# SUMMER CAMP

BOY SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP | PIPSICO SCOUT RESERVATION





### 2017 CAMP DATES

Week #1 - June 25 to July 1 Week #2 - July 2 to July 8 Week #3 - July 9 to July 15 Week #4 - July 16 to July 22 Week #5 - July 23 to July 29

Check-in Sundays between 1PM & 4:30PM

### TIDEWATER COUNCIL, BSA

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All pre-camp correspondence should be mailed to the Tidewater Council, BSA main office

### PIPSICO SCOUT RESERVATION

Phone: Number published and in use 6/15/17 Camp Web Page: <a href="www.PipsicoBSA.com">www.PipsicoBSA.com</a> 57 Pipsico Road, Spring Grove, VA 23881

Camp address should be used for driving directions & camper mail only.

### BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP

Pipsico offers Scouts and Scouters the opportunity to immerse themselves in a positive camping environment, at a beautiful property, with a friendly camp staff. The Tidewater Council, BSA is proud to offer quality programs for everyone. Pipsico is geographically located along the James River and adjacent the epicenter of Virginia's colonial attractions and thrilling entertainment; such as Busch Gardens and Water Country USA.

The Brownsea Island program is managed by a Boy Scouts of America National Camping School certified director and focuses on requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks; in a setting that teaches new/younger Boy Scouts about Troop structure, the value of the Patrol Method, the importance of the Buddy System, and the benefits of learning and applying new skills using the E.D.G.E. Method (Explain Demonstrate Guide Enable).

There are approximately 60 merit badge programs available to capture the interests of all Scouts. Those seeking more thrill and less advancement may choose from a collection of specialty programs.

Annually, campers converge on Pipsico from all corners of the globe to experience genuine hospitality.



### **BROWNSEA ISLAND PROGRAM**

The original Brownsea Island is located in Poole Harbour, England and was the site of World Scouting's founding event. From August 1-8, 1907 Lt. Gen. Robert Baden-Powell and Major Kenneth McLaren took 21-boys from lower, middle, and upper-class families camping as an experiment for his book, Scouting for Boys. Baden-Powell's revolutionary idea was to teach camping, observation, woodcraft, chivalry, life saving, and patriotism. Fundamentally, the purpose was to teach young men to "be prepared" and to realize that their station in life was not confined to the Edwardian class system.

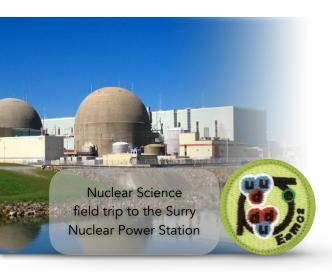
At Pipsico the Brownsea Island program area is designed to welcome new boys to Boy Scouts (wether they have recently crossed-over from Cub Scouts or just joined a Boy Scout troop). The program's purpose is to teach Scouts about the patrol method, Troop organization, being prepared, resourcefulness, and skills for Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks.

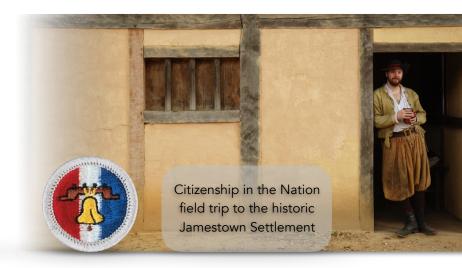
Pipsico's Brownsea Island program is either all morning or all afternoon. At the end of the week Scouts are provided with a list of requirements they worked on during their stay. Scouts may enroll in merit badge program for the remainder of their available session with the counsel of their Scoutmaster

### **IMPORTANT**

Scouts participating in this program should bring a backpack and their Boy Scout Handbook. It is also recommended that they bring a compass.







### MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

Pipsico offers nearly 55-merit badges during summer camp. These are all listed on the following pages, along with the merit badge schedule. Some Scouts will be encouraged by their units to take as many merit badges as possible. While this is a unit decision, experience shows that trying to learn six new skills at the same time is difficult, especially when some merit badges require a number of additional hours of work or practice. Accordingly, a Scout who works on six merit badges will learn how to get by with the least amount of work, rather than actually learning skills. We recommend that, before camp, Scoutmasters hold a conference with each Scouts to assist them in setting realistic goals. Scouts should be encouraged to allow time for the proper completion of merit badges. The underlying purpose of these programs is to expose Scouts to new activities/studies that may positively impact character values, connect the practical application of material learned in school, to develop career or hobby interests and to learn new ways of having fun.

We have developed our merit badge schedule based on the demand of past years. We do, however, reserve the right to adjust the schedule to meet demand and therefore all units must register for merit badges before camp. Some of our sessions have maximum numbers to ensure teaching quality, so if a unit does not sign-up for merit badges before camp, there is a chance that their Scouts will not be able to work on some merit badges. Please note that if units sign up for merit badges before camp, they do not need to rush to arrive first! Once a Scout is signed up for a merit badge we assume that he has Scoutmaster approval to work on that badge. We will only approve requirements completed at camp. In cases where a Scout comes to camp with a partial merit badge, a unit leader needs to provide the area director with proof of the requirements that have already been completed. The proof can either be a "blue card" showing the completed requirements or a signed statement listing the completed requirements. Lastly, we do offer some merit badges that require field trips. In most cases volunteers (and vehicles) are needed to transport Scouts to and from locations.

### **PREREQUISITES**

In addition, there are some merit badges with prerequisites, which may include the completion of the BSA Swim Test, a rank or a merit badge. Where this is the case the prerequisite must be completed before a Scout starts working on the merit badge. There will not be any exceptions to this rule.



## 2017 Merit Badge Schedule Under Review





PROGRAM AREA	MERIT BADGE	IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Aquatics	CLICK MERIT E	BADGE NAME TO DOWNLOAD REQUIREMENTS & RESOURCES LIST
X	Canoeing	Participants must successfully complete BSA swim test. Scouts must bring footwear to wear in the James River. The river bed is very shelly.
<b>38</b>	<u>Kayaking</u>	Participants must successfully complete BSA swimmer test. Scouts must bring footwear to wear in the James River. The river bed is very shelly.
	Learn to Swim	Scouts who cannot pass the BSA swim test may choose to participate in the "Learn to Swim" program to work on their swimming skills.
	Lifesaving	Scouts are highly recommended to be at least First Class prior to taking this merit badge at summer camp. Participants should be able to lift a 10b. weight from the bottom of a pool.
	Motorboating	Participants must successfully complete BSA swimmer test. Scouts must bring footwear to wear in the James River. The river bed is very shelly. Scouts are highly recommended to be at least First Class prior to taking this merit badge at summer camp. \$20 fuel recovery fee.
	Small Boat Sailing	Participants must successfully complete BSA swimmer test. Scouts must bring footwear to wear in the James River. The river bed is very shelly.
	Swimming	Scouts who cannot pass the BSA swim test may choose to participate in the "Learn to Swim" program to work on their swimming skills.  This is physically exhausting merit badge.
Handicraft	CLICK MERIT E	BADGE NAME TO DOWNLOAD REQUIREMENTS & RESOURCES LIST



no special considerations Art



Recommended minimum age is 14. This merit badge also includes a field trip to a local automotive service & parts retail facility. Camp will ask for volunteer driver support.



Requires purchase of kits. **Basketry** 

Approximate additional expense of about \$14.



**Composite Materials** 

no special considerations



Farm Mechanics

Recommended minimum age is 14. This merit badge also includes a field trip to a local automotive service & parts retail facility. Camp will ask for volunteer driver support.

PROGRAM AREA MERIT BADGE IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Handicraft CLICK MERIT BADGE NAME TO DOWNLOAD REQUIREMENTS & RESOURCES LIST

Indian Lore Requires purchase of kits.

Approximate additional expense of about \$5-\$15.

Leatherwork Requires purchase of kits.

Approximate additional expense of about \$6-\$12.

Moviemaking no special considerations

<u>Photography</u> no special considerations

Pottery no special considerations

Sculpture no special considerations

Wood Carving Scouts must have earned Totin' Chip.

Scouts must have earned Totin' Chip. Not recommended for first year Woodwork campers. Scoutmasters must read requirements and evaluate Scout

readiness before enrolling Scouts.

Nature CLICK MERIT BADGE NAME TO DOWNLOAD REQUIREMENTS & RESOURCES LIST

Animal Science

This field trip involves a field trip to a local dairy.

Camp will ask for drivers.

<u>Astronomy</u> no special considerations

Environmental Science no special considerations

Fish & Wildlife
Management

no special considerations



Nature

PROGRAM AREA MERIT BADGE IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CLICK MERIT BADGE NAME TO DOWNLOAD REQUIREMENTS & RESOURCES LIST

<u>Forestry</u> no special considerations

Geology no special considerations

Mining in Society no special considerations

Nature no special considerations

This field trip involves a field trip to the Surry Nuclear Power Station. Camp Nuclear Science

Nuclear Science

Will ask for drivers. Scouts are highly recommended to be at least First

Class prior to taking this merit badge at summer camp.

Oceanography no special considerations

Soil & Water
Conservation

no special considerations

Requires purchase of kits.

Approximate additional expense of about \$10.

Veterinary
no special considerations
Medicine

Weather no special considerations

Scoutcraft CLICK MERIT BADGE NAME TO DOWNLOAD REQUIREMENTS & RESOURCES LIST

<u>Archaeology</u> no special considerations

Citizenship in the Nation

This merit badge includes a trip to the Jamestown Settlement. Camp will ask for volunteer drivers. Scouts are highly recommended to be at least First Class prior to taking this merit badge at summer camp.

**MERIT BADGE** IMPORTANT INFORMATION PROGRAM AREA

Scoutcraft	CLICK MERIT BADGE NAME TO DOWNLOAD REQUIREMENTS & RESOURCE	CES LIST
	Scouts must have already earned the First Aid merit badge.	Requirer



**Emergency Preparedness** 

ement 8b cannot be completed at camp. Scouts may bring their "personal emergency service pack" to have it signed off at camp or this may be completed after camp.



Fire Safety no special considerations



First Aid

Scouts are highly recommended to be at least First Class prior to taking this merit badge at summer camp.



Fishing

Scouts are encourage to bring personal fishing gear.

Limited gear is provided at camp.



Geocaching

Requirements 7&8 cannot be completed at camp.

Scouts may bring verification that requirement 7 has been completed for

counselors to sign it off.



Orienteering

Scouts are highly encouraged to bring their own compass to camp. This is a time consuming merit badge that requires a lot of focus.



**Pioneering** 

no special considerations



<u>Scouting Heritage</u> Bring requirement 6 (or a photo(s) of requirement 6 to camp.



Search & Rescue

Scouts must complete the online training for ICS-100 http:// emilms.fema.gov/IS100b/index.htm and bring the certificate of completion to camp.



Signs, Signals & Codes

Scoutmasters must read requirements and evaluate Scout readiness before enrolling Scouts.



Traffic Safety

no special considerations



Wilderness Survival

Not recommended for Scouts participating in Brownsea Island (First Year Camper Program). Bring requirement 3 to camp.



MERIT BADGE PROGRAM AREA IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CLICK MERIT BADGE NAME TO DOWNLOAD REQUIREMENTS & RESOURCES LIST Shooting

Not recommended for Scouts participating in Brownsea Island (First Year Archery Archery is dangerous. Scoutmasters must read

requirements and evaluate Scout readiness before enrolling Scouts.

Not recommended for Scouts participating in Brownsea Island (First Year Camper Program). Firearms are dangerous. Scoutmasters must read Rifle Shooting

requirements and evaluate Scout readiness before enrolling Scouts.

Ammo fee is \$10 for the class.

Camper Program).

Not recommended for Scouts participating in Brownsea Island (First Year Camper Program). Firearms are dangerous. Scoutmasters must read **Shotgun Shooting** requirements and evaluate Scout readiness before enrolling Scouts.

Ammo & clay pigeon fee is \$15 for each 50-shots.

CLICK MERIT BADGE NAME TO DOWNLOAD REQUIREMENTS & RESOURCES LIST Other

> Minimum age 11. Climbing Program fee is \$10.

Scoutmasters must read requirements and evaluate Scout readiness before Communication

enrolling Scouts.

Salesmanship no special considerations







### THERE IS A WHOLE LOT MORE TO DO THAN JUST MERIT BADGES...

### **AQUAFEST**

A special evening of water-related games including both on the James River and in our pool.

### **CAMPFIRES**

### **CLIMBING & RAPPELLING**

Scouts have the opportunity to try the camp's climbing tower.

### **FREE SWIM**

We know camp can get a little warm every once and awhile so we have made sure to have plenty of opportunity to cool off.

### **HONOR TROOP**

Each unit will be visited by a Camp Commissioner. The assessment focuses on camp cleanliness, creativity, weather preparedness, uniforming, on-time attendance and more.

### **LEARN TO SWIM**

We offer a "Beginner Swimming" program for any scout who wishes to learn how to swim, or who wishes to improve his swimming ability.

### **MILE SWIM**

Mile Swim includes swimming a mile and the process of working up to that high goal. Before attempting to swim a mile, Scouts and adults are required to complete the four one-hour long practice sessions.

### **MOVIE NIGHT**

Pull up your favorite camp chair or bring a blanket to enjoy an evening at the movies in the open air of Pipsico.

### OA DAY

There will be an OA Day with a fellowship on Monday evening. Members of the Order of the Arrow are encouraged to wear their sashes with their field uniform (Class A's) for the day or retreat and dinner.

### **RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS**

"Duty to God" is an essential element of scouting values that we strive to reinforce daily at camp. We begin every meal with the assertion that "a Scout is reverent," after which we offer Grace. Religious services are also an important part of the camping experience.

### **SHOOTING COMPETITIONS**

Scouts and Scouters can show off their stuff.

### **SERVICE PROJECTS**

### VOLLEYBALL, HORSESHOES, FRISBEE GOLF & MORE

We reserve the right to exercise our creative juices between now and camp. Our portfolio of special programs will be modified as summer camp approaches.







### **ADULT LEADER PROGRAMS**

We believe you should get as much out of camp as your Scouts. We have a broad range of programs especially for adults. We have adult training sessions, and a variety of special activities. A sure way to grow in Scouting is to earn the Awesome Leader Award. Those who earn this coveted recognition will come away from camp with new insight and incomparable memories. Leaders are encouraged to visit the program areas to learn and observe but we do ask that you stay behind the proverbial picture frame as a spectator. If you have expertise to offer in a particular area feel free to offer a hand in between program sessions. Staff will welcome an extra set of eyes, ears, and hands. This is especially true in the Brownsea Island program, where you are ultimately responsible to certify that your Scouts have met the advancement requirements.



### AWESOME LEADER AWARD

This is our adult leader recognition program for those who truly immerse themselves in the spirit of Scouting while at camp. It includes participation in fun activities, helping out our staff in certain areas, service to camp and more. This is a great program to participate in and be recognized at the closing campfire.

### TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Have you been too busy to get the training you need? Did you bring along some new leaders or adult volunteers you hope will take a more active role in troop leadership? Then take advantage of our wide selection of training while you're with us! Here's some of what we offer:

- Scoutmaster Specific
- Safe Swim Defense
- Safety Afloat
- Climb on Safely
- Leave No Trace
- Trek Safely
- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills



PIPSICO SCOUT RESERVATION - DAILY SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE							
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:30 AM							
6:45 AM		Morning Swim					
7:00 AM							
7:30 AM							
7:45 AM		Waiters to D-Hall	Open Breakfast				
8:00 AM		Flags &					
8:30 AM		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Check-out
8:45 AM		Leader Meeting					
9:00 AM		Session 1					
9:30 AM							
10:00 AM		Session 2					
10:30 AM							
11:00 AM		Session 3					
11:30 AM							
12:00 PM		Open Lunch					
12:30 AM							
1:00 PM	Check-in	Siesta	Siesta	Siesta	Siesta	Siesta	
1:30 PM							
2:00 PM		Session 4					
2:30 PM							
3:00 PM		Session 5					
3:30 PM							
4:00 PM		Session 6					
4:30 PM							
5:00 PM							
5:30 PM	Open Dinner					Open Dinner	
5:45 PM		Waiters to D-Hall	Waiters to D-Hall		Waiters to D-Hall	(family night)	
6:00 PM		Flags &	Flags &	Cook-out	Flags &		
6:30 PM		Dinner	Dinner		Dinner		
7:00 PM	Leader Meeting						
7:30 PM	Opening Show	Evening Program	Evening Program	Evening Program	Evening Program	Campfire	
8:00 PM					&		
8:30 PM					Outpost Night		
9:00 PM							
9:30 PM							
10:00 PM							
10:30 PM							
11:00 PM	Lights Out	Lights Out	Lights Out	Lights Out	Lights Out	Lights Out	Lights Out
11:30 PM							





### PEX (PIPSICO EXPERIENCE)

The PEX program is an adrenaline sampler if we may be so bold. PEX was designed by teenagers; for teenagers. Campers rotate through a series of programs such as canoeing, tubing, rifle, shotgun, airsoft/paintball, tomahawk, climbing, fishing, cooking, and pool partying! There will be four off-site experiences to include fishing head-boat trip in the Chesapeake Bay, a casual stroll through colonial Williamsburg, high COPE, while concluding their week at Busch Gardens.

### SAIL HAMPTON ROADS

This is a full week of sailing and nightly port visits on the James and Elizabeth Rivers plus a stop over along the southern Chesapeake Bay. Monday morning after breakfast, crews will muster, stow gear, and make ready for travel to board the sail boats. Setting Sail, the group will head towards ports in Cape Charles, Hampton, Smithfield, and Norfolk.

Each port visit will provide a variety of fun, interesting, and educational experiences. Stops along the way include but are not limited to: A tour and dinner in historic Cape Charles, a stop in Hampton River, a seafood dinner at Smithfield Station Marina, a tour of Nauticus and the battleship Wisconsin at the City of Norfolk and lastly a











### **CAMP WEEKS**

Week #1 June 25 - July 1 Week #2 July 2 - July 8 Week #3 July 9 - July 15 Week #4 July 16 - July 22 Week #5 July 23 - July 29

### **BASE CAMP RATES**

Regular Rate (if paid in full by 6/1) Youth \$290 & Adult \$130

### **YOUTH SAVINGS**

\$20 Early Bird Discount (if \$50 deposit made by 2/24 & paid in full by 4/1)

### **ADULT SAVINGS**

1 Free Adult for 3-7 youth 2 Free Adults for 8+ youth

### MAKING YOUR BASE CAMP RESERVATION

Troops may reserve space for their contingent by making an initial non-refundable deposit of \$50 per camper. Units may make their initial deposit using the paper form at the back of this planning guide. All business after the initial deposit will occur through an online event portal called Tentaroo. Instructions for Tentaroo will be at <a href="https://www.PipsicoBSA.com">www.PipsicoBSA.com</a>.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Our mission to make summer camp available to every Scout. A limited fund is available to provide assistance to Tidewater Council Scouts who would otherwise be unable to attend. Scouts are expected to participate in council and unit fund raising programs to help pay the cost of camp.

### **REFUND POLICY**

In cases of death of an immediate family member, sickness or injury, or military transfer, we will refund all but \$100 of fees paid until 6/1 when verified by a physician, military commander, or such official. Reasons such as vacation schedule, summer school, and last minute changes of mind are not acceptable reasons for refunds. Camper deposits are transferrable within a unit, but are not refundable. After 6/1 no refunds are available for any reason.





### **CHECK-IN**

Plan on arriving between 1:00PM and 4:30PM on Sunday. Upon arriving at Pipsico, follow the signs for Lions (a subcamp of the Pipsico Scout Reservation) and park in the main parking lot in front of the Burton Center. If you plan to arrive late, please notify us in advance so special arrangements can be made. If you are delayed on the way to camp, let us know. At check-in, we will verify the number of campers with your troop and confirm paperwork is in order. Your pre-ordered T-shirts will be given to you at this time. Then you will meet your Staff Guide. who will escort you through the remaining check-in procedures:

- Gear Drop
- Medical Screening
- Food Service Orientation
- Swim Checks
- Unpack Gear

At this time, the Camp Guide, Troop Leader and SPL will conduct an inspection of the campsite to ensure that all equipment is in place and in good condition. During check-in, your Camp Guide will point out our program areas. This is the time to ask questions about the locations of merit badges, or ask for a camp tour.

### **CHECK-OUT**

After the campfire Friday night, leaders are encouraged to come to the Burton Center (camp office) to review their checkout packets for completeness. The packets will include merit badge records, training cards, Brownsea Island progress records, an evaluation form, and a camp reservation form. This is the time to make sure you have everything needed, and to resolve any questions. Plan on your troop leaving between 8:00 and 10:00 AM on Saturday. A continental breakfast will be served between 8:00 and 9:00 AM. One vehicle at a time may enter the campsite to load gear, no earlier than 7:30 AM. Once your gear is packed out and your campsite and latrine are clean, a staff member will inspect the campsite and release you from camp. Once you have been checked out of your campsite and picked up your health records and medications from the Health Lodge, we will distribute participant patches.









### **CAMPSITES**

Every campsite in Pipsico is divided into patrol sites. Larger troops will have a campsite to themselves, while smaller troops may share a campsite, each occupying their own patrol site(s). Every campsite has a common latrine facility. Every latrine has a washstand with running water for washing and drinking. Hot showers are available at the pool, the shower house between campsites 8 and 9, and the women's shower adjacent to the pool.

Tents are equipped with two army-style cots each. For your sleeping comfort, we recommend each camper bring a mosquito net and poles to support it (these may be lashed or taped to the cot legs.) Mosquito nets are also available in the Trading Post.

There is a trashcan at each latrine. Latrines also has a shovel, rake, and hose that serve as fire-fighting equipment; the hose serves double duty for daily cleaning of the latrine.

Your bulletin board will have a Fireguard Chart, which you should fill out upon arrival. Most campsites have an established fire ring, where you are welcome to have troop or patrol campfires in the evenings. Do not dig into the ground to form fire pits. There is ample dead wood on the ground around camp, which you are welcome to cut and burn; do not cut any standing trees or saplings, dead or alive. For safety, you should establish a properly marked ax yard.

Each campsite has platform tents for two. Platforms measure 9ft x 7ft and are equipped with two cots. Campsites have latrines with wash stands, designated fire pits, picnic tables, message boards. Personal tents ARE permitted.



### **HEALTH & SAFETY**

### **MEDICALS**

All Scouts and adults must submit a copy of their BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (parts A, B & C) to the camp Health Officer during check-in. Anyone staying in camp overnight must have a BSA physical form on file at the Health Lodge. The official BSA form is located here: www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/whole.pdf. Anyone reporting to camp without a current physical will be required to get one at his or her own expense. The nearest source of physicals is a one-hour round trip from camp, and the cost is likely to range from 100 to 150 Please make sure you bring copies of current physicals with you for all unit members attending camp! Physicals expire at the end of the month one year after signed by a physician (for example, a physical signed 6/3/12 expires 6/31/13). Physicals must be valid for the duration of camp.

### **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

The Tidewater Council maintains emergency procedures to meet, and in some cases, exceed the standards set by the Boy Scouts of America. It is essential for everyone's one fully understands that these safety that every procedures exist - their life, your life, or someone else's life could depend on it. It is also part of the BSA's national standards that we conduct an emergency drill during your stay at camp. Please be sure to follow only instructions delivered by the staff chain of command. Likewise, if an emergency arises, or is brought to your attention, please notify the nearest staff member immediately so that we may initiate the appropriate procedures. Do not attempt to resolve an emergency situation alone. Notify the nearest staff member.



### YOUTH PROTECTION

Leaders are asked to review the Guide to Safe Scouting before attending camp and ensure compliance by their unit with policies as detailed in the Guide, particularly in respect of youth protection policies. Failure to comply with Guide to Safe Scouting and youth protection policies will result in disciplinary action.

Troops must have at least two adults in camp at all times; at least one must be registered with BSA, and at least one must be 21 or older. Units may rotate leaders, provided the incoming and outgoing leaders follow the prescribed check-in and checkout procedures at the camp office. The two leaders need not be together nor in the campsite at all times. However, one youth may not be alone in the campsite (or anywhere else in camp) with an adult who is not his parent or guardian. This situation may be avoided by strict adherence to the buddy system and BSA's Youth Protection guidelines.

We recommend that every troop have a "buddy board" or other tracking system in the campsite so Scouts may be easily located at all times. Every Scout should be with a designated buddy at all times when outside the troop's campsite. Except for a parent or guardian, an adult cannot be a Scout's buddy. A Scout may be without a buddy only when he is traveling between merit badge sessions and no other Scout from his troop or from the previous merit badge session is going his way. This exception will only be allowed during scheduled rotation times, and only on the most direct route between program areas.

Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members and protect their own privacy at all times. Except in emergencies, adults and youth may not enter each other's designated sleeping and shower areas. No Scout may share a tent with an adult who is not his own parent or quardian.



### PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

All prescription drugs are kept and administered by the unit. It is to be kept in a secured location out of the reach of the children. If medication requires refrigeration, it can be checked in with the Health Officer check-in. Provide a list of medication, dosage and to whom you are administering medication to when you check in with the Health Officer. By law, medications must be in a container with a typed label from the pharmacy. Medications will be given only in accordance with the label. Handwritten changes will not be accepted.

### **ALLERGIES & MEDICAL NEEDS**

All individuals, youth and adult alike, who have allergies or special medical needs (e.g.asthma), must be brought to the attention of the Camp Health Officer. Unit leaders who have individuals with special dietary requirement or food allergies should contact the Food Service Director at check-in to discuss food requirements.

Pipsico is open to any registered member of the Boy Scouts, and every effort will be made to accommodate special needs. Food allergies/intolerances need to be reported in advance of camp to give the food service staff adequate opportunity to prepare alternate menus. Vegan diets <u>cannot</u> be accommodated. Vegan campers will need to bring meal supplements for their time at Pipsico. Please contact the staff closer to camp to make necessary arrangements.

While summer camp is a totally different experience from school, the need for discipline, attentiveness, and social interaction is much the same. If a Scout uses medication during the school year to manage behavioral conditions such as ADHD, we strongly encourage that he continue on those medications during camp.

### **MEDICAL TREATMENT**

All injuries and illnesses, regardless of severity, must be reported to and treated at the Health Lodge immediately. This applies to all campers, youth and adult. The Health Officer is required to keep a log of all injuries or illnesses. Pipsico has a Health Officer on duty at all times. Other key

staff members are also trained in first aid and CPR. In the event of serious medical problems, the camp has agreements with the Surry County Rescue Squad, a medical treatment facility in Smithfield, and local hospitals in Suffolk and Hopewell.

The cost of medical treatment away from camp will be billed to the camper's primary insurance carrier. Registered Tidewater Council units are covered by supplemental insurance, which covers certain deductibles and other expenses for injuries and illnesses incurred at camp. Parents must make arrangements for treatment of pre-existing conditions. Tidewater Council's policy does not cover out-of-council units; those units need to submit a certificate of insurance from their home council or unit prior to arriving at camp. We recommend that this be done when making your final camp fee payment.

### FIRES, STOVES, TENTS & OPEN FLAMES

For safety reasons, there are to be no open flames in tents. This ban on open flames in tents includes a ban on the use of matches, candles, kerosene, propane or liquid lanterns in tents. Lighting in tents is to be provided by battery-powered lanterns or flashlights only. It is, however, acceptable to use a lantern under a dining fly. All cooking fires, campfires and stoves are to be attended while they are burning. Fires are only to be built in designated areas and must be extinguished so that they are cold to the touch when unattended. Spraying aerosol cans of any type (insecticide, deodorant, hair spray, etc.) are also prohibited in tents. The propellants in these products will damage waterproofing treatment.







### **ADULT & YOUTH REGISTRATION**

Every unit must have at least one 21+ registered volunteer. All youth participants must be registered members of a Scout Troop, Venturing Crew, or Varsity Scout Team.

### **BICYCLES**

Scouts and Leaders are permitted to bring their bicycles and helmets to camp. It is the responsibility of the Troop leader to make sure that all bikes the Troop brings are safe to use and properly maintained. Helmets are required.

### **CELL PHONE POLICY**

We would request that Scouts not to take cell phones to program sessions or, at the very least, to turn them off during sessions. Use of cell phones during program sessions is inconsiderate to other participants and, in some cases can be extremely dangerous (Scouts using axes, climbing, lighting fires, etc, should not be distracted by a ringing phone).

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

One of the best remedies for homesickness is regular mail from home. Mail will be placed in the troop mailbox at the camp office. Outgoing mail may be deposited at the camp office; it is picked up daily after breakfast. Mail service usually takes two to four days, so encourage parents to send the first mail by the Friday before you come to camp. Use the following address:

Scout's name and Unit 57 Pipsico Road Spring Grove, VA 23881

### **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

Radios, cell phones, CD players, video games, and other personal electronic devices detract from the camping experience and provide an inviting target for theft. Do not bring them into camp. If you permit them during travel to and from camp, please leave them in the car during your stay at camp. Youth campers are not permitted to have two-way radios or pagers in camp, as these have proven to be highly disruptive of the camp routine.

### **LEAVING CAMP**

Anyone leaving the camp at any time during the week must sign out at the camp office and sign in upon their return. We strongly discourage Scouts from leaving camp during the week. Scouts may only leave with a parent, guardian or other individual designated in writing by a parent. Photo IDs are required. An adult unit leader must accompany a Scout to the office to check out. Adults leaving camp must ensure that the unit still has two-deep leadership.

### **MONEY & VALUABLES**

Each family must decide how much spending money a Scout should take to camp. Each Scout is, however, responsible for the safeguarding of his money and personal property. It is recommended that expensive cameras, watches, and personal entertainment devices be left at home. Regardless, all items should be clearly marked, with the boy's name and unit number.



### **PETS**

No pets are allowed in camp. Please ensure that anyone planning to visit your troop during the week is also aware of this rule.

### **PROVISIONAL CAMPERS**

If a Scout is unable to attend camp with his own troop, or wants to attend a second week of camp, we can arrange for him to attend camp with a host unit. Fees for provisional campers are the same as for other Scouts. In order to accommodate provisional campers, the camp director will ask a troop to host provisionals with their troop for the week.

### **RESTRICTED AREAS**

The following areas are off limits to all campers: The ranger's home and maintenance areas, camp staff living areas, the kitchen and food storage areas (except for authorized adult volunteers,) any program area where staff is not present, and the cliffs along the James River. Scouts may visit the waterfront for beach combing or fishing only when staff is present or when accompanied by an adult leader.

### **SMOKING/VAPING**

Anyone under 18 years old is prohibited from using tobacco in any form while at camp. Adults who smoke must do so out of sight of any youth members. Smoking is prohibited in any tent or building. Cigarette butts must be field stripped and placed in a trash receptacle.

### **STAFF**

We work hard to recruit and train the best possible staff to provide a dynamic program in support of your troop. All have been selected based on Scouting skills, leadership experience, enthusiasm, and maturity. They have one of the most demanding jobs imaginable, and they do it cheerfully because they love Scouting. They have made personal sacrifices to be here for you.

As we all do, they occasionally make honest mistakes or judgment errors, and will work hard not to repeat them. In such cases, do not confront them or intervene in their work unless there is an immediate safety concern. If you feel that the performance of any staff member does not meet the highest standards of Scouting, please see the Camp Director or Program Director immediately.

### **SWIM TESTING**

Under the current BSA Policy on swim tests, units may, if they choose to do so, conduct swim tests before arriving at camp. The details of how to conduct these tests at the unit level are included in the appendix to this guide. Units that do not conduct swim tests before camp will still have the opportunity to complete swim tests on Sunday. Please remember that it is imperative that each Scout and adult who plans to be in or on the water during the week completes this swim test.

### **TELEPHONES**

A phone for outgoing calls is available at the Burton Center. An adult leader must be present for a Scout (with his buddy) to use this phone. Calls must be collect or by calling card, and must be limited to five minutes. Should anyone need to contact a camper on an important matter, the number is *published and in use by 6/15/17*.

This is our business phone, and cannot be tied up with personal calls, so parents will not be able to speak to their children on this line. Phone messages will be placed in the troop mailbox; emergency messages will be delivered as soon as possible. If adult leaders need to receive regular calls at camp, bring a cell phone or pager, or make arrangements to check with their office on a regular schedule.



### TRADING POST & SPENDING MONEY

In addition to program materials, our Trading Post offers a variety of snacks and drinks, and a wide selection of camping supplies, Scouting materials, and special Pipsico souvenirs. In addition to money for program fees, we recommend each Scout have some extra cash for camping supplies, snacks and souvenirs at the Trading Post (about \$50).

### **TRAILERS**

Parking will be at the Burton Center; One vehicle may move equipment to the front of each campsite-not past the post. If your unit has a trailer, check in with the office, place your trailer at the entrance of your site, then promptly move the towing vehicle to the parking lot. Parking on the road is not permitted.

### **UNIFORM & DRESS CODE**

The BSA Class A uniform is the expected uniform for retreat ceremonies. At other times, we encourage campers to wear an activity uniform including Scout shorts, Scout belt, and a casual shirt or T-shirt with a Scouting theme. Shirts that promote alcohol, tobacco, or are otherwise inconsistent with Scouting values are not allowed. Note that appropriate uniforms are a criterion for the Honor Troop Award.

The camp Trading Post has a limited selection of uniform items including socks, belts, and T-shirts.

Not having a uniform should not prevent any Scout from attending camp; however, every effort should be made to ensure that every Scout has one, using every means available: unit and Council fund raising activities, financial assistance from your chartered organization, recycling "experienced" uniforms, etc.

Closed-toe shoes must be worn at all times, including during activities at the waterfront. Scouts taking waterfront merit badges should bring an extra pair of sneakers or water shoes to wear during those activities. The only exceptions are while in a shower building, inside the pool perimeter fence, or in bed.

### **VEHICLES IN CAMP**

While camp is in session, all Scouts, leaders, and visitors are prohibited from driving past the gate in front of the Health Lodge. One vehicle will be allowed to your campsite during check-in to drop off troop gear. As soon as it is unloaded, it must be promptly moved to the Burton Center parking lot.

### **VISITORS**

Visitors are welcome at any time between 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM. Normally, the best time to visit is on Family Night (Friday). Visitors must sign in at the camp office upon arrival and sign out upon departure. Visitors must be escorted at all times by either a member of the camp staff or a registered camper from their own unit. All visitors must be wearing appropriate clothing (consistent with scouting values), including closed toe shoes.

For those unexpected visitors, meal tickets may be purchased at the Trading Post after checking in at the Burton Center. The cost for guest meals is \$5 for those aged six and up. Children under the age of six are free. Reservations and meal payments may be made when your troop checks in on Sunday. After dinner, visitors are encouraged to attend the campfire with their scouts.

### **DANGEROUS STUFF**

Pipsico provides all necessary and appropriate equipment for our shooting programs. Personal firearms, ammunition, bows and arrows are not permitted in camp. Also, no water guns are permitted at camp. Pocketknives may be carried by adult leaders and any Scout who has earned the Totin' Chip. Sheath knives are NOT prohibited in camp by Tidewater Council. Fireworks & firearms of any kind are prohibited in camp. LEO's please notify the council prior to camp of any special requirements by your department.



### UNIT PRE-CAMP CHECKLIST

REQU	EST YOUR UNIT COMMITTEE TO:
	Prepare and distribute a unit summer camp information pack
	(include information about Pipsico, travel plans, medical forms, and equipment lists)
	Arrange transportation.
	Visit homes of Scouts who are not signed up for camp and encourage them to attend.
	Assist with collecting camp fees in conjunction with appropriate deadlines.
	Arrange for unit swim test if desired.
	Arrange for troop progress reviews/Board of Reviews in camp if desired.
	File a Tour Permit if required.
	Submit the Brownsea Island, program enrollments, shirt sizes and medical needs using Tentaroo.
	(Tentaroo instructions will be available at <u>www.PipsicoBSA.com</u> )
AT A T	TROOP MEETING:
	Review the different programs with your Scouts.
	Conduct conferences with your Scouts to enable them to set realistic goals for camp.
	Review the personal equipment list with your Scouts.
	Fill out merit badge, Brownsea Island program sign-up.
AT A N	MEETING OF YOUR TROOP PATROL LEADER'S COUNCIL:
	Make patrol service assignments.
	Review unit and patrol equipment lists.
	Review program opportunities.
	Review travel plans.
AT A F	PARENTS' MEETING HELD AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO CAMP:
	Confirm travel plans both to and from camp.
	Check on progress towards medical examinations and follow up on any problems.
	Confirm with parents the activities and merit badges their Scout(s) want to work on.
	Review program opportunities.
	Make sure you have a completed BSA Health & Medical Record (parts A, B & C) for ALL participants.
	Make sure you have any receipts received for payment of camp fees and that you have cash or checks
	for the balance of any fees due for payment at camp.
	Ensure that a tour permit has been filed.
	Ensure that you bring the completed Unit Swim Classification Record with you, if applicable.
	Before pulling out of the parking lot to leave for camp make sure that you have everyone that is going,
	all of the unit's and the individuals' equipment, and that you have the medicals.



### **RECOMMENDED PACKING LISTS**

INDIVIDUAL SCOUT EQUIPMENT  Full Scout uniform  Sneakers or Hiking Boots  Underwear (7-pairs)	TROOP / PATROL EQUIPMENT 100 ft. Rope US/Troop/Patrol Flag Camping and project materials
Extra Clothing	Propane lanterns/table top lantern
Hat(s)	Props for skits Thumbtacks
Socks (7+ pairs) Jacket	
Swim trunks	Troop first aid kit
	SCOUTMASTER SPECIAL NEEDS
Rain Gear	Scoutmaster Handbook
Flashlight w/extra batteries	Scoutmaster Handbook Merit badge books
Sleeping bag or 2 sheets and blanket	Troop advancement records
Pack or footlocker for gear	Pens/Pencils and paper
Scout Handbook	Alarm Clock
Pen/Pencils and paper	Skit or Song Book
Completed medical form	All troop paper work
Spending money (\$50.00)	All troop paper work
Hand Towel	
Bath Towel (2-3)	
Wash Cloth	
Soap	IMPORTANT
Toothbrush	Don't forget to bring anything required for merit
Toothpaste	badges or special programs. See relevant section of
Brush or Comb	this planning guide.
Canteen or Water Bottle	uns planning guide.
Merit badge perquisite work	
OPTIONAL PERSONAL GEAR	
Fishing Gear	
Mosquito netting	INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT!!!
Camera	
Bug repellent	All summer camp participants are required to have
Sunscreen	a complete BSA medical form (parts A, B &C).
Musical instrument	This is an annual form that expires at the end
Alarm Clock – battery operated	of the month a year after the previous
Pillow	BSA medical form was completed.
Bible or Prayer book	



### **SWIM TESTS**

The swim classification of individuals participating in a Boy Scouts of America activity is a key element in both Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. The swim classification tests should be reviewed annually, preferably at the beginning of each outdoor season. Traditionally, the swim classification test has only been conducted at a long-term summer camp. However, there is no restriction that this is the only place where the test is conducted. It may be more useful to conduct the swim classification prior to a unit going to summer camp.

All persons participating in BSA aquatics are classified according to swimming ability. The classification tests and test procedures have been developed and structured to demonstrate a skill level consistent with the circumstances in which the individual will be in the water. The Swimmer's Test demonstrates the minimum level of swimming ability for recreational and instructional activity in a confined body of water with a maximum 12-foot depth and with shallow water footing or a pool or pier edge always within 25 feet of the swimmer. The various components of each test evaluate the several skills essential to the minimum level of swimming ability. Each step of the test is important and should be followed as listed below:

### SWIMMER'S TEST

Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, and begin swimming. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

### **BEGINNER'S TEST**

Jump feet first in to water over the head in depth, level off, swim 25 feet on the surface, stop, turn sharply, resume swimming as before, and return to starting place.

### ADMINISTERING THE SWIM TEST

Swim classification tests done at the unit level should be conducted by one of the following council approved resource people: Aquatics Instructor BSA, Aquatics Supervisor, BSA Lifeguard, certified lifeguard, swimming instructor, swim coach or Scoutmaster. The results of the test should be recorded on the Unit Swim Classification Record (see next page). When the unit goes to summer camp, each individual will be issued a buddy tag under the direction of the Camp Aquatics Director for use at the camp.



### SWIM TEST RECORD

This is the individual's swim classification as of the date listed below. Any change in status after this date would require a reclassification test by the camp aquatics director. When swim tests are conducted at the unit level the Camp reserves the right to review or retest, at any time, any or all participants to ensure that standards have been maintained.

Jnit#:	Date of Swim Test: Swim Classification				
Full Name (please print)	Non-Swimmer	Beginner	Swimmer		
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Unit Leader:	Signature	e:			





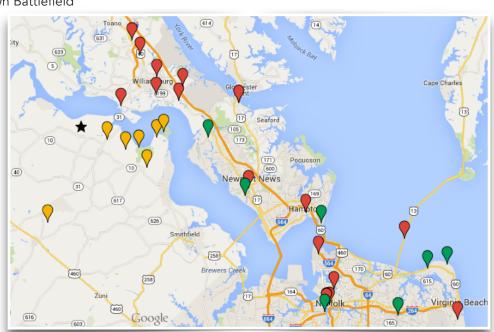
### WHERE IS PIPSICO?

Pipsico is located in Surry, VA just across the river from the Jamestown Settlement in a very historical part of Virginia. The Hampton Roads area is home to 18 of 25 of Virginia's top tourist attractions. There is no shortage of amusement to be found for those interested in American history and heritage; while the area still boasts an abundance of hot spots for thrill seekers. If your Pack, Troop, Crew, Ship, or Post is Visiting Pipsico for summer camp, feel free to come early or stay a little longer and soak up some of the local amenities.

### VIRGINIA'S TOP TOURIST DESTINATIONS (18 OF 25 LOCATED IN HAMPTON ROADS)

- Colonial Williamsburg
- Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel
- Busch Gardens
- Williamsburg Premium Outlets
- Naval Station Norfolk
- Williamsburg Pottery
- Virginia Zoo
- MacArthur Center Mall
- Yorktown Battlefield

- Colonial Parkway
- Jamestown Settlement
- Virginia Aquarium
- Virginia Air & Space Center
- Virginia Living Museum
- Water Country USA
- Nauticus / USS Wisconsin
- Hampton Roads Naval Museum



### **SURRY COUNTY ATTRACTIONS**

- College Run Farms
- Surry Nuclear Power Station
- Drewry Farms
- Hog Island Wildlife Area
- Bacon's Castle (est. 1665)
- Chippokes Plantation (est. 1671)
- Smith's Fort Plantation (est. 1609)

### OTHER LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

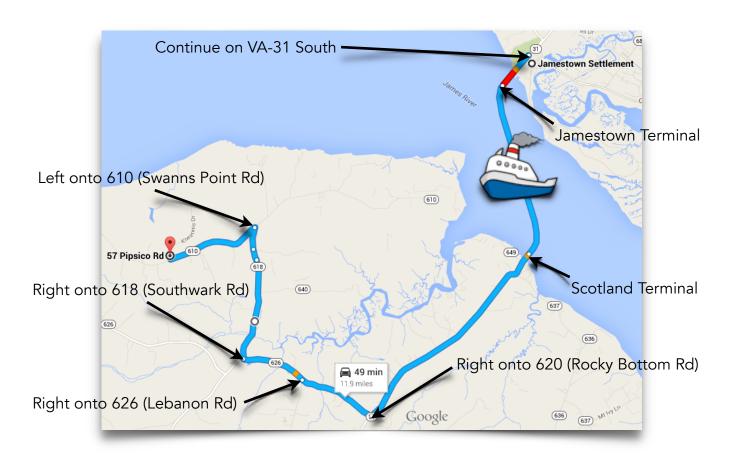
- The Mariners' Museum
- US Army Transportation Museum
- Fort Monroe
- Virginia Sports Hall of Fame
- Cape Henry Lighthouses
- Mount Trashmore
- First Landing State Park







### DIRECTIONS TO PIPSICO FROM THE NORTH



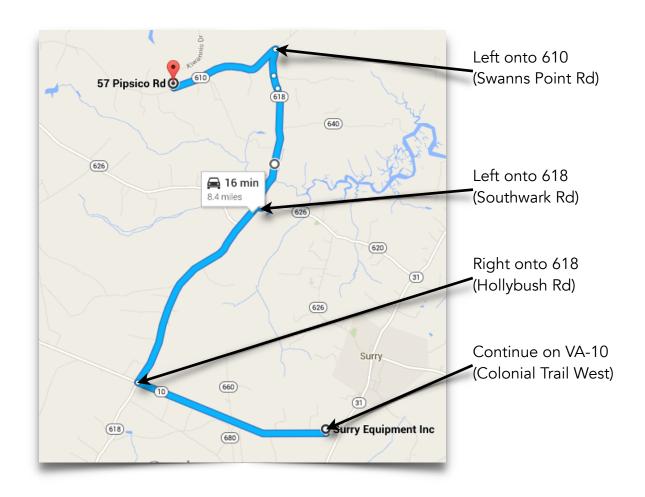
### **DIRECTIONS FROM JAMESTOWN SETTLEMENT**

Start: Jamestown 2100 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185 End: Pipsico 57 Pipsico Road, Spring Grove, VA 23881

- 1. Continue on VA-31 South (Jamestown Rd)
- 2. Take Jamestown-Scotland Ferry
- 3. continue on VA-31 South (Rolfe Hwy) for 3.3 miles.
- 4. Turn right onto 620 (Rocky Bottom Rd) for 1.1 miles.
- 5. Turn right/continue onto 626 (Lebanon rd) for 0.9 miles.
- 6. Turn right onto 618 (Southwark Rd) for 2.0 miles.
- 7. Turn Left onto 610 (Swanns Point Rd) for 1.4 miles.
- 8. Turn Right to enter Pipsico Scout Reservation



### DIRECTIONS TO PIPSICO FROM THE SOUTH



### **DIRECTIONS FROM SURRY EQUIPMENT**

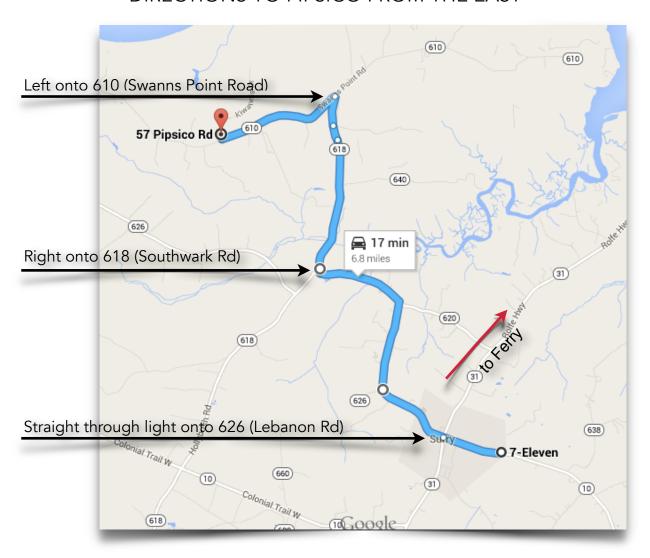
Start: Surry Equip. 156 Colonial Trail West

End: Pipsico 57 Pipsico Road, Spring Grove, VA 23881

- 1. Continue West on VA-10 West (Colonial Trail West) for 2.4 miles.
- 2. Turn right onto 618 (Hollybush Rd) for 2.7 miles.
- 3. Turn left to continue on 618 (Southwark Rd) for 2.0 miles.
- 4. Turn Left onto 610 (Swanns Point Rd) for 1.4 miles.
- 5. Turn Right to enter Pipsico Scout Reservation



### DIRECTIONS TO PIPSICO FROM THE EAST



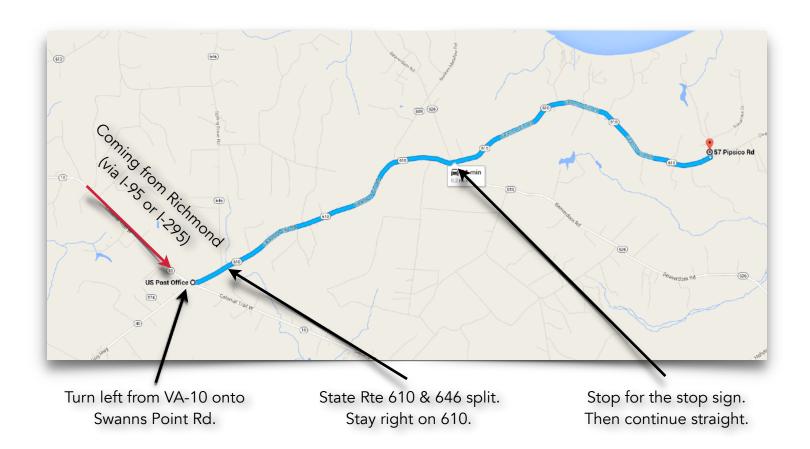
### **DIRECTIONS FROM SURRY 7-ELEVEN**

Start: 7-Eleven 639 Colonial Trail E, Surry, VA 23883 End: Pipsico 57 Pipsico Road, Spring Grove, VA 23881

- 1. Head west on Colonial Trail E toward Bank St for 0.6 miles to light
- 2. Continue thru traffic light on 626 (Lebanon Rd) for 2.8 miles.
- 3. Turn Right onto 618 (Southwark Rd) for 2.0 miles.
- 4. Turn left onto 610 (Swanns Point Road) for 1.4 miles.
- 5. Turn right to enter Pipsico Scout Reservation



### DIRECTIONS TO PIPSICO FROM THE WEST



### **DIRECTIONS FROM SPRING GROVE POST OFFICE**

Start: Post Office 17 Swanns Point Rd, Spring Grove, VA 23881 End: Pipsico 57 Pipsico Road, Spring Grove, VA 23881

1. From VA-10 turn left onto 610/646 (Swanns Point Rd)

2. Continue to follow 610 (Swanns Point Rd) for 6.1 miles.

3. Turn left to enter Pipsico Scout Reservation



### BOY SCOUT CAMP 2017

PIPSICO SCOUT RESERVATION

Scouting Information	Individual Program Rates
Troop:	Regular Rate if paid in full by 6/1
DISTRICT:	\$290/YOUTH & \$130/ADULT
COUNCIL:	EARLY DISCOUNT (YOUTH ONLY)
CONTACT INFORMATION	\$20 off if \$50 deposit made by 2/24/17 <u>AND</u> paid in full by 4/1/17
Name:	Late Fee (Youth only)
POSITION:	ADD \$25 IF NOT PAID IN FULL BY 6/1
Address:	GROUP DISCOUNTS
	3-7 Youth Earns 1 Free Adult
EMAIL:	8+ Youth Earns 2 Free Adults
Phone:	Hold-A-Spot Deposits
Attendance Information	Space may be reserved for campers by making a deposit of \$50/person.
YOUTH:	Payment Information
ADULTS:	Payment: \$
TROOP OR INDIVIDUAL	DATE:
□ WEEK #1 JUNE 25 TO JULY 1	APPLY TO:
□ WEEK #2 JULY 2 TO JULY 8	-
□ WEEK #3 JULY 9 TO JULY 15	
□ WEEK #4 JULY 16 TO JULY 22	
□ WEEK #5 JULY 23 TO JULY 29	
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□ MAKE PAYMENT

□ ADD CAMPERS

PLEASE SEE LEADER GUIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (INCLUDING REFUND POLICY). LEADER GUIDES AND SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES ARE LOCATED AT <a href="https://www.pipsicobsa.com">www.pipsicobsa.com</a>.

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