



What: Pack 352 trip to Mount Vernon  
When: November 10, 2007  
Where: Mount Vernon, Virginia  
Why: To learn more about the father of our country!

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, the Den 1 Tigers invite the Scouts and families of Pack 352 to descend on the grounds of George Washington's Virginia estate.

Mount Vernon is the most popular historic estate in America. [Located](#) just 16 miles south of Washington, D.C. and 8 miles south of Old Town Alexandria, Virginia, the plantation rests on the banks of the Potomac River.

We will tour the Mansion house and more than a dozen outbuildings including the slave quarters, kitchen, stables, and greenhouse. The scouts can also see four different gardens, hike the Forest Trail, and explore the *George Washington: Pioneer Farmer* site, a four-acre working farm that includes a re-creation of Washington's 16-sided treading barn. George and Martha Washington rest in peace in the tomb where wreath laying ceremonies are held daily, and the Slave Memorial and Burial Ground is nearby.

In addition to the grounds, the scouts will have the opportunity to tour [The Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center and the Ford Orientation Center](#). This center includes 25 new theaters and galleries that tell the detailed story of George Washington's life.

Mount Vernon was the beloved home of George and Martha Washington from the time of their marriage in 1759 until General Washington's death in 1799. He worked tirelessly to expand his plantation from 2,000 acres to 8,000 and the mansion house from six rooms to twenty one.

The trip to Mount Vernon will be a full day of fun for our Scouts and their families. We plan to meet at the front gates of Mount Vernon at 10:00 am. During our trip, we will hike the Mount Vernon Historic Trail while we learn about the life and times of the Father of our country. We will survey the land using the same types of tools that Washington did as a boy. Then to conclude our day, at 3:00, we as a pack will lay a wreath at the tomb of George Washington to honor him. Following the wreath laying, we will depart at 4:00.

**Meals:**

If you are planning on arriving Friday night, please plan on making your own arrangements for your dinners.

Lunch will be available at the food court located on the grounds at the Visitor Center. There are many options to choose from, but no food is allowed to be brought onto the grounds of Mount Vernon.

Everyone wanting to get together in the evening is invited to join in for dinner at the Silver Diner, located in Springfield. A group menu will be provided once we get the number of people attending.

The Hampton Inn provides a complementary breakfast to its guests.

**Lodging:**

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved at the Hampton Inn in Springfield, Va. The group room rate will be \$89.00. Call the hotel directly to make your reservations at 1-703-924-9444. Please reference Pack 352 when making your reservation. Their web address is <http://www.hamptoninn.com/en/hp/hotels/index.ihtml?ctyhocn=WASSPHX>

**Things to do:**

While you are in town, activities in the area are too numerous to mention, the DC metro is located very close to the hotel, which can take you directly into DC.

Sunday is Veterans Day, there will be wreath presentations at Arlington National Cemetery, the National World War II Memorial, as well as many of the other memorials in Washington.

Also the Smithsonian Museums will be open for visitation, as well as many of the other historic attractions.

More details will be provided as we get closer to our departure date, please feel free to contact John Bardin at [jjbardin@gmail.com](mailto:jjbardin@gmail.com) or 919-264-6440 for additional information.



## Pack 352 Mount Vernon Registration Form

Scout Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Den Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Scout: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Youth : \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$6.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Adult: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash or Check payable to Pack 352. Please have your payment to John Bardin by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Class A uniform is required for Cub Scouts, please wear your Class B t-shirt underneath. Cub Scouts in uniform will receive a Commemorative Wreath Laying Pin and a Historic Trails patch. Additional patches may be purchased at the Mount Vernon gift shop.

We are also asking all families to donate \$1.00 as a contribution towards the materials and supplies to create the commemorative wreath that our scouts will lay down on this special occasion.

