



*Nixon County Park Nature Center*  
***Junior Girl Scout Overnight***  
*January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012*  
*Fun, Hands-on, Educational*



**January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 6:30 p.m. – January 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.**

Registration starts on Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Cost: \$25/girl, \$15/adult

Badge work: To be decided when new books come out!

**Friday**

6:30-7:10 p.m.	Registration
7:10-7:30 p.m.	Orientation
7:30-8:30 p.m.	Night Hike or Crafts and Educational Activities
8:30-8:45 p.m.	Break
8:45-9:45 p.m.	Night Hike or Crafts and Educational Activities
9:45-10:00 p.m.	Snack
10:00-11:15 p.m.	Scavenger Hunt and Get Ready for Bed
11:15-11:30 p.m.	Quiet Time and Lights out at 11:30

**Saturday**

7:00-8:00 a.m.	Optional Morning Hike (Be ready at 7am)
8:00-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30-8:50 a.m.	Pack-up and Clean-up
9:00-10:00 a.m.	Live Animal Presentation by Zoo America
10:00-10:30 a.m.	Closing and Departure*

\*Please note Nixon County Park has a new gift shop. Scouts will not be able to shop on Friday night, but you may take time to shop during our regular hours on Saturday morning after the overnight program has concluded. Cash or check only.

Senior girl scouts or cadet girl scouts in high school may volunteer during our Junior overnight. They will help with snack time, breakfast, crafts, and night hikes. Space is limited. Please contact Kelsey for volunteer registration forms.

**To register:**

Fill out a registration form available at [www.yorkcountyparks.org](http://www.yorkcountyparks.org), through email, mail, or at Nixon Park. Submit registration form and 25% deposit to Nixon County Park, 5922 Nixon Dr., York, PA 17403.

Please call or email Kelsey Frey to get a form mailed or emailed to you. [kafrey@york-county.org](mailto:kafrey@york-county.org)  
717-428-1961

## **JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT INFORMATION GUIDE FOR ANIMALS IN WINTER 2012 AT NIXON COUNTY PARK NATURE CENTER**

Nixon County Park is one of eleven county parks in York County. Richard M. Nixon County Park Nature Center is located in Jacobus. Nixon County Park offers public programming, environmental education to school, scout and homeschool groups and a natural area for families to enjoy. This upcoming overnight weekend will give the scouts the opportunity to learn about their surrounding environment in an indoor and outdoor setting. Below is some information that will be helpful to you during your stay at Nixon County Park.

### **REGISTRATION**

Please fill out the top portion of the registration form and return it with a 25% deposit to Nixon County Park Nature Center, 5922 Nixon Drive, York PA 17403. 25% of the total fee is required to hold your troop's spot. The remainder of the fee will be due by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011. If the final payment is not received, your group may lose your spot and be placed on the waiting list. Please make checks payable to YCPFCT. The fees for the overnight are \$25/scout and \$15/adult. We ask that you try to limit the number of adult chaperones to the number required by your scouting organization.

### **CHECK-IN/ORIENTATION**

When you arrive, please proceed inside the nature center so we can begin registration as soon as possible. Registration will start at 6:30 p.m. and orientation will start **promptly at 7:10 p.m.** for adults and scouts.

### **EMERGENCY FORMS**

It is important that you remember to bring an **emergency form for each scout.** Scouts will not be permitted to stay overnight without one.

### **LODGING**

Scouts and adults will be sleeping inside the Nixon County Park Nature Center on the floor. Air mattresses will not be permitted for sleeping due to space and noise limitations. Indoor restrooms without showers are available. The Nature Center will be locked overnight.

### **PARK STAFF/VOLUNTEERS**

Park staff and volunteers will take care of all your programming. Park staff/volunteers will also be spending the night and will be available for any emergencies.

### **TELEPHONE**

Telephones are located at the front counter and in the staff offices; these are for adult use only. Long distance calls can only be made by calling collect or by using a calling card. Incoming calls can be received at Nixon County Park by dialing (717) 428-0356.

### **TAKE CARE ATTITUDE**

We are fortunate to have a beautiful nature center and natural area available to us. Please help us keep it that way by:

- not touching any animal mounts, displays or murals

- not picking any plants
- not taking anything home that belongs in the park
- staying on the trails
- not running in the nature center
- picking up after yourself

### **ALCOHOL**

No alcoholic beverages are permitted in any York County park.

### **SMOKING**

The nature center is a smoke free building. Smoking is permitted outside on paved surfaces. Please use the provided receptacle for ashes and cigarette butts.

### **SCOUT SUPERVISION**

To ensure proper supervision, we require that adult chaperones be present for the entire overnight. The ratio of chaperones to scouts must meet the minimum requirements of your scouting organization but not exceed one chaperone for every four scouts. Adult chaperones must be over 18 years of age.

### **TROOP LEADER/CHAPERONE DUTIES**

In addition to supervising the scouts, the leaders/chaperones from each troop will be assigned a task to assist the park staff and volunteers during the course of the overnight. These duties include cleaning up after breakfast, night hike trailer, and post overnight clean up. Duties will be assigned to each troop and explained in detail at registration/orientation.

### **QUIET HOURS**

Since all of the groups will be sleeping on the first floor of the nature center we ask that troops be respectful of one another. At 11:15 p.m. each troop should be in their assigned sleeping area, sleeping or conducting a quiet activity such as reading. Quiet hours will be from 11:30 p.m. - 7:30 a.m. Groups participating in the optional morning hike should be considerate of those still sleeping.

### **OPTIONAL MORNING HIKE**

Troops may participate in an optional morning hike between 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning. The hike is self-guided by the troop leaders/chaperones. Park staff will not be leading the hike, but park staff can help suggest trails for your troop to hike. A map of the park's trails is included with this packet. Additionally there are two self-guided trails with informational brochures that are available at the Nature Center.

### **FOOD**

The following food will be provided for you and your troop: a snack on Friday night and breakfast on Saturday morning. Please let us know in advance if anyone has any food allergies. Please advise your troop that no food is to be brought into the nature center, including drinks and candy. In an attempt to reduce paper waste for the environment, we ask that each scout and adult bring a mess kit or other reusable plate, bowl, cup and utensils to use at snack time and breakfast.

## **REFUND POLICY**

Fees will only be refunded if the York County Parks must cancel the overnight.

## **DEPARTURE**

Programming will be over on Saturday by 10:00 a.m. Please make sure you have turned in your evaluation form and inspected your sleeping area for any remaining items. If parents are picking up scouts, please make sure that they have clear directions. Parents should be notified that they must come into the nature center to pick up their children.

## **DIRECTIONS TO NIXON COUNTY PARK**

**From I-83**, take new exit 14, Leader Heights Road. At end of exit ramp, turn right if exiting from I-83 south; turn left if exiting from I-83 north onto Leader Heights Road. Follow to South George Street. Turn left at the light and follow South George Street to Jacobus (2.2 miles). Turn right on Valley Road (People's Bank on left). Follow Valley Road to bottom of hill (.8 miles). Turn right onto Nixon Drive. Go to stop sign and turn left. Follow road past a development on the right. The Nature Center is at the end of the road.

## **THINGS TO BRING**

- emergency forms (includes health history and permission slips)
- sleeping bag and pillow
- extra blanket (recommended)
- foam padding (recommended)
- appropriate clothing for outside programs (see below)
- slippers or socks, no walking around the nature center with bare feet
- hiking shoes or boots
- camera (optional)
- mess kit or reusable plate, bowl, cup and utensils (adults and scouts) – mess kits should be labeled to minimize the chance of lost items

PLEASE LIMIT SCOUTS TO ONE BACKPACK, SLEEPING BAG, PILLOW, AND FOAM PADDING. NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES (IPODS, GAMEBOYS, ETC...) OR CURLING IRONS. AIR MATTRESSES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED DUE TO LIMITED SPACE.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DRESSING FOR COLD WEATHER**

- warm clothing, dressing in layers: long underwear under pants, etc.
- hat – the body's greatest heat loss occurs through the head and neck
- mittens or gloves
- hiking shoes or boots
- warm socks

**JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT REGISTRATION FORM**  
**“NATURE AT NIGHT”**  
**JANUARY 13 and 14, 2012**

Leader's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Co-leader's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of scouts \_\_\_\_\_ Number of adults \_\_\_\_\_

Troop number \_\_\_\_\_

Optional Morning Hike Preference (circle one) YES/NO

Special needs:

Food Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Disabilities \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

---

FOR STAFF USE ONLY

DEPOSIT PAID \_\_\_\_\_ DATE PAID \_\_\_\_\_

BALANCE DUE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE PAID \_\_\_\_\_

ASSIGNED TASK \_\_\_\_\_

ASSIGNED SLEEPING AREA \_\_\_\_\_

OPTIONAL MORNING HIKE YES/NO

NUMBER OF SCOUTS (to be filled out on the day of the overnight) \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF ADULTS (to be filled out on the day of the overnight) \_\_\_\_\_