

WHITE PLAINS BOY SCOUT TROOP 73

Shelter-Building

Backpacking Trip

Durland/Clear Lake Scout Reservation
Putnam Valley, NY

November 14-15, 2009

\$20 per person



Join Troop 73 for a unique camping trip: no tents, no ice chests, no cooking (except to boil water), and almost no cleaning! This trip will combine the basics of shelter-building and wilderness survival, along with backpacking and backpack cooking. The roof over our heads will be whatever WE build – as weather-proof and protective as WE make it. And anything we want to bring with us, we'll carry on our backs. There's no second trip to the parking lot. No going back for a ground cloth or an extra fork. If you don't pack it and carry it, you won't have it.

Upon our arrival at the Durland/Clear Lake Scout Reservation, Troop 73 will hike to our campsite – a good mile to a mile and a half. In backpacking terms, that's not very far. But when you're carrying all of your gear on your back, it can feel long. Every participant, Scout and adult, will need to make that hike with their gear. There is no other way to our campsite. Backpacks are available for loan to those who may need one. At our campsite, we'll construct our shelters, prepare lunch, play a game, rest a bit, and collect some firewood for an evening campfire. Our Patrols will then prepare their own dinners using backpacking stoves and dry / dehydrated / freeze dried meals. Less to carry – less to clean up!

Evening should bring a splendid campfire, with great skits and songs, way out in the forest – fairly isolated from civilization. We may see a hiker pass by on the trail, or a plane fly overhead, but that's about it. In the morning, we'll prepare breakfasts, perhaps have a short activity, pack up, take down our shelters, and head for home. It is expected that Scouts should arrive back at their homes before noon. Of course calls will let parents know a more precise pickup time.

Scouts *and* adults who would like to join Troop 73 for this adventure must get their reservation with \$20 payment turned in at/by the November 10th Troop Meeting along with a *Permission slip* (for Scouts). A *Final Flyer* and *Checklist* will be posted by the 10th, and Patrol camping gear (and loaner backpacks) will be distributed at the meeting. Of course all flyers will be on the Troop website.

Join us!

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