

**Troop 16 September Mini-HA Plan  
3-day Backpack Trip  
September 5-7, 2008**

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## **Summary**

This weekend will be devoted to Backpacking Activities for a small group of scouts. The entire group must be 12 people or less.

### ***Where:***

Multiple primitive backcountry dispersed camps between the East Portal of the Moffat Tunnel and the Continental Divide, which is west of Rollinsville.

### ***When:***

September 5-7, 2008.  
Sign-ups end on September 2, 2008.  
Camp fees due on September 9, 2008.

### ***Who's In Charge:***

Mr. Calvin Bills (303) 841-6935

### ***Cost:***

As this is a mini-High Adventure, we will split the actual costs of the trip up amongst the participants. Payments will be collected after the trip is complete.

### ***What to Expect:***

In order to meet the requirements of the Backpacking merit badge, we will need to hike all three days. We will meet at the PUMC parking lot at 12:00 pm on September 5th to load the vehicles and depart for camp. We will be camping near the East Portal of the Moffat Tunnel in multiple dispersed backcountry campsite areas. It should be noted that we will be backpacking into our campsites about 1.0 miles on Friday, then another 9.6 miles on Saturday, and another 4.2 miles Sunday, so all campers should be prepared to hike long distances to camp. Campers should also be prepared to carry patrol gear (stoves, food, water purifiers, etc.)

### ***Cooking:***

We will be cooking using the patrol method and high adventure kitchens. As a result, scouts will be broken into patrols of 4 for this camp.

Dinner on Friday will be Bring Your Own.

The menu for the balance of the weekend will be determined and cooked by Patrol, using the patrol method and high adventure kitchens.

Patrols will be responsible for cooking breakfast and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Lunch on Saturday will be a cold trail lunch.

**Activities Schedule:**

On Friday we will hike approximately 1.0 miles to our first campsite at the junction of the Forest Lake Trail and the South Boulder Creek Trail. Saturday morning, we will pack up our campsites, then hike along the Forest Lakes Trail 3.2 miles to the Forest lakes. We will eat lunch at the Forest Lakes, then hike the South Boulder Creek Trail approximately 6.4 mi to Heart Lake. Sunday morning we will pack up our campsites and hike back along the South Boulder Creek Trail to the vehicles.

**Other Notes:**

September in the mountains can bring rain, wind, lightning, and even snow. Proper clothing layers for mornings, evenings, the hikes, and night are required. Water bottles, waterproof rain gear, and decent hiking boots with proper hiking socks are must-haves.

**Please read this camp plan in its entirety for full information on the camp and other requirements.**

## ***Campout Summary Table:***

### **Primitive Backcountry Camp**

<b>September 5-7, 2008</b>		
<b>Location</b>	Forest Lakes Trail and South Boulder Creek Trail	Primitive backcountry camps located near the East Portal of the Moffat Tunnel, west of Rollinsville.
<b>Camp Type</b>	Backpack Camp	<b><u>Scouts will need gear packed in a frame pack and will not require a separate day pack. Leave extra space in the pack for the scout to carry some of the patrol's gear.</u></b>
<b>Latrines</b>	Cat Holes	<b>Adults: Bring a hand shovel</b>
<b>Water</b>	Purified from creeks and lakes.	Patrol water filters will be used.
<b>Food Prep</b>		
<b>- Sat Breakfast</b>	High Adventure Kitchen	
<b>- Sat Lunch</b>	<b>Cold Trail Lunch</b>	
<b>- Sat Dinner</b>	High Adventure Kitchen	
<b>- Sun Breakfast</b>	High Adventure Kitchen	
<b>Travel</b>	Cars	Meet 4:00 at PUMC
<b>CampFire</b>	NO	Campfires are not be allowed in backcountry.

## Work Breakdown

# Communications Plan

## ***Planning***

Planning will be coordinated through Calvin Bills and Martin Siebring (Campout Hosts). Incremental and final plans will be distributed and made available through the 'BSA16.org' secure website, Campout Section, September Mini-HA subsection, files tab. This is a monitored group site requiring membership approval. You can sign-up at <http://www.bsa16.org>. Click on the Webmaster link and watch the video to learn how.

## ***Sign-up***

T16 scouts will sign-up through the troop website ([www.BSA16.org](http://www.BSA16.org)). There will be no manual sign-up sheets at the troop meetings. The sign-up deadline will be September 2, 2008. As this is a mini-High Adventure, we will split the actual costs of the trip up amongst the participants. Payments will be collected after the trip is complete. The payment deadline will be September 9, 2008.

Calvin Bills will track and report attendees.

# Campout Plan

This is a **backpack** trip. We will have multiple camp locations. We will hike in and set up the first camp in dispersed backcountry sites about 1 mile from the parking lot on Friday night, then tear down and backpack over 3 miles to Forest Lakes Saturday morning, and then over 6 miles to the second camp on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday morning, we will tear down and return to the parking lot.

## **Food Plan**

Scouts will need to provide their own dinners for Friday night. They will eat in the cars on the way up.

Food will be purchased and prepared by patrols based on their menus established during the camp prep night. Patrols should plan a hot breakfast for Saturday morning with cooking and clean-up that will not take more than 1 hour. Patrols should plan a cold trail lunch to be eaten on the trek from the first night's camp to the second night's camp. Patrols should plan a hot dinner for Saturday, and a quick breakfast on Sunday.

## **Water Plan**

Water is available on-site from nearby lakes and streams. Troop 16 will provide one large collapsible water purifier and one pump water purifier to meet the water requirements of the scouts and will fill water bottles as water is available. **Scouts should bring a minimum of two 1-litre bottles full of water.**

## Latrine Plan

We will be utilizing cat holes and leave no trace principles as we will not have access to toilet facilities. Adults attending should bring small hand shovels for digging cat holes.

## Campfire Plan

Campfires are not allowed in this section of the backcountry.

## Schedules/Activities Plan

We will be enforcing a 7:30 wakeup Saturday, 7:30 wakeup Sunday, and 22:00 lights out both nights. There will be a roll call morning and night. Roll call will be conducted at the vehicles before anyone leaves for home.

### Schedule

<b>Friday</b>	16:00	Meet at PUMC
	16:30 – 18:00	Travel to trailhead parking lot
	18:00 – 19:00	Backpack to camp and set up camp
	19:00 – 20:30	Dinner and cleanup
	20:30 – 22:00	Free time
	22:00	Lights out
<b>Saturday</b>	07:30	Wakeup
	07:30-09:00	Breakfast and camp breakdown
	09:00-12:00	Hike to Forest Lakes Trail/South Boulder Creek Trail junction
	12:00 - 13:00	Lunch at Forest Lakes
	13:00-17:00	Hike to Heart Lake
	17:00-18:00	Camp setup
	18:00-19:30	Dinner and cleanup
	19:30 - 22:00	Free time
	22:00	Lights out
<b>Sunday</b>	07:30	Wakeup
	07:30-09:00	Breakfast and camp breakdown
	9:00-11:00	Hike to parking lot
	11:00 – 13:00	Return to PUMC

The camp is dispersed and not well developed, so lost scouts could be an issue. We will strictly enforce the buddy system at camp. We will expect full compliance.

## Gear Requirements Plan

***This is a backpacking camp trip. We will NOT have the canopies, patrol boxes, or trailers at the camp. Scouts should pack in a sturdy backpack and expect to carry their gear several miles. Day packs are not recommended for this camp. As camp is above 11,000 feet, temperatures will be expected to drop significantly from home.***

**Troop-provided water purifiers, high adventure kitchen sets, and backpacking stoves with fuel will be needed.**

## **Scouts Gear**

**Scouts are responsible for their personal gear including boots/spare shoes, backpacks, tents, clothing, mess kit, and a minimum of two water bottles. Refer to the troops gear lists for recommendations. We are camping at 11,000 feet. Warm, lightweight clothing in layers and a warm sleeping bag with dry sleeping clothes are musts. One set of clothes in several layers (with raingear and fleece layers) will provide the needed protection from the elements. A stocking cap and gloves are highly recommended.**

**Water bottles and the ten essentials (including compass) in a sturdy backpack are a must for this camp.**

**Scouts with a Totem Chip may (and should) carry their pocket knife. Knife safety is a must.**

**We will not have immediate access to drinking water, so please do not plan on this.**

## **Patrol Gear**

- Patrol Food (nothing needing refrigeration, light in weight and limited bulk)
- Patrol High Adventure Kitchens
- Patrol Water Filters
- Backpacking stoves with fuel
- Backpacking Merit Badge Books for scout leaders

## **Troop Gear**

- 1 Backpack First Aid Kit

Additional information is contained in part 2 of this document, which can be found on the troop website, August Campout section, Files subsection.