

Fall Backpacking Trip

Permission Slip

Troop 113 is heading back up to the Appalachian Trail for an autumn backpacking trip. This trip is designed for scouts who would like to learn backpacking. Scouts who enjoy backpacking are encouraged to participate and lead.

The point of this trip is to introduce scouts to backpacking who are physically ready for a rigorous +1,000 ft. climb over 3 miles. This trip will be 4-5 miles each day with one night of camping. We will begin at I-80 at the Delaware Water Gap and hike up to Sunfish Pond on Saturday. Then hike back down on Sunday afternoon. We will stop for Sunday lunch at 'The After' – in Flanders NJ.

Come up and practice your backpacking, orienteering & wilderness camping skills!

Logistics:

- **Date:** **Saturday November 4, 2017** (Rain or Shine – trip will only be canceled due to safety issues.)
- **Time:** Meet at Somerset Presbyterian **7:00AM**.
- Arrive back at SPC: Sunday November 5th mid-afternoon.
- Drivers are needed – depending on the number of scouts we may need help on Saturday and Sunday!

Equipment to be provided by each Scout:

- Hiking Boots – (absolutely no sneakers – no exceptions)!!!
- Backpack – buy quality if possible - ask a scoutmaster for details if you are not sure which to buy.
- Sleeping Bag – appropriate for November evenings. (Winter Sleeping Bag)
- Sleeping pad – we will be sleeping on the ground not on wooden tent platforms. (Remember you have to carry it!)
- Other camping equipment & appropriate clothing - including raingear. (*we will review details prior to the trip*)
- Your scouting spirit – backpacking is physically demanding – we hike as a crew !
- A good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast – one doughnut and a cup of cocoa at the Dunkin won't be enough!

The troop will provide the following:

- Lightweight backpacking tents.
- Backpacking food
- GORP – (Scouts with peanut or food allergies need to make us aware!)
- Backpacking stoves & cooking utensils.
- Cooking rain tarp & rope.

Permission Slip is due no later than the Troop Meeting on October 24th (no meeting on Halloween)

Price: \$25.00 per scout (Backpacking food is expensive)
Also bring money for Sunday lunch at 'The After' (\$10.00 recommended)

Questions: Hugh McCann 732 309 7605 (cell) hughhome@comcast.net

Given the nature of this wilderness trip, the transportation complexities and the limited number of available adult leaders, this trip is limited to a total of ten (10) scouts.

Return this permission slip with your check, payable to Troop 113, in the amount of \$25.00

I give my permission for my son _____ to attend the Fall Backpacking 2017.

Optional donation to the "Alex4Ever Campership" for a Scout who cannot afford to go _____

Please sign here _____

Troop 113

