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Annual Troop Trip: PHILADELPHIA, PA Friday – Sunday, May 5–7, 2017

TRIP DETAILS...

TRAVEL and LODGING

Gather Friday, **4:30am** (!) at Key Food. Return Sunday, target 5-7pm at Key Food; will call when we're nearing home. We'll be walking most of the day, otherwise we'll travel in a few member-owned minivans. We need to leave early to avoid traffic so please be at Key Food on time!

Lodging will be in cabins at Pine Hill Scout Reservation that's equipped with bunk beds and foam mattresses. Bring a sleeping bag and pillow (maybe a fitted sheet). Bathroom and showers nearby. **Pack in small duffels and gym bags that can be easily stowed in the vehicles – NO BACKPACKS.**

FOOD

Bring \$ for breakfast or a bag breakfast and a bag lunch for Friday. The rest of the meals are included: Friday dinner will be at a Chinese/Japanese Buffet, Saturday and Sunday breakfast will be fast (probably McDonald's). Saturday lunch voucher at the Constitution Museum, Saturday night buffet at the Golden Coral, Sunday lunch on the Battleship New Jersey Museum. Those with food allergies are welcome to bring substitute foods as appropriate; we'll gladly store them for you.

ATTIRE

Scouts will dress in full CLASS B uniforms, consisting of the **CLASS B T-Shirt, Scout Pants and appropriate shoes for walking.**

Scouts over 16+ should bring a photo ID. Plan to travel light when touring, carrying only the essentials and making sure you have nothing on you that could raise any concerns or slow us down. **PLEASE NO KNIVES, DAYPACKS OR BAGS** (bags may require searching and will just slow us down!) Expect to do a lot of walking.

Some spending money is recommended – enough for a couple of snacks or souvenirs over the weekend, but more than that is distracting. Scouts are welcome to enjoy their electronic gadgets

while we are on the road, with headphones, at the driver's discretion – but the stuff stays in the car. Cameras are allowed and encouraged. If your Scout wants to take pictures, make sure they have a camera!

PLANNED ITINERARY...

Our planned itinerary is to visit the Franklin Institute (a hands-on Science Museum) with a museum show for most of the day, our bag lunch will be in the museum cafeteria. In the late afternoon, we will walk through Franklin Park, see the Rocky Statue and go on a tour of the Philadelphia Art Museum before heading off to visit the Edgar Allen Poe house and going to a Chinese/Japanese Buffet restaurant for dinner.

On Saturday, we will be touring Independence Park and all that it has to offer. We will start off at the Libert Bell, tour Independence Hall and Congress Hall and visit the Constitution Museum. Lunch will be by voucher at the Constitution Museum Café. We will visit the Benjamin Franklin Museum and the Betsy Ross House in the afternoon. Then it is off to dinner at the Golden Corral and back to base camp.

Sunday morning, we are visiting the Battleship New Jersey and Museum with lunch on the Battleship. Then we will be heading home and should arrive between 5 and 6. We will have the boys call home when we get close.

This should be a great trip! Please sign up ASAP so that we get a proper head count and can calculate the final price, which should be in the \$150-\$180 range.