

Old Rag Hike and Campout
Saturday December 6 – Sunday December 7, 2003



WHEN: December 6-7, 2003 (SatnSun)
ASSEMBLE: 6:30am on Saturday (12/6) at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church (CCUMC) parking lot.
LEAVE: 6:45am SHARP from CCUMC parking lot.
RETURN: 2:00pm Sunday (12/7) at CCUMC parking lot.
Transportation parents should arrive at the Old Rag upper lot by 11:30am on Sunday so the Troop can leave the lot around 11:45am. This will allow us time to stop for lunch on the way back. For emergencies call Mr. Rose's cell phone at 301-807-6441.

Special Note for Cub Scouts: T-255 invites P-255 and P-52 Webelo Cub Scouts on the day-hike portion of this trip. The campout portion of this trip is not open to Cubs, as it requires considerable experience and gear. While the hike is a **strenuous** 8+ miles, there should be enough Boy Scouts on hand to help the Cubs. In accordance with BSA rules, Cubs must have an accompanying parent or guardian. No reservations are required. However, informal carpools arranged at CCUMC parking lot are encouraged, as there is a lack of parking at the trailhead. Call Keith Pierce, 301-951-5290 for info.

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OVERVIEW: Get your stuff together for cold weather hiking. We'll climb Old Rag Mountain, the most spectacular mountain on the Northern Virginia Blue Ridge and **one of the best hiking spots on the whole East Coast**. It is also a favorite for the Scouts, as the trail goes over big rocks, through tunnels, between great cracks in the granite, and past cliffs. And the stream has crayfish to flavor Ramen soup.

Make sure your boots are broken in and comfortable. Bring a small pack for lunch and snacks in addition to your backpack. Bring at least 1 liter of water, preferably 2.

We'll do backwoods camping near the mountain. Prepare for a 1+ mile backpack. Check your sleeping gear. Pack plenty of socks. Bring many layers of clothes to wear when it's cold and shed when it's warm. Work with the other scouts to make sure everyone has tent space.

We'll have to bring in water or use purification chemicals. We won't be able to build open fires, so camp stoves are a must.

Sunday: Up by 8am ; Breakfast by 9am; on the trail by 10am.

ROADnTOnFIRSTnCLASS:

This activity will help partially satisfy participation and campout requirements T2, S2a & F3 for scouts still seeking 1st class.

COST: \$10 for transportation/camping permit fees.

Scouts should bring money for a fast food lunch on the way home.

PERMISSION SLIP: The Troop permission slip is due to Joe Tillman by 12/2/2003.

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APPROVAL / PERMISSION SLIP

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Approval/permission is granted by the parents/guardians of Boy Scout _____ for their son/scout to participate in the activities of Troop 255, Chevy Chase, Maryland, National Capital Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Approval/permission is granted to the adult members of Troop 255 to authorize treatment of the Boy Scout named above in the event of an accident or emergency. Adult members of Troop 255 that authorize treatment of the Boy Scout in the event of an accident or emergency shall be released from any or all liabilities.

Local and national tour permits will be obtained by Troop 255 when necessary.

This approval/permission is valid for the December 6-7, 2003, Old Rag Mountain Backpacking Outdoor Camping Activity.

I can drive: _____ YES _____ NO

If YES, I can carry _____ scouts including my own.

Parent Signature

Parent Name (Print)

Date