

Troop Activity Parent's Information

Appalachian Trail

Spring Backpacking Trip

Pen-Mar Park - Harpers Ferry (40 miles!)

and

Shorter sections (6-8 miles/day) on the MD AT (TBD)

April 5-7, 2008

Location: Maryland Appalachian Trail, Map 5&6 (MD Sections 1-7)

Mandatory Pack Check on Thursday April 3 at troop meeting. The food and gear distribution will also take place at this time.

Meet at St. Patrick's on Sat. Morning, April 5 @ 5:30 am - **Drivers Needed to get us to Pen Mar!**

Return: **PICK UP Monday evening, HARPERS FERRY, WV, April 7 @ approximately 5:00 pm**

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Activity: Backpacking on the famous Appalachian Trail, the premier trail, this side of the Mississippi. This is a **HIGH ADVENTURE TRIP!** We will do the **ENTIRE AT in MD!** To make the 40 miles will mean moving **FAST** for long stretches with **MINIMAL STOPS**. **Day ONE will be 17-18 miles** over rugged terrain with multiple climbs to reach **PINE KNOB**, **Day TWO is 12 miles to CRAMPTON GAP** and **Day THREE is 12 miles to HARPERS FERRY, WV**. The shorter routes are 6-8 mile hikes and will begin on the AT ahead of the 40 milers. Both groups will rendezvous each night at the designated shelters.

PLEASE NOTE: EVENINGS and MORNINGS COULD BE CHILLY, RAIN LIKELY, plan accordingly.

What you should bring: Adventurous Spirit, and **GO LIGHT AS POSSIBLE!**

PERMISSION SLIP: There are no problems in the health history, as far as I know for _____ to engage in all prescribed strenuous activities associated with this troop event, except as noted by me below. In the event of illness or accident in the course of such activity, I request that measures be instituted without delay as the judgment of scout leaders and medical personnel dictates.

Medical Insurance Provider and Account: _____

Phone for parents during activity: _____

Notes:

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date