

# **Boy Scout Troop 43 Outdoor Trip Guidelines**

A large part of Scouting is the Outdoor experience; this includes Troop Camping Trips, Day Trips and other Outdoor excursions. In order to make these activities fun and educational the planning must be done in an organized and timely manner.

The following document is meant to serve as a guide to those planning either a camping trip and or other outdoor activity for the troop. The guide is broken down into sections including a timeline for the planning and execution of each trip, a list of responsibilities for those troop members' involved, helpful websites, and examples of Website flier and a Trip Agenda. Please remember this is only a guideline and your trip or activity may require you to do something different than what is outlined here.

We encourage you the user of this guide to make suggestions or request changes, so we can continually improve this document.

# Trip Timetable

## **August Green Bar Meeting:**

- Troop Patrol Leaders meet to decide on when and where the troop will go on all camping trips and outdoor activities for the upcoming Scouting season. A leader for each trip or activity will be chosen as well.

## **August Outdoor Committee Meeting:**

- The Outdoor Committee will meet to review the trips and activities planned.
- A committee member will be assigned to each trip to assist the scout leader in planning.
- The Committee will also look at the complexity of each trip and make recommendations on when to begin making activity and camping reservations.

## **Four Months prior to trip:**

- Reservations for activities and locations that may sell out quickly must be made. Scout leader and OC will work together to ensure the proper reservations are made.

## **One Month prior to Trip:**

- The scout leader in charge of the trip announces the event at Troop Meeting and gives a description of what the trip entails.
- Initial Trip Flier to be posted on Troop Website including trip dates, description of destination and activity, and per person cost (Outdoor Committee person responsible).

## **Two Weeks prior to Trip:**

- Permission slip and money due for trip.
- Trip Agenda posted to troop website by Scout leader
- Tour Plan to be filed by Outdoor Committee
- Health Forms reviewed by Outdoor Committee

## **One Week prior to Trip:**

- Roster of Scouts and Leadership Complete
- Drivers

### **One Week Post Trip:**

- Scout Leader discusses the trip with troop to inform boys who did not attend and get feedback from those that did.
- Scout Leader debriefs with his SPL, patrol leaders, Scoutmaster any lessons learned from the experience – i.e. – safety, cooking, preparation – and what they should “start/stop/continue” doing.
- The Scout Leader (or someone he assigns task to) completes a 5-6 sentence article for local newspapers and the troop website.

## **Position Specific Responsibilities**

### **Scout Trip Leader:**

**Goal:** To gain experience and skills through the planning, scheduling and leading one of the troop’s outdoor trips or activities.

### **Responsibilities:**

1. By agreeing to lead a troop trip or activity, you become responsible for all aspects of the trip. This includes choosing destination, planning activities, organizing and the leading the trip. Your Senior Patrol Leader, Outdoor Committee, and your parents are all available to assist you in making your trip a success.
2. If you are unable to lead the trip or activity you signed up for, you must reach out to your Patrol Leader to have someone else take over. This must be done in a timely manner to avoid planning difficulties or cancellation of the trip.
3. Work with an Outdoor Committee person (assigned to you) to develop a schedule for planning your trip. Example: Some activities such as Rock Climbing or Rafting may require you to book that activity well in advance. Your Outdoor Committee person will guide you in the right direction.
4. Make necessary reservations for activities. Outdoor Committee will handle camping reservations if need be.

5. Give Outdoor Committee person detailed description of trip and any costs for activities so a Web Flier can be put together and posted on troop website. (One month prior to trip)
6. At the Troop Meeting, give a brief description of the Trip and activities planned, let troop know Trip Flier is on the website, give notice of when permission slips and monies are due. (One month prior to trip)
7. Formulate Trip Agenda and have Webmaster post to Troop Website, seek out the SPL for assistance. (Two weeks prior to departure)
8. Work with your SPL to set up Patrols. (Two weeks prior to trip)

### **Outdoor Committee:**

**Goal:** To ensure a fun, safe and educational outdoor trip or activity for the Troop by assisting the Scout Leader in the planning and execution of the trip.

1. Review trips chosen for the year, assign a committee person to each trip
2. Committee person will work with Scout Leader to develop timeline for making reservations, plans etc. for the trip to ensure we are not shut out.
3. Make camping reservations if needed, careful attention should be given to where the trip is, if there is a Scout Camp nearby, and again making the reservations far enough in advance to avoid being shut out.
4. Touch base monthly with the Scout Leader to check on trip progress.
5. Request description of trip and activities from Scout Leader and determine trip cost (One Month prior to trip).
6. Submit Trip Flier to Webmaster for posting to Troop site (One Month prior to trip).

7. Prepare and submit Tour and Activity Plan on BSA website (Two Weeks prior to trip).
8. Coordinate adult leadership and drivers for trip (Two Weeks prior to trip).
9. Review and ensure proper Health forms travel with the troop (One Week prior to trip).
10. Collect monies and permission slips prior to trip (Two weeks prior to trip).
11. After the trip, debrief with Scoutmaster, Committee Chair and/or Outdoor Committee on lessons learned from experience i.e., "Start/Stop/Continue".

**Senior Patrol Leader:**

**Goal:** To support and assist Scout Leader to ensure a fun and safe Outdoor Experience.

1. Review monthly the status of all upcoming trips with Trip Leaders, this can be accomplished at Green Bar.
2. Report any trip issues or concerns to Outdoor Committee.
3. Assist Trip Leader with Trip Agenda and Patrol Planning if necessary.

**Parent or Guardian of Scout Leader:**

1. Support Scout throughout planning process, and attend trip if possible.
2. Assist Scout when making reservations, -i.e. - pay for activities or deposits when needed. Submit receipts to Outdoor Committee for reimbursement.



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## Sailing and Camping Trip to Montauk

### Father's Day Weekend



**Where:** Camp Hero State Park, Montauk, NY  
**When:** Friday June 13th – Sunday June 15th

**RSVP** By June 2nd Troop Meeting (Need to inform the Sailing Charter how many life preservers are needed) or email to [outdoortrip43@gmail.com](mailto:outdoortrip43@gmail.com)

**Permission Slips and payment due June 9th**

**What's Involved:** Traveling to Camp Hero State Park in Montauk, New York on Friday June 13<sup>th</sup> (or Saturday morning). Camp Hero activities to include camping, cooking, and a Nautical Knot tying skills session with Joey Spivack. Saturday afternoon features a voyage on the Catamaran "Mon Tiki", where scouts will be given instruction and the opportunity to assist in the sailing of the vessel.

**LINKS:** [Mon Tiki of Montauk](#) [Camp Hero Sate Park](#)

**Cost:** Covers Camping Fees, Food and Sailing.  
\$70 per Scout  
\$59 per Adult (Adults will pay for food separately)

**What to bring:** Backpack, Sleeping Bag, Sleeping Pad, Boots, Rain Gear, Water Bottle, Mess Kit, Swimsuit, Bug/Tick Spray.

**Parents:** We may need drivers for this trip depending on attendance. Please let the Outdoor coordinators know if you would be available to drive Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

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## Breakneck Ridge Hiking and Camping Trip



**Where: Breakneck Ridge Trail Hike, Camping at Clarence Fahnestock State Park**

**When: Friday October 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday October 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Cost: \$25.00 per Scout**

**RSVP: October 6<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting**

**Permission Slips and payment will be due October 13<sup>st</sup>.**

**What's Involved:** Traveling to Clarence Fahnestock State Park in Carmel, New York on Friday October 17<sup>th</sup> (or Saturday morning). Activities to include camping, cooking, and the choice of two different day hikes. The first choice will be a very strenuous hike on the Breakneck Ridge Trail Loop, the other hike will be a less difficult hike at the Clarence Fahnestock Park.

**What to bring:** Backpack, Sleeping Bag, Sleeping Pad, Non Cotton Clothing, Boots, Rain Gear, Water Bottle, Mess Kit.

**Parents:** We may need drivers for this trip depending on attendance. Please let the Outdoor coordinators know if you would be available to drive Saturday or Sunday or both.

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## Backpacking Trip to Harriman State Park



**Where:** Stockbridge Shelter, Harriman State Park, NY

**When:** Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> – Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>

**Cost:** \$15.00 per Scout

**RSVP:** By October 14<sup>th</sup> to the Outdoor Committee via e-mail [outdoortrip43@gmail.com](mailto:outdoortrip43@gmail.com)

**Permission Slips and payment will be due October 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**What's Involved:** We will be meeting at 7:00 am at St Luke's, leaving from there at 7:30. When we arrive at Harriman at the Silvermine parking area we will take the Menomine trail to the Long Path trail. We will follow the Long Path trail to the Stockbridge shelter. Set up and eat lunch at that point. After lunch we will go for a hike to the cave shelter. Some skills we will work on are orienteering, and hiking.

**What to bring:** Backpack, Sleeping Bag, Sleeping Pad, Non Cotton Clothing, Boots, Rain Gear, Water Bottle, Mess Kit.

**Parents:** We may need drivers for this trip depending on attendance. Please let the Outdoor coordinators know if you would be available to drive Saturday or Sunday or both.

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# Troop 43, Sea Cliff New York

**What: Snowshoeing Trip to Camp Glen Gray**

**When: December 13 – 15 2013**

**Where: Camp Glen Gray, Mahwah, NJ**

## Agenda

### **Saturday February 8th**

**7:30 am Meet at St Luke's Church**

**8:00 am Depart from St. Luke's**

**9:30 am Arrive Camp Glen Gray**

**Unload Cars**

**Cabin Assignments, stow gear**

**Pick up Snowshoes and assemble group at Trailhead**

**Follow Trail**

**Break for hot lunch on trail**

**Complete Hike**

**Orienteering Activity**

**Cook Dinner**

**Knife, Hatchet, and axe sharpening**

**Cook Dessert**

### **Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>**

**7:30 am Reveille**

**Breakfast**

**Take hike to Lake**

**Break down camp, police campsite, and pack up gear**

**12:00 pm Leave for home**

**1:30 pm arrive St Luke's**

# Troop 43, Sea Cliff New York

**What: High Adventure Camping and Hiking at Mt. Washington State Forest, Mount Washington Mass.**

**When: December 12 – 14 2014**

## Agenda

### **Friday December 12**

- 6:00 pm Meet at St. Luke's
- 6:23 pm Depart from the church
- 9:30 pm Arrive at the parking are where we will set up camp

### **Saturday December 13**

- 9:00 am Wake up, break down tents and pack up gear
- 9:30 am Make breakfast
- 10:15 am Start the hike up to the Alander mountain shelter (4.5 miles)
- 11:53 am Arrive at the shelter and set up camp
- 12:06 pm Start cooking/preparing lunch
- 12:45 pm Camp activities (cards, bocce, snowball fights (weather permitting), etc)
- 6:00 pm Cook dinner/eat dinner
- 6:45 pm Campfire

### **Sunday December 14**

- 9:00 am Wake up, break down tents, and pack up gear
- 9:15 am Breakfast
- 9:45 am Hike out along the South Taconic Trail to Taconic State Park
- 11:45 am Drive home
- 2:30 pm Arrive at St. Luke's

**Emergency Contacts:**

Bill Manfredonia, Outdoor Coordinator: 516-637-0262

Jim Soscie, Outdoor Coordinator: 516-366-7062

# Troop 43, Sea Cliff New York

## Boy Scouts of America

What: **ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE**

When: April 25 – 27 2014

Where: Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine, NJ

### Agenda

#### Friday April 25

6:30pm Group leaving Friday meet at St. Lukes Church pack up gear

7:00pm Drive to Alpine Scout Camp [DIRECTIONS](#)

8:30pm Arrive Alpine, Check In and receive campsite assignment.

Set Up Camp

9:30pm – 10:00pm Unit Leader and SPL meeting “Cracker Barrel”

Camp Fire (Snack)

#### Saturday April 26

6:00am Group Leaving Saturday Meet at St. Lukes Church, pack any remaining gear.

6:30am Drive Alpine Scout Camp [DIRECTIONS](#)

6:30am Group at Alpine: Reveille and Flag Raising in site

7am – 8am Breakfast and Clean up

8:30am Saturday Travel Group arrives

9:00am Opening Ceremony

9:30am – 12:30pm Morning Activities/Training Sessions

12:30pm – 2:00pm Lunch at site (Saturday arrivals set up Tents)

#### Saturday April 26 Cont.

2:00pm – 5:00pm Afternoon Activities – Competitions

5:00pm – 7:00pm Return to Site to Prepare Dinner

**Flag Lowering (Class A's)**

**8:15pm – 9:15pm Council Campfire**

**Bed**

**9:15pm – 10:00pm Patrol Leader's meeting and "Cracker Barrel"**

**10:00pm – 10:30pm Unit Leader's "Cracker Barrel"**

**Sunday April 27**

**6:30am Reveille**

**Breakfast and Break Camp**

**9:30am Gathering for Activity Conclusion**

**10:00am Religious Ceremony**

**10:30am Closing Ceremony**

**Clean Campsite and Prepare for Departure**

**1:30pm Approximate Arrival back at Saint Luke's**