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Pastors and Commanders:

This year's Winterdaze will be Feb 23-24, 2008 at the Johnstown Church Farm (See map below). We are again sponsoring an optional night of winter camping adventure. Please pay close attention to the details listed below.

Winterdaze is for Discovery Rangers and up (grades 3-12). However, Discovery Rangers or others that may not want to camp overnight may come up for just the day on Saturday. That will be the commanders and parents discretion.

Winterdaze costs \$15/person all weekend. The price includes three hot meals. Each outpost is responsible for their own hot chocolate mix, etc. We will have coffee on tap for the commanders. Overnighters will want to bring their own snacks for Saturday evening also.

Activities will include a Klondike sled derby- see attached for directions for sled, a snow snake (judged for looks and distance), other events keeping with the air theme, and a surprise event.

This year's merits taught will be the Compass merit (please bring compasses for each boy).

The overnight portion is geared more towards Adventure and Expedition Rangers (grades 6-12), but Discovery Rangers are welcome if they and their commanders are prepared. Overnight campers may choose to sleep outdoors in either tents/primitive shelters (you must make it) or a heated barn.

Overnight campers will need the following items:

- Ground cloth (waterproof)
- Ground mat/cushion
- WINTER WEIGHT sleeping bag (pillow optional)
- Warm clothing to sleep in
- Flashlight/Coleman lanterns
- Canteen/water bottle (thermos if desired)
- Knives with Toolcraft Safety Cards only
- 1 or two hand axes per outpost (again, with Toolcraft Safety Cards)
- Bow saws or long handled axe for larger firewood
- Twine, wire or string (for lashing)
- Matches

All Winterdaze attendees are required to have:

- Winter Clothing:
 - Gloves (multiple pairs recommended)
 - Hats that cover the ears (hooded sweatshirts ok)
 - Boots/wool socks
 - Long underwear
 - Several changes of socks and shoes
 - Winter weight coat (snowsuit recommended)
- It's recommended to have a dry change of clothes for the trip home.

****** Other items needed for this Winterdaze:**

Tennis racket

A long handled broom-not a push broom

Klondike sled

Compass

Snow snake – made from a tree limb (approximately 1”diameter x 3 feet) and decorated – use your imagination!

We need a total headcount of Royal Rangers, and leaders coming for the weekend. A pre-registration discount of \$1/camper will be given for all registrations received, and paid for, by 02/12/2008. Even if you do not pre-register, you need to let us know how many are coming so we can make sure we have enough food for you on Saturday.

In the case of inclement weather, please call me to verify the activity's status. I will attempt to contact the commander in charge of each group attending also. If we don't know you are planning on coming, we won't be able to contact you in case of cancellation.

Saturday, Feb 23

8:00 AM – Registration opens

9:00 AM - All rangers need to be at the Johnstown Church Farm at 9:00 AM ready to begin, open discussion of winter safety

9:30 AM - Compass class begins

12:00 noon - Lunch

12:30 PM - Klondike derby, snow snake competition, surprise event

4:00 PM - Closing

4:30 PM - Dismissal for day campers

6:00 PM - Supper

7:00 PM – Evening Service

Sunday, Feb 24

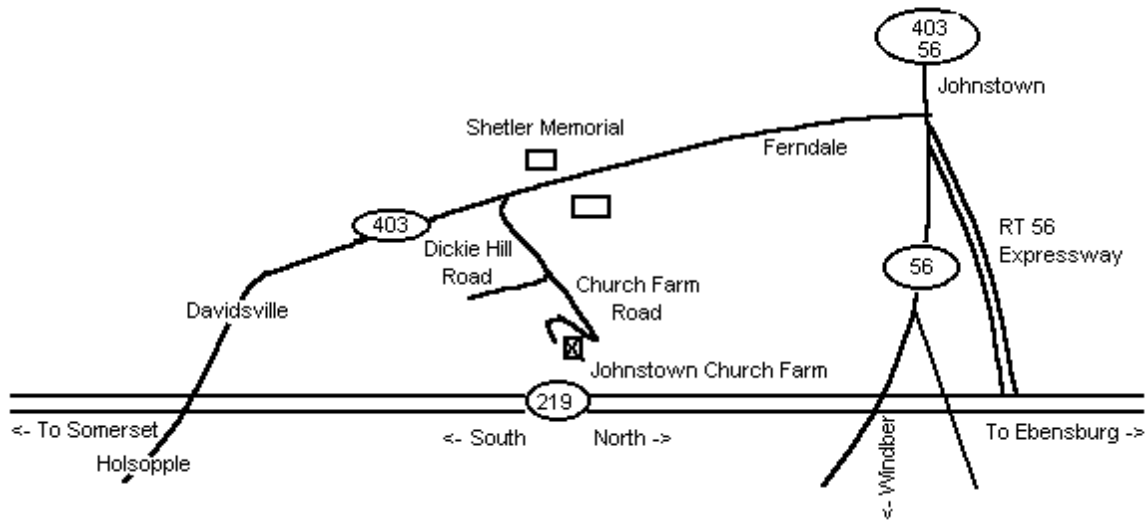
7:30 AM - Rise & shine, break camp

8:30 AM – Breakfast

9:00 AM - Morning Devotion/Sunday School

9:30 AM – Dismissal

Map to Johnstown Church Farm:



Email your headcounts to Commander John Bender at: webmaster@bcenet.com or call him at (814) 942-2776.

Please also note that there will be a patch for Winterdaze this year. It will be the first of a 4 patch wet that you will want to get each one of. All 4 patches will go together to make one large patch.

Thank you, and we hope to see you there.

“Ready”

Commander’s Tom Knox and Bud Shaffer
Penn-Del SCW Section Royal Rangers