

White Plains Troop 73 Gettysburg

Campout and Tour

October 10-12, 2009

Sign Up By October 6th



Patrol Camping & Cooking right on the battlefield

A Campfire you will always remember

A visit with the *Live* 150th NYVI Re-Enactment Unit

**Ceremonies at the 95th NYVI Monument and at the National Cemetery
Battlefield Tour, Historic Trail Hike and maybe even a ghost or two...**

We'll meet at the White Plains Middle School at 7:00 a.m., leave by 7:30 a.m., and arrive at our campsite in time for lunch. After setting up camp, we'll take a ride over to *Cemetery Hill*, the focal point of the battlefield, for a little orientation of where we are and what happened, and if it's at all possible, we'll see if we can figure out why. At the National Cemetery, where 3500 of those killed in the battle were eventually laid to rest, we'll have the opportunity to decorate the graves of the nearly 900 New York soldiers who were interred there in the weeks and months leading up to Lincoln's famous address.

Back in our campsite we'll prepare dinner, trying to forget that just 140 years ago, cannon balls might have been landing all around us - we are camped just behind the ridge of the front lines after all. In the evening, perhaps we'll seek out some of the famous *Ghosts of Gettysburg* in and around the town.

After a restful night, we'll eat breakfast, prepare lunches, and then start our tour of the battlefield, beginning with a respectful wreath-laying ceremony at the monument to the 95th NYVI, partially composed of men from Westchester and Rockland counties. In addition to seeing many of the significant sites where great bravery was demonstrated, and where great sacrifices took place, we'll also have an opportunity to visit with the present-day 150th New York Volunteer Infantry Re-Enactment Unit from back home in New York. They'll be encamped near the Pennsylvania Monument and will show us what life was like for some of our New York ancestors who fought in the battle. Later on, back in the campsite, we'll swap stories of the day's march and what we saw, much as the soldiers would have, have a good dinner, and relax around the fire. Perhaps a lost and tired veteran from long ago will come to sit with us a while and share his own stories.

On Monday morning, we'll strike camp, visit a few final sites, including the museum and visitor's center, and then head for home, stopping for lunch along the way. More information will follow at our next two Troop Meetings: including what to pack, how to pack it, what to expect, what to bring, what to leave home, and what you can expect to see and do. We'll watch some of the movie *Gettysburg*, and Confederate General A.P. Hill will even be on hand at our September 29th Troop meeting!

Submit your permission slip, along with a fee of \$45 per person, by no later than the beginning of our October 6th Troop Meeting to join us for this really great adventure and journey back in time.

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