

“Backpack to Basics” Blue Hills Centennial Camporee

How long has it been since your Troop went camping far from roads and other people?

When Scouting began in our country a century ago, troop trailers were unheard of, and scouts relied mainly on their feet and packs to venture out into the wilderness to set up camp.

We can show you how to follow in their footsteps!

For this special centennial camporee, we will have experts in these bygone skills to teach you all you need to know to plan, pack, and trek for a rugged and rewarding outdoor experience. After a day of instruction, we will put these skills to use and backpack to remote sites for a fun night of old-fashioned camping in the spirit of 1910--- you won't want to miss this!



Arrive Friday night to the Camp Phillips parking lot, where we will sleep in the field behind the dining hall. Saturday morning after breakfast, we will begin training in a variety of important skills--- how to load a pack properly, what to take (and what *not* to take) on the trail, how to plan a menu of lightweight nonperishable food, and even how to keep your food safe from hungry animals in the backcountry. We will also review **Leave No Trace** practices, so that *all* of our scouts will know how to stay in the wilderness without degrading it for the others who follow.

On Saturday afternoon we will divide into two groups, according to ability and ambition-- one will take a relatively short and easy hike to Explorer Base near Bear Lake, where they will set up camp for the night. Those who prefer a bigger challenge will hit the Ice Age trail, leaving camp entirely and covering several miles en route to a wild pristine private campsite full of mosquitoes and poison ivy! For those hardy souls, we promise not only a memorable experience but also a special surprise that night! Both groups will eat supper and breakfast on the outpost and return to their vehicles on Sunday morning to depart for home. Yes, your troop will need backpacks for this event--- however, it is not necessary to spend a lot. Many garage sales and thrift shops have perfectly adequate frame backpacks cheap, and other troops, friends or relatives may have extras that you can borrow. Do an unused pack a favor, and take it out for a walk and some fresh air!

When: Friday September 24 – Sunday September 26

Cost: \$10 per Scout/leader; Please pre-register with the Scout Service Center by Tuesday, September 21

Adult Leadership: Each Troop should plan on having at least one adult from their unit participate with each group of hikers they have Scouts with. Transportation will be available to both sites for leaders with a physical need for one.

Questions: Please contact Dave Hahn, camporee chairman (715-234-1630). More information will be available at the August and September Roundtable meetings, including ideas on gear, backpack-ready meals, and more.

Each Unit Will Need to Have:

- gear for camping Friday night in Dining Hall Parade Ground
- Food for Saturday Breakfast & Lunch
- Backpacking suitable meals for Saturday Supper & Sunday Breakfast
- Gear for backpacking (backpack, bedroll, raingear, personal gear, suitable footwear, tent, cook equipment)

Inclement Weather

In the case of inclement weather, we will be utilizing the tent cabins at Camp Phillips and continuing with the demonstrations as scheduled and supplemental activities.

Tentative Schedule for the Weekend

Friday September 24

6:00pm – 8:00pm: Check-in, Camp Phillips Dining Hall; set overnight camp in parade ground/field behind dining hall

9:00pm Leader's & SPL meeting – Dining Hall

Saturday, September 25

9:00am – 12noon: Round Robin demonstrations (backpacking meals, hiking safety, proper packing techniques, etc)

12noon: Lunch at Camp Phillips

1:30 – 3:30: Hike to campsites

3:30 – 5:00: Additional demonstrations at campsites

5:00 -6:00: Scout Chapel Service

6:00: Supper

Sunday, September 26

7:00am: Breakfast in Campsite

8:00am: Hike back to Camp Phillips & Units depart for home

Troop Number: _____ Patrol Name: _____
Patrol Leader: _____

Patrol Members

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_____	_____
_____	_____
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Adults

_____	_____
_____	_____

Adult Leader Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

How many will be attending the novice trip to Explorer Base?

Youth _____ Adults _____

How many will be going on the Ice Age Trail trip?

Youth _____ Adults _____

Please indicate on roster by an N for Novice and an A for Advanced.

Thanks!!

Youth Attendance _____

Adult Attendance _____

Total _____ X \$10.00 = _____

Due by Sept. 21, 2010

Mail Pre-registrations To:

Blue Hills 2010 Fall Camporee
Chippewa Valley Council, B.S.A.
710 South Hastings Way
Eau Claire, WI 54701