

TROOP 255 - C&O Canal Paw Paw **Hike/Bike**



WHEN: October 13 and 14 (Sat-Sun)

ASSEMBLE: 7:00 A.M. on Saturday (10/13) at the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church (CCUMC) parking lot.

RETURN: 3:00P.M.Sunday (10/14) at CCUMC parking lot.

For emergencies call Mr. Rose's cell phone at 301-807-6441 – but service is limited.

INTRODUCTION:

Come out to a favorite T-255 campout: Paw Paw Tunnel. The Paw Paw Tunnel is a 3,118 ft. (950.37 m.) long canal tunnel on the C&O Canal. The tunnel cut 6 miles off the length of the river and eliminated the need for barges to cross the river twice. Construction started about 1838 and finished a couple of bankruptcies and Federal bailouts later in 1850. It remains one of the world's longest canal tunnels and was one of the greatest engineering feats of its day. The Sorrel Campsite is only two miles from the parking lot. For the less adventurous, the site is grass-covered and on the riverbank. Some Scouts prefer camping on Sorrel Ridge for its view, wind and excitement.

OVERVIEW:

There are going to be two options for this camping trip. The first option is a bike ride (bikers can choose either a 20 mile or a 30 mile path). The Bikers will start in downtown Cumberland, MD at MP 184.5. They will then proceed 28.3 miles to MP 156, Paw Paw Tunnel Parking Lot and pick up packs. Proceed 2 miles to the Sorrel Ridge Campsite. For the 20 mile bike trip, please speak with the Scout Master, Mr. Pierce. Note: This trip counts as 1 of 5 required 20 mile bike trips for the Biking MB – an alternative Eagle required MB.

The second option (recommended for those scouts on the "Road to First Class") is the 2.5-mile hike. This option will include Tot'n Chip training as well as many other First Class requirements while bikers are finishing their trip.

COST: Cost is \$12, payable to "BSA Troop 255"

PERMISSION SLIP:

The permission slip attached is due to Mr. Pierce by October 9. Please note that this trip requires a minimum of **4 adults** and at least one more driver than cars, depending on the number of participating Scouts. Also, a head count is needed to arrange car pools.

APPROVAL / PERMISSION SLIP

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 October 13 and 14, 2007 backpacking/ biking C&O Canal (Paw Paw) Camp out.

I can drive: _____ YES _____ NO

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

I will join the camp out: _____ YES _____ NO

Parent Signature

Parent Name (Print)

Date