

Troop 48 BSA – Trip Information

Outing: 2026 Backpacking Introduction, Bays Mountain Park (BMP) to Laurel Run

I. **Date and Key Times:**

Assemble @ CHPC:	8:00 AM	Aug. 29, 2026	Saturday
Return to CHPC	~2:00 PM	Aug. 30, 2026	Sunday

II. **Adult Leader Needs:** **Sign up (T48.org)**

- *Provide transportation (Please let Brian Shone know by Aug. 25th if you can carpool scouts)
- *Provide oversite and camp with the Troop on the trail
- *At least 2 adults each for two crews. Provide leadership and facilitate advancement opportunities.
- *Provide oversite for Leave No Trace operations in camping areas and during hikes.
- *Assure gear acquisition the Tuesday before the trip to ensure an efficient departure.

III. **Costs:**

Item	Scout	Adult/Guest	Due By	Pay To
Camping Fee	\$5	\$5	Registration	Troop Treasurer
Food (By Patrol) 3 Meals Est.	\$9 (cash)	\$9 (cash)	5/18/24	Food Buyer

IV. **Uniform Expectations:**

Travel to and from Bays Mtn Park	Class A (No Civilian Hats)
In Camp and on Hike	Class B (Casual Clothes OK)

V. **Activities and What to Bring:** (not all inclusive, see T-48 Camping Checklist)

Activity	What to Take
Saturday Lunch	Self-provided, durable sack lunch
Patrol Meals	Saturday (dinner), Sunday (breakfast, lunch trail meals)
Backpacking Camping	Standard backpacking gear

VI. **Trip Description:**

Saturday 8:00 AM: Backpack “shakedown” at CHPC. Inspect backpacks for all needed gear, return home to acquire needed items. Depart CHPC by 10:00am. Arrive at BMP to have each car drop off scouts and gear at the far rear Planetarium parking lot, closest to the Amphitheater. Announce at the gate that you are part of scout camping and there will be no entrance fee. Shuttle cars to Laurel Run parking lot for pickup Sunday. (See Brian Shone for parking passes). From 9-11am: Pack School, Outdoor Code/Leave No Trace, and prepacking at Amphitheater shelter. 11am-1pm: inspect packs and make adjustments so that this outing is an enjoyable backpacking experience. From 1-4pm: organize groups and hike around lake and through Feagins Gap to park's primitive campground - roughly 3 miles. Afterwards, set up camp at cabin and mown open field. Cook dinner and work on scouting skills (knots, tent set-up, fire building, cooking, etc.) Have a rousing campfire, so bring stories, jokes, and skits.

Sunday: Rise just after the sun at 7:30am to prepare and eat breakfast, break camp, and have a vesper service. 9am-1pm: hike along mountain ridges, past waterfalls, cross stream, and reach Laurel Run park - roughly 4 miles. Stop for a trail lunch on the way to Laurel Run. Return to CHPC.

All scouts are welcomed, and the more experienced scouts will be helping build the confidence and skill level of the younger ones.