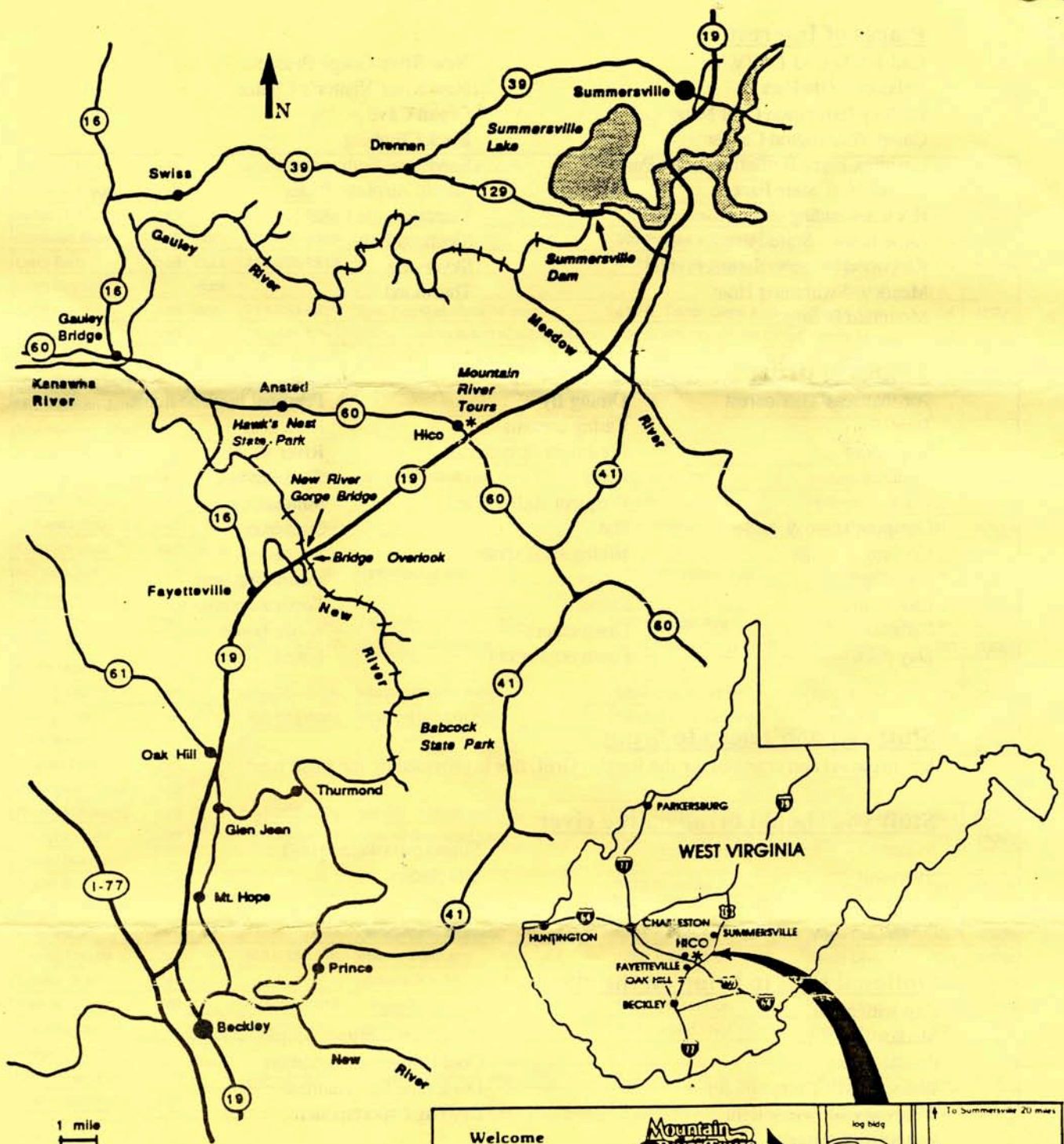
Other things to Do while in WV:

Take a hike, rock hopping, swimming, horseback riding, geo-caching; rock climbing, mountain biking, play miniature golf. Talk with some camp mates and make a plan, organize a trip. You only have to be a camp slug if you really want to.

Don't forget to check out who will be in WV, see the *Attendee List* attached.

Pam Robinson

Your friendly OORTOfor08 - see ya on the river.



1 mile
(approx.)

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Welcome

Mountain River Tours

log bldg

State Farm Insurance Men Post Office SUNDAY RD.

Ansted WV house (wheel road) church

5 miles 200 ft

To Summersville 20 miles

61 19

Rt. 60

Mountain River Campgrounds

Things to Bring to Ray's Campground to the Stars

Tent/Camper/Motor Home
Ground Cloth (for tent)
Dining Fly (to eat Food under)
Food & Beer
Air Mattress/Therma-rest
Cooler
Cooking Utensils (for handling Food)
Clothesline
Flashlight & Batteries
More Food & Beer
Camera & Film/Memory Card (don't forget the battery/charger)
Cookstove & Fuel (for cooking Food)
Day Pack
Eating Utensils/Dishes (for use in eating Food)
Dish Pan, Scrubby & Soap (for cleaning up after Food)
Food & Birch Beer
Bug Spray
Lawn Chairs
Lawn Ornaments (pigs & Patriotic themes are appreciated)
Sleeping Bag
Hiking Boots & Socks
Duct Tape
Sharpies
Food & Wine (red, white - but please not blue)
Clothing (I'm not going there)
Day pack/Back Pack
Hat
Jacket
Canteen/Water Bottle (for Beer?)
Lantern (so you can see Food after the sun goes down)
Sunglasses
Croakies
Personal Hygiene Stuff (I'm really not going there)
Pillow
Maybe a little extra Food & Root Beer
Rain Gear
Props for campfire Skits (don't forget to prepare your skit)
Sunscreen
Towels (bath, swimming, hand)
Compass/GSP/Maps
Musical instruments

Stuff You Do Not Need to Bring (this is what the Slush Fund is for)

Ice

Firewood

Charcoal (for cooking Food)

Classification of Rapids:

The number appearing beside the name of each rapid indicates its classification:

Class 1—Open canoe, small waves. Some skill required.

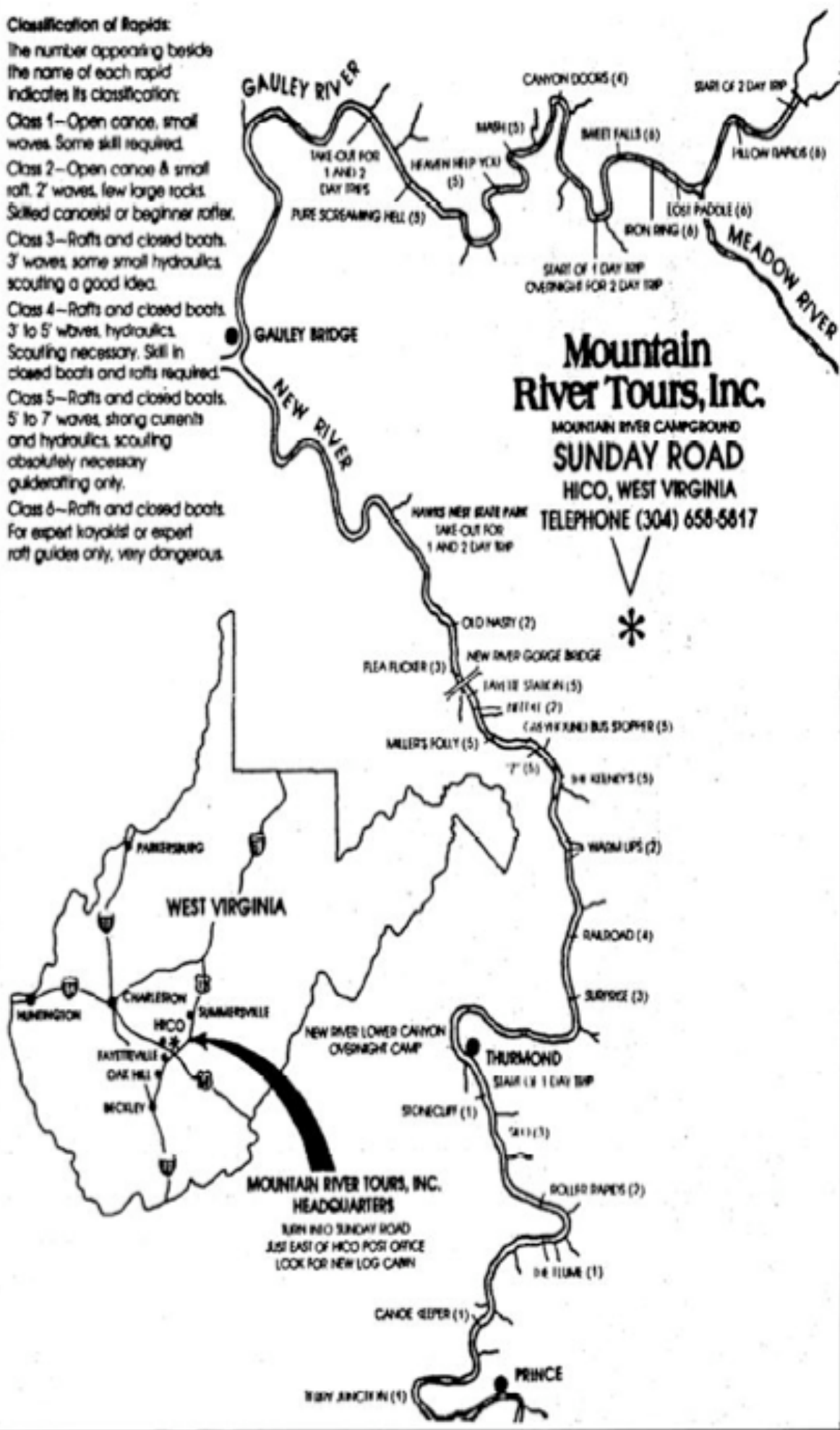
Class 2—Open canoe & small raft. 2' waves, few large rocks. Skilled canoeist or beginner rafter.

Class 3—Rafts and closed boats. 3' waves, some small hydraulics, scouting a good idea.

Class 4—Rafts and closed boats. 3' to 5' waves, hydraulics. Scouting necessary. Skill in closed boats and rafts required.

Class 5—Rafts and closed boats. 5' to 7' waves, strong currents and hydraulics, scouting absolutely necessary, guiding only.

Class 6—Rafts and closed boats. For expert kayaker or expert raft guides only, very dangerous.



If you are Rafting either/and/or the Upper or Lower New

Things to Bring/Wear on the River

Swimsuit
Waterproof Sunscreen
Cap w/ bill
Dry Bag
Nylon Pants/Shirt (NO Cotton)
Footgear (old sneakers/tevas/neoprene boots)
Sunglasses w/ Croakies
Waterproof Camera
Medications
Paddle Jacket/Wet Suit (can rent from MRT/Class IV)
Water Gun
Ornament (for your Helmet)
PFD (If you don't know what that is, MRT/Class IV will provide)
Helmet (If you don't have your own - see above)

Things Not To Bring on the River

Food
Recreational Drugs
Alcohol (That includes Beer)

Things to Leave at Camp

Rings
Necklaces
earrings
passport

Things to Leave at MRT/Class IV (either at desk or in lockers)

Car Keys
Wallet
Shower Stuff
Dry Clothes
Shoes
Towel

Our 2008 GSP attendees

Name	Duckie	Raft	Name	Duckie	Raft
Safranek, Bob			Robinson, Pam		
Schwab, Jeff			Schwab, Ronda		
Strang, Kim			Manning, Will		
Smith, Deb			Bruak, Mark		Y
Gelblat, Renee	Y	Y	Treece, Jeff		
Franz, Dawn	Y	Y	Franz, Gary	Y	Y
Franz, Jessica	Y	Y	Franz, David	Y	Y
Russell, Barb			Begley, Di	Y	Y
Begley, Gwen	Y	Y	Begley, Beth	Y	Y
Carlile, Sue	Y	Y	Carlile, Paul	Y	Y
Carlile, Rita	Y	Y	Gelblat-Bronson, Aaron	Y	
Gelblat, Eileen	Y		Bronson, Ed	Y	Y
Herman, Deb			Johnson, Holly		
The following people have informed me that they plan to attend but I have not received their funds or forms					
Higgins, Steven		Y	Higgins, Harrison		Y
Cowen, Gene		Y	Cowen, Calab		
Bourne, Darrel			Bourne, Kim		
Hands, Jim			Hands, Cathy		
Brunner, Dan		Y	Brunner, Child		Y
Swihart, Linda			Hudack, Jim		Y
Schumaker, Ryan		Y	Schumaker, Guest		Y
RSK	?	?			