



Summer Camp Road Tripping Baden-Powell District Roundtable

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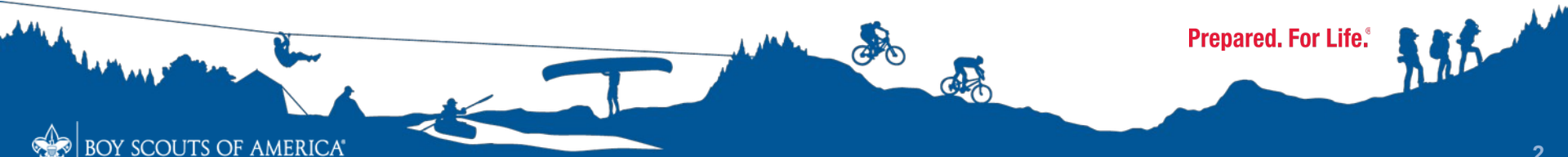
Why Take A Road Trip For Summer Camp?

A road trip camp can be quite the change of pace.

Celebrate a troop milestone.

Completely different experience for many Scouts.

No wild whitewater in OKC, or mountains, or canyons.



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Kinds of Road Trips

Base camp, but far away.

Couple days here, then couple days there, then couple days somewhere else.

Someplace new each day or so.

Better to look at examples.

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T15 100th Anniversary

Colorado Plateau loop: 10 days

Nuclear Science Museum, El Malpais Lava Tube

Petrified Forest NP, Meteor Crater (almost)

**Grand Canyon, Zion, Bryce Canyon, Arches, and
Great Sand Dunes NPs**

WW Rafting on the Colorado

\$400/person

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GSUSA HAT Colorado

Based in Durango: 7 days

Hike into Rio Grand/Rio Bravo River gorge

Whitewater rafting, zipline

Silverton gold mine tour, museums, shopping

2-nights backpacking on Colorado Trail

\$400/person

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T15 Durango Backpacking

Weminuche Wilderness: 8 days

Whitewater rafting on the Animas

Camped at Junction Creek outside town

DSNGRR ride to trailhead and back

Five-day backpacking in Wilderness

\$275/person

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GSUSA HAT Wyoming and Montana

Target Yellowstone NP: 10 days

2 long drives there, 2 long drives back

Walking tour of Jackson, Ranger cabin

**Four days of base camp in Idaho, Yellowstone,
Whitewater rafting, high ropes/zipline, bear
sanctuary**

Devil's Tower, Mount Rushmore

\$500/person

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T15 Summer 2021

NM/CO loop: 9 days

National Scouting Museum, waterfall hikes

Great Sand Dunes NP

Amazing Florida group camp, WW Rafting, zipline,

Train museum, Black Canyon NP, Ouray

Arch hike bust, Montrose and pizza, Colorado

National Monument, 10th Mtn Division Camp Hale

\$400/person

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GSUSA HAT Canoeing

Boundary Waters turnkey camp: 9 days
Two up, five days of canoeing, two back
Stayed at Girl Scout camp near Des Moines

\$700/person

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Winter Camp Trips, That Work For Summer Also

Presidential Libraries: 5 days

Mammoth Cave, Gateway Arch, Museum of Western Expansion

Truman, Lincoln, Eisenhower Libraries

Galveston Island: 5 days

Camping at Galveston Island SP on the beach

Was still bloody cold!

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Winter Camp Trips, That Work For Summer Also

Albuquerque Balloon Festival: 4 days

Balloons! Sandia Peak Tram and hike

Stayed at Santa Rosa NG Armory and Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque

These trips were less than \$250/person

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Things To Think About

Food

- Don't try to buy the whole trips food at one time
- Don't get hung up on nutrition for breakfast and lunch, speed is important
 - Donuts, danish, fruit, milk, OJ (standup breakfast)
 - Build (or buy) sandwiches, boxes of fried chicken
- In-camp dinners are a great way to end the day
- We resupply every couple days (or daily)

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Things To Think About

Food

- **Semper Gumby!**
- **Things may change**
- **Toss in a little extra budget for a McD stop**
- **Pizza is always good**
- **Family style cooking – less gear**

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Things To Think About

Lodging

- **Scout camps**
- **Recreation.gov; group camps in particular**
- **National guard armories**
- **Hotels (free breakfast!)**
- **Commercial camps (\$)**
- **Showers at least once on the trip**

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Things To Think About

Transport

- **Usually the largest cost item for a trip**
- **Vans – our COs**
- **Vans/SUVs - Rentals**
- **Parent vehicles**
- **Gas**
- **Trailers**
 - **U-Haul 4x8 enclosed is \$160 for 10 days**

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Things To Think About

Planning

- **Think ahead at least a couple months if possible**
- **Call activities and let them know you are Scouts**
 - **Whitewater rafting and ziplines**
 - **National Park admission**
 - **Not during holidays in some cases**

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Things To Think About

Planning

- **Get prepaid debit cards**
- **Driving – some long days. BSA has a 10 hour limit**
- **Don't overlook culture and science**

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Things To Think About

Tr 15 Summer Travel Camp 2021 Budget Per Person

Activity	RON Friday	Springer NM 18-Jun	Alamosa Saturday 19-Jun	Florida Sunday 20-Jun	Florida Monday 21-Jun	Florida Tuesday 22-Jun	Black Canyon Wednesday 23-Jun	Montrose Thursday 24-Jun	Camp Hale Friday 25-Jun	East RMNP Saturday 26-Jun	Home Sunday 27-Jun	Total	
Breakfast			\$6.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$4.00	\$38.00	
Lunch		\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$30.00	
Dinner		\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$8.00	\$5.00	\$5.00			\$43.00	26%
Transportation		\$47.40										\$47.40	12%
Entry fee			\$8.75									\$8.75	2%
Board			\$10.00									\$10.00	2%
Museum												\$0.00	0%
WW Rafting						\$74.00						\$74.00	18%
Zipline				\$107.00								\$107.00	26%
Campsite			\$2.08	\$3.75	\$3.75	\$3.75	\$3.75		\$5.00			\$22.08	5%
Hotel								\$24.00				\$24.00	6%
Daily cost		\$55.40	\$34.83	\$122.75	\$15.75	\$89.75	\$18.75	\$36.00	\$17.00	\$7.00		\$404.23	Total cost
Notes			Philmont, Great Sand Dunes									\$400.00	Participant cost
Travel time 7 hrs, gain 1			3 hrs	2 hrs			3 hrs	2 hrs	2 hrs	2 hrs	10 hrs		
													Food
													Fuel
													64.47
													78.26
													46.02
													41.63
													107.38
													28.25
													7.38
													32.46
													170.29
													24.3

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Things To Think About

Tactical

- **Maps and routes for drivers**
- **Next meet-up place**
- **Communications**
 - **Cell service not so great in the mountains**
 - **FRS radios**
- **“I need to go!” Side of road less than ideal.**
- **Pack and load first, then eat right before or while moving**

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Takeaways

A travel camp is feasible for a Troop of up to 40

Cost is comparable to traditional resident summer camp

Requires some planning

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HAVE FUN!

