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SCOUT MERIT BADGE WORKSHOP OFFERED AT ROCKWOOD MANOR PARK

SILVER SPRING, MD – Park naturalists from The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission invite Boy Scouts to participate in a two-day overnight program to complete many of the requirements for Boy Scout merit badges, Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1 at Rockwood Manor Park in Potomac.

Participants will stay in Rockwood Manor's dormitory-style, heated cabins, and enjoy a Friday evening campfire program. Dinner and breakfast are also included in the overnight package. To register for badge programs online at www.ParkPASS.org, Scouts must register for the overnight package, ParkPASS class #15698 at \$25, and the badge program or programs of their choice, at \$40 each. Parents and supervisors may register for the overnight package for \$25.

Merit badge programs include:

- **Forestry Badge**, Friday, March 31, 12 noon to 5 p.m., \$40 fee, ParkPASS class #15799
- **Indian Lore Badge**, Friday, March 31, 12 noon to 5 p.m., \$40 fee, ParkPASS class #15748
- **Mammal Study Badge**, Friday, March 31, 12 noon to 5 p.m., \$40 fee, ParkPASS class #15798
- **Bird Study Badge**, Saturday, April 1, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., \$40 fee, ParkPASS class #15849
- **Fishing Badge**, Saturday, April 1, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., \$40 fee, ParkPASS class #15800
- **Geology Badge**, Saturday, April 1, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., \$40 fee, ParkPASS class #15848

To review facility information and take a virtual tour of M-NCPPC's Rockwood Manor online, those interested can go to www.wehavethewhere.com and click on Rockwood Manor.

For Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops and all other groups interested in planning an event at Rockwood Manor, reservations and information are available at www.wehavethewhere.com or by calling 301-299-5026.

Montgomery County Parks offer 395 parks on 32,725 acres of parkland. Facilities include three conference centers, including Rockwood Manor, 31 recreation buildings, four nature centers, three lakes for fishing and/or boating, nearly 200 miles of hiking trails, five equestrian centers, three campgrounds, three ice rinks, 305 tennis courts, 285 athletic fields, 208 basketball courts and more. Details are available online at www.montgomeryparks.org and www.montgomerytrails.org.

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