

White Plains Troop 73 Extreme Winter Camping Trip (but hopefully, not *too* extreme)

**Triple B Ranch
Putnam Valley, NY
January 14-15, 2012**

**Cold Weather...maybe even snow?
Patrol Camping & Cooking**

**Llama Hike to a Scenic Overlook
Requirements for Rank
Skills Practice for the Klondike Derby**



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” are not excuses for being unprepared. After we ensure that everyone is prepared for a safe, fun weekend, we'll head to the Triple B Ranch in Putnam Valley, our home for the weekend.

Our day will include setting up our campsite, of course, and a llama hike to a scenic overlook. We'll also work on skills for the Klondike, and rank requirements for those who need. Don't forget to bring a nice lunch with beverage – maybe even a warm beverage. You can over-pack a little bit on this trip. Bring some extra layers of warm clothes. Bring an extra blanket – or an extra sleeping bag to help insulate you at night. Our hike from the cars to the campsite is only about a hundred yards.

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.

Dress warm, in layers. Be prepared to change damp clothes during the day. Be prepared to make a layered and insulated ground-bed, and sleep warm. Be prepared!

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