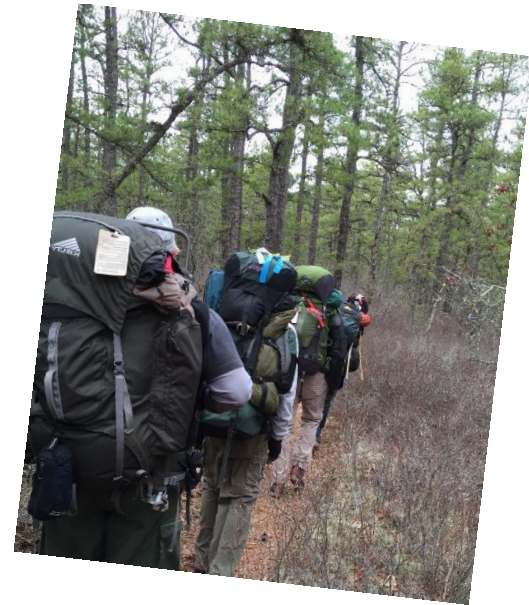




March 2020
Backpacking
Campout

**Trekking the NJ
Pine-Barrens**



Depart: Friday, March 13, 5:30 PM, from CUMC parking lot (arrive fed or bring dinner for the car)

Return: Sunday, March 15, ~2:00 PM

Cost: \$25 for Scouts, \$20 for adult drivers

Packing list: See the attached page

All campers (Scouts and adults) will need to bring your fully packed backpack to the Troop meeting on Thursday, March 12, for a gear shake-down and review, and to pack your share of the Troop gear and food

Permission slips (next page) and payment are due by Thursday, 27 February.

This backpacking trek is intended to be instructional (but not easy), and is an ideal training experience for Scouts and adults planning to attend Philmont Scout Ranch in July, 2021. We will be hiking on flat terrain, which may be less physically challenging than our Harriman treks but may also lead to more standing water, depending on the weather. The ground is soft, which is easier on the feet and tougher on the legs. Bring extra dry socks.

- Friday: Group camping at Bodine Field Camp, Wharton State Forest, Harrisville, NJ
- Saturday: Drop-off at Batsto Village, hike 9 miles up the Batona trail to Mulica River Camp, Wharton State Forest
- Sunday: Return hike 5 miles on the Mulica River trail to Batsto Village

Troop gear, tents, and food will be distributed during the mandatory shake-down meeting on Thursday night, March 12. Bring your fully packed backpack to this meeting.

Questions? Please contact Mr. Hrycak at <ohrycak.w.hrycak.civ@mail.mil> or 908-380-3435

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I understand that participation in the activity described above involves a certain degree of risk that could result in injury or death. In consideration of the benefits to be derived and after carefully considering the risk involved, and in view of the fact that the Boy Scouts of America is an organization in which membership is voluntary, and having full confidence that precautions will be taken to ensure the safety and well-being of my son, I have given _____ (son) my consent to participate in the hike detailed above on March 13-15, 2020. In case of emergency, I understand every effort will be made to contact me. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the physician selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections or medication for my child. I further agree to hold the above named unit and its leaders blameless for any accidents that might occur during this outing except for clear acts of negligence or non-adherence to BSA policies and guidelines.

Name of parent or guardian

Emergency contact number

Signature

Date

Secondary contact number

____ I (adult) will also attend this activity, and I can drive _____ Scouts.

As a driver, I can provide Troop 75 with driver's license and insurance information if requested.

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Winter Backpacking Gear List

PACKING

- ___ Backpack with padded hip straps (internal or external frame)
- ___ Pack cover - waterproof nylon or large "contractor weight" garbage bags

SLEEPING

- ___ Mummy sleeping bag in waterproof stuff sack lined with plastic garbage bag (winter: either 1 bag rated to $\leq 0^{\circ}\text{F}$ or two bags rated to $\leq 35^{\circ}\text{F}$)
- ___ Sleeping clothes - only to be worn in the sleeping bag (stocking cap, synthetic long underwear - polypro, synthetic socks)
- ___ Straps to hold sleeping bag on pack
- ___ Foam sleeping pad (closed cell or Thermo-rest type - very important for warmth)



CLOTHES - each outfit in a 1-3 gal ziplock bag

Layer A - Inner layer - wicking

- ___ Hiking boots, well broken in
- ___ 2 pairs heavy socks (wool or wool blend)
- ___ 2 pairs of lighter inner socks (polypro)
- ___ 2 changes of underwear
- ___ 2 tee shirts (synthetic preferred)
- ___ 1 synthetic (polypro) long underwear for hiking
- ___ 1 additional synthetic (polypro) long underwear for sleeping (separate from hiking)

Layer B - Middle layer - warmth

- ___ 1 fleece jacket, pullover, or sweatshirt
- ___ 2 long pants

Layer C - Outer layer - dryness and wind break

- ___ 1 winter coat
- ___ 1 stocking cap
- ___ 1 glove liners or mittens (wool or polypro)
- ___ 1 sturdy rain suit: both jacket and pants - **No Ponchos!**

EATING

- ___ Deep bowl (small, plastic), Cup (measuring type), Spoon/Spork
- ___ 2 one quart water bottles (full of fresh water before you leave)

PERSONAL & MISCELLANEOUS

- ___ Small pocketknife
- ___ Matches or lighter
- ___ Flashlight, small
- ___ Compass, liquid filled
- ___ 2 bandannas or handkerchiefs
- ___ Mesh bag with soap (biodegradable), toothbrush / toothpaste, small towel: NO DEODERANT

OPTIONAL

- ___ Moleskin & minor first aid items
- ___ Trekking Poles

Troop gear (pots, stoves, tents, bear bags and rope, etc.) will be issued and packed during the mandatory shake-down meeting on Thursday night, March 16.

NO ELECTRONIC MUSIC DEVICES (dead weight)

Target backpack weight: 22-26 lbs with water, without Troop gear or food