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Good Afternoon, Backyard Campout Event Registrants!

Thank you for registering for the Great American Backyard Campout Event at the Willows Park that will take place on Saturday, June 24th! This event won the Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society's *Excellence in Programming Award* for the inaugural event in 2014! We are looking forward to a wonderful day of outdoor activities again this year! Thank you for registering to be part of it with us!

The Radnor Township Recreation and Community Programming Department and the Radnor Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts want to provide you with some helpful event information so you can prepare for the event! Please see the outline below. The map and final schedule outline will be provided when you check in on Saturday. Should you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out by email or call us at 610-688-5600.

Event schedule - *subject to change*

*** You must be pre-registered to attend all Activities!**

Please note there have been changes to the start time and the structure of the schedule this year.

Saturday, June 24th

Camper Arrival (3:30 to 6:00 PM)

Check-in (required)

- Sign-in will be designated in the picnic grove for the event. Please look for the table, flag, and teepee!
- You must check in and receive a yellow event bracelet in order to participate in any activities.

Activities (4:00 to 10:30 PM)

The day will include exciting NEW activities as well as some of our classic favorites – certain activities will have specific start times and others will be open for participants to come and go as they please.

4:00 to 4:45 PM:

Creek Walk/Creek access near Picnic Grove with RMS Watershed to lead

4:30 to 6:00 PM:

Trail Hike/How to use a compass and Willows Park history with LL Bean to lead – longer hike geared towards older hikers

5:00 to 5:45 PM:

Creek Walk/Creek access in Skunk Hollow (Little Darby Creek) with RMS Watershed to lead

6:15 to 6:30 PM:

Welcome and Overview of Activity Options

6:30 to 7:30 PM:

Activity Choice 1:

Orienteering Talk and Course Inaugural Run - Charlie Frick/Troop 284 - geared towards older hikers

Activity Choice 2:

Creek Walk/Creek access near Willows Cottage with RMS Watershed to lead

Activity Choice 3:

Trail Hike/How to use a compass and Willows Park history with LL Bean to lead – shorter hike geared towards younger hikers

7:00 to 7:30 PM

Activity Choice 1:

Beekeeping Talk - Chaudhry Manzoor/Troop 284 - in campcraft /fire pit area

Activity Choice 2:

Skunk Hollow Scavenger Hunt

Activity Choice 3:

Campcraft/Scoutcraft area presentation – 284

7:30 to 8:00 PM

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NEW THIS YEAR – we will have yard games available in the picnic grove for those who do not wish to take part in the scheduled activities above!

8:00 PM:

S'mores Available! -*Thank you to Giant and Wegmans for the contribution!*

Troop 284 will set and control fire

8:30 PM:

Flag Ceremony

8:45 to 9:30 PM:

Ceremonial Campfire with songs and skits

Troop 284 will set and control fire

PLEASE PREREGISTER FOR YOUR SKIT!

If you would like to perform at the campfire please respond to this email with the name(s) of the participants who would like to perform and what the activity will be (song, dance, story, etc.). THANK YOU!

9:00 to 10:30 PM

Delaware Valley Astronomer's Association - Saturn/Star Party Viewing

Locations for the viewing - to be determined. Look for more information when you check in on Saturday!

10:30 PM

Lights Out/All Quiet

Sunday, June 25th

7:30 to 9:00 AM

Wake-Up

We are working closely with local businesses to provide light food items, juice and coffee as a thank you for your participation!

We would like to thank our event's lead sponsors, [Gilmore & Associates](#) and [Aqua](#)!

Where to Enter, Park and Unload:

Event attendees must enter using the Willows Park Entrance. As you enter the park through the Willows Entrance, we urge all event attendees to unload your camping supplies near the picnic area. Please safely pull over in the parking spaces near the Picnic Area and unload your camping supplies. To park, please proceed along to the exit of the Willows and loop back into the Willows Park through the entrance towards the Willows Mansion and to the large parking lot below the Mansion.

What to Bring - below is a helpful packing list:

- Tent – be sure to pitch your tent away from any tree lines or low-hanging branches
- Tents will not be provided so please make sure you bring a tent with you on your Saturday arrival.
 - Tools for constructing your tent
 - Sleeping bag (or a sheet and blankets)
 - Sleeping pad or air mattress
 - Warm clothes - especially pants
 - Flashlights and extra batteries
 - Insect repellent
 - Hand Wipes/ Hand Sanitizer
 - Food for Dinner/Drinks/Snacks
 - Bottled water/juice/soda/Non-Alcoholic beverages
 - Any other items you see fit!

Please note that portable bathrooms and a hand washing station will be on site and located near the current ones at the park.

In the event of an emergency at the event, please call 9-1-1.

Day Time Event contacts:

- Tammy Cohen, Director of Recreation at 610-564-3884
- Heather DiCanzio, Program Supervisor at 610-308-9537

Overnight & Sunday Event contact:

- Clarke Piatt Troop 284 at 215-913-7720

A very special thank you goes out to our event leadership on behalf of the Radnor Boy Scouts!

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