## Troop 104 Cycling Merit Badge campout

September 13->15, 2019 Springbrook campground, Oak Openings Metropark 13833 Monclova Rd., Swanton, OH 43558

> 41.559939, -83.870638 41°33'35.8"N 83°52'14.3"W

Campout Leaders: Tiernan & Jeremy Garber 419-826-0640 (Landline), 419-699-7889 (C)

This campout is for all Troop 104 Scouts and all parents are welcome to attend.

All Scouts do not have to participate in the Cycling Merit Badge (MB) opportunity to attend. There will be other activities for those not participating in the MB.

The MB opportunity is being offered in conjunction with Metroparks Toledo.

- Jake Willing, a Metroparks employee, will be our MB counselor.
- Metroparks Toledo is limiting participation to 10 Scouts.
  - This means the campout leaders will have to determine a method of reaching this number if more than 10
    Scouts wish to participate.
    - Preliminarily, here are our thoughts:
      - First choice: those Scouts closest to Eagle that need this MB to reach Eagle.
      - Second choice: Highest ranking Scouts who wish to complete this MB and who have not already completed the Hiking, Swimming, or Cycling MB. Remember, you only have to complete one of these 3 MBs as an Eagle requirement.
      - Third choice: Whomever notifies the campout leaders first.
      - If there is a tie at any of these levels, whomever notifies the campout leaders first will be chosen.
  - There may be an opportunity for 10 more Scouts to participate on Sunday if the Troop's leadership determines that it is possible.
  - Also note that PSR offers this MB during summer camp.
- The MB portion will run from 12:00->5:00 on Saturday.
- Metroparks Toledo is charging \$10/Scout for this MB, so those participating will have to pay \$10 more than the others for this campout.
- The Cycling MB has two options: Road Bicycling or Mountain Bicycling. This opportunity will be for Mountain Bicycling.
- Scouts cannot complete this MB in one day, either at this campout or at PSR. Cycling MB requirements 2, 3, 4, option B parts a, b, and 6 miles to apply to c will be covered at this campout. We will attempt to provide opportunities to cover the other requirements PRIOR to this campout. Unless an unmanageable number of Scouts wish to participate, we will NOT limit these other opportunities to those participating in the MB during the September campout.
- You will need to provide your own mountain bicycle for this MB.

SCOUTS: Please e-mail <u>jeremy.garber@utoledo.edu</u> (and copy your parent for Youth Protection) as soon as possible if you wish to commit to participating in this Cycling MB opportunity. Please include your current rank and if you have completed the Hiking and/or Swimming MBs. If you have completed the Cycling MB, we could use help on the trail portion keeping everyone together.

ADULTS: We will need more adults than for a normal campout. Some both to help with the MB and some to help with the other activities. Being a local campout, you wouldn't necessarily need to camp, just be available for the activities. Please e-mail <a href="mailto:jeremy.garber@utoledo.edu">jeremy.garber@utoledo.edu</a> as soon as possible if you can assist and indicate which portion you would be most comfortable with.

Thank you, Tiernan & Jeremy Garber