



BSA TROOP 77

FEBRUARY

2019

CAMPOUT

LEADER/SCOUT

INFORMATION PACKET

FEBRUARY 8TH – 10TH, 2019
GREEN SWAMP – HAMPTON TRACT

POC: MR. CLOHESSY

MERIT BADGE THEME

BACKPACKING
HIKING
CAMPING

FEBRUARY 2019 CAMP OUT LOCATION

GREEN SWAMP – HAMPTON TRACT
14300 ROCKRIDGE RD
POLK CITY, FL 33868

DEPARTURE POINT AND DATE / TIME

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 8TH, 2018 ***DEPART AT 6:00 PM***
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SEVEN SPRINGS
4651 LITTLE ROAD, NEW PORT RICHEY, FL 34655

PICKUP POINT AND DATE / TIME

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, 2018 ***ARRIVE APPROX 11:00AM**
Trinity Presbyterian Church of Seven Springs
4651 Little Road, New Port Richey, FL 34655



ATTENDANCE

CAMPOUT LEADERSHIP (SM/ASM) CONTACT INFORMATION:

- 1) Davis, Dave – (727) 871-1911 (SM)
- 2) Vasey, Shawn - (727) 255-4059 (ASM)
- 3) Alhassan, Aihab – (727) 647-3336 (ASM)
- 4) Knoop, Ken – (727) 386-2301 (ASM)

Total Adult Leadership Camping: 4

SCOUTS ATTENDING:

1. Adam Alhassan
2. Athanasoulis, Demetri
3. Borree, Blake
4. Borree, Thompson
5. Clohessy, Nicholas
6. Covert, Ethan
7. Davis, Jackson
8. Johnson, Christopher
9. Knoop, Evan
10. Koljeski, Henry
11. McWhirter, Ben
12. O'Brien, Chase
13. Smith, Matthew
14. Vasey, Matt
15. Ethan Williams
16. David Denkmann (Exchange Student)

Total Scouts: 16

ARROW OF LIGHT SCOUTS ATTENDING:

1. Carson Davis
2. Cooper Burden
3. Jackson Fuchs (coming Saturday morning)

Total AOL Scouts: 3

TRANSPORTATION:

1. Mr. Davis: (Honda Odyssey)

- a. Jackson Davis
- a. Carson Davis (Aol)
- b. Christopher Johnson
- c. Chase O'Brien
- d. Cooper Burden (Aol)
- e. Jackson Fuchs (Aol) (home only)

6. Mrs. Hoague: (Honda HRV)

- a. Henry Koljeski
- b. David Denkmann
- c. Demetri Athanasoulis
- d.

2. Mr. Vasey: (Dodge Ram Truck)

- a. Matt Vasey
- b. Ethan Williams
- c. Ben McWhirter
- d.

3. Mr. Alhassan: ()

- a. Adam Alhassan
- b. Nicholas Clohessy
- c. Ethan Covert
- d.

4. Mr. Knoop: (Honda Pilot)(Pulling Scout Trailer)

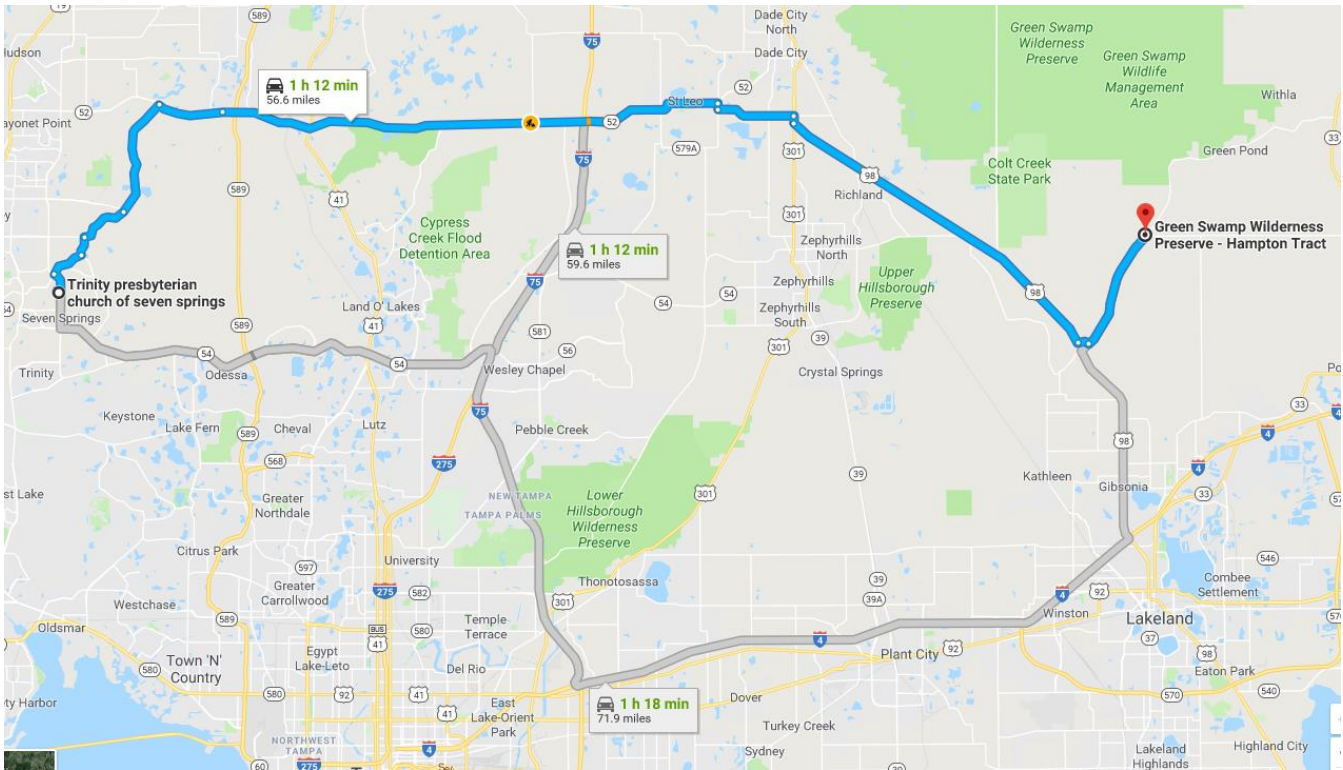
- a. Evan Knoop
- b. Blake Borree
- c. Thompson Borree
- d. Matthew Smith

NOTE – TRANSPORTATION/SEATING SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DIRECTIONS:

MAP FROM TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SEVEN SPRINGS TO
GREEN SWAMP – HAMPTON TRACK, 14300 ROCKRIDGE RD
POLK CITY, FL 33868

THERE ARE MANY ROUTES THAT CAN BE TAKEN DEPENDING ON TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AT THE TIME.



CONTACTS:

NEAREST TOWN:

LAKELAND, FL

CLOSEST POLICE LOCATION:

POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

LAKELAND, FL 33809 (10 MILES)

ANY EMERGENCY 911

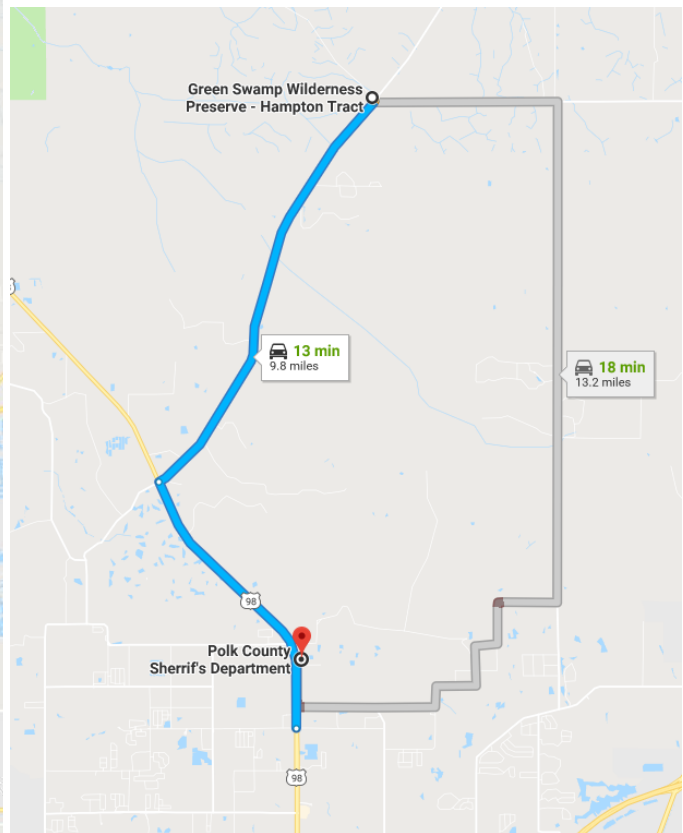
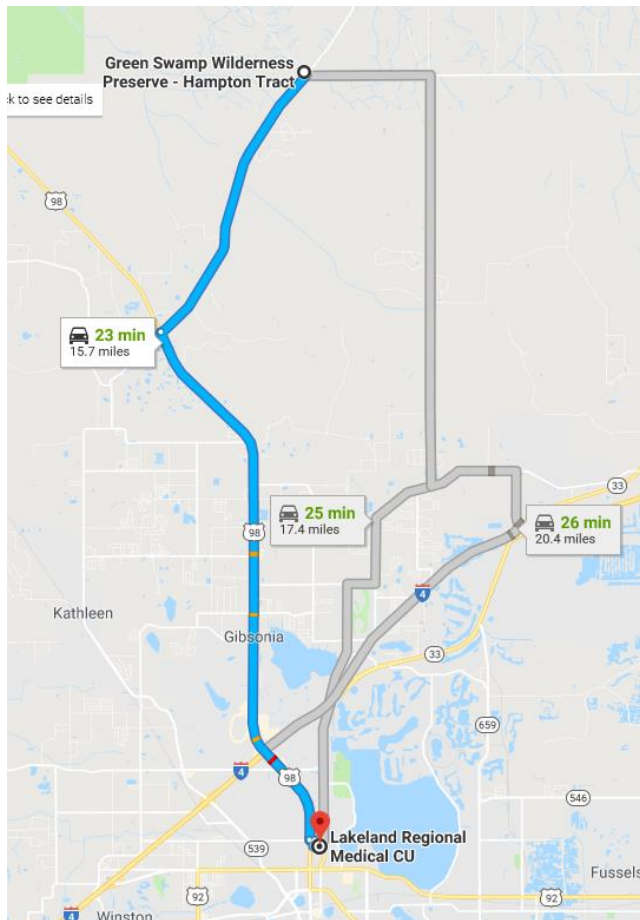
NON-EMERGENCY # TO REQUEST A DEPUTY: (863) 534-6300

NEAREST MEDICAL FACILITY:

LAKELAND REGIONAL MEDICAL CU'900 N ROBERT AVE,

1324 LAKELAND HILLS BLVD, LAKELAND, FL 33805 (16 MILES)

(863) 687-1100



ABOUT THE LOCATION:

GREEN SWAMP WILDERNESS PRESERVE

The area is an ideal place where visitors, from school groups to master birders, can visit and explore some of central Florida's flora and fauna found in a natural state that has had little modification by man. The area contains a variety of different habitat types with a wide diversity of plant life. These types include, but are not limited to, sandhills, flatwoods, oak hammocks, river swamp and cypress ponds. The characteristic cypress ponds that dot the landscape can only be found in central Florida. This intact ecosystem attracts many types of wildlife. The preserve is an excellent place for bird watching and observing other wildlife from mammals, amphibians, reptiles and butterfly species.

The preserve is divided into five management units: [Colt Creek State Park](#)— 5,067 acres; [East Tract](#) — 51,149 acres; [Hampton Tract](#) — 11,052 acres; [Little Withlacoochee Tract](#) — 4,446 acres; and [West Tract](#) — 37,350 acres. Nearly 36 miles of the Withlacoochee River's 110-mile length are protected as an Outstanding Florida Water within the Green Swamp Wilderness Preserve.

As a plateau above surrounding areas, the Green Swamp region is an important physiographic feature of Florida. Its 560,000 acres of wetlands, flatlands and low ridges are bounded by prominent sandy ridgelines. Rainwater drains across the surface to create the headwaters of four major rivers: the Withlacoochee, the Ocklawaha, the Hillsborough and the Peace. Rainwater also trickles down through the soil to replenish the Floridan aquifer system, the primary source of drinking water for most Floridians. Because the Green Swamp region is elevated above outlying areas and the underground aquifer rises very close to the land surface, the region functions as the pressure head for the aquifer. Protecting the Green Swamp is vital to protecting the quality and quantity of Florida's water supply. Recognizing the statewide significance of this area, the state of Florida in 1974 designated 322,000 acres of the Green Swamp region as an [Area of Critical State Concern](#).

Visitors can hike over the vast road network or hike the [Florida National Scenic Trail](#), which bisects the area. Along the trail and road system in the area, observers will notice a land that has been preserved to keep its natural beauty. This is an illustration of central Florida's natural heritage.

The District began purchasing the area in the early 1970s and is still carrying on acquisitions to protect the area's natural uniqueness, which will benefit current and future residents of southwest Florida.

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AGENDA:

Friday, February 8th, 2019

Dinner at home

5:30 pm Loading trailer and vehicles

6:00 pm – Leave Church

7:30 pm – Set up camp

9:30 pm – Cracker Barrel

10:30 pm – Lights out

Saturday, February 9th, 2019

6:30 am – Cooks up to prep breakfast

7:00 am – Scouts up Breakfast

8:00 am – Pack up tents/gear for hike. *

8:30 am - 11:00am (2.5hr) – Backpacking Red Trek (+/- 5 miles)

- Everyone to complete the 5 mile hiking requirement.

11:00-1:00– Prepare/Eat Lunch. Giant Jenga Competition

1:00 pm – 3:30pm (2.5hr) – Blue or Green Backpacking Trek (+/- 5 miles)

- For those that want to continue on and complete the 10 mile requirement.

3:30 pm – 6:00pm (2.5hr) - Blue or Green Backpacking Trek (+/- 5 miles)

- For those that want to continue on and complete the 15 mile requirement.

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm – Prepare/Eat Dinner

7:30 pm – re-set up Tents *

9:30 pm – Cracker Barrel

11:00 pm – Lights Out

Sunday, February 10th, 2019

6:30 am – Cooks up to prep breakfast

7:00 am – Scouts up Breakfast

8:00 am – Cleanup site

9:00 am – Thorns and Roses

9:30 am – Leave for Church

11:00 am – Arrive at Church

*** We will notify parents of departure time.**

*If rain chances are still in place, tents will be left up and not carried on the hikes.

- Webelos scouts do not need to carry full backpacking backpacks if they prefer not too. They can just carry a standard backpack with their own water and snacks.

TENT ASSIGNMENTS: (BY SPL)

Tent # 1 –
Tent # 2 –
Tent # 3 -
Tent # 4 -
Tent # 5 -
Tent # 6 -
Tent # 7 -

WILDLIFE:

Although the “swamp” designation may put off most people, the area is actually rich with plants and endangered animals. According to National Wildlife, the Green Swamp’s 850 square miles is home to 40% of the state’s native vertebrate species, 31 of which are rare or endangered. Animals which can be found in the Green Swamp include Bald Eagles, the Florida Panther, black bears, Fox Squirrels, and of course all sorts of reptiles including alligators and snakes.

Wildlife also includes Feral hogs (aka Razorbacks or wild boars),

DO NOT approach, touch, or feed any of the wildlife.
Always be aware of your surroundings.



WEATHER:

DAY		DESCRIPTION	HIGH / LOW	PRECIP	WIND	HUMIDITY
FRI FEB 8		Partly Cloudy	82°/59°	10%	NNE 6 mph	63%
SAT FEB 9		PM Showers	73°/64°	50%	NNE 16 mph	69%
SUN FEB 10		AM Showers	79°/62°	40%	E 12 mph	75%

- As of 2/7/19 (recent update has added potential rain)

MEALS:

TROOP MENU:

Friday Cracker Barrel – Oreos, Cheese and Crackers

Saturday Breakfast – Breakfast Burritos (Eggs, Bacon, Cheese, Tortillas)

Saturday Lunch – Tuna or Chicken Pitas, Carrots

Saturday Dinner – Pasta, Sauce, Cheese, Toast, Cucumbers

Saturday Cracker Barrel – Moon Pies

Sunday Breakfast – Choc/Blueberry Muffins

Hiking Food: Trail Mix, Granola Bars, Gatorade

DUTY ROSTER: (BY SPL)

	Friday CB	Saturday Breakfast	Saturday Lunch	Saturday Dinner	Saturday CB	Sunday Breakfast
SITE CLEANUP	N/A					Everyone
FIRE						N/A
WATER						N/A
Meals						
Dishes						

MEALS – Cook assigned meal for all scouts.

DISHES – Heat water and Clean dishes for assigned meal.

SITE CLEANUP – Pick Up & Discard any trash in the camp site.

FIRE – Gather firewood and start fires. Care for and refuel. Put out fire.

WATER – Get drinking water and all water needed for any fires.

PACKING LIST:

Troop Equipment List

- Scout Tents (Adults bring their own tents)
- Tarps
- Hand soap/sanitizer
- Propane Lanterns/trees/hoses
- Ice Chest/Jugs and Gatorade mix
- Food
- Duct Tape
- First Aid Kit
- Axe / Rope
- Garbage Bags
- Troop Banner, Patrol Flags, Troop Flag
- BSA Medical Forms and Copy of Insurance Cards
- Dry Fire Wood

Optional Items:

- Camera (not a mobile device)
- Book of Faith
- Pocket Knife
- Fire'm Chit Card & Totin' Chip Card
- Rope
- Medications
- Sunglasses
- Hiking Stick

NOTE: Label EVERYTHING with your name!

***Bring Extra Cloths in Case it rains. You will not need to backpack around the extra cloths. They can be left at Camp.**

SCOUT PACKING LIST

- BSA Field Uniform – (class A)
- BSA Activity Uniform – (class B)
- Sweatshirt/Jacket (*cool nights*)
- Hiking Boots or sneakers
- Scout Hat
- Large Backpack
- Small Sleeping Bag & pillow
- Sleeping Mat (*Friday Night only, unless you carry with you on hike*)
- Personal First Aid kit
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Rain Gear
- Toiletries – soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc
- Watch
- Flashlight/Lantern/Headlamp
- Camelback/Water Bottle(s)
- Merit Badge Booklets (Hiking, Backpacking, Camping)
- Scout Handbook
- Pens/Pencils/Paper
- Camp Chair
- Whistle/Compass

