**Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops** **and** P**ath to First Class Adventures**

**February 22 and 23**

This will be an outstanding trip for the entire troop!  All of the Scouts will get to take part in a team building [Escape Room](NULL) activity with their patrol on Saturday morning.  After that, the troop will head to our lodging at Hemlock Overlook Regional Park.

First Class and above Scouts will take part in the newly updated and refreshed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST) training, which is a dynamic, engaging, and instructional leadership experience, along with some other additional Troop 150 training led by the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, and NYLT and other senior Scouts.  It is vital for all Scouts to fortify their leadership skills through this training, each year, so even if you've taken this training before, it's good to get refreshed and to pick-up on new aspects of the training, especially since the course has been recently updated.

The Scouts who are not yet the rank of First Class will partake in adventures such as pioneering, nature exploration, and other Scouting skills to help them earn requirements for the ranks up to First Class, led by Scoutmaster Emeritus Wood and the rest of the Scoutmaster Corps.

Additionally, we will perform a service project, enjoy excellent meals, sleep in warm and comfortable cabins, and have lots of fun times with our fellow Scouts and Scouters!

**Sign up:** **Must RSVP by the February 17 meeting or replying all to this e-mail by Monday 9:00 PM February 17.** Please note that when you RSVP, you are committing to pay the fee, whether or not you actually attend.  Please complete both the regular BSA Consent Fee and the appropriate Hemlock/Adventure Links [here](NULL) Consent From (This is an online form only).

**Participation:** Open to all Troop 150 Scouts.  Additional adult drivers may be needed.  All Scouts currently in a leadership position or who will be seeking a leadership position within the next year and Scouts going on a high adventure expedition this summer should consider this a mandatory campout.

**When:** February 22-23

**Where:** Hemlock Overlook Regional Park (15 miles - 35 mins) and Room Escape Fairfax (University Dr.)

**Cost:** $90.  This will cover the cabins, Room Escape, use of a lodge for training, materials, and all meals.

**Food:** Eat a good breakfast at home before our departure to camp.  The troop will provide lunch, dinner, dessert, and breakfast for the trip.  Scouts may bring snacks for the trip.

**Departure:**  9:15 AM Saturday, February 22 roll call at the AUMC parking lot.  We will immediately load the vehicles after roll call and depart promptly by 9:45 AM.

**Return:** Approximately 1:00 PM Sunday, February 23 at the AUMC Parking Lot.  Scouts will be provided cell phones if we will be over a half-hour early or late.

**Equipment:** Use the 10 essentials list on page 238-239 and the personal packing list on page 268 of your Scout Handbook.  While we'll be bunking in warm cabins, it could be very cold and windy at Hemlock so dressing in layers would be best.  Pack a light sleeping bag, sleeping pad, rain gear, filled water bottles, sun protection, hiking boots, toiletries, a small backpack for Saturday and Sunday’s activities, and work gloves for Sunday’s service project.  **All Scouts must bring their Scout Handbook.**  Use your best judgment when packing and try not to over-pack so we can fit it all in the vehicles.  **Remember, the only electronics any scout is allowed to bring are flashlights, watches, and cameras (NOT camera phones).  Leave your other electronics at home**.

**Dress:** Full Class A uniform for travel.  Class B uniform and appropriate layers for the weather during activities on the weekend.

**Adult Leaders:** Scoutmaster Bolick, Assistant Scoutmaster Barry, Assistant Scoutmaster Cornette, Scoutmaster Emeritus Wood, and others TBD.

**Additional Information:**Learn about the BSA Youth Leadership Training Continuum [here](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/BSAYLTContinuum.pdf).  Check out the Hemlock Overlook Regional Park's website [here](https://www.novaparks.com/parks/hemlock-overlook-regional-park).

**Question:** If you have any questions about the event please contact the following:

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**Emergency:** If you need to reach someone in an emergency please call Todd Bolick at (703) 555-5555.  The park office can be reached at (571) 281-3556.

**Next Campout:** We will be camping in Williamsburg and going to the Military through the Ages adventure on March 21-22.