

Dads & Daughter Canoe Trip

July 17-19, 2025

Put your plans together the weekend will soon be here. We are excited about another trip. Here is a sketch of what the weekend will look like. I am deeply hopeful that each dad & daughter will seize the opportunity to make some special memories. Take that walk; play that game, have that laugh together. This is about the two of you (or three of you, or four...) making a lifelong memory and connecting at a level that many dads & daughters often do not. That's my prayer and my heart. If you have questions please call me (507-661-5454).

Schedule

PLEASE NOTE WE WILL BE LOADING CANOES ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT, SO YOU NEED TO HAVE YOUR CANOES AT THE CHURCH BY 12PM!

Thursday

7:30 – Leave the church parking lot in Waterville & travel to Lanesboro, MN.

10:00 – Arrive in Lanesboro, MN & shuttle up river

- Float into Lanesboro on the Root River

- Get an ice crème cone

- Load canoe's back on to shuttle vehicles & trailers

4:00 – Travel to Harvest Farm Campground in Harmony (actually out of town on the Upper Iowa River) Check out their website: www.harvestfarmcampground.com

5:30 – Eat dinner

5:30 – 8:00 Free time (Bocce ball, volleyball, friendly touch football, playground etc.)

8:00 – Campfire Service & snacks

Friday

Breakfast & Devos

- pack lunches

10:00 – leave Harvest Farm Campground and shuttle up river for a leisurely float on the amazing Upper Iowa River*

3:00 – Exit the Upper Iowa River at Harvest Farm Campground (walk up the path to the Oaks (our group camp) Free Time

- if there is enough interest we know where some Amish families live (school, farms, basket place, wood working shops etc) and we would be delighted to lead a group to them

- fishing

- playground

- naps ☺

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Saturday

Breakfast & Devos

- pack lunches

-pack up camp

10:00 – walk to landing at Harvest Farm Campground, put the canoes into the Upper Iowa River and float down stream.**

2:00 – Take out of Upper Iowa River and load the shuttle vehicles and trailers

3:00 – Begin our journey back to Waterville

5:30 – Arrive at church parking lot and unpack.

* Our campground is located on a beautiful wooded bluff overlooking the Upper Iowa River. Being 50 feet above the river you never have to worry about late night rousts to escape flooding waters. Enjoy a short hike to the river through several rustic paths, winding through large boulders, natural wildflowers and scenic sights. The massive bluffs provide home to thousands of Mud Swallows, which helps to keep our campground virtually mosquito free.

The Upper Iowa River is a relatively short river, canoe-able for about 110 miles. It starts in southeastern Minnesota, then meanders through Howard, Winneshiek, and Allamakee counties in Northeastern Iowa before it empties into the mighty Mississippi at New Albin, Iowa. The Upper Iowa River is unique in that it is one of only two clear water rivers in Iowa. It is mostly fed by cold water springs which supports a lot of excellent fishing, anglers have good luck catching rock bass, smallmouth bass, rainbow and brown trout. It's Iowa's only river eligible for designation as a national Wild and Scenic River. National Geographic's Adventure Magazine recently ranked canoeing the Upper Iowa River as 1 of 100 outdoor adventures in the United States. **We suggest that you wear old sneakers as the river bed is gravel, stone chips, and limestone.** You might want to bring a camera to capture the scenic beauty as the river winds through farmland prairies then changes to a river valley with limestone bluffs. Wildlife is abundant with White Tail Deer, Wild Turkeys, and Bald Eagles being the main attraction.

**I am thinking that we should try to be done about 2 PM so I will determine where we will take out based upon our speed and float down river.

Details

Cost:

\$30 – per tent per night

\$15 – per person for two dinner & two breakfast meals

(We are asking that every family bring

- your own juice or milk for the morning***
- a pound. of bacon or sausage***
- a pound of burger (for every 4 people in your group)***
- 1 dozen eggs***

Dinner will be supplied Thursday & Friday night

\$30 – per family for gas if riding in a church vehicle

\$25 – per family for gas if driving your own vehicle

\$40 – per canoe (if you need one)

Snacks are on your own

Lunches are on your own





Breakfast – will be supplied Friday & Saturday morning (omelets and pancakes)

Map to Lanesboro

	Maneuvers	Distance	Maps
	1: Start out going NORTH on 2ND ST S toward MAIN ST E / CR-14.	<0.1 miles	Map
	2: Turn RIGHT onto MAIN ST E / CR-14.	0.3 miles	Map
	3: Turn RIGHT onto MN-13 S.	0.4 miles	Map
	4: Turn LEFT onto MN-60 / E BENTON ST. Continue to follow MN-60 E.	13.9 miles	Map
	5: Merge onto I-35 S toward ALBERT LEA.	17.0 miles	Map
	6: Merge onto US-14 E via EXIT 40 toward ROCHESTER / AUSTIN.	39.9 miles	Map
	7: Merge onto US-52 S toward WINONA / PRESTON / AIRPORT.	31.0 miles	Map
	8: Turn LEFT onto MAIN ST / CR-33.	0.3 miles	Map
	9: Turn LEFT onto CR-8.	8.8 miles	Map
	10: Stay STRAIGHT to go onto ELMWOOD ST E.	<0.1 miles	Map
	11: End at Lanesboro, MN US		Map

Total Est. Time: 2 hours, 17 minutes **Total Est. Distance:** 112.16 miles

Directions from Lanesboro, MN to Harvest Farm Campground (south of Harmony, MN)

-  1: Start out going WEST on ELMWOOD ST E toward MN-250 / PARKWAY AVE N / CR-8. <0.1 miles [Map](#)
-  2: Turn LEFT onto MN-250 / PARKWAY AVE S. 0.4 miles [Map](#)
-  3: Turn RIGHT onto SHERIDAN ST W / MN-16. Continue to follow MN-16. 5.2 miles [Map](#)
-  4: Turn SHARP LEFT onto US-52 / CR-12. Continue to follow US-52. 7.9 miles [Map](#)

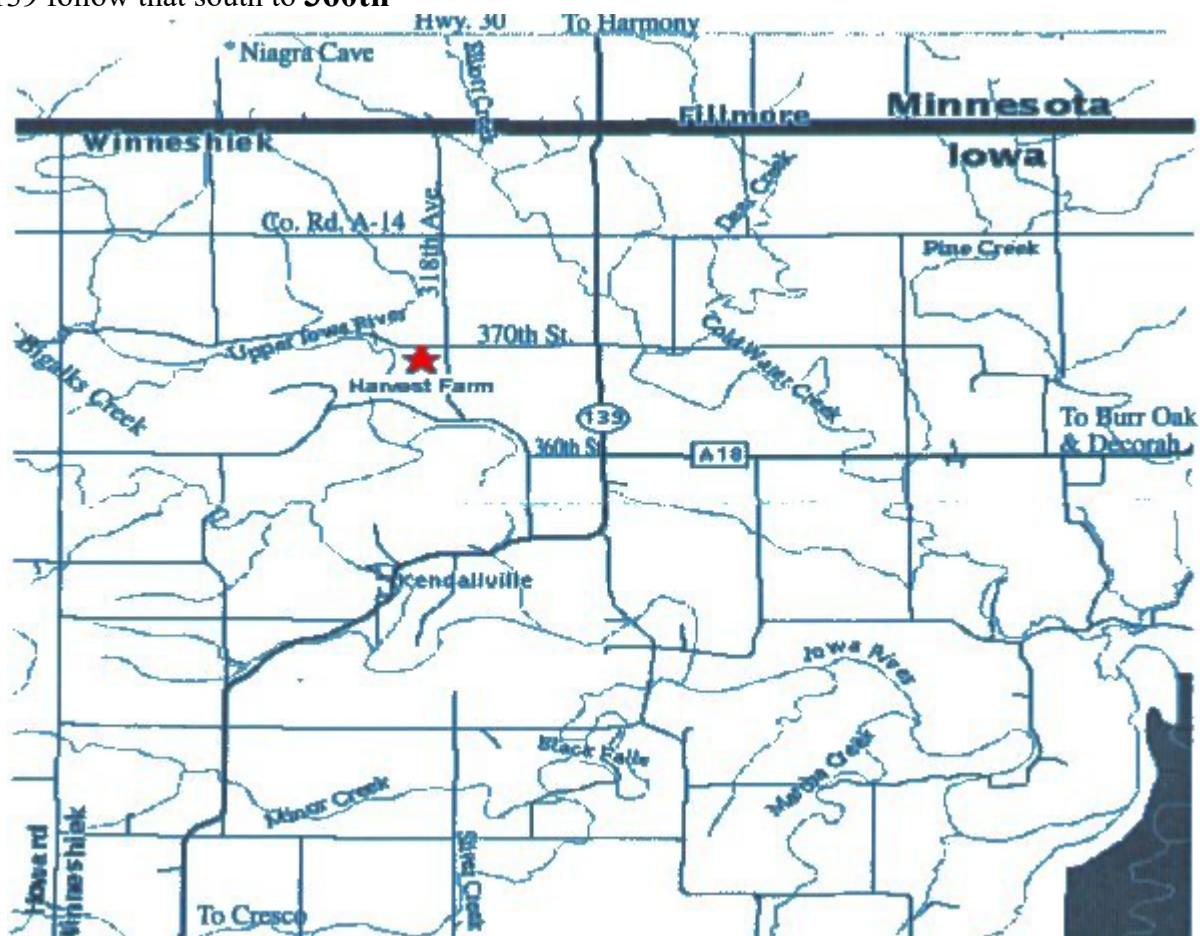


5: Turn RIGHT onto MAIN AVE N / MN-139 / CR-44. <0.1 miles [Map](#)



6: End at **Harmony, MN** US [Map](#)

MN – 139 follow that south to **360th**



Street.