MARCH 2012 BACKPACKING TRIP

Appalachian & Benton MacKaye Trail Trek

Troop 650's March 2012 backing trip is a choice of sections and nights on the Appalachian Trail (AT) and the Benton MacKaye Trail (BMT). The complete trip begins at the base of Amicalola Falls and ends at GA 60 at Little Skeenah Creek.

**Minimum requirements for the full 2-night trek are First Class and age 13. Campmaster approval is required for participants to mix and match sections from the 1 and 2 night itineraries. Contact Tricia Gallagher at tricia@gallaspeed.com or 404-932-8945.

ITINERARY:	**2 nights (all sections strenuous/most difficult)**	**1 night (all sections moderate to easy)**
Saturday day March 10	Amicalola Falls to Three Forks • Hike approach trail to Springer Mountain (8.5 miles) • Hike AT to Three Forks (4.1 miles)	Springer Mountain-USFS 42 Parking Area to Three Forks • Hike AT to terminus at Springer Mountain (0.9 miles) • Hike BMT to Three Forks (6.0 miles)
Saturday overnight	Three Forks	Three Forks
Sunday day March 11	Three Forks to Bryson Gap • Hike BMT (5.6 miles)	Three Forks to Springer Mountain-USFS Parking Area • Hike AT (3.2 miles) Return to Mt. Carmel
Sunday overnight	Bryson Gap	
Monday day March 12	Bryson Gap to GA 60 @ Little Skeenah Creek • Hike BMT (5.8 miles) Return to Mt. Carmel	
COST:	$20 per person (including adults)	
DEPART:	Meet at Mt. Carmel at 6AM on Saturday, March 10. We will leave by **6:30AM**.	
MEALS:	Backpacking style in pairs. You are responsible for planning and buying your own food with your partner. See below for the number of meals needed. PHILMONT CREW MEMBERS WILL PROVIDE THEIR OWN MEALS FOR THIS TRIP.	
	6 meals Saturday – lunch and dinner Sunday – breakfast, lunch and dinner Monday – breakfast *Bring money for lunch stop on the way home	3 meals Saturday – lunch and dinner Sunday – breakfast *Bring money for lunch stop on the way home
RETURN:	Between 2-3PM on Monday, March 12	Between 1-2PM on Sunday, March 11

I give permission for my Scout, _____, to attend the Troop 650 March 2012 Backing Trip for one or two nights as indicated below:

Scout: □ 2 nights □ 1 night

Adult: □ 2 nights (not driving) □ 1 night (not driving)
□ 2 nights (driving # of seatbelts ____) □ 1 night (driving # of seatbelts ____)

I am not backpacking, but I can help with drop-offs of scouts and/or vehicles on Saturday, March 10:
□Drop scouts at Amicalola Falls - # of seatbelts _____
□Drop scouts and/or vehicle at Springer Mountain–USFS 42 Parking Area - # of seatbelts _____
□Drop vehicle at GA 60 @ Little Skeenah Creek - # of seatbelts _____

I have made sure any medical conditions/medicines are communicated to an adult leader. I will put all medications in a zip-lock bag with instructions and deliver to the **ADULT** in charge of medications.

_____ _____
Parent Signature Date

_____ _____
Print Parent's Name Best Sunday Phone #