



Wilderness Survival February 10 -12, 2017

Trip Leader: Matthew Smith (msmith@reeseigroupinc.com or (615) 969-0662). Call or email with questions.

Location: 8600 HWY54 WEST, Brownsville, TN 38012: Phone: Matthew's cell

Directions:

See attachment. Be advised; do not take the first HWY 54 sign. It will take you East towards Bells, TN.

Departure:

Friday, February 10th

- Arrive at the church at 4:00 pm.
- **Leave from the church at 4:30 pm.** Drive to Mooreland Farms.
- We will stop for dinner on the way to the Farm, so bring cash. There are many restaurants along I-40.

Plan: This car camping/wilderness survival trip

- Patrols will camp in the woods by the old house.
- Patrol Base Camping – the four patrols will establish their own site. The patrols will make their own fires, cook as a patrol, and create a skit for the campfire. (Grubmasters will be assigned by the current Camping/Cooking Merit Badge participants)
- **Saturday morning, February 11th**, we will break into two merit badge groups; Wilderness Survival (Matthew Smith) and Farm Mechanics (John Moore or Anne Smith). All scouts will be working on Pioneering Merit Badge throughout the weekend. We will get a count by merit badge at the beginning of February 6th meeting.
- Wilderness Survival can be accomplished over this weekend. Please review the merit badge book, what to bring, and prepare to discuss all requirements. Please get with the librarian to check out a book.
- Farm Mechanics can be accomplished over this weekend. Please review the merit badge book, what to bring, and prepare to discuss all requirements. You will take a field trip to a local dealer in Brownsville. Please get with the librarian to check out a book.
- Rank Advancement – This is great opportunity for the boys to work on rank advancement. They are able to work on multiple activities over this weekend and finish ones they have started.



Meals:

- **Grubmasters: Patrols Leaders are responsible for assigning Grubmasters.**
- Grubmasters will make Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner and Sunday breakfast at the campsite.
- Adults will form their own Grubmaster group and menu will be:
 - Sat Breakfast – Corned Beef Hash, Poached Eggs, Milk, Juice (Coffee on your own)
 - Sat Lunch – Cheeseburgers, Chips, Apples
 - Sat Dinner – Chicken Noodle Soup, Salad, Dessert (Hot Chocolate)
 - Sun Breakfast – Cheesy Eggs, Bacon, Milk, Juice (Coffee on your own)

Weather: Brownsville, TN

February average temperature is High 52°F Low 33°F. We will put out weather information as we get closer.

Friday February 10th: TBD

Saturday February 11st: TBD

Sunday February 12th: TBD

Gear:

- Attire: Wear clothes and shoes that you can get dirty and keep you warm. It will be cold, so wear layers that can be removed as needed. You will need to bring warm clothes for Friday and Saturday night. We have experienced cold nights in the past during this time of the year, so **Be Prepared!**
- Reminder of things to bring individually or by patrol:
 - Individual
 - Water bottle(s) and snacks
 - Extra pair of shoes/boots, Rain gear
 - Change of clothes, socks
 - Flashlight
 - Camping gear: tent, ground cover, sleeping bag, sleeping pad
 - Group:
 - Orange coolers will be provided for each patrol.
 - Tarps in case we have to cook in the rain
 - Ice Chests
 - Stove, table, fuel, and matches
 - Rope/Twine

Cost:

- Bring money for dinner on Friday and lunch on Sunday.
- Grubmasters will need to split their grocery costs across their meal group and let each member of the meal group know what he owes. Plan to communicate this information after the trip.



Return:

Sunday, February 12th

- We will complete all remaining requirements in the morning for wilderness survival and farm mechanics. We will have a chapel service at the old house at 9:00 AM and should depart NLT 10:00 AM. We will depart from there with your assigned carpool. Lunch is on your own with your carpool, so bring cash for this meal.
- 12:30 PM – approximate arrival back at FHUMC - If there is a change in arrival time, we will have Scouts call with an update.