

Troop 55 – April Event - Day Hike in the Adirondacks
Big Slide Via the Three Brothers and The Gothics (weather permitting)
September 22-23, 2007

The Event

Are you ready for a great, challenging day hike in the Adirondacks. The weather at this time of the year in the Adirondacks can be quick changing so this is when it pays to be prepared; you just don't know what kind of conditions you will encounter in the mountains at this time of the year. So bring anything you'd need for all conditions!

Big Slide via The Brothers: (4240') Great views of Keene Valley, Great Range, Algonquin, Big Slide. Ascends three summits, culminates in the great look at Big Slide. To reach the summit of Big Slide you must climb some ladders, which is an experience all in itself! One guide book says the view from the summit of Big Slide is the single best view in the Adirondacks. Return down pretty Slide Mt., Brook and Southside Trail, the hike is approximately 9.4 miles round trip.

Gothics via ADK Range Trail: (4,736') Challenging climb over rugged terrain including two peaks- Upper Wolf Jaw, and Armstrong, before reaching Gothic's spectacular summit, followed by even more spectacular descent to the West Face. 14.7 miles round trip.

The Plan

- Leave early Saturday morning and park at the Garden parking lot.
- Begin the hike by hiking up the First and Second Brother at 1.5 mile and 1.8 mile make for a nice warm up to the more strenuous hike up Big Slide.
- Make Camp
- Eat lunch on the trail or at camp.
- The hiking route itself is straight forward over well-traveled, well maintained trails. The round trip from the Garden to the summit of Big Slide, via The Brothers, is rated as moderate to strenuous.
- Return to camp for dinner and a campfire.
- After Breakfast on Sunday we will be hiking

The Gothics (Weather permitting.)

What to Bring

- Be prepared for all kinds of weather, from extreme cold, snow, rain or cool.
- Pack hats and gloves, two pairs or extra socks as well as rain gear.
- Wear long johns or bring them with you.
- Warm hiking boots.
- Two full pairs of clothes.
- Dress in layers – you'll probably need your winter coat!
- Backpack.
- Sleeping bag
- Tent
- **Enough food for 2 days**
- Water
- \$ for in case you stop to eat on the way home.

On The Trail

1. All scouts will observe the "Leave no Trace" philosophy.
2. All Scouts must observe the buddy system.
3. All scouts must stay with in sight of an adult.
4. The unit will follow all bear precautions.
5. Leaders read and be familiar with the BSA Guide to Safe Scouting and adhere to its policies.
6. All leaders will have read and be familiar with the BSA policies on hiking and backpacking.

Information:

1. There is no cost for this outing.
2. You must let Mrs. Bailey know if you are attending 882-9375

Deadline is Wed. Sept. 20th