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To: troop71bsa-donotreply@yahoo.com
Subject: Fwd: 2015-- Scout CAVING Adventure !!
Attachments: 2015 Cave Trip GEAR Checklist-3 bags.doc; 2015 Caver LIST by Unit--REGISTRATION FORM--BLANK.xlsx; 2015 Jan 17-19 Caving Info FLYER.doc; 2015 Cave Trip SCOUT Activity Consent.pdf

All,

I was asked this weekend about the Cave Trip, and replied that I thought I'd seen an email blast go out on the subject. I know the information has been posted on the website, and has been discussed at least SOME in the parent meetings, but since we haven't met formally since mid-December it's probably a good idea to send it again.

The cave trip is quite an adventure. I spoke to Dawn Mumford this morning, and she can still take sign-ups.

Mr. Blowers has some caving gear that can be loaned out. Look over the gear list carefully. The caving leaders will be very strict about NOT cross-contaminating caves. This means different clothes for each cave entered, or cleaning boots, etc between caves.

Anyone attending MUST have a current medical form (Part A and B only required, no doctors visit.)

Also, if parents want to support (encouraged, and it's actually a fun experience for them as well), please consider being willing to drive down to Levi Jackson SP, KY.

I suspect tomorrow evening's Troop Meeting is probably the latest Dawn can take sign-ups, so please be prepared at that time to commit.

Evan James

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Hope you saved the date!! It's that time of year again... looking forward to caving down under!

Sat, Jan 17 - Mon, Jan 19 2015

Sat 1pm meet at Levi Jackson State Park

OPEN:

This event is open to Boy Scouts, Venture Crews, and older Girl Scouts by invitation. Please let us know if you have scouts that are interested in joining our troop 71 annual caving adventures! Age requirement: age 11+ Please contact Dawn & Phil if you have questions about whether your scout or family can attend. Siblings must be 11+.

FORMS & Handouts:

I attached this year's caving flyer, gear checklist, registration form, and activity consent form.

WE need everyone to fill out these forms and give me a current health form. YES, I (Dawn Mumford) will bring the adult health forms from last year so that you can update it/sign it.

COST: \$50

Lodge costs have increased each year over the last 3 years [without increasing the scout/adult fee].

This year, to help us cover our event costs, we are increasing our scout/adult fee to \$50.

- Ray, thanks for volunteering to bring caving equipment that can be loaned out to our scouts.

YIS, Dawn & Phil Mumford

BSA71 Caving Coordinators

cells 609-6598 , 307-4536 Phil

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Sloan Valley, Ky Caving Trip Jan 17-19, 2015

PREPARED CAVER'S SUPPLY CHECKLIST

Note: 2nd set of all equipment will be required for all cavers entering more than one cave or decontamination will need to occur

Costs: \$50 prepaid by Dec 31st; -Must have CONSENT FORM & Scout HEALTH FORM-

Take money~\$12+ for 2 meals while traveling Sat lunch & Mon lunch-WEAR Class A

We suggest you pack 3 separate bags:

1)**CAVING BAG** lg black plastic bag w/name on it-including daypack for cave, caving outfit should be old clothes & boots that can get stained/wet, 2)**WINTER OVERNIGHT BAG** [duffle bag]; & 3)**SHOWER BAG** [gal. Ziploc bag]

| ✓ Caving Bag:Clothing & Gear: | Preferred Type | Acceptable Type |
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| Sweatshirt | Old, fleeced | Any |
| Top & bottom thermal wear | Poly pro "under armor" | Long underwear shirt & pants |
| Warm socks – 1pr | Poly pro, wool | Thick cotton |
| Pants | Coveralls [best for crawling] | Denim, blue jeans ok for Level 1 |
| Shoes- NO tennis shoes | Hiking boots or Wellington boots | sturdy boots/TREAD/water resistant |
| Gloves for caving | Leather/Mechanic - thin | Cotton, rubber – work gloves |
| Knee & elbow pads | Contractor/hard shell | Wrestling pull-on foam pads, Opt: Level1 |
| CLEAN OUTFIT to wear after cave | For ride back to the lodge | Shirt, pants, DRY socks, shoes |
| More Required Caving Gear: | | |
| DAYPACK or waist pack | Caver pack [must slide easily] | Small frameless type; room for lunch |
| Ziploc bags-protect small items | Heavy duty Ziploc | Plastic bags-&carry out trash/litter |
| Helmet w/ strap | Caving/climbing helmet | Bike or construction helmet |
| Helmet mountable light | Battery powered w/elastic band | Flashlight duct taped on |
| 1 Large black plastic trash bag | For dirty caving clothes & boots | Doubles for Emergency Use |
| Drink(s) – bottle or canteen | Refillable Water bottle | Juice or water (+1 for the road) |
| Snacks, LUNCH for Cave | Food in sm hard plastic container | Double Ziploc bag In daypack |
| Second light source | Small flashlight on lanyard | Any small flashlight on wristband |
| Extra batteries\bulbs | 3-4 spare sets | 2 spare sets |
| Third light source | Mini Flashlight, in daypack | Candle&matches/6hr glow stick |
| Optional CavePack Supplies: | | |
| Safety, first aid supplies | Moleskin,Bandaides,AceBndaid | Mini Ziploc w/ bandaides |
| Camera with Flash | Disposable camera in Ziploc bg | Mini Digital in Ziploc bag |
| Duct tape | Fold up 2 ft of duct tape | |
| Compass | On Landyard;must have Lvl 2,3 | Mapping skills are critical in cave |
| Glow sticks (cyalume) | 6+ hour | Glow sticks (cyalume) |
| Overnight Bag: | | |
| | Preferred Type | Acceptable Type |
| Long sleeved shirt & pants | Thermal Long johns | Fleece long sleeves & pants |
| Outfit for going home Mon --optional: book, game to share-- | WEAR Class A uniform shirt Sat & Mon on road trips | Long sleeve shirt under uniform |
| 2 pair socks | Wool blend [1 pr for sleeping] | Extra warm blend |
| Winter coat & gloves | For freezing weather | Layer with jacket |
| Warm soft hat -also for sleeping!! | Ski mask/hat cover head&neck - USE In unheated cabins | Knit hat & Scarf |
| Sleeping Bag | 0-20 degree bag & blanket | Mummy bag |
| Blanket & SMALL pillow: | Be prepared for COLD; Wool? | Use blanket inside sleeping bag |
| Toiletry Shower Bag & Towel | | |
| | Toothbrush, etc. | |
| Clean cloth for glasses | optional | |

BASIC CAVING RULES:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Always tell someone where you are going and when you'll be back. 2. Never cave alone: 4 people minimum. 3. Always have 3 or more light sources. 4. Wear proper clothing and gear. 5. Do not disturb hibernating bats. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Climb with 3 points of contact. 7. Use Map/Compass & Think safety ! 8. <u>Obey the Caver's Creed:</u> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> Take nothing but pictures, Leave nothing but footsteps, Kill nothing but time </div> |
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Jan 17-19, 2015--BSA/VC # 71--Sloan Valley CAVING Trip

REGISTRATION FORM

[illegible]

BSA Troop/VC #71

January 17-19, 2015

MLK Weekend: 8am Sat-3pm Sun

Levi Jackson State Park

998 Levi Jackson Mill Rd, London, KY, 40744

**Caving, Hiking, Games, Food,
Fellowship, and Fun!**

Cost: est. \$50 per person

max 75 participants

--accepting checks at mtg: Dec 16th

MUST pay w/check no later than Dec 31--



POC & Payment/Registration: Dawn & Phil Mumford at DMDM51@att.net
H 937.429-4650 2919 Crone Rd, Dayton 45434

EVENT: No caving experience necessary! Come for the adventure and enjoy the thrill of caving where the caves are warmer than the typical winter day! This event is open to registered adult scouts & scouts age 11+. Both boys & girls may participate from scout troops/venture crews from Beavercreek and select areas of Ohio. We appreciate our volunteer CAVE TRIP LEADERS & EVENT VOLUNTEERS! The success of this event DEPENDS on getting older scouts or adult volunteers who are able to assist in cave leadership, pull the troop trailer, drive scouts, help w/meals, lead knots/fire building/knife safety or cave groups, help plan, etc.

Space available in caving groups will depend on the number of volunteer cave leaders. We need adults to assist cave leaders +/- or consider training to become a cave trip leader!!! Please "pay it forward" & help us to train up our scouts to be part of our leadership in the caves!

Registration Form & Payment:

Registration Form is available in attached file or at Dec meeting; scout/adult must correctly & completely fill out form including caving experience with troop 71 & arrival/departure time; we also need some adults to register as cave leaders in training

- **This event fills up quickly; max total 75** from all combined invited troops/crews
- **Bring Registration to Dec 16th meeting** OR
- **MAIL OR EMail** Registration Form to Dawn MD Mumford DMDM51@att.net
- Reg Form with PAYMENT must be received or postmarked by Dec 31st.
- **Please give BSA 71 treasurer, Stan, 1 check per family**
- **Payable to BSA Troop #71 ; memo should say Caving 2015 & scout's name**
- **Confirmed reservations** will depend upon space available and final payments that are received by Dec. 31st to Dawn

Refunds: If you must cancel, Last day for refund is Tues., Jan 7th

GEAR: 3 days & 2 nights: **Be prepared for caving gear check. Sat & Mon: WEAR uniform!**

Pack \$10+ for 2 meals on the road, & a lunch for the Sunday cave trip (not to be eaten on the road trip to camp). Pack caving gear in separate duffle bag to aid in quickly getting ready!!!

Proper clothing [coveralls are preferred for crawling], layer of clothing under coveralls, wool boot socks, caving helmet, headlamp w/batteries, small cave pack, work gloves, knee pads, 2 additional sources of light [light stick & small/mini flashlight], extra batteries/bulb, water bottle, small snack for in cave like beef jerky, Ziploc bag for litter, 2+ bandaides, duct tape, large trash bag, compass, and other caving equipment are required. i.e. **NO Tennis shoes for caving**; Wellington boots with good tread are ideal since they are easy to decontaminate and provide traction in both dry & wet caves. We suggest experienced cavers that are caving more than once plan on bringing 2 caving coveralls. Each camper **must have winter camping/overnight gear for unheated cabins:** winter coat & gloves, sleeping knit cap, "4 season" sleeping bag, blanket, long john tops & bottoms, PJ bottoms, sweatshirt, extra dry warm socks for sleeping, small pillow, toiletries, towel, **No Electronics in the Dining Hall.** Bring a game to share! --separate packing checklist available--

Optional: disposable camera with flash, book [don't need mess kit]

-- Some caving equipment is available upon request.: Helmets & ?headlamps--

Schedule: safety measures—make certain you check in at the Dining Hall/Lodge before & after each cave trip/hike and don't forget to check-out w/ Dawn before you break camp and head home!
CAVING: depends on number of cave trip leaders and each person's caving experience.

Saturday 17 January 2015

8:00 am – Meet at Scout Hut, check in w/Dawn, load gear, assign drivers, passengers, etc.

8:30 am – Depart Scout Hut (stop along the way for lunch)

~1:00 pm – Arrive Levi Jackson St Park

SEE DAWN OR PHIL

- CHECK-IN; SIGN UP FOR SCOUT DUTY/KAPER; GET CABIN ASSIGNMENTS
- Possible EXPERIENCED caver TRIP—need to arrive~1pm (MUST pre-register)

Activities & Dinner: Optional Field Trip:i.e.Cumberland Falls St Park; Gear Check & Caving Tips, Knots, Games, Experienced Cavers only--possible trip to Great Salt Peter or other cave trip

Sunday 18 January 2015

Caving & Meals: Breakfast & Dinner provided; Sign up for a cave trip depending on your caving experience; Cave Trips in Sloan's Valley Cave, Somerset KY; if not caving just relax, help cook, site-seeing, &/or play games! Take your own sack lunch from home on your caving trip.

Monday 19 January 2015

8am Breakfast

~9:00 am – Clean up cabins, Dining Hall, outside, pack up, and Check-Out

---We need everyone to show up on time for Clean Up!

~10:00/11am—Depart for home, each car stops for lunch

~2pm – Arrive Scout Hut

Check-In : Sat 1+pm in **Levi Jackson** Dining Lodge -- with Dawn or Phil upon arrival

1. Each Crew/Troop MUST check-in to confirm number & names of participants
[ONLY those that Pre-Paid by Dec 31st may attend]
2. Sign up for scout/adult duty/kaper ****EVERYONE****
3. Cabin Assignments
4. Initial & Confirm your day and time of when you will be Checking-Out.
5. Scouts: Sign Kaper Chart; Kapers are to be completed BEFORE you CHECK OUT!

Accommodations: Winter Camping- see Check-In for cabin assignments; Unheated cabins have bunk beds and mattresses. Scouts cabins are separate from adult cabins. There are 2 heated buildings: the Shower building has separate facilities for men and women; the Dining Lodge has additional bathrooms, indoor fireplace, and full kitchen. --Adults ONLY may sleep in the heated Dining Hall; FYI: Dining Hall does NOT have bunks or mattresses.

Food: Meals will be provided at the Dining Hall by Troop 71 and are included in the above cost along with plates, cups, and plastic-ware. **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR MAKING CERTAIN ALL SCOUTS TAKE TURNS HELPING AT MEALS/CAMP DUTIES** [& CAMP clean up]. We suggest you **pack \$10+ for 2 meals on the road & a sack lunch for your caving trip.** FYI: Caving Trips take 5+ hrs including driving to/from the cave.

Leadership: Each scout unit that participates in this caving event **needs to send experienced volunteer cave trip leaders. Number of participants from each crew and troop is limited.** See Dawn for max. number of participants for your crew/troop. In order to include every interested scout from troop 71, we prefer you register by Dec 16th and pay by Dec 31st.

Caving Experience : fill this in on your registration form!

- **1st year cavers** cave on Sunday. On Sat, we offer Gear check, Field Trip, & Caving Tips.
- **Experienced cavers only** will be offered a Bonus caving trip on Saturday & choices of Sun cave trips. This is strictly based on # of years of prior caving experience with BSA/VC #71.

Duties: Scouts will sign up for Kaper duties including taking turns helping at each meal; ALL campers/participants will help in Clean Up before they check out !!

Check Out: Each Venture Crew and Scout Troop will make certain they complete Kaper duties before they CHECK OUT at their scheduled day&time with Dawn or Phil



ACTIVITY CONSENT FORM AND APPROVAL BY PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

This form is recommended for unit use to obtain approval and consent for Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, and guests (if applicable) under 21 years of age to participate in a den, pack, team, troop, or crew trip, expedition, or activity. This form is required for use with flying permits and should be attached to the flying permit application. It is recommended that parents keep a copy of the form and contact the tour leader in the event of any questions or in case emergency contact is needed. Additional copies of this form along with the *Guide to Safe Scouting* are available for download from Scouting Safely at www.scouting.org.

First name of participant and middle initial _____ ☐ Last name _____

Address _____ Birth date (month/day/year) ____/____/____ Age during activity _____

Additional address (need street address if you have a P.O. box) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Has approval to participate in 2015 BSA Troop 71 Sloan Valley Cave Trip - Winter Camping at Levi Jackson State Park, Ky
(Name of activity, orientation flight, outing trip, etc.)

From January 17, 2015 to January 19, 2015
(Date) (Date)

☐ Without restrictions

☐ Special considerations or restrictions: (Initial) I understand that I am solely responsible for administering medications that I may require.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I understand that participation in the activity involves a certain degree of risk. I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent for myself or my child to participate in the activity. I understand that participation in the activity is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by applicable rules and standards of conduct. I release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all claims or liability arising out of this participation.

In case of emergency involving my child, I understand every effort will be made to contact me. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the medical provider selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my child. Medical providers are authorized to disclose to the adult in charge examination findings, test results, and treatment provided for purposes of medical evaluation of the participant, follow-up and communication with the participant's parents or guardian, and/or determination of the participant's ability to continue in the program activities.

Participant's signature _____ Date _____

Parent/guardian printed name _____ Adult's Health Insurance Co _____ Adult's Policy # _____

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date _____

Area code and telephone number (best contact and emergency contact)

E-mail (for use in sharing more details about the trip or activity)

Contact the adult tour leader with any questions:

Name Dawn MD Mumford-YOU MUST give Phil or me THIS FORM & CURRENT BSA PHYSICAL FORM before departure-OR YOU WON'T CAVE!

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