

2017 Athabasca River Brigade Paddling and Event Schedule

Date	Activity	Distance (km)	Paddling time(hrs)	Start Time	End Time	Organizer	Comments
Day 0	Jasper						Camping Day 0 and Day 1 at Snaring Overflow Campground
June 22nd THURSDAY	Camping			12:00 pm	8:30 pm	Bernie Kreiner	Snaring Overflow Brigade Camping area available to crews beginning at 10:00am in DESIGNATED AREA ONLY. Recommend dropping boats off (with on site security) at Maligne River put in during afternoon to reduce congestion in morning.
June 22nd THURSDAY	Crew Leader's Meeting			8:00 pm	8:30 pm	Bernie Kreiner	Plan out next day's activities.
June 22nd THURSDAY	Orientation and Greeting- all Brigaders			8:30 pm	9:00 pm	Bernie Kreiner	Enthusiasm required by all! Showers available at Jasper Fitness & Aquatic Centre. 2:00-6:00 pm Wet Exit Practice at Six Mile Lake (just before crossing Snaring River on Snaring Road, Left side as you come towards bridge from Town).
Day 1	Jasper						
June 23rd FRIDAY	Teams move canoes to launch site at the mouth of the Maligne River			8:00 am		Rick Zroback	Teams should be arriving at launch site from about 8: 00 am on as put in is congested. Adequate parking at 6 Mile Bridge and other parking lot about 200 metres away from river.
June 23rd FRIDAY	Paddle Maligne River to Airstrip Day Use	8.6	1.5	9:30 am	11:00 am	Rick Zroback/ Designated Lead and Sweep Boat	
June 23rd FRIDAY	Airstrip Day Use Event			11:00 am	1:00 pm	Nicolas Cournoyer	Opening launch ceremony at Jasper Airstrip Lunch provided Crew change SWAG given out to crew members
June 23rd FRIDAY	Paddle Jasper Airstrip to Jasper House	22.9	3.0	1:00 pm	4:00 pm	Rick Zroback/ Designated Lead and Sweep Boat	Canoes left at Jasper House with security. Public viewing of Brigade at Jasper Lake- approximately 2:30 pm
June 23rd FRIDAY	Paddlers transported by bus back to Snaring Overflow			4:00 pm		Ken Caissie	Paddlers transported back to Snaring Overflow Campground by bus. Showers available at Jasper Fitness & Aquatic Centre.
June 23rd FRIDAY	Brigader's Informal Mixer						Informal gathering, mixing recommended.
June 23rd FRIDAY	Crew Leader's Meeting			7:30 pm	8:00 pm	Bernie Kreiner	Time of meeting subject to change

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Day 2	Move camp to Hinton						Camping Day 2 and Day 3 at Athabasca Riverfront Park
June 24 th SATURDAY	Catch bus from Snaring Overflow Campground to Jasper House			7:15 am	8:00 am	Ken Caissie	Paddlers transported by bus back to Jasper House.
June 24 th SATURDAY	Paddle Jasper House to end of Brule Lake	26.9	3.5	8:00 am	11:30 am	Rick Zroback/ Designated Lead and Sweep Boat	Canoes land at mouth of Solomon Creek on North End of Brule Lake. Teams to provide transportation from canoe pull out to Kiosk (1.5 kms) Public viewing of Brigade at pull out at Brule Lake at 11:15 am.
June 24 th SATURDAY	Kiosk ceremony and lunch			11:30 am	1:30 pm	Christopher Read	Kiosk Historical ceremony at Brule Lake Lookout on Brule Highway Lunch provided Crew change
June 24 th SATURDAY	Paddle Brule Lake to Hinton	17.3	2.0	1:30 pm	3:30 pm	Rick Zroback/ Designated Lead and Sweep Boat	Public viewing of Brigade at Muskuta Creek- approximately 2:45 pm Upon arrival. Showers available at Hinton's Dr. Duncan Murray Recreation Centre.
June 24 th SATURDAY	Share the Stew/Share our Story			5:30 pm	8:30 pm	Diane Watson	Entertainment Dinner provided (Voyageur Stew)
June 24 th SATURDAY	Crew Leader's Meeting			8:00 pm	8:30 pm	Bernie Kreiner	Time of meeting subject to change

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Day 3	Hinton						
June 25th SUNDAY	Paddle Hinton to Obed Bridge	25.6	3.0	7:00 am	10:00 am	Rick Zroback/ Designated Lead and Sweep Boat	Public viewing of Brigade at Willow Creek Bridge boat launch- approximately 7:30 am. Canoe launch from campsite to Obed Bridge – one hour layover for lunch. Non paddlers return to Hinton. Participants expected at Beaver Boardwalk in Hinton at 3:30 pm. Showers available at Hinton’s Dr. Duncan Murray Recreation Centre. Crew change
June 25th SUNDAY	Paddle Obed Bridge to Emerson Bridge	27.0	3.0	11:00 am	2:00 pm	Rick Zroback/ Designated Lead and Sweep Boat	Canoes left at Emerson Bridge with security.
June 25th SUNDAY	Paddlers transported by bus back to Beaver Boardwalk in Hinton			2:00 pm		Ken Caissie	Bus shuttle back to Beaver Boardwalk in Hinton 1.5 hours. Back in Hinton at 3:30 pm. Crews to be in costumes/formal Voyageur dress (sashes, shirts, etc.)
June 25th SUNDAY	People in Boats/Tales of Teepees			3:30 pm	5:30 pm	Diane Watson	Brigade activities for public at Boardwalk. Transportation back to campsite responsibility of each crew.
June 25th SUNDAY	Brigader’s Informal Mixer						Informal gathering, mixing recommended Dinner Provided (Pulled Pork/Bun, Salads, Beverage)
June 25th SUNDAY	Crew Leader’s Meeting			7:30 pm	8:00 pm	Bernie Kreiner	Time of meeting subject to change

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Day 4	Move camp to Whitecourt						Camping Day 4 and Day 5 at Whitecourt River Boat Park at confluence of Athabasca and McLeod Rivers
June 26 th MONDAY	Catch bus from Athabasca Riverfront Park to Emerson Creek Bridge			7:00 am		Ken Caissie	Paddlers transported by bus back to Emerson Creek Bridge. Breakfast Provided (Egg McMuffins, Muffins, Coffee, Juice)
June 26 th MONDAY	Paddle Emerson Bridge to Hwy 947Bridge(Amoco)	78.2	8.0	8:30 am	4:30 pm	Rick Zroback/ Designated Lead and Sweep Boat	Longest day, no crew change , recommend experienced paddlers for this leg. Require crews pick up canoes and paddlers at end. Transport canoes to Hwy 604 Bridge (Windfall) on way to Whitecourt and leave over night with security. Crews would not be in camp in Whitecourt until 6:00pm. R&R needed. Showers at adjacent commercial campsite or Whitecourt's Allan Jean Millar Recreation Center.
June 26 th MONDAY	Brigader's Informal Mixer						Informal gathering, mixing recommended
June 26 th MONDAY	Crew Leader's Meeting			7:30 pm	8:00 pm	Bernie Kreiner	Time of meeting subject to change

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Day 5	Whitcourt						
June 27th TUESDAY	Crew shuttle to launch			7:00 am			Crews shuttle paddlers to Hwy 604 Bridge for launch.
June 27th TUESDAY	Paddle Hwy 604 Bridge(Windfall) to Whitcourt Riverboat Park	33.2	3.0	8:00 am	11:00 am	Rick Zroback/ Designated Lead and Sweep Boat	Public viewing of Brigade at Whitcourt Riverboat Park or Hwy 43 Bridge approximately 10:45 am
June 27th TUESDAY	Dress in voyageur apparel						Brigade eddy out and dress on riverbank above Whitcourt
June 27th TUESDAY	Arrival and welcome ceremony at Riverboat park			11:00 am	11:45 am	Dan Moore	Crew change. Lunch Provided (Hamburgers, salads, etc.)
June 27th TUESDAY	Paddle Whitcourt Riverboat Park to Hwy 658 Bridge (Blue Ridge)	23.8	2.5	1:00 pm	3:30 pm	Rick Zroback/ Designated Lead and Sweep Boat	Require crews to pick up paddlers and transport back to Rotary park in Whitcourt for public celebrations. Canoes stored at Blue Ridge with security. Showers at adjacent commercial campsite or Whitcourt's Allan Jean Millar Recreation Center.
June 27th TUESDAY	Whitcourt Community Event at Rotary Park			4:30 pm	7:30 pm	Dan Moore	Entertainment, People in Boats- Title?? Dinner provided (Hamburgers and salads, etc.) and BBQ available for crew use if you don't want burgers (BYOMeat)
June 27th TUESDAY	Crew Leader's Meeting			7:30 pm	8:00 pm	Bernie Kreiner	Time of meeting subject to change

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Day 6	Move camp to Ft Assiniboine						Camp at Welsh Park adjacent to Ft. Assiniboine Ball Diamonds.
June 28 th WEDNESDAY	Crews shuttle to launch			6:15am			Crews shuttle paddlers to Hwy 658 Bridge (Blue Ridge) for launch.
June 28 th WEDNESDAY	Paddle Hwy 658 Bridge (Blue Ridge) to Twp Rd 605A (Moose Wallow)	31.2	3.0	7:30 am	10:30 am	Rick Zroback/ Designated Lead and Sweep Boat	Gravel road access to Moose Wallow for crew change . Crews responsible for own lunch.
June 28 th WEDNESDAY	Paddle from Twp Road 605A (Moose Wallow) to Ft Assiniboine Marina	38.2	4.0	11:30 am	3:30 pm	Rick Zroback/ Designated Lead and Sweep Boat	Arrival at Ft Assiniboine with the possibly of having the Lt. Governor of Alberta in a canoe at Ft Assiniboine Marina. Viewing opportunity at historic fort on banks of river and at Marina. 3:00 pm. Recommend visits to Museum and Legion.
June 28 th WEDNESDAY	Dress in voyageur apparel			2:45 pm			Brigade eddy out river right and dress at Bridge above Fort Assiniboine
June 28 th WEDNESDAY	Brigade's parade from Marina to Museum			3:45 pm	4:15 pm	Quentin Olson	Brigade's to be dressed in voyageur apparel. Showers available at Hockey arena adjacent to fairgrounds and museum.
June 28 th WEDNESDAY	Brigade wind-up supper/celebration (early Canada Day for Ft. Assiniboine folks)			5:00 pm	???	Quentin Olson	LT Governor welcome to Brigade. Festivities include world class fiddler. Dinner provided (BBQ fare)