

# Troop 17

## Flour War Campout

### December 11-13, 2009

President Obama just announced a surge of troops and civilians will be implemented in Afghanistan. Could the government need Troop 17's help? The Staff thinks so. This training mission is of utmost importance to national security so your attendance is almost mandatory. We also expect a large number of junior recruits (Webelos) so we need your leadership!

We will meet at the Base (the Harry Male Scout Lodge) Friday evening, December 11th, at 5:30 PM. Bring a ready to eat meal (sack dinner) to eat on transport (the bus). Field operations will occur (we will be camping) on the McClure Property near the entrance of WR located just north of Palo Pinto, Texas. Parents, expect us back around 2:00 PM on Sunday, but remember we will call upon arrival (so you don't have to wait around as we off-load our equipment).

This will be a fun campout, full of action on Saturday, but you will need to "Be Prepared"...for anything! The Staff, as always, will have a twist or two and if you don't follow their rules (yes there are rules) you will find yourself in the brig using your knowledge and skills to get out. There are a few special things for this campout: Camouflage clothing if you have it, if not, you can wear dark or green colored old clothes. Also, watch the weather report...it could be COLD! Dressing in layers is the best way to keep warm. Gloves, long underwear, warm stocking type cap and of course ... pink pajamas? Be careful.

A couple years ago there was snow on the ground and temperatures were in the single digits with lower wind chills and it's already snowed this winter in Fort Worth. When we say Troop 17 camps in all conditions WE MEAN IT!

This trip is also our primary recruiting event for Webelos so we need to show them how well behaved we are in Troop 17!

Total Cost \$25...Food (\$18) Transportation (\$7) please bring **CASH** (while harder on you, is easier for us to buy food, gas and flour bags) & the permission slip to your PL the Tuesday before the campout.

Here is a list of what to bring:

**Tent** - (2 people only share a tent ) plus Groundcloth - organize your tent mate (within your Patrol) before going!

**Bedroll** - warm, might get real cold....see note below for cold weather camping suggestion.

**Sleeping Pad** - a foam pad makes it warmer and softer to sleep also

**Poncho or Raincoat** - it only works if you wear it!

**Rope** - 50' of parachute cord & maybe a length of rope to practice knots.

**Camouflage Clothes** - Bring them if you have them. Dark or green color if you don't.

**Clothes** - Extra thick warm pair of socks. Extra undies, long pants, long sleeve shirt, long underwear, handkerchief, Troop T-Shirt, warm jacket, stocking cap, etc.... (use common sense, it could in fact be quite warm, so watch the weather!)

**Eating utensils** - Cup, Lightweight Plastic plate, knife, fork, spoon

**Flashlight** - Small w/ extra batteries.

**Personal Hygiene Kit** -toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, TP (very important item), medicines, INHALERS (Running around in Cold Air?)

**First Aid Kit** - the small kit you always bring, with Band Aids etc.

**Hiking Boots** - well broken in!

**A Smile** - We're gonna have fun!

**Full Uniform** - Wear your full uniform to and from camp, as always.

**Canteen** - Full of water is best, empty canteens are good for ?

**Hat** - Troop hat.

**Money** - A few dollars to spend if the bus has time to Stop and only if you have your full uniform on. If you want to get off the bus when we stop, then have your uniform on.....the Staff has already heard every excuse in the world why you lost your ?????

**Towel** - Old

**Advancement Card** - If you are not Tenderfoot, Second Class, or First Class yet please bring your Greencard

.....If you have any questions call your Patrol Leader.....

Cold Weather Sleeping Hints: Before going to bed at night change into some warm sleeping clothes and be sure and take off your socks and change into a fresh thick pair for sleeping. Also if really cold put on a stocking cap. You also can put your jacket in the bottom of your sleeping bag and if real cold put a polypropylene blanket inside it too. You will be MUCH warmer at night if you do this, maybe even too warm.

