

# White Plains Troop 73

## Visit to the West Point Museum

And Nearby Historic Site – the Location of the Battle of Ft. Montgomery

February 11, 2012

**Admission to the Museum is Free**  
(Just Bring Money for a McDonalds Lunch)

The West Point Museum's collections include nearly all aspects of military history including the history of West Point and the United States Military Academy, the evolution of warfare, and the development of the American Armed Forces..

Based upon captured British items brought to West Point after the British defeat at Saratoga in 1777, the Museum collections predate the founding of the United States Military Academy. When the Academy opened in 1802, many Revolutionary War trophies remained to be used for cadet instruction.

By the 1820s, a teaching collection of artifacts existed at the Military Academy and after the Mexican War (1846 - 1848) West Point was designated by Executive Order as the permanent depository of *war trophies*. In 1854 the first public museum was opened and in 1989 the West Point Museum in Olmsted Hall opened at Pershing Center. Today it represents the culmination of more than two centuries of preserving our military heritage.

**Troop 73 will meet at the Highlands Middle School at 9:00 am.**  
**Full Boy Scout uniforms are to be worn.**  
**There is no fee to visit the museum –**

**but you may want money for souvenirs at the gift shop.**  
**Bring money for a warm, nutritious McDonald's lunch.**  
**Bring a camera (or your camera-phone) – just no calls please.**  
**We will spend some of our visit outdoors, so dress properly.**  
**Scouts will be returned to White Plains by about 3:30 - 4:00 pm.**

