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**Subject:** Troop 716 - Backpacking on the Appalachian Trail - Permission Slip and Plan

**Attachments:** June Backpacking Permission Form.rtf

Troop,

For our June Troop Backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail (AT), we will have a short hike to our camp site on Friday and two average-length hikes on Saturday and Sunday.

1. **Attached is the permission slip due at the Tuesday Troop Meeting, June 2nd, the last meeting before the trip.** We need to know by this date so we can plan food and transportation.

2. **Here's our Backpacking Plan** for Friday June 12 to Sunday June 14 2009:

**Endpoints:** From Caledonia State Park, PA south to Pen-Mar County Park, MD

**Logistics:** **We really need drivers** who can drop hikers off at Caledonia Friday afternoon and pick them up at Pen-Mar Sunday, eliminating the need to ferry cars.

- From Sykesville to Caledonia SP for the Friday drop off is approx 53 miles / 90 min; recommend we leave at 4:00 pm
- From Sykesville to Pen-Mar County Park (Washington County) for the Sunday pick up is approx 42 miles / 90 min.

### **The Hike:**

#### **Friday:**

From the drop off at the Caledonia State Park entrance parking lot, hike 3.5 miles south to Rocky Mount Shelters. It should stay light long enough to allow us time to hike in.

If there is bad weather or we run short on time, we could be dropped off where PA 233 crosses the AT and hike 1.5 miles north to the shelter.

Rocky Mount: shelters, campsites, spring, latrine

#### **Saturday**

From Rocky Mount Shelters, hike south 5.0 miles to Chimney Rocks for a nice view, then a further 2.2 miles to the Antietam Shelter at Little Antietam Creek. (7.2 miles total)

If necessary, we could hike just 1.0 mile south of Chimney Rocks and stay at Tumbling Run Shelters. (6.0 miles total)

Antietam: shelters, water, latrine

Tumbling Run: shelters, campsites, spring, latrine

Elevation change: start approx 1500', ascend to 1940' at Chimney Rocks, descend to ~1100 at Tumbling Run, ~950' at Antietam Shelter

#### **Sunday**

From Antietam Shelter, hike south 6.8 miles to Pen-Mar County Park (6.8 miles total)

Elevation change: start approx 950', ascend to 1450 at Deer Lick Shelter, descend to ~1300' at PA16, ascend to ~1400' at Mt Dunlop, descend to 1200' at Pen-Mar.

Any questions please let me know!

Yours in Scouting,

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