

Final Info Flyer

White Plains Troop 73 Pound Ridge Extreme Winter Camping Trip

(hopefully, not *too* extreme)

Ward Pound Ridge Reservation
Cross River, NY
December 12-13, 2009

**Cold Weather
Patrol Camping & Backpack Cooking**

The Opportunity to Complete Rank Requirements



We'll meet at the Highlands Middle School on Saturday morning at 8:00 am, and undertake a thorough equipment inspection. In cold weather camping, having the correct clothing and gear is a matter of safety, not just comfort and convenience. All Scouts must have proper clothing, and all of the required gear from the checklist. Scouts without the proper clothing or gear **MAY** be sent home. Remember what we talked about at the meeting: if a Scout doesn't have a spoon or ground cloth – it is safe to assume he also doesn't have the right clothing and gear to be safe and warm. Please use the checklist to assist you in packing. "I don't have that" or "I didn't know what that was" or "I thought my hood was just as good as a warm hat" can not be excuses for not being prepared. After we ensure that everyone is prepared for a fun and safe weekend, we'll head for the Veterans Trail of Honor and Museum at Lasdon Park in Somers, NY. After our visit, we'll transport ourselves to Ward Pound Ridge Reservation in Cross River, our home for the weekend.

After setting up our campsite, our day will be filled with Scouting activities in the great outdoors. The long-range forecast is still for cold temperatures, but not *horribly* cold. Our program may include a short orienteering hike, a large game, Scouting skills and even a few rank requirements. Don't forget to bring a nice lunch with beverage – maybe even a warm beverage? There should be plenty of daylight in which to prepare and clean up from our dinners before we gather around the campfire for a song, a skit, a cup of hot cocoa, and then off to our tents and the warmth of our sleeping bags.

After a restful night, we'll eat a warm but simple breakfast and take down our campsite. Scouts should be back in White Plains by 11:00 am. Calls will be made to Scouts' homes with a more precise pick-up time as the Troop prepares to leave camp.

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