

# Mississippi Valley Council River Trek Challenge



## Is Your Troop Up To The Challenge??

Canoe/Kayak these four rivers of Mississippi Valley Council and be eligible to purchase the cooresponding patch!

*Each patch can be purchased after each individual river trek.*

**Skunk River:** Some may believe the Skunk River is named for those smelly black and white creatures that roam or forests. However, the Skunk River is actually named after the wild onion fields that it ran through. It was named by the Native Americans and was somewhat lost in the translation since the translation sounded like *skuhngk*, when spoken.

**Des Moines River:** The is named from early French Explorers which meant 'River of the Monks'. It is believed the name was derived from the Trappist monks who built huts near the mouth of the Mississippi River. The river was used by early trappers for the fur trade and later was used for commercial transport across Iowa.

**Mississippi River** The name comes from the Ojibwe Native Americans who called the river "Messipi" pronounced mee-zee-see-bee which means "Big River" or "Father of Waters." A young steamboat pilot by the name Samuel Clemons would later write many stories about his beloved river he once navigated. He would use the name Mark Twain which stood for "Mark number two" which is a river term indicating the second mark on the line that measured the depth of the water.

**Iowa River** is named after the Native American tribe Ioway. They lived along the river banks and use it for fishing, transportation, and hunting. The patch includes an image of Ioway Chief White Cloud whose spirit still watches over the Iowa River valley.

# Mississippi Valley Council Float Challenge Patch Application

- River:
- Iowa River
  - Skunk River
  - Des Moines River
  - Mississippi River

Troop: \_\_\_\_\_

Council: \_\_\_\_\_

- Certifications:
- BSA Youth Protection Certified – All Adults
  - BSA Safety Afloat – One adult minimum
  - BSA Swim Defense – One adult minimum
  - BSA Weather Hazards – One adult minimum

- Requirements:
- Minimum day-long float trip to include one meal during trek.
  - One overnight campout

Dates Completed: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_.

- Roster:
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| 1. _____  | 11. _____ |
| 2. _____  | 12. _____ |
| 3. _____  | 13. _____ |
| 4. _____  | 14. _____ |
| 5. _____  | 15. _____ |
| 6. _____  | 16. _____ |
| 7. _____  | 17. _____ |
| 8. _____  | 18. _____ |
| 9. _____  | 19. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 20. _____ |

Check if more included on another form

# of Patches Ordered @ \$10.00 per patch \_\_\_\_\_