

ANTIETAM BIKE TRIP NOVEMBER 13-15, 2009



What and Where:

Bicycle Outing: Antietam National Battlefield, Sharpsburg, MD 21782

Camping: Antietam National Battlefield / Rohrbach Campground.

Antietam National Battlefield (U.S. National Park Service) is the site of the Battle of Antietam which was *the bloodiest one day battle in American History*. During this battle, 23,000 soldiers were killed, wounded or missing after twelve hours of savage combat on September 17, 1862. The battle of Antietam ended the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia's first invasion into the North and led to Abraham Lincoln's issuance of the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation. (<http://www.nps.gov/anti/>)

We will tour Antietam Battlefield on bikes with a professional guide, who will share the fascinating history of the Battle of Antietam. **You need to wear Class B uniforms Saturday morning**, and bring your own bicycles and helmets, which will be transported on the troop trailer or cars with bike racks.

When:

We will meet on **Friday, 13 NOV 2009 at Pennsbury Township Building parking lot at 5:30 p.m.** to load the bikes and gear and *depart promptly* in **Class A uniform at 6:00 p.m.** The trip from Chadds Ford to Sharpsburg, MD is 150 miles (approximately 3 hours driving time). Upon arrival in Sharpsburg, we will set up camp on the Antietam Battlefield / Rohrbach Campground. Make sure to eat something before leaving since we will *not* be cooking dinner Friday evening. We will have a Cracker Barrel after we get set up Friday night.

Cost:

The cost of the outing will be \$ 40 (for scouts and adults). Please make checks payable to **BSA Troop 31.**

Sign-up Date:

PERMISSION SLIP, LIABILITY WAIVER and MEDICAL RELEASE FORM, and payment is due at the scout meeting on **Monday, 2 NOV 2009**.

Transportation:

We will need drivers for this trip (2 trucks and several cars/vans). *We will not reimburse for gas for vehicles that are not carrying at least 5 people.*

Activities:

- **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** - Bicycle Tour of Antietam Battlefield (scouts will carry “day packs” containing their bag lunch and filled water bottle).
- **1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** - Scouts will work on completing requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. Also, Mr. Coe will provide the “Den Chief Training” program for scouts that have attained the rank of First Class.

Adults In Charge – Contact Information:

- **Mr. Meric Vitale**, (ASM); Home 610-388-6844; Cell 484-467-0869; mericvitale@comcast.net If you have questions concerning the Antietam Bike Trip, please contact Meric Vitale.
- **Mr. Scott Dembek**, (ASM); Home 610-793-2269; Cell 804-387-4018; dembek5@comcast.net
- **Mr. Ray Coe**, (SM); Home 610-388-1973; Cell 484-832-3175; smtrp31@comcast.net

Sleeping Accommodations, Gear, and Meals: Participants will be in tents. Please bring some type of sleeping pad, sleeping bag, and weather-appropriate clothing. Troop patrols will prepare all meals (**Friday night:** cracker barrel; **Saturday:** breakfast, lunch, dinner, cracker barrel; **Sunday:** breakfast) for their specific patrol.

Water/Restroom Availability: *Make provisions to bring your own water!*

Water is available at the rear of the Visitor Center which is 2 miles from our campground (please bring your own containers). There is a 1000 gallon drinking water reservoir tank at our campground, but it may be drained (winterized) in preparation for the winter months. Also, there are 5 *clean (and well maintained)* **Porta-Johns** which are a short distance from our campsite.

Equipment/Personal Gear: Please refer to the **Generic Camping Checklist** on our Troop 31 website <http://www.chaddsfordtroop31.org/Forms.html> to prepare for this outing. Remember to consider weather reports, wear appropriate clothing, and bring your bike, helmet, day pack, and *filled* water bottle.

PERMISSION SLIP

We, the parents/guardians of _____ have read and understand the intended program for the **ANTIETAM BIKE TRIP from November 13 to November 15, 2009**, and hereby give our permission for him to participate.

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____

I, as parent/guardian, am attending and can drive. Name: _____

I can take _____ additional scouts and some of their gear.

COST

All Participants

\$ 40.00 x _____ persons = \$ _____ **Total Amount Submitted**

Please make check payable to:
BSA Troop 31

LIABILITY WAIVER and MEDICAL RELEASE

We, the parents/guardians of _____ give our permission for full participation in the **ANTIETAM BIKE TRIP** outing from November 13 to November 15, 2009, subject to any limitations noted herein. In the event of illness or accident in the course of this outing, I request that measures be instituted without delay as judgment of personnel dictates.

Allergy to medicines, food, etc.: _____

Any condition requiring special medications or diet:

Medication being taken regularly: _____

Special Instructions: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Witness: _____ **Date:** _____
(must be an adult)

In case of an emergency, we can be reached at the following number: _____
Or: _____.

My son is covered by the following insurance plan: _____
Policy Number: _____

This liability waiver and medical release must be turned in at the time of sign-up for this trip and is only good for the outing noted above.

N.B. Boy Scouts of America requires the following for drivers/vehicles of scout outings and Troop 31 Committee assumes that anyone volunteering to drive for this trip meets these requirements: Driver is 21 years of age and holds a valid driver's license; the vehicle has a valid registration and current inspection sticker; the vehicle is covered with \$100,000/\$300,000 public liability and \$50,000 property damage insurance; and seat belts are provided for all passengers.