

## *Dolly Sods Wilderness Area Campout* **Saturday October 1 & Sunday October 2, 2005**

### **T-255's October Campout**

Dolly Sods Wilderness Area is a relatively small wilderness site (14,000 acres) on the mountain top east of Canaan Valley, West Virginia. Its micro climate is considered to be the most southern example of what is



normally found between the forests and tundra of Alaska and Canada, with rare Red Spruce, bogs, blue berry bushes, thin topsoil - and with temperatures to match. It is also an area whose ecology has been dramatically impacted by man, and is still rapidly changing. Dolly Sods has offered 3 previous dramatic T-255 camping experiences.

**Overview:** Saturday-Leave CCUMC; drive 3 ½ hours Dolly Sods, Red Creek Campground, West Virginia. From this staging area we will split into two Crews: Short Crew: Shorts

(Crew Leader Douglas Pierce) will hike with full backpacks approximately 3.5 miles to Left Fork stream camp area. This involves 2 minor stream crossings. Long Crew: Longs (Crew Leader Adam Evans) will hike with full backpacks approximately 4½ miles to a campsite near the escarpment overlooking Canaan Valley. This involves 3 minor stream crossings.

Sunday- Shorts return to Red Creek Campground. Shorts load up and travel to lower Red Creek to pick up Longs. Shorts will hike up Red Creek Trail to meet Longs. Longs will hike 6+ miles (mostly down hill) from campsite to lower Red Creek pick-up point. This involves 1 major creek crossing and several minor stream crossings. Depart 12:30 pm. Lunch at McDonalds, Petersburg, WV.

**Assemble:** 6:00 AM Saturday at CCUMC.

**Return:** 5:00 PM Sunday at CCUMC.

**Cost:** \$10.00; If by check, payable to "BSA T-255."

**Food:** Eat breakfast at home Sat or bring with breakfast to eat at CCUMC. Bring snacks for the road and bag lunch for the trail for Saturday. Cook Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast in camp. Hikers should bring food that requires just hot water. Bring money for Sunday fast food lunch.

**Water:** Water available at Red Creek Campground. Shorts' camp site can obtain water from the Left Fork, but it must be treated. Longs' camp site has no water. Last water for carrying, dinner and breakfast is Left Fork, which must be treated. Suggest everyone carry at least two quarts to cover their own needs for drinking for both days. Longs need to carry more for cooking.

**Cooking:** Open fires are not allowed. Crews should carry 2 back packing stoves.

**Packing requirements:** Plan on freezing temperatures, even if 85 degrees in Washington, DC. Plan on wet pants, shirt, coat, shoes and socks. Prepare for wading cross streams.

**Special Requirements:** (1) Dolly Sods is a Wilderness Area. It is easy to get lost and lose sight of the trail and the camp sites. All Scouts must buddy up before unloading. All Scouts must carry a whistle at all times. (2) This trip requires a minimum of 4 adults to accompany the various Crews (2 adults per Crew). Adults who are willing to go please make note of that on the Permission Slip.

**Questions?** Keith Pierce, 301-951-5290; [hkp255@piercehome.us](mailto:hkp255@piercehome.us) or call the Crew Leaders.

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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. He will participate as part of Crew \_\_\_\_\_.**

**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 provide 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 October 1 and 2, 2005 Dolly Sods Backpacking Trip in the Dolly Sods Wilderness Area, West Virginia.**

**I can drive: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO**

**If YES, I can carry \_\_\_\_\_ scouts including my own.**

**I can attend: \_\_\_\_\_ YES, as part of Crew \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ NO**

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**Parent Signature**

**Parent Name (Print)**

**Date**

Please return no later than **September 27** so that a head count, seat count, Crew count and adult count can be made.