



WHITE CLAY CREEK OUTING

October 14-16, 2011

Where:

Camping: White Clay Creek, Newark, DE

<http://www.destateparks.com/park/white-clay-creek/index.asp>

Rowing (Saturday on the Christina River): Newport Rowing Club

<http://www.newportrowingclub.org/>

Date and Time:

Departing: Friday, October 14th, leaving the Pennsbury Township building at 7:00 PM. We're allowing plenty of time for you to **PLEASE EAT DINNER BEFOREHAND.**

Returning: Sunday, October 16th at 11:00 AM. If we expect to arrive earlier or later, we will use our cell phone chain to contact parents that morning.

Sign up date:

Rowing Merit Badge will be limited to the first 28 Scouts who sign-up and choose this option. The last available sign-up date will be SATURDAY October 8th. You can bring the check and completed form to the troop meeting on the 10th, but we need your commitment by the 8th. Patrols will be assigned PRIOR to the Troop meeting on the 10th.

Transportation:

We are looking for adult drivers. If you are driving, please plan on taking other scouts with you. Drivers are reimbursed for fuel only if there are a minimum of four total people in their vehicle. Cars need to travel together since the campsite is tricky to get to. Therefore, late-arrivals and/or early-departures cannot be accommodated with this outing.

Dress code:

Troop 31 always travels in Class A. Also, **please bring layered clothing for temperature swings.**

Choice of Two Activities:

- **Rowing Merit Badge:** This is a competitive rowing experience. On Saturday, Scouts and adult leaders will travel to the Newport Rowing Club

in Newport, DE. There will initially be classroom instruction on the safety and fundamentals of rowing as a crew. Later each participating scout will be a team-member of an 8-person rowboat on the Christina River. All boats will carry two volunteer instructors from the Newport Rowing Club. Participating scouts should have a swimsuit, extra shirt that can get wet (preferably non-cotton), light rain jacket, towel, and either pool shoes or an extra pair of sneakers that can get wet. ALL CLOTHING NEEDS TO BE SNUG FITTING AND FLEXIBLE for using the sliding-seat system in the boats. Only thunder or high winds will prohibit rowing; rain will not. Scouts must have completed either Swimming or Canoeing Merit Badge to participate.

- **Photography Merit Badge:** *Participating scouts must bring a camera, preferably a digital SLR or film SLR (with film!) camera. A mobile phone or ipod camera is not sufficient for this program.*
- **All:** *If and when there is spare time, all scouts will have the opportunity to play Disc Golf on the course next to our campsite. There are also several trails for a group hike.*

Sleeping Accommodations: *OUTDOOR accommodations. We are sleeping in tents at the "Primitive Campsite" at White Clay Creek. If you do not have a colder weather sleeping bag, please pack a blanket to use as an inner liner.*

Water/Restroom Availability: *The camp has two portable toilets and no running water. Scouts must bring at least one full water bottle. Additional water will be provided by the troop.*

Equipment/Personal Gear: *please refer to the Troop Generic Camping Checklist, there is one posted on our website.*

Cost: *The total cost per Scout or Adult is \$40.00.*

Adults in charge contact info:

Mr. Smallacombe: (Asst. Scoutmaster) cell: 484-437-5547
email – andy.smallacombe@penske.com
(Rowing Merit Badge questions)

Mr. Peterson: (Committee Member) cell: 484-883-4025, email -
adamxp@mac.com
(Photography Merit Badge questions)

Senior Scout in charge:

Colin Biggs

CAMPING CHECKLIST
For WHITE CLAY CREEK OUTING

PERSONAL
CAMPING EQUIPMENT

- Sleeping Bag (**Extra Blanket Recommended**)
- Air Mattress/Ground Pad (Waterproof)
- Flashlight w/ extra batteries
- BSA Handbook
- Pencil/Pen & Notepad
- Mess Kit- Non-breakable, Re-useable
- Plate Cup & Silverware
- Plastic Bags- for wet/soiled clothes & to keep socks dry
- Water Bottle
- Pocket Knife
- Compass
- First Aid Kit
- Duffle Bag- preferred
- Camera (**for Photography Merit Badge - prefer SLR or DLSR camera – no phone or ipod cameras**)

DO NOT BRING AT ANY TIME

- Lighters
- Matches
- Aerosol Containers
- Fireworks
- Candles
- Candy or other Food
- Walkman, iPod or equivalent
- Gameboys, Nintendo or
- Handheld electronic games
- DVD or CD players

PERSONAL CLOTHING-
Weather Appropriate

- Official Scout Uniform- "Class A"
- Layers are always a good idea (especially for an October outing)**
- Rain Gear/Poncho – There are NO indoor facilities**
- Comfortable Hiking Shoes/ Sneakers
- Long pants/shorts**
- Shirts (Spare shirt required for Rowers)**
- Sweatshirt/Jacket
- Underwear
- Socks + extras
- Water Shoes (**Required for Rowers**)
- Swim Suit (**Required for Rowers**)

TOILETRIES

- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Comb/Brush
- Towel (**Required for Rowers**)
- Soap in Container
- Toilet Paper
- Tissues
- Deodorant (No Aerosols)
- Suntan Lotion
- Bug Spray (No Aerosols)
- Shampoo

Rowers: Please bring a small bag for Saturday to carry your bag lunch (prepared Saturday morning), spare sneakers, spare shirt and shorts, rain jacket and towel. ALL CLOTHING SHOULD BE SNUG-FITTING AND FLEXIBLE. Locker room provided.

White Clay Creek Outing, PERMISSION SLIP

We, the parents/guardians of _____ have read and understand the intended program for the White Clay Creek Outing from Friday October 14th, through Sunday the 16th, 2011 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.

Total occupants (including driver) I can accommodate = _____

N.B. Boy Scouts of America requires the following for drivers/vehicles of scout outings and the 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

Costs:

Scouts \$ 40.00 x _____ persons = \$ _____

Adults \$ 40.00 x _____ persons = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED = \$ _____

Please make check payable to: **BSA, Troop 31**

My Son WILL be taking (please choose one):

Rowing Merit Badge: _____

(scout must have already completed Swimming or Canoeing Merit Badge)

Photography Merit Badge: _____

White Clay Creek Outing
LIABILITY WAIVER and MEDICAL RELEASE

We, the parents/guardians of _____ give our permission for full participation in the White Clay Creek outing from October 14th through October 16th, 2011, 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 time of sign-up for trip and is only good for the outing noted above.