

**Troop 89 Greenhorn Trip  
Hale Reservation, Westwood MA  
April 1-3, 2011  
TRIP INFORMATION AND EQUIPMENT LIST**

The Greenhorn Trip is dedicated to training our new Scouts on the basics of Troop 89 outdoor camping, and providing opportunities for other members of the troop to work on outdoor advancement requirements.

Hale Reservation in Westwood is a great local camping area, full of hiking trails and history. The terrain is rugged and hilly and will provide an excellent venue to practice orienteering and map/compass skills. Cat Rock, the site where we will camp, is an old Troop 89 favorite. There are beautiful views of the Boston skyline and plenty of fun scrambling. Hale Reservation is a private, non-profit organization with a mission to "provide stewardship of its land and resources and to offer educational experiences to youth that foster responsibility, leadership and appreciation for the natural environment." The organization manages over 1,100 acres of woodlands, including four ponds and over twenty miles of trails in Westwood and Dover.

**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 for current Scouts was held at the Troop meeting Thursday, March 10, 2011. To sign up late, speak to Mr. Lester or Mr. McKinney. New Scouts joining the troop should let Mr. McKinney know if they would like to attend this trip as soon as possible and make payment no later than the troop meeting on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Cost will be \$18 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 1**

- 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 3**

- 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 2

- 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 3

- 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](mailto:tripcoordinator@troop89medfield.org).

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