

Troop 255

Caving Trip

Saturday and Sunday, February 16th – 17th, 2013

Overview: On Saturday we will be exploring a cave, Saturday night we'll be staying indoors, and Sunday morning we'll go for a day hike.

Assemble: 8:30am on Saturday at CCUMC

Return: 3pm on Sunday at CCUMC

Cost: \$60 per scout.

Activities:

Saturday we will be going caving at Whiting's Neck Cave, near Martinsburg, WV. This is a wild, non-commercial cave and we will be wearing helmets and headlamps. We have a guide company that will be taking us through this beginner-level cave.



Saturday night we will be staying INDOORS at the historic Harpers Ferry Hostel. This facility features heat, a roof & walls, heat, indoor plumbing, heat, full cooking facilities, heat, bunk rooms, heat, separate rooms for the adults, heat, linens/pillows/blankets/towels, heat, and complimentary pancake breakfast (in case you did not get enough at the Pancake Supper).

We will conduct a retirement ceremony of the hostel's worn out US Flag and raising their new colors.

Sunday morning will feature an inspiring day hike up Maryland Heights that leads to a spectacular cliff-side view overlooking all of Harpers Ferry, including the include remains of a fort and canon battery positions. This view is not to miss – imagine Weaverton Cliffs, but with a view down over historic Harpers Ferry. Maryland Heights is where both Union and Confederate troops, during the Civil War, positioned their canon batteries during the numerous assaults and occupation exchanges of the city below. Harpers Ferry is famously militarily indefensible – canon on the heights could fire at will on the city with impunity. A timely visit, considering this is the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.



What to bring: See separate page.

Food: Bring a bag lunch for Saturday. Saturday night is patrol cooking. Sunday morning breakfast is provided. Bring money for Sunday fast food.

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The Cave

The cave will be around 55 degrees, and may be wet and muddy. You will need to dress warmly for the cave. The outfitter will be supplying helmets and headlamps.

WHAT TO WEAR:

Wear layers. Be prepared to get dirty. Wear sturdy shoes or sneakers. The outfitter recommends "two complete layers of old, loose fitting clothing. Coveralls or old, loose fitting jeans and sweatshirt work well for the outer layer."

WHAT TO BRING:

- * Bag lunch
- * A complete change of clothes in a plastic bag WITH YOUR NAME ON IT.
- * A spare flashlight, with batteries, that you have tested.
- * Water
- * Day pack (optional) to carry the water and flashlight

Saturday Night

The hostel will supply linens/pillows/blankets/towels. Sleeping bags are expressly not allowed.

WHAT TO BRING:

- * Patrol dinner
- * You do not need to bring sleeping bag or tent.

Sunday Morning

Sunday morning we will be hiking up Maryland Heights. Dress appropriately for a winter hike. Hiking boots, layers, hat, gloves. Bring water.

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Trip Permission Slip

SCOUT: _____

TRIP: Caving

TRIP DATE: February 16th – 17th, 2013

This approval/permission is valid for the trip listed above.

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.

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

Parent Signature

Parent Name (Print)

Date

WHO SHOULD WE CONTACT IN AN EMERGENCY OR FOR CHANGE OF PLANS?
PLEASE LIST NAMES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS BELOW: