

**Troop 349**  
**Day Trip to Fort McHenry**  
**Baltimore, Maryland**  
**October 20, 2012**

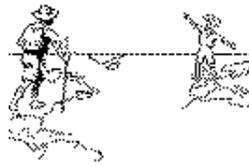




On Saturday, October 20, 2012, we'll be visiting Fort McHenry, an 18<sup>th</sup> century star fort located at the entrance to Baltimore harbor. While Fort McHenry has served our country actively since its founding through World War II, it is perhaps most famous as a site in the September 13-14, 1814 Battle of Baltimore, from which our national anthem, *The Star Spangled Banner*, was born. A 34-year old lawyer, Francis Scott Key, who was negotiating a prisoner release on a British warship within sight of the fort, watched the battle during which the British navy launched Congreve rockets against the fort through the night. In the morning, Key saw that our flag still stood over the fort's ramparts, and then penned the immortal words of a poem which eventually became our anthem. Fort McHenry's defiance against the British Navy earned it its place in history from that point forward.



This year is especially poignant as it is the bicentennial (200 year anniversary) of the War of 1812, a military conflict between the U.S. and the British Empire that ran from June 18, 1812 through February 18, 1815. A number of special programs are being put on this year at the fort to commemorate the bicentennial. Our visit to



Fort McHenry may include participation in a special flag program, a 19th century artillery demonstration, and an interpretive program involving park rangers dressed in period costumes.



Flag Flown in the Battle of Baltimore

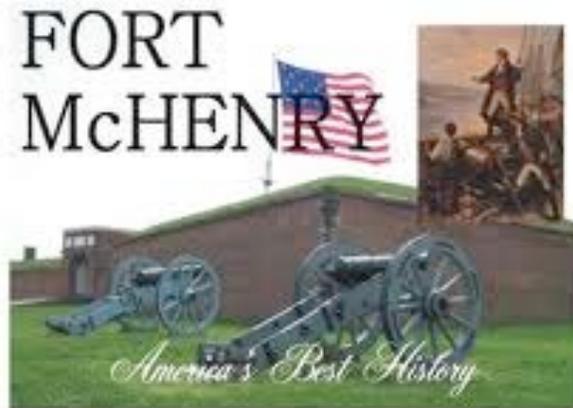
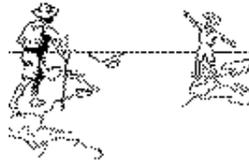


Artillery Demonstration at Fort McHenry

Scouting believes that an appreciation for our country's unique history helps Scouts to develop into good citizens – one of Scouting's fundamental aims. *This event can be applied to advancement requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class; and requirements for the Citizenship in the Nation and American Heritage merit badges.*

**Saturday, October 20, 2012**

Time	Event	Remarks
0700-0730	Meet in the American Legion parking lot in Falls Church.	Scouts and uniformed leaders must be in Class A uniforms, and should have had breakfast already. Scouts should bring a bag lunch with them.
0730-0900	Move to Fort McHenry Visitor Center.	Parking is free and plentiful.
0900	Check in at Visitor Center. Watch 10-minute orientation film.	Entrance fee is 7\$/adult. Youth 15 and under are free.
0910-0930	Tour Visitor Center.	
0930	Participate in flag changing ceremony.	
1000	Participate in interpretive flag program.	
1100	Participate in artillery program.	
1200	Lunchtime. Self-guided tour of fort.	Scouts will eat their bag lunches.
1330	Depart for Legion Hall.	
1500	Arrive at Legion Hall.	
1500-1530	After-action review.	Assign duties, as appropriate.



### **Directions to Fort McHenry Visitors Center**

1. Merge onto I-495 N toward Rockville / Baltimore.

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2. Merge onto I-95 N via EXIT 27 toward Baltimore / New York.

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3. Take EXIT 55 toward Key Highway / Ft McHenry N.M.

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4. Stay straight to go onto E McComas St.

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5. Turn slight left to stay on E McComas St.

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6. Turn right onto Andre St.

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7. Turn right onto E Fort Ave.

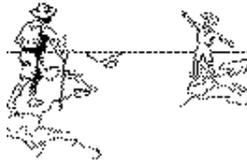
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8. The destination is just past Wallace Street. If you reach E Clement St, you've gone about 0.1 miles too far.

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Total Travel Estimate: 51.87 miles - about 1 hour 6 minutes

Coordinates: 39°15'47"N and 76°34'48"W



## Nearest Hospitals

Name: Johns Hopkins Hospital – Emergency Room

Address: 1800 Orleans St., Baltimore, MD

Telephone: (410) 955-0141

Webpage: <http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/emergencymedicine/>

Comments: 4.84 miles / 15 minutes' drive away from Fort McHenry



Until our next adventure.....



# TROOP 349 Permission Slip

Falls Church, VA

**Event:** Day Tour of Fort McHenry

**Location:** Baltimore Harbor, Maryland

**Date:** October 20, 2012

**As the parent or legal guardian of:** \_\_\_\_\_

- I give my permission for him to participate in this outing with Troop 349.
- I will provide transportation.**       Out       Back       Both Ways  
Including driver, my vehicle holds \_\_\_\_\_ people.
- Name(s) of Parent(s) planning to attend: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent cell #: \_\_\_\_\_
- My Scout understands:**      All travel is in Class A uniform  
No electronics permitted (iPod, MP3, cell phone, etc)
- Funds attached: \$15 per person** (covers entrance fees; patches; gas)

I give permission to the leaders of Troop 349 to render first aid. In the event of emergency, I give permission to the physician selected by the adult leader-in-charge, to hospitalize, order anesthesia, order injection, or secure other medical treatment, as s/he determines to be appropriate. I further agree to hold Troop 349 and its leaders blameless for any mishaps that may occur during this outing, except for clear acts of negligence or non-adherence to BSA policies and guidelines.

**In case of emergency,** I can be reached by phone at: \_\_\_\_\_ or: \_\_\_\_\_

If I cannot be reached, contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy number: \_\_\_\_\_

My son:     Has the following **medical condition(s)** that adult leaders must be aware:

\_\_\_\_\_.

Has no medical condition.

Requires the following **medication(s)** that adult leaders must supervise and assist in administering (also provide time & quantity):

\_\_\_\_\_.

Takes no medication

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian)