

Troop 1392, BSA
Historic Trails Award Plan

1. On the weekend 22-23 November, 1975, conduct Historic Trails campout in vicinity of old Neapsco Furnace, located along Neabsco Creek approximately 700 meters north of juncture Cardinal Drive and I-95 overpass on the property of Mr. Hylton.
2. Objectives:
 - a. Cut a footpath down the oldstage road leading to site of furnace.
 - b. Sketch the trail and possibly the old Furnace site and locate it on a topographical map.
 - c. Mark the trail and site with wooden signs/stakes to indicate use and the efforts of the Troop.
 - d. Form a study group of Scouts to obtain information from the local library and from members of the local historical society.
 - e. Conduct committee reports to the troop, each member reporting on an aspect of the history of the road and furnace.
 - 1). Provide sketch and technical operation description of the Furnace in its Revolutionary times.
 - 2). Provide information on the size and importance of the stageroad in the same period.
 - 3). Provide information about commerce in general in this area, 1730s to Revolution.
 - f. Provide an opportunity for senior Scouts in Troop Leadership to connect with adults of a historical society and gain experience in reporting before a group on matters of their own research.
 - g. Provide an exercise in history for the entire troop to encourage their interest in history and in the beginnings of their community.
 - h. Provide the monthly camping opportunity.
 - i. Obtain Potomac News and/or ~~MJM~~ publicity in conjunction with Historic Occoquan Society or Prince William County Bicentennial Committee, and through regular Troop news item in Potomac News in order to meet Award requirement.
3. Obtain permission for the exercise from:
 - a. Mr. Hylton's organization
 - b. National Capital Area Council
4. Ensure sufficient adult supervision for safety of boys and property.
