

Troop 255

South Mountain Backpacking Trip

Saturday and Sunday, October 4th and 5th, 2014

Sign up by 9/23, pay up by 9/30!

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



On Saturday, we'll hike in two crews. The short crew (new scouts and adults) will start at Gathland State Park and hike south 4 miles to the Ed Garvey Shelter. The long crew (more experienced scouts, no adults) will start further north and will hike by patrol for a total hike of 7 miles.



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

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

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

Checklist

- Hiking boots
- Backpack
- 2 liters of water
- sleeping bag and pad
- your share of your tent
- your share of your food
- eating utensils (bowl/cup/spoon)
- flashlight
- clothes
- rain jacket
- sunscreen/bug repellent
- toiletries
- money for Sunday lunch
- pocket-knife (optional)
- book/cards (optional)

Return: 3:00pm on Sunday at CCUMC

Cost: \$5 per person for transportation.

Food: Bring a bag lunch for Saturday. Scouts will plan and prepare dinner and breakfast by patrol. Bring money for lunch at Swiss Miss.



Weather: Expected temperature range is 40s to 70s. Be prepared for warmer and cooler, and of course, be prepared for rain. Sunscreen and bug repellent are always a good idea.

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. Travel light!

Scouts will need to share two-person tents and trail-worthy backpacks. Hiking boots are essential. If you're unsure of equipment or need to borrow, please ask.

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Trip Permission Slip

SCOUT: _____

TRIP: **South Mountain**

TRIP DATE: **October 4th and 5th, 2014**

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
Date

Parent Name (Print)

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