

# 1st Merrickville Scout Troop

October 28th,2006

## Annual Fall Hike to Limerick Forest

**Drop off:** November 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am ; Intersection of Armstrong Rd and County road # 15( south of Merrickville )

**Pick up:** November 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am ; Carley's Corners Rd approx. 1.5miles east of County road # 15.

**Cost ;** \$0.00, each hiker will provide a personalized menu for this outing. Suggest a bag lunch and water bottle for Saturday as we will not reach our site until after noon.

Prepared meals are always a good idea. If frozen they can be heated and eaten easily. Allow your son/daughter to personalize their menu .

**All cooking to be over an open fire.** Large pots/cans will be available to boil water.

**Equipment :** Check [www.1stmerrickvill.ca](http://www.1stmerrickvill.ca) and refer to the section noted as camping under the heading Scouting.

An extra "**Nalgene**" **water bottle or hot water bottle** should be packed. This will provide extra warmth while sleeping and warm water to wash with in the morning.

Each hiker should have in their kits water protected matches, small candle, compass, whistle, flashlight and extra batteries.

A **bright orange hat and vest is recommended.** In previous years the troop has provided each new hiker with a blaze orange cap and 1<sup>st</sup> Merrickville badge. We will continue this practice. Hopefully everyone will resurrect last year's cap.

Please ensure each hiker has **water proof footwear.** Rubber boots to cross any large water covered roadways are a necessity.

Our intent is to have each Scout,Pathfinder and leader, pack and carry all their required clothing, equipment and food. For this reason each hiker is **required to have backpack** of sufficient size to carry all their equipment. A sleeping bag wrapped in a garbage bag and carried like a suit case is not satisfactory.

Water jugs, tents and tarps will be trucked as close as possible to the site.

**Parental Permission forms are attached and need to be returned by November 17th.**

**On Monday November 20<sup>th</sup> we ask all hikers to bring their backpack with all equipment packed to the meeting for inspection. The only item not to be packed at this time is the food.**

**Merrickville Pathfinders and their leaders will be joining us on this hike and camp.**

All camper will be protected from the weather by tents while sleeping.

At least one vehicle will be on site.

Adult leaders who have completed this same hike in previous years.

Alex Beelich 2004 and 2005

Paul Woodward 2005.

Cell phone to be carried by a minimum of 2 leaders .

In event of an accident the following facilities are available

- 1) Smith Falls Hospital - approx 18 km from the camp site.613-283-2330
- 2) Kemptville Hospital - approx 28 km from the camp site.613-258-6133
- 3) Nearest residence to camp site 1 km. due east.
- 4) All scout leaders have taken 1<sup>st</sup> Aid training.
- 5) Additional training by the youth
  - Proper use of a saw
  - Proper use of an axe
  - How to light a propane/gas lamp and stove
  - How to light a fire
  - Use of compass
  - Need to travel in pairs and if you become lost “ Hug a tree”
  - What to look for in the umblys
  - A number have been on winter camps.

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