

Troop 63, BSA  
St. Mark United Methodist Church  
465 Paxson Avenue  
Hamilton Square, NJ 08690

### **Backpacking in Wharton State Forest**

Troop 63's backpacking trip from the Carranza Memorial in Tabernacle, NJ to Batsto in Wharton State Forest will take place on Saturday, November 17 and Sunday, November 18, 2007. We will be camping in the group campsite at Lower Forge on Saturday night. The Batona Trail is a wilderness trail, but there are no hardships, and few obstacles to be encountered. A few rolling hills, and an occasional sandy or wet area are the most severe tests this trail will offer. Each patrol is responsible for buying their own food, arranging transportation for themselves and their patrol gear, and securing an adult to attend to supplement the troop adult leadership. The attached permission slip must be returned, along with your payment of \$7, to your patrol leader no later than Thursday, November 8 if you want to attend.

We will depart from St. Mark's Church around 7:00 AM on Saturday, November 17  
We will depart from Batsto around 1:00 PM, Sunday, November 18

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#### **Permission Slip**

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to go camping with Troop 63 in Wharton State Forest on November 17 – 18, 2007. I understand that all activities have some inherent risk. I give permission to the leaders of the above unit to render First Aid, should the need arise. In the event of an emergency, I also give permission to the physician, selected by the adult leader in charge, to hospitalize, secure proper anesthesia, order injection, or secure other medical treatment, as needed. I further agree to hold the above named unit and its leaders harmless for any accidents that might occur during this outing except for clear acts of gross negligence or non-adherence to BSA policies and guidelines.

In case of emergency, I can be reached at \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_  
If I cannot be reached, please contact \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

- I will be attending the weekend as the Adult for my son's patrol.
- I can drive \_\_\_\_\_ Scouts and their gear there on Saturday morning.
- I can drive \_\_\_\_\_ Scouts and their gear back on Sunday Morning.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian