

2013 Spring Camp

LEADERS GUIDE



April 19th – 21st, 2013

Pipsico Scout Reservation
57 Pipsico Road Spring Grove, VA 23881

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A. Spring Camp Information

When:

Be Prepared. There is no rain date for camp. All units should prepare for foul weather.

What :

This year's theme is centered around traditional cooking – Dutch Oven, Cast Iron, Open Fire and Hobo Stoves, Grills or What-ever. Leave the propane stoves at home!

Opportunities exist for scouts to complete rank requirements and merit badge requirements. The camp will not be providing merit badge counselors. Tracking will be the responsibility of the troop and individual scouts.

Troops may compete in various events. Some events serve to educate as well as provide a fun and friendly challenge amongst scouts.

Troops will also have an opportunity to bring WEBELOOs with them and familiarize them with their troop, the patrol method, and the opportunities Boy Scouts has to offer.

Limited adult training will be available.

Where Pipsico Scout Reservation
57 Pipsico Road
Spring Grove, VA 23881

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Register Tidewater Council Service Center 1032 Heatherwood Drive Virginia Beach, Va. 23455

Cost \$13 per Scout, \$10 per adult If paid in full by ~~March 23, 2013~~
\$16 per Scout, \$13 per adult If paid in full after ~~March 23, 2013~~

Extended to 30 March

THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION. ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE TO REGISTER THRU THE TIDEWATER COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER.

Refunds Troops must notify the Scout Office before camp begins if a Scout will not be attending. Refunds of pre-paid Spring Camp fees will be made by check from the Scout Service Center following Spring Camp only in the case of documented illness or family emergency. No refunds for partial attendance will be granted.

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B. Introduction

The Tidewater Council, Boy Scouts of America welcomes you to Spring Camporee 2013 at Pipsico Scout Reservation (PSR). This camp will provide a great opportunity for Scouts to enhance their outdoor cooking skills through the practice of traditional cooking methods, chance to complete advancement requirements, complete portions of merit badge requirements and have lots of fun. PSR is a Nationally Accredited Camping Facility. We follow and enforce all of the policies, rules and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America and the Tidewater Council.

C. Update and Latest Information

For updates please refer to the Pipsico website at <http://PipsicoBSA.com> click on the "Special Events" link at the top of the page.

<http://tidewaterbsa.com/west/2013/03/02/2013-3r-spring-camporee-registration-is-open/>

D. Attendance Requirements

All campers must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.

E. Advancement Opportunities:



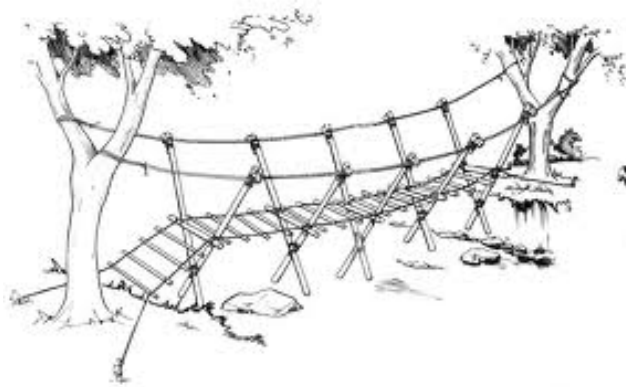
Troop planning for this campout can aid in completion of various requirements for advancement or merit badges. Troops can set up planning and assignments based on scouts needs associated with tenderfoot, second class, and first class scout advancement.

Opportunities exist in completing some of the requirements for the Cooking merit badge, archery merit badge, pioneering merit badge, etc. Scouts interested should review the merit badge requirements, get approval from their scout master, set up a counselor, and discuss requirements with a counselor prior to attending camp. No tracking or formal program for merit badges will be provided by camp staff.

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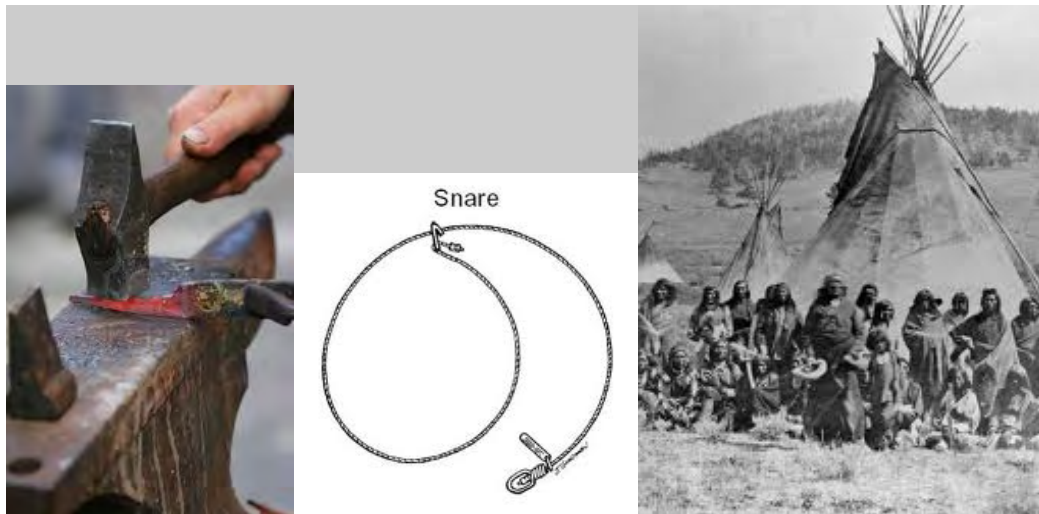
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F. Troop or Patrol Challenges:



- Monkey bridge building competition
- Knife and tomahawk throwing area
- Archery Range
- Corn hole play-off
- Table top ninepins game (like bowling)
- Ball in cup game
- Pioneering – Troops bring a pioneering project to setup in activity field for everyone to see/use

G. Events and Activities:



- Metal forge
- Old time woodworking
- Wood carving
- Trap and snares for hunting/survival
- Knots
- Finger weaving
- Tee-Pees with Indian lore and dance

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H. Spring Camp Daily Schedule

Friday, April 19, 2013

5:30-10:00pm Check-in
9:30 SPL/SM Meeting w/ Cracker-barrel
10:00-11:00 Wind-down time
11:00 Taps (all quiet and fires out)

Saturday, April 20, 2013

7:00 am Reveille
8:00 am SPL/SM at OA Shelter
8:00 am Breakfast
8:40 am Flag ceremony
9:00 am-Noon Morning events start
Noon-1pm Lunch
1:30-4:30 pm Afternoon events start
5:00 pm Lowering of colors
5:05-6:30 pm Dinner
6:45 SPL/SM Meeting
7:30-8:30 pm Campfire (w\skits & Flag Retirement after campfire)
11:00 pm Taps (all quiet and fires out)

Sunday April 21, 2013

7:00 am Reveille
8:00 am SPL/SM at OA Shelter
8:00 am Breakfast
8:50 am Flag ceremony
9:00 am Scouts Own Service
9:40 am Closing Ceremony
10:00 – Noon Clean up camp and checkout
1:00 pm Camp clear. All campers depart

Have a safe trip home!

Thank you for attending Spring Camp

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I. General Event Information and Polices:

All units should bring a unit first aid kit and treat injuries within their capabilities. Units must report all injuries and other medical situations to the camp staff at the Health Lodge, even those they treat themselves. Qualified medical personnel will be on duty at the Health Lodge at all times. If necessary, the camp staff will contact emergency medical services and ambulance services using 911. Unit leaders are expected to control all medications within their units.

Troops are advised to follow the guide for safe scouting. For safety reasons units must adhere to and will be strictly enforced by camp staff the follow expectations:

- Water buckets or fire extinguishers present as indicated in section V
- No vehicle within camp as indicated in section S
- Two deep leadership as indicated in section N
- No sheath knives as indicated in section O
- Off limit areas as indicated in section O
- Check out policy of scout as indicated in section K
- Vehicle traffic conditions as indicated within section J and K
- Additional items may be as discussed at the leaders meeting

J. Check In

Spring Camp Troop Check-in will be conducted from 5:30 pm till 10:00 pm on Friday evening, April 19, 2013 near the **Gregson Center**. Do not arrive early, there will be no one to check you in, you may **NOT** enter the campsites prior to check-in.

Due to the width of the road leading into and out of camp vehicle movement will be controlled at the check in point, parking locations, and camp gate between 5:30 pm and 10 pm on Friday evening.

For the safety of scouts walking through camp, only vehicles pulling troop trailers will be allowed in camp. The trailer must be unhooked and parked in the designated area adjacent to your campsite. No Troop trailers are to be parked inside the campsites. Tow vehicle are to be **immediately** moved to parking lot. All other vehicles are to stay in the parking lots and any additional gear or scouts will have to hike in. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

All late arriving adults and Scouts (including adults rotating in and out of camp) must check-in through the Trading Post. Late arrivals will not be allowed to bring vehicle into the camp area and should be prepared to hike in gear from parking areas.

K. Check Out

Leaders and Scouts leaving camp must check-out through the Trading Post. Scouts may not leave camp for any reason without the Scoutmaster in Charge of his troop signing him out to an approved adult. Unless other written information is presented at check-in, Scouts will only be released from camp to their parent or legal guardian.

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Following closing ceremonies on Sunday, all units must depart by 1 pm. When ready for check-out, send a representative to the K Building so a commissioner can inspect your site. Units will receive their patches at the successful completion of their final site inspection. **ONLY AFTER** the closing ceremonies for the event, will tow vehicles only be allowed into the camping area.

Due to the width of the road leading into and out of camp, vehicle movement will be controlled at the check in point, parking locations, and camp gate between 10am and noon on Sunday.

L. Meals

All meals for Spring Camp will be prepared at the campsite by their troop.

M. Visitors & Guests

Visitors and Guests are always welcome. They must check in and out of camp through the trading post. The Scoutmaster in Charge at Spring Camp is responsible for the behavior of all guests visiting his troop or its members. The Scoutmaster in Charge is also responsible for ensuring that his troop's visitors and guests are aware of the camp's health and safety rules and procedures, and that they are followed. Visitors and guests are not permitted to spend the night.

N. Adult Leaders

All troops must ensure that they meet the BSA two-deep leadership requirement in camp at all times. BSA policy requires at least two adult leaders be in camp at all times; one must be 21 years or older. Leaders may rotate if necessary, but at least two adults must always be with the troop in camp. See Guide to Safe Scouting for clarification. You may share leadership with another troop assigned to your campsite. Troops may send scout as provisional campers if their troop cannot attend. Provisional scouts will be incorporated into other troops. All campers must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.

O. Spring Camporee Rules

The Boy Scout Oath and Law

The Guide to Safe Scouting

Leave No Trace

NO Sheath knives, fireworks, pets, firearms, electronic games, radios, walkie-talkies, TV's and tape/CD/DVD/MP3/Ipod players

Scouts are not permitted to roam through campsites during scheduled activities.

Scouts are not permitted to leave the boundaries of the camp ground.

Off limit areas include archery and knife throwing ranges, boats near the OA shelter, trails leading to the water front.

P. Campsites

As in the past, campsites will be assigned on space availability. There is a high probability that another troop or other troops, could be sharing the same campsite with you. Campsites will be

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assigned based on Troop size at early registration deadline. Troops registering after the early registration date will be assigned sites based on registration date and Troop size.

Troops desiring to set up camp at a campsite should be prepared to clear areas for tents, campfires, and patrol areas accordingly. Those troops which have elected to perform some service hours and establish campsites may indicate your top three choices for campsites on the Troop Reservation Form. We will try our best to accommodate your choices.

Campers need to provide their own tents and beddings. It is noted that most materials (tables, fire rings, tent platforms are not present at most campsites and troops should plan accordingly. All Pipsico tents and cots are in storage for the Spring.

Units should set up their campsite with their unit identification number, an American flag, unit and patrol flags. Duty rosters and schedules are to be posted in their site. The staff will inspect campsites each afternoon using the enclosed inspection form.

Q. Uniform

Troops are required to wear the "official Field Uniform" (referred to as a Class A uniform) during Check-in, Check-out, all Camp Fire programs and Church Services. At all other times participants may wear an activity uniform ("Class B"), consisting of a troop or camp T-shirt with Scout pants or shorts. Leaders must monitor their units to ensure that clothing reflects good taste and Scouting standards.

R. Trading Post

The trading post will be open during Spring Camp. The trading post hours will be posted at camp. Be sure to sure your scouts and scouters stop in to see what they have and bring money for special Spring camp merchandise!

S. Parking & Vehicles in Camp

Since safety is our number one priority, one vehicle per troop will only be allowed in camp Friday night so you can bring in your troop trailer with equipment, and similarly, one vehicle on Sunday morning AFTER the program is complete. There will be no vehicles allowed in the campsite areas. Troops will be provided guidance on travel paths and parking areas for trailers upon check in. Please unhook trailers or unload gear at campsite entrances and return your vehicles to the parking lot. Please make every effort to unhook and unload completely prior to setting up. Parking is only permitted in the designated parking areas. Troops should be prepared to hike in gear beyond the one vehicle allowed above or all the gear for late arrivals.

See enclosure (4) for parking locations.

No other motorized vehicles (golf carts, etc.) will be allowed in camp at any time except for use by designated camp staff. If the need arises for a vehicle to be in camp, approval must first be obtained from the Camp Director (Evan Sommerfeld) or Camp Ranger (Jenny Sommerfeld). Special arrangements will be available for Special Needs Visitors, Scouts and Scouters as requested. Special arrangements may include locating campsites near entrance to decrease

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travel distance. If special arrangements are desired they should be included on the registration form and should be filed early for timely consideration.

If camp roads are in poor condition due to rainy weather on your day of departure, the Camp Ranger may remove your troop trailer with the camp tractor as it becomes available to prevent damage to the roads and vehicles getting stuck.

T. Religious Services- "A Scout is Reverent"

Scouts are encouraged to practice the faith of their family. In support of the twelfth point of the Scout Law, we will have religious services Sunday morning. Service will be a non-denominational Chapel Service will be held Sunday morning at 9 a.m. in the OA Shelter. Troops interested in leading this service should submit request upon check in.

U. Water and Bath Facilities

Drinking water will only be available at the K building at camp Kiwanis and at the Gregson Center at the front of the Reservation. Units are encouraged to bring 2 to 5 gallon containers for transporting water.

Primary bathroom facilities are port-a-potties inside of campsite (No shower facilities are expected to be available for the Spring Camporee)

V. Taps / Lights Out & Fires

Fires authorized depending on the status of the State and City fire prohibitions in effect on the weekend of the camp-out. All ground fires are permitted in the fire rings at each camp site. The camp-master will update units on the current fire policy at check-in. Units must post water buckets or a fire extinguisher in the fire area. Cutting of live trees, shrubs, or vegetation is prohibited.

A Scout is courteous. All scouts are to be in their designated campsites at 10 p.m. to Wind-down the day's activities. Taps is at 11 p.m. Unit leaders must ensure that fires and lanterns are out and that all their youth have retreated to their tents and are quiet.

W. Trash Disposal

Participants should practice Leave No Trace principles to the maximum extent practicable. If you packed it in - you pack it out! All units are expected to police their camping area and remove all trash to the dumpsters located behind the dining hall. Trash that will not fit in the dumpsters becomes the responsibility of the unit to remove from the campground. Do not pile trash next to the dumpsters. If the dumpsters are full at time of checkout then units MUST pack out their trash and make arrangements for proper disposal.

X. Flag Ceremonies

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There are excellent times for scouts who need to participate in a flag ceremony to fulfill this requirement during camp. Slots will be assigned according to the registration date. A backup unit will also be chosen for each slot. Scouts from one troop are welcome (and encouraged) to join with another troop to perform a single ceremony. Units should arrive 15 minutes prior to each ceremony to assembly and practice.

Y. Unit Program Volunteers

It takes many adult volunteers to operate the activities and competitions during the camp's program periods. The staff requests each troop to do their part and run an event.

Adults interested in representing a character as noted in the flyer or with an activity fitting the theme are welcomed and may contact the Boy Scout Camping Coordinator.

Z. Leader's Meetings

The staff requests each unit's Senior Patrol Leader Scoutmasters meet in the OA Shelter at 9:30 PM on Friday, and at 6:45 p.m. on Saturday Evening to discuss the current day's activities and activities for the next.

Units are encouraged to provide constructive feedback to the staff at the evening Leaders Meetings/Cracker Barrels. Additionally, please complete two Camp Evaluation forms per unit, one from the adults and one from the youth. Return them to the staff headquarters at check-out.

AA. Saturday Night Campfire

Each unit should be ready to perform a skit or song at the campfire. At the conclusion of the campfire on Saturday Night, there will be a Flag retirement ceremony conducted to properly pay respect to our Nations colors. Units having flags that they'd like to retire need to be turned in during check-in so they can be properly prepared.

Spring Camp Evaluation Form

Please rate the following on a scale of 1-5 (5 being the best)	1	2	3	4	5
Location (site & facilities):					
Leaders Guide (overall):					
Did it help prepare you for this weekend?					
Was it available in time? (1: Way too Late, 5: Right when I needed it.)					
Was any information missing? Please elaborate: _____ _____					
Staff (overall):					
Ease of registration:					
Was the staff responsive?					
Demonstrations & Activities (overall):					
Fit with the theme:					
Quality of personnel:					
Length of activities:					
Were they interesting?					
Would you like to see this theme again?					
Activity difficulty:					
Assisted in advancement requirements:					
Saturday night Campfire (overall):					
Enjoyment (overall)					

Would you like to help plan the next camp? ___ Yes, count me in.
 ___ Don't know, call me when it's time.
 ___ I might be able to help out in a limited capacity.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____ Unit: _____

Suggestions: (What did we do wrong? What did we get right? How can we improve for next year?) (Continue on reverse, if required.)

THREE RIVER SPRING CAMPOREE
REGISTRATION FORM
April 19-21, 2013

Account #: 1-6801-823-20 SW#: 7801

Unit _____ Date: _____

Leader _____

Address _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Early bird discount for registering BEFORE ~~March 23, 2013~~: Extended to 30 Mar

Number of **SCOUTS** attending: _____ X \$13 = _____

Number of **SCOUTERS** attending: _____ X \$10 = _____

Number of **WEBELOS** attending: _____ X \$13 = _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

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Registering AFTER ~~March 23, 2013~~:

Number of **SCOUTS** attending: _____ X \$16 = _____

Number of **SCOUTERS** attending: _____ X \$13 = _____

Number of **WEBELOS** attending: _____ X \$16 = _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Cash or Check only; submit payment to:
Tidewater Council, BSA
1032 Heatherwood Drive
Virginia Beach, VA. 23455-6696

Is your Unit interested in participating in the following: (first come, first served)

Flag Ceremony: Saturday AM _____ Saturday PM _____

Flag Ceremony: Sunday AM _____ Sunday PM _____

OA Tap-out at Saturday night's campfire (how many? _____)

Registration can only be done through the Tidewater Council Service Center.

THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION!

Contact: Wayne Smith
Boy Scout Camping Coordinator
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wds_53_f100@yahoo.com

Enclosure (4)

Map of Camp - Kiwanis