

PIPSICO SCOUT RESERVATION



Cub Scouts and Webelos

Whether it's camping, walking a mile long sandy beach of the James River, collecting shark teeth and fossils, fishing, boating, using the wealth of equipment available, exploring the night sky or tracking deer and wild turkey, Cub Scouts and Webelos will thoroughly enjoy Pipsico Scout Reservation.

Consider an early start Saturday morning with a return trip via the Scotland Ferry on Sunday. For most of our 12,000 Scouts, Pipsico is less than an hour and half from home. Upon arrival you will be greeted by Ranger Dan who will assist you with any equipment needs you may have. If your visit includes an overnight stay, you will be provided a camp site. Or, you may want to consider shelters equipped with pairs of bunk beds or cabins. Once you are settled; take a break, enjoy lunch or head out exploring the 917 acre camp. There are fields for games, disk golf for a little competition, a lake stocked with Blue Gill for fishing and boating, trails for hiking, and animal tracks for making Plaster of Paris castings.



As evening nears it's time to think about dinner. How about hot dogs over an open fire, or maybe foil dinners and a Dutch oven cobbler? What ever your choice, it's sure to be a hit.

Night brings its own opportunities for fun. No where in Virginia will you find more stars in the night sky. Spread your blankets in the middle of an open field and check out the big and little dipper, Orion, Cassiopeia and possibly a few shooting stars. Or, maybe you would prefer a night hike along the James River followed by sitting around a camp fire and roasting marshmallows, making S'mores and sharing stories, skits and singing.



Sunday morning after a hearty breakfast, it's time to remember that a Scout is "reverent." After your devotional, take a trip to the Pipsico tree. Legend has it that this enormous Tulip Poplar, which predates the arrival of the first English colonists, is the resting place of the great Indian Chief Powhatan.

On your way home consider Camp Lions at Pipsico for a summer of fun. Yes, Summer Camp is available for Cub Scouts and Webelos. Pipsico offers an Olympic-size swimming pool for aquatic activities, archery and BB gun shooting, boating, fishing, various handicrafts, and platform tent camping, eating in the camp dining hall, and shopping at the trading post.

For more information about enjoying Pipsico or to make reservations, please call Pam Vickrey at Tidewater Council (757) 497-2688.