

Troop 89 Greenhorn Trip
Nobscot Scout Reservation, Framingham MA
April 3-5, 2009
TRIP INFORMATION AND EQUIPMENT LIST

The Greenhorn Trip is primarily dedicated to training our new Scouts on the basics of Troop 89 outdoor camping, but it will provide an opportunity for other members of the troop to work on outdoor advancement requirements as well.

Nobscot Scout Reservation Framingham and Sudbury is full of great hiking trails and local history, including a burial ground used for smallpox victims centuries ago. The terrain is rugged and hilly and will provide an excellent venue to practice orienteering and map/compass skills. Tippling Rock, one of the highest points in eastern Massachusetts, features beautiful views, including Mt. Monadnock and the Boston skyline. Over 480 acres of forested land makes Nobscot one of the largest parcels of open space in MetroWest. The grounds are owned by the Knox Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America. Nobscot is rich in Native American and Revolutionary War history, and ecological and environmental importance. The reservation entrance is located on Edgell Road in Framingham, 3.5 miles from Route 9 and just past the Framingham Animal Hospital.

All new scouts and their parents are invited to attend. First year scouts will leave the scout shed (behind the Legion hall in Medfield) at 8:15am Saturday. Mr. Lester will meet you at the shed to arrange car-pools and caravan to the Reservation together. All other scouts will leave Friday at 7:00pm. The troop will sleep out in tents.

Message on being prepared:

Being prepared is your responsibility and you should make sure YOU PACK all of the suggested equipment/clothes for the trip. Please make sure to bring this newsletter and equipment list on the trip. We will do a quick inspection prior to departure to make sure everyone has the necessary equipment. When we arrive at the Reservation, there will be a walk of approximately ¼ mile from the parking lot to the campsite, so pack your gear in a backpack and be prepared to carry it efficiently.

Signup and Cost:

- Signup will be at the Troop meeting Thursday, March 12, 2009. If you miss that date, you may sign up by contacting Treasurer Mr. Marto up to March 19 (which will be an activity night for the troop).
- Cost will be \$15 per person, due at sign-up deadline. This covers meals and overnight campsite fee.

Parental Approval:

Form must be on file with the troop.

LOGISTICS FOR TROOP 89 SECOND YEAR AND OLDER SCOUTS

Friday, April 3

- Meet at Scout Shed
 - o Patrol Leaders and Grubmasters – arrive at 6:30pm
 - o All other Troop 89 scouts – arrive at 7:00pm
- Depart Scout Shed at 7:00pm
- Plan on eating dinner before you arrive at the Scout Shed

Sunday, April 5

- Depart Camp -- 11:00 am
- Arrive at Scout Shed – 11:30 am. Scouts will be released for pickup after normal procedures for unloading and stowing troop gear

LOGISTICS FOR TROOP 89 NEW SCOUTS

Saturday, April 4

- Meet at Scout Shed at 8:15am
- Depart Scout Shed no later than 8:30am
- Plan on eating breakfast before you arrive at the Scout Shed

Sunday, April 5

- Depart Camp -- 11:00 am
- Arrive at Scout Shed – 11:30 am. Scouts will be released for pickup after normal procedures for unloading and stowing troop gear

Weather and Preparation:

We should expect that the weather will be cold. Remember what you have learned about cold weather camping: dress in layers, avoid cotton clothing, remove sweaty or wet clothing and change into dry clothes prior to bedding down, bring extra changes of dry, warm clothes, cover exposed skin, and if you get cold, take immediate corrective action. Be prepared for wet and cold weather. I have attached a checklist to provide guidance on what to bring.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT LIST:

The following is a checklist of what personal equipment to bring. Scout uniforms will not be required. All Scouts should bring their Scout Handbook.

- Water Bottle
- Sleeping Bag (Winter weight, or Summer with 2 blankets)
- Ground Cloth or Pad
- Personal Cup (metal or heavy duty plastic)
- Mess kit and utensils
- Flashlight with Good Batteries
- Knapsack or Backpack
- Plastic Trash Bags
- Boots
- Sneakers
- Wool socks (2 – 3 pairs)
- Long Pants (1)
- Winter Jacket
- Long Sleeve Shirt
- T-Shirt
- Sweatshirt
- Poncho or Light Raincoat
- Hat (wool)
- Gloves/Mittens
- Underwear
- Long Underwear
- Pajamas or other heavy Sleepwear (sweat suit)
- Hand Towel
- Brush/Comb
- Tooth Brush
- Tooth Paste
- Personal Basic First Aid Kit
- Scout Handbook
- Compass
- Pocket knife (optional, with Totin' Chip card only)

***Please note that personal electronics (including cell phones, I-pods, and CD players) are not on the equipment list. Do not bring these along on the campout. Thank you!**

Any questions, e-mail Mr. Lester at tripcoordinator@troop89medfield.org.