

Troop 160 will be participating in the:
Flintlock District Camporee at Parker Mountain Boy Scout Camp
Leave No Trace is the theme!
September 19-21, 2008

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A Camporee is an event where many Boy Scouts Troops camp together. The troops (or patrols from the troops) participate in many activities centered around a theme. Many of the activities are challenges and scored for fun and competitive spirit.

- While enjoying the wonderful scenery, we will learn about Leave No Trace outdoor skills through actions not words.
- Show off our culinary talent at the one-pot dinner cook-off.
- Learn about orienteering with different techniques such as the tried and true map and compass or using a high tech GPS.
- This will be a great opportunity for our troop to learn how to incorporate Leave No Trace skills into our future backpacking and camping trips.

Program Elements for the Flintlock Leave No Trace Camporee

- **Safe Water Practices** - Learn techniques and tools to sterilize water for drinking and cooking.
- **Backpacking Food Preparation and Cooking** - Prepare food that is light but also nutritious.
- **Wilderness First Aid** - Learn what to do when help isn't just a phone call away.
- **Building a Low Impact Fire** - Learn how to protect the environment and remove traces of the fire.
- **Orienteering and Map & Compass** - Enhance skills that keeps your unit safe in the wilderness.
- **Animal Tracking and Identification** - Identify animal tracks and what to do when encountering wildlife.
- **Low Impact Camping Skills** - Leave a campsite like you weren't even there!
- **Backpacking Gear Selection** - Learn what you should and should not bring on a backpacking trip.

Schedule of Events

At summer camp, many scouts suggested that some event run from Friday night through Sunday so they have more time on the camp out. This camp out is the first campout with this two night format suggested by the boys and we hope all the scouts will participate.

Friday Evening – Meet at St. Brigid for departure (exact time to be set, likely around 5pm)

Saturday – Events all day 9am – 5pm

Saturday Evening - *“One Pot” Cooking Competition followed by a Campfire*

Sunday Morning – Check-out and head back to St. Brigid (estimated arrival likely around noon)

What to Bring

A complete packing list will be provided by the troop. The scouts will learn the appropriate gear for a Leave No Trace themed camping event. They will also hike into the campsite (the distance will be comparable to hiking into a summer camp campsite. The troop also has backbacks to loan out.

Meals: Friday Dinner - bring your own bag lunch or money for fast food
Saturday breakfast, dinner, and Sunday breakfast - patrol cooking at campsite
Saturday lunch – troop provided

Cost: \$20 per scout. Adults will share any food costs. For camperships e-mail 160financialaid
'at' troop160 'dot' com.

Bring the form to the Troop meeting or send it to me:

Jeff Shorter
7 Bridge Street
Lexington, MA 02421

Approval: My son _____ has my approval to participate in the Troop 160 trip to Camporee

____ Please check here, and on the below on this slip, list any allergies and any medications, including epi pens, which your son might bring or use during the event.

____ payment enclosed (checks to **Troop 160** or cash: \$20)

____ I will attend and can help with supervision and transportation

I can carry _____ scouts w/gear or _____ scouts or _____ gear

What type of car will you be driving _____

Emergency Contact Info: Home Phone _____ Cell phone: _____

signature

date

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