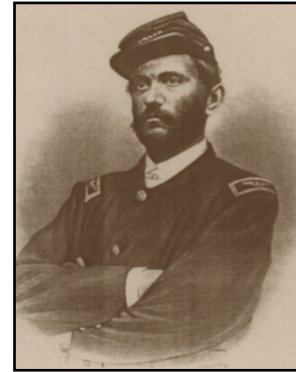


White Plains Troop 73



October 10-12, 2009

Gettysburg

Meet at Highlands Middle School:

Saturday, October 10th, 7:00 am

Return to White Plains:

Monday, October 12th, mid-late afternoon

Parents will be called with more precise ETA on Monday

Remember:

- Full Boy Scout uniforms are to be worn on Saturday. This includes Boy Scout uniform shirt, uniform pants with uniform belt, solid navy blue neckerchief *WITH* slide, and red Troop hat. If you are new to the Troop, or a guest of a Scout, you are excused from wearing full uniform.
- Green Troop 73 tee shirts and red Troop hats may be worn at other times during the weekend. If you do not have either, they will be available for purchase Saturday morning - \$10 each. Again, if you are a guest of the Troop, you are excused from this requirement.
- All Scouts and youth guests should be packed in a backpack. We do not have a long walk from our parking to our campsite, but we are Scouts and we should be packed properly. If you need to borrow a backpack, we have plenty available.
- Each participant must bring their own lunch with beverage for Saturday.
- Each participant must have money to purchase a fast-food lunch on the return trip home. Each vehicle will be traveling on its own, and will stop whenever its occupants desire.
- We will be away from our campsite all day on Sunday – pack and dress appropriately with layers that can be removed if you get too warm, comfortable hiking boots, a personal first aid kit with moleskin, and extra socks to change into mid-hike. A dry foot is a happy foot. And a happy foot makes a happy hiker.
- Anyone who has one is encouraged to bring an *empty* day pack/knapsack which will be used to carry lunches and supplies during the Sunday hike.
- Each hiker will need a canteen or several water bottles. Hikers must drink to maintain hydration or muscles begin to cramp. A cramped hiker, is an unhappy hiker – even if his feet are dry.
- Please don't forget appropriate utensils for eating meals. A camper with dry feet and uncramped muscles still won't be happy if he can't eat dinner!
- Patrol Leaders: don't forget your Patrol flag, a notebook with pens, and all the Patrol Cooking/Food Prep gear you will need that you may be thinking of bringing from home.
- Lastly: The checklist provided is not a *suggested* list of gear to bring – except the portion that is labeled *optional*. If something is on the list, you are expected to have it. If you don't have it, or don't know what it is, there's still time to buy it or borrow it.

Last-minute questions: Scoutmaster Michael S. Bennett 949-4679 / scoutmaster@Troop73BSA.com