

# ***Rock Climbing & Billy Goat Trail Hike Campout*** **Saturday November 5 & Sunday November 6, 2005**

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

**What:** Troop 255 Scouts have long been discussing rock climbing as an adventure. Here it is. We will be combining rock climbing and rappelling with a campout at Swains Lock (just 2 miles north of Great Falls along the C&O Canal) and a Sunday morning hike on the Billy Goat Trail (Section A). For rock climbing instructors, we will be using Nirvana Climbing Guides out of Point of Rocks, Maryland. They have much experience working with Boy Scouts. They will be providing us with a 6-hour program, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Virginia side of Great Falls. We will also be working on Climbing Merit Badge at Troop meetings.

After rock climbing on Saturday, we will drive to Great Falls on the Maryland side of the Potomac River. We must park our vehicles at Great Falls. With our packs, we will then hike the 2.2 miles to Swains Lock Campground, where we will camp. On Sunday, we will hike back to Great Falls and on to the Billy Goat Trail and the Anglers Inn parking lot. Adventure Scouts will be encouraged to hike with full packs. Everyone will need to hike with his pack at least to the Great Falls parking lot.

**Who:** All Scouts, parents and siblings accompanied by an adult are welcome on this trip.

**Assemble:** 8:00 AM Saturday at CCUMC.

**Return:** 2:00 PM Sunday at CCUMC.

**Cost:** \$75.00 for climb paid by internet to Nirvana Climbing. \$5 for transportation paid to Troop.



Register with Nirvana Climbing **by October 11:**

1. Log on to [www.nirvanaclimbing.com](http://www.nirvanaclimbing.com)
2. Under "Climbing Instruction," click on "Course Signups."
3. Under "Course Signups Calendar", the "Select a Program" window, select "Outdoor Basic Skills."
4. In upper right-hand corner of "Outdoor Basic Skills Calendar," forward month button until it reads November.
5. While in the November 2005 Outdoor Basic Skills Calendar, click on the Saturday, November 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. program.
6. At this point, fill in appropriate information including credit card data. You will be charged **\$75.00** per participant.

Release forms: After submitting information, you will receive an "Online Registration Confirmation" and attached files: Packing List, Release form, Client Information sheet, Medical Emergency Form. These are to be filled out by the November 1st Troop meeting. Scouts will be planning meals and equipment requirements at the November 1 Troop meeting.

**RSVP:** By Registration with Nirvana. Also, if you plan to join this trip, but not rock climb, please RSVP Rob Klein at [rob.klein@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:rob.klein@montgomerycountymd.gov) by November 1, 2005.

## Schedule:

Saturday, November 5

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- 8:00am Meet in CCUMC Church parking lot.
- 9:00am Climbing instructions begin
- 3:00pm Climbing ends.  
Drive to Great Falls, Maryland.
- 4:00pm Start hiking 2.2 miles to Swains Lock camp.
- 5:00pm Set up camp and begin supper
- 10:00pm Lights out.

Sunday, November 6

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- 7:00am Wakeup.
- 7:00-8:00am Breakfast in camp area.
- 8:00-8:30am Clear camp site.
- 8:30am Begin hike to Great Falls, Billy Goat Trail and old Anglers Inn parking lot.
- 1:30pm Travel to church parking lot.
- 2:00pm Arrive back at church



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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 November 5 and 6, 2005 Rock Climbing/Billy Goat Trail hike.

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

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

I can attend: \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

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Parent Signature

Parent Name (Print)

Date