



Troop 175 Event Report

Fifty Afloat

When: Jul 31 – Aug 6, 2004
Where: Upper Missouri River

Scouts

Tim "Weatherman" Paladino, Nick "The Knife" Williams, Ben "Scrub" Duddy, Ben "The Tower" Merkel, Bryan "No Name" Yuen, Bryan "Angry Pirate" Pollard, Randy "Soupmaster" Boessenecker, Adam "Sacagawea" Lee, Jeremy "Farmer Tan" Hill, Adam "Can't Eat It" Yee, Aidan "Rainbow Connection" Stone, Matt "Mud Boy" Morris, Patrick "Sunscreen" Hamilton, Brendan "QB" Stone, John "Sport's Guy" Hutar

Adults

Bobby "Boneman" Boessenecker, Jason "Don't Swamp Me" Yee, Mr. Frank "Primary Target" Stone, Mr. John "The Orator" Hutar, Mr. Brian "Old Man River" Hamilton, Mr. Mike "Right Hand Man" Lee

Location

Montana – Upper Missouri River from Fort Benton to Judith Landing.

Trip Summary

§Airline (Alaska Airlines via Seattle)

§Outfitter (Starwest Adventure)

§Equipment

- §11 Canoes w/PFDs, Paddles, and Seatbacks

- §2 Stoves with fuel

- §Ice chests (with and without ice)

- §Other Troop Equipment

- §Tents, First Aid Kits, Kitchen Supplies, GPS, Walkie Talkies

§Day 1 Travel

- §Fly to Great Falls and camp at the fairgrounds

§Day 2 Put In

- §Fort Benton to Wood Bottom (20.3 Miles)

§Day 3 Nightly Thunderstorms Begin!

- §Wood Bottom to Coal Banks (21.2 Miles)

§Day 4 Enter the White Cliffs

- §Coal Banks to Eagle Creek (14.2 Miles)

§Day 5 Hole in the Wall

- §Eagle Creek to Dark Butte (13.1 Miles)

§Day 6 The Final Stretch AND WIND!!

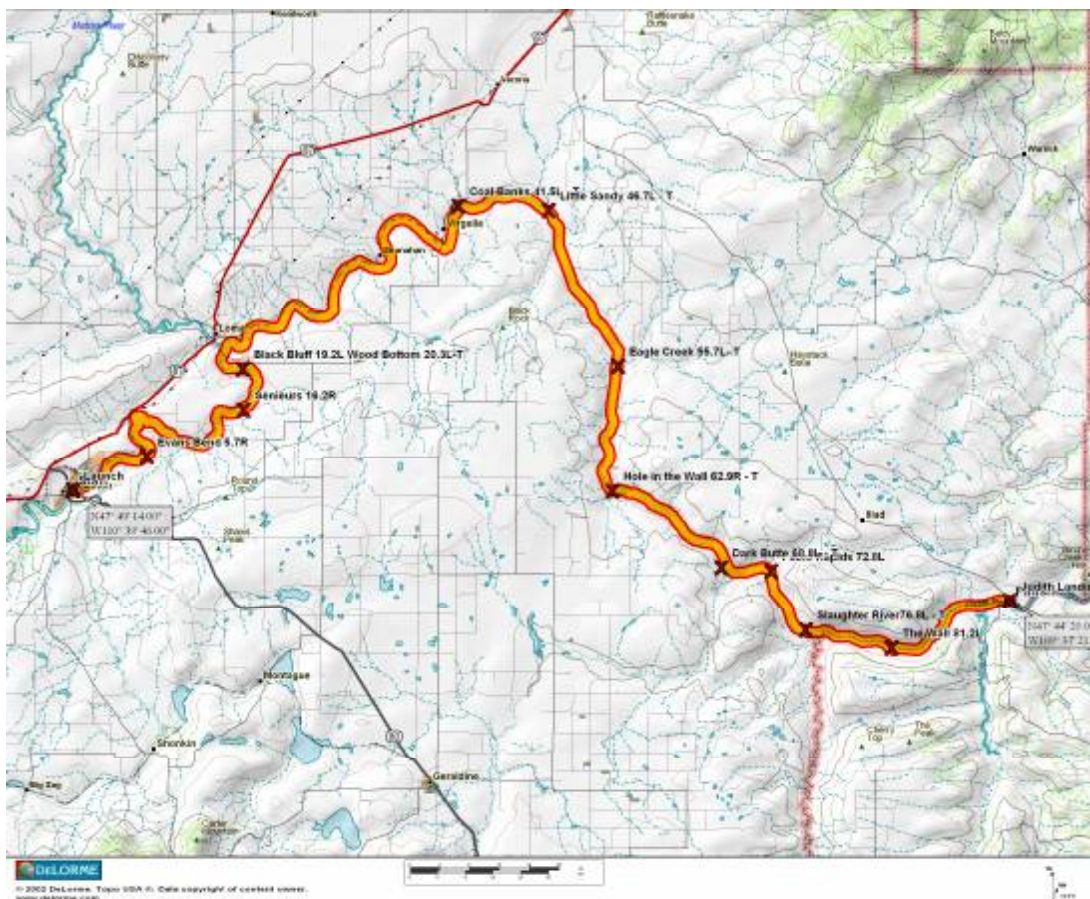
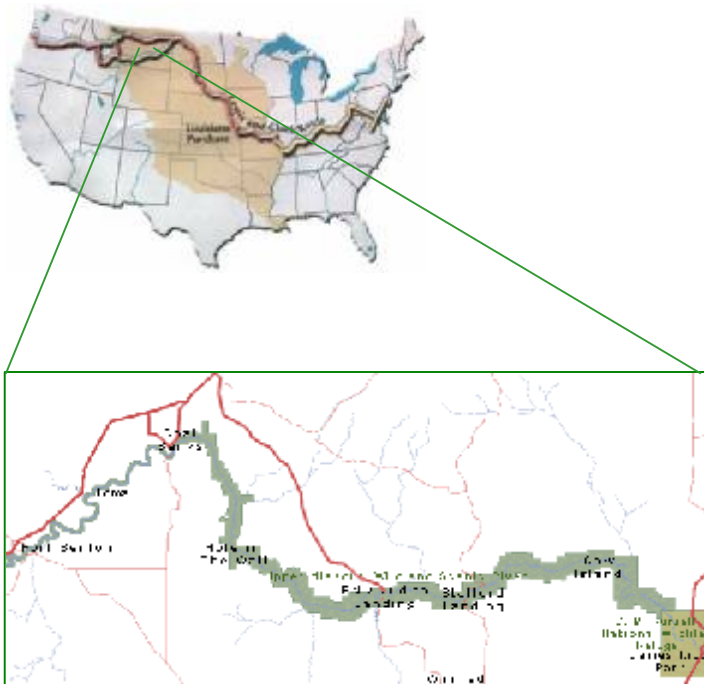
- §Dark Butte to (19.7 Miles)

§Day 7 Travel Home

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"Putting In"



Our First Eagle Sighting



Brandon and Jason in the River



Our First Storm at Wood Bottom



Lunch Break



Mr Lee Collects Firewood



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Dinner Time



Another Beautiful Sunset



The White Cliffs



Paddling Past Citadel Rock



Ben's Paddling Skills Allow Him to
Deftly Avoid those White Cliffs



Hole In The Wall



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The View from Hole In The Wall



Good Clean Fun



Eagle Creek and LeBarge Rock



Typical River View



The End

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Reporters' Notebook

Friday August 20, 2004

Fifteen boy scouts and their adult leaders from Troop 175 in Foster City spent a whole week this month traveling almost 100 miles by canoe through Montana's wilderness. It is the same path Lewis and Clark took.