

Winter Backpacking – January 2016

When – Fri-Sun - January 15-17. (MLK Weekend – so you have Monday to recover!) We will be meeting at the MVUMC at 5:30 pm on Friday for departure. Dinner should be eaten beforehand. We will be returning Sunday early afternoon. Travel in trail clothing and bring Class A's in a bag for the return trip.

Who – Scouts who have completed either backpacking checkout or easy backpacking trips. We will also need some adults to provide transportation.

Where – We are looking @ 2 different routes on the lower AT. Both are a little over 15 miles (round trip). Route 1 – is from Unicoi Gap to Dicks Creek. Route 2 – is a round trip from Amicalola Falls state park to the start of the AT at Springer Mountain. In both options we plan to hike some distance Friday, Saturday and Sunday and have 2 nights on the trail. If weather is going to be very cold – we will have a southern GA route as a backup.

Cost – Everyone should bring money for lunch on the return trip Sunday. Expected cost for the trip will be low (<\$15). Everyone will be responsible for their own meals during the trip.