

On Saturday, May 23, as part of my continuing Scouter Education, I am hosting a 2 Merit Badge weekend at Elk Mountain Trails, Knoxville, Md. near Harpers Ferry. The two merit badges being offer are Indian Lore and Horsemanship. It is possible to earn both merit badges that weekend with some work for Indian Lore being done ahead of time. Space is somewhat limited, due to number of horses available for Horsemanship merit badge, so please hold your spot with a \$20.00 deposit (required, non refundable).

Cost for outing alone (no merit badge work) is \$6.00 camp fee plus \$6.00 for gas contribution if not driving, plus food.

Cost for Horsemanship: \$66.00 - Includes camp fee, trail ride, merit badge , gas contribution.(does not include food)

Camping and trail ride, no merit badge: \$54.00 (includes gas contribution but does not include food).

Scouts must meet with current Troop Horsemanship merit badge counselor Judy Liszewski, judyandsons@netscape.com , at a troop meeting and then complete merit badge work with an instructor at Elk Mountain Trails (included in cost). Scouts must bring a blue card for each merit badge (from Scoutmaster Collins) and print out the merit badge worksheets from www.MeritBadge.org .

A \$20.00 deposit is required as soon as possible!!!

All riders (scouts and adults) must bring a signed release form (signed by an adult). This form is available from the Troop website at

http://www.aberdeenpr.com/alt/965/Horsemanship_Outing_2009_May_Release.pdf

Must wear long pants and sneakers or a closed shoe with a heel. No flip flops or sandals.

Bike Helmets for riders under the age of 18, provided by Elk Mountain Trails (or bring your own).

Indian Lore merit badge:

Cost for this merit badge is whatever the cost is for the Native American articles scout must make; must be purchased ahead of time to be completed on outing. We will discuss later.

Scouts must do requirement #1 on their own, before or after outing.

DURING the outing:

Must make an item of Native American clothing. Moccasins must be purchased ahead of time to do as an activity at camp.

Make three other items used by a tribe- approved ahead of time by counselor (Ms. Christine) we will discuss. Also done at camp.

Do BEFORE the outing:

Learn a game played by Indians and be prepared to teach other scouts at outing. This was a favorite part of a previous Indian Lore merit badge outing. Must be pre approved so no duplicates. Learn a Native American story in English and share it with the group. We usually do this at camp fire Sat. night. Also must be pre approved. Easy and fun!