

Troop 935 Campout

Parent/guardian needs to fill out the last page and turn into Troop Scribe
by May 11th, 2010

Event : Penn's Cave / Johnstown Flood Museum
Destination : 7 Mountains Scout Camp – Spring Mills, PA
Dates : May 14-16, 2010
Meet at : McDonaldsville United Methodist Church, 5/14/10 Time: 4:30 PM
Return to : McDonaldsville United Methodist Church, 5/16/10 Time: 3:00 PM

Fees: \$45 – For the weekend this includes (camping, food, activity fees)
Except \$15 for two fast food meals which will purchase on their own

Meals: Troop Cooking – Menu planned by Scout Master

Permission Form and Fees Due: at May 11th, 2010 Scout meeting

Personal Equipment Needed: Clothing & equipment for early spring/fall weather see below. Check weather forecasts to help in packing proper gear!

Leader in Charge: Kevin Irwin home: 330 408 7078 cell: 330 844 6070 (availability subject to cell coverage in camp area). *In case of an emergency, contact Kevin Irwin at 330 844 6070*

Activity Notes: The focus of this trip is the Geology merit badge.

We will be camping at Seven Mountains Boy Scout operated by the BSA Juniata Valley Council.

Saturday morning we will have a guided one-hour cavern tour by motorboat on an underground stream. Along the limestone corridors, stalagmites, stalactites, flowstone cascades and draperies decorate the interior rooms, while underwater, trout swim and jump for feed!

Saturday afternoon we will be exploring the camp and completing a 5 mile mountain hike in the camp or at Poe Valley State Park.

Sunday morning we will travel to the Horseshoe Curve which is a famous railroad horseshoe curve in central Pennsylvania, near Altoona. Called an "engineering marvel", it was completed in 1854 by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Horseshoe Curve is also noted among geologists for its excellent rock outcrops, including the Devonian Catskill Formation. The Devonian Catskill Formation or the Catskill clastic wedge is a unit of mostly terrestrial sedimentary rock found in Pennsylvania and New York.

We will conclude our visit with a trip to the Johnstown Flood National Memorial that commemorates the nation's deadliest flood in history. On May 31, 1889 the dam at Conemaugh Lake, which provided fishing, hunting, and boating opportunities for the South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club members, burst. The 450-acre lake emptied, sending water rushing toward the city of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, causing death and destruction. Over 2,000 men, women and children were killed.

Minimum Recommended Personal Gear:

Fall/Spring Gear list (temperatures to range from 30-50 °F):

- Spring/winter coat
- Backpack or duffle bag with garbage bag for rain cover
- Poncho/rain gear
- Underwear
- Sweatshirts
- First aid kit
- Sleeping clothes - sweats or pajamas
- Fire starter kit
- Compass
- Drop cloth
- Socks
- Pants
- Sleeping bag, small pillow
- T-shirt, Scouting appropriate
- Playing cards, chess set....
- Knot rope, about 3 foot in length
- Scout handbook, Scout Field Book, paper, pen/pencil, any other materials to work on merit badges or advancement.
- Hiking boots and/or shoes
- Mess kit
- Canteen/water bottle
- Flashlight, with spare batteries & bulbs
- Pocket knife (no fixed blades)
- Toiletries - tooth brush, toothpaste, soap, wash cloth, chap stick, deodorant, mirror, tissues, comb, glasses, glasses case, contacts, contact case and solution, retainers, night headgear, etc...

Itinerary:

Friday

- 4:45 PM - Depart from McDonaldsville UMC
 - Drive 242 miles in 4 hours to 7 Mountains Scout Reservation
 - We will stop around 7 PM for 30 minutes for a sandwich and drink the boys will need about \$7.50 for a fast food stop
- 10:00 PM – Arrive at Scout Camp and setup at Marboe campsite

Saturday:

- 10:00 AM – Depart for Penn's Cavern
- 11:00 AM – Arrive at Penn's Cave for Tour
 - 1 hour boat tour of Cavern
- 1:00 PM – Return to Camp for Lunch
- 2:30 PM – Work on Geology Merit Badge and Review Local Topological Maps
- 3:00 PM – Leave for 5 mile hike
- 7:00 PM – Dinner and break down camp

Sunday:

- 6:00 AM – Wake up & cold breakfast – break down camp
- 7:00 AM – Depart 7 Mountains Scout Camp
 - Drive 66 miles in 1 hour to Altoona Horseshoe Curve National Historic Site
- 9:00 AM - Drive 42 miles in 1 hour to Johnstown Flood Museum
- Noon – Depart Johnstown Flood Museum
 - Grab a sandwich and a drink
 - Drive 180 miles in 3 hours to McDonaldsville, OH
- 3:00 PM – Approximate Arrival
 - We will start calling for rides when we reach the Akron area

Troop 935 Discipline Policy

The Boy Scouts of America have two "sets of ideals" which govern the conduct of any Scout. These are the SCOUT OATH and the SCOUT LAW. When a boy becomes a Scout and at the beginning of each meeting he promises to try to live these ideals. A list of rules and regulations would do nothing more than repeat what is already contained in the Scout Oath and Law. Every Scout in Troop 935 and every guest attending any Troop 935 function is expected to behave according to the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. Our procedure for dealing with Scouts who become a behavior problem is as follows:

- General discipline within the Troop is the ultimate responsibility of the Scoutmaster or the Leader in Charge of an activity. ***Unacceptable behavior that will not be tolerated include but are not limited to lying, stealing, fighting, swearing, failing to follow directions, or taking part in discussions of topics not appropriate for Scouting. It is inappropriate and unacceptable to 'talk back' to any leaders, or be unkind to any other Scout.***
- Boy or Adult Scout leaders of this Troop are NOT to be disciplinarians of any boy, and will not attempt to fill this role for a boy's parents.
- The Scout must realize that at all times he represents The Boy Scouts of America, Buckeye Council, Troop 935, and lastly, themselves to the people around him and must be on his best behavior at all times as said representative.
- Any boy who misbehaves will meet and discuss with the Scoutmaster or Leader in Charge, in an attempt to solve the problem. This may be the only warning the boy will receive that his behavior is not acceptable.
- If a Scout's behavior continues to contradict the Scout Oath and Scout Law after a reasonable effort has been made, then the Scoutmaster or Leader in Charge may decide that it is necessary to have the Scout's parent retrieve him, regardless of location and time.
- Before the Scout can resume activities with the Troop, a conference is to be held with the Troop Committee representative, Scoutmaster, Scout, and Parent/Guardian to decide an appropriate course of action. At a minimum, the Scout shall be suspended from attending or participating in any Troop 935 Scouting function for one week.
- If the Scout's behavior has not improved after the above steps the Scoutmaster may request the Troop Committee's involvement to resolve the situation.
- ***Scouts are not to bring any electronic devices that are not approved by leaders prior to the campout.*** A cell phone is permissible but it is to be kept stowed in personal gear until Sunday morning as we are arriving back at the Church. All electronic devices will be confiscated and returned only to the PARENT when the violation is discussed with one of the leaders.

Troop 935 Medication Policy

Please read the following if your son needs to given medication while participating in this activity.

- All medication to be hand delivered by the parent or guardian to the Scoutmaster or Leader in Charge of an activity prior to departure for this activity.
- Scout leaders will return said medication to parent or guardian upon returning from activity.
- All medication shall be in a plastic zip-lock bag that has the Scout's name clearly printed on it.
- Only the proper amount of medication for the time frame of this activity shall be sent.
- Do not send full bottles of medication.
- All medication must be sent in the original prescription bottles.
- A printed note from the parent/guardian must be in the zip-lock bag and must contain:
 - parent/guardian's name, phone number, and signature;
 - the time of day the medication is to be given;
 - proper dosage for each medication;
 - any other instructions or information pertaining to the medication.

Failure to do any of the above will mean your Scout will not be allowed to participate in this activity!

Troop 935 Activity Permission Slip

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Scout Name: _____ **Age:** _____ **Patrol:** _____

The undersigned parent or guardian attests to the following:

1. I am the legal parent or guardian of the Scout named above and I am legally able to give my consent for the Scout to participate in this Troop activity and I hereby give consent.
2. I have read, understand, and accept the included Troop 935 Disciplinary Policy and if determined necessary by Troop Leaders, will provide transportation home for my Scout, at any hour.
3. I understand that certain costs are incurred with all Troop activities (food, reservation fees, etc.). If my Scout should decide not to attend or fail to show up at predetermined departure time, he will forfeit any and all fees incurred during the Troop activity.
4. My Scout is in good health and has no major illness or change in his health status since the last Personal Health and Medical History form was submitted to the Troop.
5. I have read, understand, and followed the Troop 935 Medication Policies, as applicable.
6. In case of medical emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact me. In the event I cannot be reached, I give my permission to the physician selected by the Troop Leaders to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization or medications for my Scout. *(Please list any exceptions.)*
7. I will make sure my son is present prior to the determined departure time & will be properly equipped and clothed for this activity. Upon return, I will pick him up on time at the location determined.
8. I will work with the Troop Transportation Chair to make sure an adequate amount of drivers and adults will be available to provide transportation for all Troop members. *I will do my share by pitching in and contributing to the transportation needs of this Troop.*
9. I will accept that the adult leaders of this activity will be acting in the best interest of the Scouts of Troop 935 in accordance with BSA Safe Scouting Guidelines. I agree to hold them harmless for any attempts to do what is in any and all of the participants' best interest.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Relationship: _____

Names of parents/guardians/troop leaders who will also attend and drive:

FOR YOUR SCOUT TO ATTEND, YOU MUST LIST AT LEAST TWO PHONE CONTACTS:

- *Primary Contact:** Name of responsible adult: _____ Phone #: _____
- *First Alternate:** Name of responsible adult: _____ Phone #: _____
- *Second Alternate:** Name of responsible adult: _____ Phone #: _____

Payment: Amount: \$ _____ by: cash / check (checks payable to: 'Troop 935')
Received by (Troop Scribe/Leader initials): _____ Date: _____

or (check box): Deduct function fees from our Scout's account. Parent initials: _____