

Boy Scout Troop 61 **Elroy Sparta Campout** May 18-19, 2013

The Elroy Sparta trail is built on abandoned railroad beds and passes through three long rock tunnels. The Kendall and Wilton tunnels are 1/4 mile long and the Norwalk tunnel is 3/4 mile long. The trail is covered with limestone screenings and provides a smooth riding surface. Numerous wooded bridges along the trail are covered with planks and are guarded with railings. We will be camping in a city park right on the trail. We would like to encourage all scouts and dads to attend this fun campout.

Leave: Saturday at 7:00am.

Return: Sunday around 2:30pm. Call 414-915-6423 after 1:00pm on Sunday for a more exact arrival time.

Cost: \$20

Trip Plan: We will camp at Norwalk City Park which is 50 feet from the bike trail. After arrival scouts will setup tents, unpack food and gear, and then hit the trail for an afternoon bike ride. Later that evening we will gather firewood and have a campfire in the park. Sunday morning we will cook breakfast and take a quick second bike hike to another tunnel, then reload and head for home. Unfortunately, there will not be time for church services on Sunday.

Packing of Equipment: We will pack the trailer with equipment on Friday evening, May 17. Please come and help.

Departure: We will meet at the Scout House at 7:00am on Saturday May 18 and depart when final packing is done and rides are assigned. Bring a big bag lunch, snack & drink for travel. No other food. Wear your Class B uniform (a troop t-shirt) for traveling.

Spending Money: Five Dollars is adequate spending money. We will only be stopping at gas stations.

Equipment: Bring personal items on the checklist on Saturday, May 18. Mark all clothes and equipment with full name. NO radios, IPODS, electronic games, axes, or sheath knives are allowed. See complete checklist on next page.

Tents: The troop is fully equipped with tents. Scouts will be assigned to tents by buddy or patrol. Adults can share a troop tent with other adults or sleep alone in a two man troop nylon tent. Let us know your preference. (Some adults prefer to sleep under the stars under tarps if the weather is clear.) Adults, if you want to use your own tent, please let us know. The troop is not responsible if it is damaged during the trip.

Air Mattress or Pad: A small self inflating air mattress is highly recommended. The troop has a few you can borrow if you do not own one. Regular air mattresses should be no more than 36" wide. Full size and Queen size air mattresses do not fit in our tents. Scouts and adults must have a pad or air mattress. A sleeping bag alone is not adequate.

Emergencies: The troop may be contacted in an emergency via Patrick Bieser's cell phone at 414-915-6423. Cellular service in near the trail is spotty. If no answer leave a message for Boy Scout Troop 61 and we'll call back ASAP.

Food: Bring a bag lunch for the trip on Saturday. All other meals and snacks will be provided by the Troop. Other than Saturday bag lunch, no other food should be brought.

Return: We should arrive back at the Scout House between 2:30pm and 3:00pm on Sunday. After arrival, all equipment must be put away. No one leaves until the trailer is unpacked and gear put away. Please help out and be patient. Check lost and found. Call 414-915-6423 after 1:00pm on Sunday for a more exact arrival time.

Elroy Sparta 2013 Checklist

Permission slip (below) due May 10 with \$20 fee.

CLOTHING and BEDDING

- class B uniform (troop t-shirt)
- 1 ea socks, underwear, shirt, long pants, shorts, hooded sweatshirt, knit hat
- warm spring jacket (check weather)
- warm pajamas
- rain gear / poncho
- compact sleeping bag
- cover for sleeping bag
- pillow (optional)
- air mattress or thick foam pad
- baseball hat for biking

FOOTWEAR

- one pair regular shoes for camp
- water shoes, sandals with straps, or old tennis shoes. Will get wet.

TROOP WILL PROVIDE

- ✓ snacks and food
- ✓ tents
- ✓ cooking gear
- ✓ everything else

DO NOT BRING

- ✓ **No** IPODs, radios, e-games, etc.

EQUIPMENT

- bicycle
- bike helmet
- insect repellent
- sun screen
- flashlight
- toothbrush, paste
- canteen or water bottle

OPTIONAL

- pocket knife < 2" blade
- camera
- first aid kit (personal)
- compass, survival kit

1. If you do not own all of the above items, see the Scoutmaster. The troop has extra equipment for Scouts to use. Lack of equipment should not keep a Scout from camping.
2. Mark and Tag all clothing and equipment.
3. Travel in class B scout uniform (camp t-shirt)

