

Crew

Memorandum

9 April 1965

A leave has been approved for a group of cadets to go on a Canoe Race.

They will eat dinner in the Dining Hall at 12:15 P.M. They will leave the Academy, from the Logansport Gate, at 12:45 P.M. Saturday, 10 April, and return at approximately 5:00 P.M. Sunday, 11 April.

Mr. Garrison will have charge of the group.

The following cadets will make the trip:

Alderman, H.H.	Goranson, H.T.	Price, J.R.
Alexander, V.	Guyon, C.R.	Putnam, R.W.
Atkins, P.K.	Hardin, J.T.	Randall, R.A.
Barnhart, T.K.	Hatten, T.E.	Richardson, W.T.
Berry, M.O.	Hershberger, D.	Richter, W.I.
Bibo, J.C.	Hutchinson, D.B.	Rutledge, J.C.
Bush, W.S.	Kalb, T.W.	Schlicher, F.
Carmichael, J.S.	Keenan, J.H.	Schwalger, S.K.
Chapman, L.A.	Lamontagne, R.W.	Scoutten, J.
Collins, E.H.	*Lagerquist, H.	Seime, J.
Corbett, A.B.	Lott, R.M.	Smith, T.Q.
Coulter, J.M.	Magill, L.	Strzalkowski, W.
Culverhouse, H.F.	Marshall, G.E.	Terrazas, R.
Davis, T.R.	Marshall, W.	Werle, K.C.
Donald, R.A.	Martin, C.	Winget, M.G.
Dukette, J.D.	Merritt, D.A.	Woodard, W.R.
Eckert, W.J.	Mitchell, R.C.	Warrick, T.J.
Epley, C.W.	Nichols, S.S.	
Etchen, J.R.	Nichols, W.R.	
	Norton, D.R.	
Flemming, M.N.	O'Hara, D.T.	
Fogel, R.M.	O'Hara, T.M.	
Foster, F.B.	Overmyer, E.E.	
Frison, T.W.	Peck, D.C.	
Goldman, J.O.	Phillips, W.C.	
	*Leininger, S.W.	

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Deputy Commandant

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Council de Jours
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15 April 1965

Memorandum to: General Spivey
Dean Benson
Col. Scruggs
✓ Chaplain Bray

Col. Covington
Mr. Hartman
Mr. Reichley

Subject: 1965 Tippecanoe River Race

This year's race was, in my opinion highly successful. Drawing on last year's experience, we were organized much better. Our total entries jumped to 81 canoes. We drew good crowds of spectators.

The strongest favorable factor in holding this activity, other than the benefit for our own cadets, is the chance it gives us to put our best foot forward and make many friends for the Academy. Judging from the comments made and the general atmosphere prevailing over the weekend our time, effort, and a very little bit of money was well spent.

Our guests certainly appreciated the beds, showers, camp grounds, all free, and meals at nominal cost. We were able to show both our Culver films to a receptive audience Saturday night.

Our cadets conducted themselves in the best traditional manner and made an excellent impression. They did much better in the race than last year.

My recommendations are as follows:

1. Hold the race next year.
2. Build it up through early and extensive publicity.
3. Establish a budget to work with. An example of the inadequacy of our present system of running the whole thing on no money is the ordering of meals. Because I tried to order on a break-even basis, I figured too close and we ran out of food.
4. Have the boat department move the Academy canoes. We managed to get it done with my own and borrowed equipment, but it is an extra responsibility when I feel that my first concern should be the safety and welfare of our cadets; followed by protecting our property, running the whole program, making our guests happy.
5. Permit women guests (canoeists, mothers, girls, spectators) to use the bathroom in the cottage at Beason. I did that last weekend knowing that it was a serious breach of the rules, but it was cold and I didn't have the heart to send them to the bushes.

6. If we continue to sponsor the race it will continue to grow beyond a one-man operation. I suggest the following:

- a. One man in general control.
- b. One man to handle all the money (entries, meals).
- c. One man to be starter and timer.
- d. One man to run the pick-up boat. Hartman and McKay have done great work on this.

Improvements made this year:

1. Our system of testing cadets on swimming and canoe safety in the pool paid off very well and should be continued.
2. Our system of clean-up and handling bedding at Beason was a great improvement over last year. It needs only minor adjustments.

Mistakes, Losses, Miscalculations:

1. I should have cleared cadet available time with commandant. While operating under precedent set the year before, we got caught in a last minute delay because of drill.
2. Through no fault of his own, Dean Mars could not show up to act as starter and timer. While assuming these duties myself I didn't make the careful check of cadet entry fees that I should have and we will lose some money.
3. Because I spent considerable time hauling canoes to Leiters Ford and from Buffalo I didn't follow through on other responsibilities as I should have.
4. One of our canoes was temporarily dislocated in the river. Fortunately, it was our oldest, most beat-up wooden one. Bob Hartman made every effort under trying conditions to recover it, but the water was too high. We will go back after the river drops to find it. If it can't be found I will give Woodcraft one of my own to replace it.
5. While finishing up after daylight Monday we were caught in the tail-end of the storm and our trailer was turned over, poking a hole through one of the 13' Grumans. It has been delivered to the repair shop where it can be fixed.

We had allowed enough time to finish hauling, clean-up, etc. Sunday evening, but a volunteer helper got lost and my car broke down while towing the trailer.
6. Some changes need to be made in the race itself to keep the novice canoeists encouraged. This is all worked out, but I won't bore you with details now.

Summary:

It was a great race. With the permission of all concerned we can make it the top canoe activity in Indiana.

William Garrison