

**Troop 89 "Game Night" March Campout
Hale Reservation Powisset Lodge
March 12-13, 2011
TRIP INFORMATION**

Trip Description:

For our March campout, Troop 89 will reprise a favorite concept from past winter trips, the game night, due to the shooting ranges being unavailable at the Sportman's Club. The trip will also provide a winter camping experience with the opportunity to practice outdoor cooking and other scout skills. We will camp outside at Hale Reservation and have the use of Powisset Lodge (with lights and heat) for a Saturday night board games and video games.

Scouts should be prepared for cold weather, and plan to cook and sleep outside in tents, no matter what is the temperature. This is an excellent chance to practice the Scout motto, Be Prepared. Dress in **LAYERS** of wool, fleece and polypropylene long underwear. Absolutely no cotton! It is also important to drink plenty of fluids. With the cold temperature air can be very dry, and it is easy to become dehydrated without realizing it.

Signup and Cost:

- Signup will be at the regular Troop meeting Thursday, March 3, 2011.
- Cost will be \$15 per person, due at sign-up deadline. This covers meals and lodge rental.

Logistics:

Saturday, March 12:

1. All Scouts attending MBU will proceed directly from MBU.
2. All other Scouts – meet at the Scout Shed at a time to be announced.

Sunday, March 13:

1. Depart Hale Reservation and arrive at shed by 10:00am
2. Scouts will be dismissed for pickup after normal procedures for unloading and stowing gear.

Be 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 to camp out in **COLD** weather. Results of the inspection will count toward the Camping Excellence Award for this trip.

Parental Approval:

Form must be on file with the troop.

Meals:

Scouts should eat a hearty breakfast and lunch Saturday before coming to the Scout Shed. Dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday are included in the trip cost.

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.

A personal equipment checklist for this winter trip is as follows:

- winter weight sleeping bag
- pillow
- ground cloth or pad
- canteen or water bottle
- personal drinking cup
- mess kit and utensils
- flashlight with good batteries
- backpack or duffel bag
- plastic trash bags
- warm footwear
- warm boots
- wool socks (2 pairs)
- heavyweight warm long pants (1)
- long sleeve wool or fleece shirt (1)
- winter jacket or parka
- additional outer layers such as fleece jacket, wool sweater
- outer shell to wear over insulating layers
- waterproof outer pants or ski pants
- wool hat
- heavyweight gloves or mittens
- neck gaiter and/or warm facemask
- underwear (2)
- thermal long underwear (2)
- pajama or other heavy sleepwear
- hand towel
- brush/comb
- toothbrush and tooth paste
- ChapStick or similar lip balm
- personal basic first aid kit
- Scout Handbook
- sled (optional - inflatable preferred, deflated during travel)
- compass (optional)
- jackknife (optional and with Totin' Chip card only)
- Game equipment: will be arranged by Patrols.

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