

TROOP

- Fall brings backpacking trips!
- Come to learn the significant differences between backpacking and camping!
- Learn what gear Troop 714 owns!

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 17:
(7:00pm)

Parent
Workshop

Sept. 23:
(3:00pm)

Scout
Workshop

October
26-28
BACKPACK!

Backpacking News for New Scouts and their Parents

SEPTEMBER 2012

Parent Workshop

SEPTEMBER 17th at 7:00 PM

Do you know the difference between camping and backpacking? For many new scouts, the backpacking checkout trip in October will be the first time they have ever backpacked and Troop 714 has planned a gentle backpacking checkout hike for *scouts and parents* alike! The hike on the Pine Mountain Trail is typically less than seven miles over a two day period and is a great way to introduce everyone to the skills and experiences of backpacking.

Backpacking requires a new skill set as well as specialized gear. Before you head to REI, Sports Authority, or Walmart, attend this workshop to learn what your scout will need to have a successful trip.



The Checkout trip is October 26-28. Successful completion of this trip is required for future Appalachian Trail backpacking trips.

An Adult-in-Charge is still needed for this trip. Please contact Wendy Peavy @ activities@troop714.org you can help!

The following topics will be discussed:

- 1) Backpacks
- 2) Tents
- 3) Sleeping bags
- 4) Rain gear
- 5) Clothing (no cotton, don't need changes, etc., etc.)
- 6) Water purification
- 7) Stoves / pots / sharing
- 8) Food options
- 9) Sources for gear

Scout Workshop: September 23, 3 PM

Think of this workshop as a fun "Show and Tell" led by older scouts for the new scouts!

Your scout will see how to set up the backpacking tents, taste some backpacking food before they purchase it, learn how to hang a bear bag, and much more!

We want your scout to have a successful trip so they will be motivated to join us on the future Appalachian Trail trips and the upcoming Pinhoti trail trip. Learning the differences between the various backpacking stoves, food, and even clothing helps prepare them for the unique

opportunity they will soon have. Help us prepare them for a fantastic trip of a lifetime by attending this Sunday afternoon workshop!

Location: The Einertson's. Email with directions to follow.