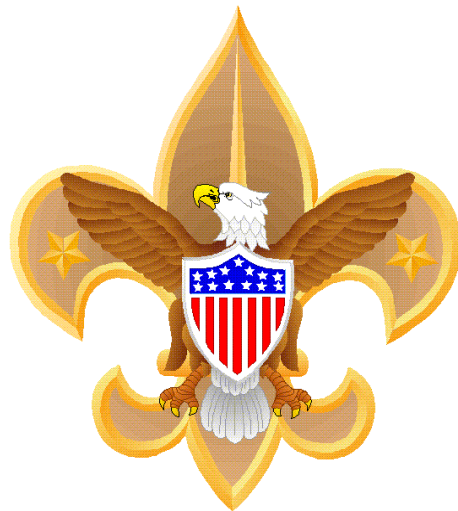




Troop 349
Beach Campout at
Point Lookout State Park
Scotland, MD



May 11-13, 2012

Deadline for permission slip & payment:
Tues, May 1



HISTORY: Point Lookout began as part of St. Michael's Manor, one of three manors owned by Leonard Calvert, the first Governor of the Maryland colony. In the 200 years leading up to the Civil War, it became a popular summer resort, complete with beach cottages, a large wharf and a lighthouse. With the advent of the war, people's attentions turned away from recreation and the area's summer resort owners began to suffer financially.

The U.S. Government, needing a hospital to house casualties of the Northern armies, leased the Point Lookout resort; Hammond General Hospital was built and received its first Union Army patients on August 17, 1862. Early in 1863, the authorities ordered a small number of Confederate prisoners confined to the hospital grounds, most being Southern Marylanders accused of helping the Confederacy. Not long after the Battle of Gettysburg, the federal government expanded the hospital's grounds and built a prison camp for Confederate soldiers. Point Lookout was close to the battlefields yet isolated enough to make escape difficult. The site became officially known as Camp Hoffman, a rebel camp capable of holding 10,000 prisoners of war. Three forts were erected to protect the prison, one of which -- Fort Lincoln -- still remains.

As the war progressed, additional prisoners were assigned to Camp Hoffman: In September 1863, 4,000 Confederates were being held at the camp; by December, the number had more than doubled to 9,000. By the following June, less than one year after the camp opened, more than 20,000 prisoners crowded the camp.

Point Lookout was used mainly for enlisted men; most officers were sent to Fort Delaware. During the prison's operation, filth prevailed and wells became contaminated. Men literally froze to death in Sibley tents -- rudimentary structures offering little protection from the elements -- with but one blanket apiece and very little wood. With money scarce and boredom plentiful, the prisoners learned to occupy themselves making trinkets and many other useful articles out of various materials that were subsequently used for bartering purposes.



At the end of the Civil War in April 1865, federal officials began transferring the Confederates south; by late June the last prisoners were gone. In just under two years, out of 52,264 Confederates imprisoned at Point Lookout, between 3,000 and 8,000 men died.

Today, two monuments honor the memory of the prisoners who died there. The first was built by the State of Maryland and dedicated in 1876. The U.S. Government followed suit, erecting the second monument in the early 1900s. In 1965, 100 years following the end of the Civil War, the Maryland State Forest & Park Service began development of Point Lookout State Park. Today the park comprises 1,064 acres.



Friday, May 11

| Time | Event | POC | Remarks |
|-----------|---------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|
| 1600 | Arrive American Legion | SM | Class A uniform for travel |
| 1630 | Depart | | Sunset 1947 |
| 1900 | Arrive Point Lookout State Park | | End twilight 2014 |
| 1930-2100 | Camp site set-up | SPL | Class B uniform (red shirt) |
| 2100-2130 | PLC & snack | SPL | Review, reorganize, planning |
| 2200 | Lights out | SPL & SM | |

Saturday, May 12

| Time | Event | POC | Remarks |
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| 0700 | Wake-up | SM & SPL | Begin twilight 0603, Sunrise 0631 |
| 0700-0830 | Breakfast and clean-up | By Patrol | |
| 0830-0840 | Morning Colors | SPL | All |
| 0900-1200 | 1 st Class Trail | Troop Guide | Class B uniform |
| 1200-1230 | Sack lunch | | |
| 1230-1530 | Fishing | SPL | A valid Chesapeake Bay Sportfishing license is required for everyone over the age of 16. |
| 1600-1610 | Supper | | |
| 1700-1830 | Retire the Colors | By Patrols | Sunset 1948, End twilight 2015, 1 st qtr moon |
| 1900-2000 | Troop Campfire | 2 nd C | |
| 2030-2100 | PLC & snack | ASM | Review, reorganize, planning |
| 2200 | Lights out | 2 nd C | |
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Sunday, May 13

| Time | Event | POC | Remarks |
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| 0600 | Wake-up | SM | Begin twilight 0644 |
| 0600-0730 | No Cook Breakfast, clean-up, break camp | By Patrols | |
| 0830 | Depart | SPL | |
| 1100 | Arrive at American Legion | | |



Weather: Mid-April typical highs, 65 F. Typical lows, 40 F

Directions:

- From I-495 take exit 7A to merge onto MD-5 S/Branch Ave toward Waldorf S. Continue to follow MD-5 S.
- Turn left onto MD-5 S/Mattawoman Beantown Rd.
- Turn left onto MD-5 S/Leonardtown Rd. Continue to follow MD-5 S.
- At the first Point Lookout Rd. don't turn, continue straight onto MD-235 S/Three Notch Rd.
- After you reach the town of Ridge, turn left onto MD-5 S/Point Lookout Rd. (approx. 35 mi.).
- Follow MD-5 S as far as it will go (approx. 7 miles) and you will be in Point Lookout.
- After the entrance sign, the second road on the right will be the campground.
- When you arrive in the campground park at the left and register at the Ranger Station.

Address:

Point Lookout State Park
11175 Point Lookout Road
Scotland, MD 20687

Phone: 301-872-5688

Website: www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/southern/pointlookout.asp

Nearest 24-hour emergency room:

St. Mary's Hospital
23000 Moakley St, Leonardtown, MD
(301) 997-1312

