

Troop 874 Camping Trip-- October 2017

DUE: Thursday, October 12, 2017

Instructions

The bottom of this form must be turned in by each scout, along with his food money, to his Patrol Leader no later than the due date above. Failure to turn in the form AND food money by the deadline will mean he will be unable to attend. Adults wishing to attend must pay the kitchen staff by the due date above. For more information on Troop policies please see page 2. For any last minute travel concerns for this outing contact Troop874's Transportation coordinator. (troop874.transportation@gmail.com)

Early departure or late arrival are discouraged but obviously there are times when this is necessary. You must notify the Scoutmaster prior to doing so. (scoutmaster.troop874@gmail.com)

Outing Details

Outing Location: Gifford Pinchot State Park, 2200 Rosstown Rd, Lewisberry, PA 17339

Departure Date: Friday, October 20, 2017 (Around 5:30PM)

Return Date: Sunday, October 22, 2017 (Around 2PM)

Accommodations: Tent Camping

Activities: Hiking, Biking

Cut here and return bottom portion to patrol leader. Keep top portion in a safe place at home.

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(First Name-PLEASE PRINT)

(Last Name- PLEASE PRINT)

Program Pioneer Ranger Venture

Patrol _____

I understand that participation in Scouting activities, and travel to and from activities, involves risk of personal injury. I also understand that participation is voluntary and requires participants to follow instructions and abide by all applicable rules and standards of conduct.

My son has permission to attend this month's camping trip with Troop 874.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

If a parent or guardian is attending please fill out the following section:

I am attending and I will be driving my son. I am volunteering to drive _____ additional scouts.

My Youth Protection Training, driver's license and automotive insurance are current.

Driver cell phone number: _____ Driver email address: _____

Make and model of vehicle: _____

Special instructions or notes to the Transportation Coordinator:

Outing and Permission Slip FAQ

Q: When will we know the exact departure time?

The SPL will announce a gathering time and a departure time at the conclusion of the Thursday meeting the week of the trip. Please ensure your son pays attention to the announcement and please arrive at the gathering time; which is usually a half hour before the departure.

Q: Why are we not provided the exact return time?

The troop usually returns around 2PM on Sundays but sometimes delays at camp or other factors cause the time window to change. If there is a change in plans the troop will communicate this to the parents on Sunday.

Q: My son needs to depart early or arrive late is this allowed? Must I notify anyone beforehand?

You must notify the scoutmaster (scoutmaster.troop874@gmail.com) prior to leaving early or arriving late. Obviously there are times when prior commitments make a late arrival or early departure necessary, however we prefer your son attend the entire outing if possible. There are several reasons for this request.

1. Your son is not fully participating in all his Patrol's activities including setting up and taking down tents, site clean-up, perhaps a service project on Sunday morning, etc.
2. Your son may be assigned to take home some of his Patrol's equipment for cleaning, be it a tent or part of a Patrol box, etc. These items usually are distributed in the church parking lot on Sunday.
3. While perhaps not legally responsible we feel a moral responsibility for your son the entire camping trip, his late arrival or early departure puts him outside our control.
4. Finally, keeping track of 100 youth and adults on the average camping trip is a challenge by itself. Tracking the coming and going of individual Scouts and adults adds complexity to the task.

Q: Why are the permission slips and food money due so early?

The two week rule was instituted at the request of the Patrol Leaders Council a number of years ago and actually is really the "two meetings prior to the camping trip" rule. This policy closely followed the Troop's already established policy that Scouts had to be at the two meetings prior to a camping trip in order to go on the trip. These rules allowed the Patrol Leader (and the Scoutmaster's staff) adequate time to arrange duty rosters, meals, tenting arrangements, and any necessary program resources required to carry out an effective camping trip. The side benefit is that the Transportation Coordinator has sufficient time to arrange transportation, assign youth to vehicles, submit the BSA tour plan and supply the Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster with rosters of who will be attending the trip. The lead time allows the Committee Chair to review this information so that if questions arise while the Troop is out camping, the chair has the resources to answer them.

Q: Why do you need the driver's cell phone and email address?

The Troop is looking to have cell phone numbers for each driver transporting the Troop's Scouts so that we can communicate with that driver should the need arise. The transportation coordinator may use your email address to send directions to and from the location or distribute any last minute logistical news.

Q: Why do you need to know if my YPT, driver license and insurance are current?

These are required by the Boy Scouts of America if you are transporting any scout who is not under your legal guardianship and verifying this information ensures the safety of every scout. For more information on BSA driving safety please visit <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS/gss11.aspx>

Q: Why do you need to know my make and model of car?

The BSA Tour Plan requires us to enter this information for every driver on the outing. However this information is handy when we need to make unforeseen logistical changes. For instance, if a driver cancels we need to ensure the scouts who were assigned to that vehicle still have transportation. Having this information helps the transportation coordinator contact drivers who own vehicles with extra seating capacity or cargo space.