

Troop 255

South Mountain Backpacking Trip

Saturday and Sunday, October 6th and 7th, 2012

Overview: We'll be backpacking along the Maryland section of the Appalachian Trail on South Mountain, near Harpers Ferry.



On Saturday, we'll start at Gathland State Park and hike south 4 miles to the Ed Garvey Shelter. Some patrols will start further north for a more challenging 7 mile hike.

We'll overnight at the Ed Garvey Shelter, a very nice two-level shelter.

On Sunday, we'll hike south for another 3 1/2 miles to the Weverton parking area, stopping at Weverton Cliffs. Then we'll head to downtown Harpers Ferry for lunch in a unique hamburger joint.



Assemble: 7:30am, Saturday, at Chevy Chase United Methodist Church

Return: 3:00pm on Sunday at CCUMC

Cost: \$10 per person for transportation costs.

Food: Bring a bag lunch for Saturday. Scouts will plan and prepare dinner and breakfast by patrol. Bring money for fast food on the way home.

Weather: Expected temperature range is 40s to 70s. Be prepared for warmer and cooler, and of course, be prepared for rain.

Packing: This is a backpacking trip. There is no vehicle access to the campsite. We cannot expect water at the campsite so everyone should bring at least 2 liters of water.



APPROVAL / PERMISSION SLIP

This approval/permission is valid for the October 6-7, 2012 South Mountain Backpacking Trip.

SCOUT: _____

(Permission slip needed for scouts only. Siblings accompanied by a parent do not need a permission slip.)

Approval/permission is granted by the parents/guardians of the Boy Scout named above for their son/scout to participate in the activities of Troop 255, Chevy Chase, Maryland, National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. Approval/permission is granted to the adult members of Troop 255 to authorize treatment of the Boy Scout named above in the event of an accident or emergency.

Adult members of Troop 255 that authorize treatment of the Boy Scout in the event of an accident or emergency shall be released from any or all liabilities. Troop 255 will obtain local and national tour permits when necessary.

Parent Signature

Parent Name (Print) Date

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