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INFORMATION**

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Subject: Re: Touring DC

Paul,

**>I am getting ready for vacation. My family and I will be visiting
>family and friends in Virginia with a side trip into Washington during
>which we plan to visit the National Zoo and parts of the Smithsonian. I
>was wondering if you could offer any advice regarding the following:**

Happy to try and help!!

> o low-cost motels with convenient locations

This is indeed a rare bird around here. Anything close to what you want to see will probably be fairly expensive year-round. The best bet is to look for a chain hotel with a shuttle to the metro in Alexandria, VA; Springfield, VA, Arlington, VA, or Bethesda, MD. Prices tend to be lower down here in Virginia. Try the Comfort Inn or Holiday Inn at Springfield, Virginia. Both are modestly priced. From there its about 15 minutes drive to one of two metro stations. The best bet is to get on I-95 and immediately exit Eastbound on the I-95/495 Beltway. At the Van Dorn Street Exit you can go to the Van Dorn Street Metro Station (not much parking after 7 a.m.) or better go on to Telegraph Road Exit and head South about one block turning left on Kings Highway to the Huntington Metro Station. (An alternative would be to stay near Vienna, VA and use that Metro Station).

The key here is to get up and going early to get parking at the Metro before commuters descend on the spaces - the earlier the better. Get on the Metro (they start running at 6 a.m.) and then stop on the Metro line to get breakfast on your way into DC.

You can stop at the following Blue Line Locations for food on the way in and out:

*** King Street - A bit of a hike for the adventurous will take you a few blocks East and then South to a few nearby "high class" hotels with good breakfasts.**

* **Crystal City** - The Metro exit is in the middle of a huge underground shopping center. As you exit the metro at the end of the first escalator turn right and go about fifty feet to find a pastry and coffee shop. A little farther and to the right down a corridor you will find a food court with all sorts of eating possibilities.

* **Pentagon City** - At the top of the East exit are about four or five eating places Fresh Foods, Chevy's (Mexican), California Pizza, Border's Book Store with good pastry/coffee bar. The West Exit takes you into a gigantic mall with a food court in the basement and other restaurants on ground level.

The Fashion Center Mall (Pentagon City) also has all day parking for about \$8. You can go down to the basement level and then to Metro to get around.

* **Roslynn** - At the top of the escalator is a shopping center - inside is one of the area's best pastry shops and across the street are the typical McDonalds and Roy Rogers.

> o safety and/or wisdom of using the subway system

For the most part the Washington Metro is probably one of the safest subway systems in the world despite the fact that it goes under some of the nastiest crime areas in the country on its Green Line (only one I wouldn't use)

You can use the Blue Line to reach the Pentagon (great tours), Arlington Cemetary, the Smithsonian, and the Capital (don't go farther East on this one as the territory above ground is iffy). The Blue Line connects at Metro Center to the Red Line which will take you to the National Zoo and Bethesda (Nat. Institute of Heath 3 blocks from our Scout Shop) and in the other direction to the National Portrait Gallery.

> o public parking

Ha haaaaaa, ho , ho. :-))) Don't count on it. There is public parking, but it can vary from \$8 a day to \$30 a day, if you are lucky enough to find spots open. There is usually some parking by the museums and memorials, if you go early - but watch the meters - DC police watch them like hawks. Parking is good in Virginia for most places.

> o other must-see places

If you have a browser, take a look at <http://www.HiWAAY.net/hper/Scouts> go to the index and hyper jump to training--cub scout activity guide. The guide is online with a list of 75 or so places to visit with telephone numbers. If you don't have a Web browser, let me know and I'll cut and paste the same info into an e-mail to you.

My must see list could go on for a two week stay, but here a few of the ones that I would highly recommend:

Smithsonian - Museum of American History
Smithsonian - Museum of Natural History
Smithsonian - National Air and Space Museum
Capitol Building Tour !!!
Treasury - Mint Tour
National Zoo
National Aquarium at the Commerce Department
U.S. Marine Corps Museum at the Washington Navy Yard
U.S. Navy Museum at the Washington Navy Yard (Drive to this one, there is parking inside the yard, but it is limited) - Take a tour of the destroyer USS Barry
U.S. Navy Memorial (across from the Archives) - SEE THE MOVIE!!
Pentagon Tour - Largest Office Building in the World - lots of walking and exhibits
National Cathedral (drive to this one, parking is good) This is well worth seeing including the BSA stained glass window

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George,

Sorry not have responded earlier, but my Internet provider's server has

not been working right. They moved, changed addresses and forgot to register the new one. :-(
Anyway, let me give an advance welcome from Northern Virginia. You will be arriving at the time of the year that Washington starts to get warm and muggy.

If you are staying near the Convention Center, you will be comfortably close to many attractions and fun things. However, before I get started on things to do, let me give you some advice in the other direction.

The areas to the South and West of the Convention Center are safer, as are the areas around the Federal buildings and monuments. The area about

three blocks North of the Convention Center has a number of prostitutes on the prowl, drug dealers, etc. My advice would be for you to stay in the areas around the Federal buildings and monuments, unless you have somewhere in particular you have to get to. There are some tough areas to be avoided to be sure.

For a more complete listing of some of the attractions with telephone numbers you might want to visit the U.S. Scout Service Web site at <http://www.hiwaay.net/usscouts/museums.html>. At the end of the page you'll find a list of about 100 places and their telephone numbers.

On my must see list and highly recommended for pre-teens are:

Smithsonian Air and Space Museum - allow a good stretch of time
National Museum of American History - some way cool stuff and a 1940's style soda fountain on the second floor that serves great sodas, sundaes, etc.

Navy Memorial (next to Archives) - great surround-sound movie of life on an Aircraft Carrier that shakes the building - kid's like it.

Archives - See the Declaration of Independence

Capitol Building Tour - still bullet scars in the staircases from the War of 1812

White House Tour - get a ticket via your Congressman

FBI Tour - call for tickets in advance

Boy Scout Monument on the Elipse on 15th Street (10 minutes)

Navy Museum and Tour of USS Barry (Destroyer) at Washington Navy Yard and

if time allows the Marine Corps Museum is there too.

Iwo Jima Memorial and Marine Silent Drill Team. Don't have their schedule

for this year, but in May they usually put on performances there on Tuesday and at the Marine Corps Barracks on Friday - this is worth the

trouble and impressive.

Arlington National Cemetery Tour

Pentagon Tour - Yep, lots of things to see inside.

National Cathedral - Out of the way, but awesome inside with some of the best stained-glass you ever saw, including astronauts and yep, Boy Scouts.

Bureau of Engraving - watch 'em roll out new money - see the new paper that will replace what we are using today.

Depending on your background the Vietnam Memorial may be something to see

at a point when you are ready for an emotional and contemplate time. Nearly everyone who visits feels a bit haunted by the place and most get a little emotional at touching the wall. Even your boys will sense the need to be quiet and calm down without being told here.

I like visiting the Lincoln and Jefferson monuments, but they don't hold much attraction or attention long for younger folks usually - leave that up to you.

If you are interested (or your spouse) in shopping in a safe area. There is a wonderful mall connected to the Metro at Pentagon City (Virginia) called the Fashion Center Mall with a food court in the basement. It is four stories tall with all the usual stuff and more.

If you want to just rest and see some of Northern Virginia's urban sprawl on the cheap, take the Metro's blue line. It goes above ground at Arlington Cemetery, goes underground to the Pentagon and resurfaces near

National Airport and stays above ground after that. It will take you past the beltway and on to Van Dorn Street Station. There really isn't anything there, but its kind of like taking kids on an old passenger train on this route. Elsewhere its mostly underground.

While you are in town consider a trip via Metro from the Convention Center to the National Institute of Health. About a 1/3 mile North is the National Capital Area Scout shop at 9190 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda. They have over 200 CSPs from around the country for sale.

If time permits a side tour of Mount Vernon, would be a great idea.

If you are flush with coinage, a dinner cruise on the Potomac may be possible, but could run very expensive.

What kind of foods are you interested in? For fresh seafood there are a

number of places on Maine Avenue next to Fort McNair off the Tidal Basin. They are a little pricey, but fairly good. Really this area is not all that good for fresh seafood in my opinion (lived in Washington State on Puget Sound and got spoiled with goodies from Pike Place Market, etc.). For eating, I'd recommend that you try a few nights in Old Town Alexandria where the food is pretty good and varied in relative safety.

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Steve,

Sorry to be so slow in getting back to you. Been a busy week.

On Wed, 1 May 1996 scouter@VNET.IBM.COM wrote:

> Mike,
> I saw your offer on trip information and could use your help. We are
> planning a July 97 trip to Gettysburg and Washington and could use all
> the information you can provide.

I have some information on camping near Gettysburg and a cheap place to stay in Washington, D.C You'll find that below. For information on sights and attractions in DC, I'm going to add on a list of telephone numbers. After that you will see an account of a Troop's visit that worked out well.

> Please send me any information you can on the best cheapest places to stay,
> eat, and visit.

As to inexpensive places to stay, you will want to contact the public affairs office at Andrews Air Force Base, Fort Belvoir, Fort Meyers, and the Naval Air Station, Anacostia. All have some capacity to provide lodging for touring Scouts with inexpensive meals on base. Outside of the military bases, the only cheap food places are going to be the fast food type places that are as thick here as anywhere. Almost everything in town is free to visit.

- > What can you tell me about the FBI and why they require
- > reservations 9 to 12 months in advance?

The FBI tour is in extremely high demand. They book tours up to a year advance and their calendar is always full. During the time you plan to visit, literally thousands of other Scouts will be trying to visit and they keep groups small to avoid interference with work. If you don't get a reservation you won't be able to go because they won't be able to handle your group. They are straining as it is. I've got friends there and can't even sneak a group in from the local area.

- > Do you know about staying in a Smithsonian Museum overnight?

Last I heard this was no longer allowed.

- > What about the tour under the Lincoln Memorial?

Many folks have found this to be interesting, but over-rated. This is a tour that is by special arrangement with the Park Service for groups. I'm not sure that it is worth the logistics hassle to bother with when there are so many other sites to see and so little time.

Gettysburg National Military Park

If your unit is planning a tour of Gettysburg check out:

Gettysburg National Military Park Homepage
<http://www.nps.gov/info.html>

Welcome to Gettysburg
<http://gettysburg.welcome.com/>

Outside Online - Gettysburg
<http://web2.starwave.com/outside/online/npf/pa/GETTY.html>

Gettysburg Address

<http://lcweb.loc.gov/exhibits/G.Address/ga.html>

There are also a lot of other WWW pages that have civil war photos and information including the Library of Congress's collection at:

<http://rs6.loc.gov/cwphome.html>

and the Civil War Home Page at:

<http://www.access.digex.net/~bdboyle/cw.html>

For other attraction in the "Dutch Country" try:

<http://padutch.welcome.com/>

You may want to consider camping at the former Youth Conservation Corps campsite in McPherson's Woods on the battlefield which is close to the Gettysburg Historical Trail (Patches and Medal). Be sure to visit the Diorama Center and the Park Visitors Center.

Local Campgrounds Include:

Artillery Ridge Campground at 610 Taneytown Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325 -- 717-334-1288

Drummer Boy Campground at 1300 Hanover Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325 -- 717-334-3277

Gettysburg Campground at 2030 Fairfield Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325 -- 717-334-3304

Granite Hill Campground at 3340 Fairfield Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325 -- 717-642-8749

KOA Kampground at 20 Knox Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325 -- 717-642-5713

Round Top Campground at 80 Knight Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325 -- 717-334-9565

Local Military Installations where you may be able to stay include:

Fort Indiantown Gap or

The Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, PA. This is about 20 miles from Gettysburg. The Army War College is a small installation with a small HQ company. However they have put Troops up in the gym. Meals were available on base, as was the movie theatre and the outdoor pool (\$1/person), depending on the weather and time of year. There are also a number of fast food restaurants nearby should you not be able to get back

to the base in time for dinner.

For more information, call or write the Gettysburg Convention & Visitors Bureau at 35 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, PA 17325 Telephone (717) 334-6274

* **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**Anacostia Naval Reserve Center
Anacostia Naval Air Station.**

Offers inexpensive food and free lodging. Site is near the Anacostia Metro-rail Subway Station giving easy access to the Washington DC Mall.

We are advised that although the location and accommodations are not necessarily the best they are free, inside and dry. There are two fine food sources for breakfast and dinner on the base at very low prices. In addition the Navy mess facility will pack a box lunch for the mall at \$ 1.90 each. You can pick them up early in the morning, too. Here are the phone contacts:

**Department of Navy
Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center
2701 South Capitol Street
Naval Station Anacostia Bldg. 351
Washington, DC. 20374-3511**

**Attn: Master Chief Phil Kenline
(ask for facility manager if Chief Kenline has moved on by the time you call)
202-433-3068
202-433-2791 - fax**

**Food Services:
Navy - 202-433-2076
Air Force - 202-767-4427**

* **MARYLAND**

**United States Naval Academy
Annapolis, Maryland 21402-5034**

Overnight accommodations and meals available in the summer.

Andrews Air Force Base 301-981-4511
Antietam Battlefield Historical Trail 301-739-1212
Arboretum (National Arboretum) 202-475-4815
Armed Forces Medical Museum, Walter Reed Medical Center 202-576-2348
Art Museum of the Americas 202-857-6583
Arthur M. Sackler Gallery 202-357-2020
Arts & Industries Building Museum 202-357-2020
Aquarium (Department of Commerce Building) 202-377-2825
Arlington House (Robert E. Lee house) 703-557-3154
Arlington Cemetery 703-557-0613
Bureau of Engraving and Printing 202-447-9709
Capital Building Tours 202-225-6827
Capital Children's Museum 202-543-8600
Chesapeake & Ohio Canal 202-299-3622
Clara Barton house 202-492-6245
Corcoran Gallery of Art 202-638-3211
Daughters of the American Revolution Museum 202-628-1776
Decatur House 202-673-4030
Doll's House and Toy Museum 202-244-0024
Dulles Airport Tours 703-471-7838
Dumbarton Oaks (Starting Place of the United Nations) 202-338-8278
Federal Aviation Administration Control Center, Leesburg 703-783-0745
Federal Buildings - Visitors Information 202-728-4422
Federal Bureau of Investigation (Reservations 9 to 12 months in advance)
202-324-3447
Folger Shakespeare Library 202-544-7077
Ford's Theater 202-426-6924
Freer Gallery of Art 202-357-2020
George Washington Masonic National Memorial 703-683-2007
Goddard Space Flight Center 301-286-8103
Gunston Hall 703-550-9220
Hirshorn Museum 202-357-2700
Holocaust Museum 202-653-9219
International Visitors Information Service 202-783-6540
Jefferson Memorial 202-619-7222
Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts - Tours 202-254-3850
Lee's Boyhood Home, Alexandria 703-548-8454
Library of Congress 202-707-5458
Lincoln Memorial 202-619-7222
Main Post Office 202-523-2001
Marine Corps Evening Parades - Iwo Jima Memorial 202-422-4173
Marine Corps Museum, Washington Navy Yard (Weekdays) 202-433-3840
Marine Corps Museum, Washington Navy Yard (Weekends) 202-433-3534
Military Band Concerts 202-433-4011

Morven Park Plantation 703-777-2414
Mount Vernon 703-780-2000
Museum of African Art 202-547-7424
Museum of American History 202-357-2700
National Airport 703-557-2045
National Archives 202-501-5000
National Aquarium 703-557-2043
National Arboretum 202-377-2825
National Building Museum 202-272-2448
National Cathedral 202-537-6200
National Gallery of Art 202-737-4215
National Geographic Society - Explorer's Hall 202-857-7000
National Museum of American Art 202-357-1300
National Museum of Women in the Arts 202-783-5000
National Park Service 202-619-7222
National Portrait Gallery 202-357-1300
National Public Radio 202-822-2300
National Rifle Association - Firearms Museum 202-784-6505
National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception 202-526-8300
National Visitors Center 202-523-5033
National Zoological Park 202-673-4800
Naval Observatory Tours 202-653-1543
Navy Memorial (7th and Pennsylvania Avenue) 202-737-2300
Navy Memorial (Concerts) 202-433-2525
Navy Memorial Museum, Washington Navy Yard, Visitor Center 202-433-2218
Navy Memorial Museum, Washington Navy Yard 202-433-2651
Outlands Plantation 703-777-3174
Octagon 202-638-3221
Old Stone House 202-426-6851
Organization of American States (OAS) 202-331-1010
Pentagon Tours 703-695-1776
Peterson House 703-426-6830
Pierce Mill 703-426-6830
Smithsonian Museums 202-381-6264
Smithsonian Museums - Air and Space 202-357-2700
Smithsonian Museums - Natural History 202-357-2700
State Department 202-647-3241
Sully Plantation 703-437-1794
Supreme Court of the United States 202-252-3211
Textile Museum 202-667-0441
The American Sailor Evening Concerts 202-433-2218
Theodore Roosevelt Island 703-285-2601
Thomas Jefferson Memorial 202-426-6700
Twilight Tattoo Series - U.S. Army Band 202-696-3647
U.S. Capitol Building 202-225-6827

Vietnam Veterans' Memorial 202-619-7222
Visitors Information Center 202-789-7038
Voice of America Museum 202-755-4744
Washington Grist Mill 703-780-3383
Washington Monument 202-619-7222
Washington National Cathedral 202-537-6200
WETA TV Channel 26 Studios 202-998-2696
White House Tour Information 202-456-7041
Woodlawn Plantation 703-780-4000
Woodrow Wilson House 703-387-4062

Frequently, Troops who would like to tour in the National Capital Area are in need of an inexpensive place to stay. This information should be of help to touring Troops:

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7:00 a.m. Cafeteria-style. Average cost: \$1.50. Directions: Proceed south from Drill Hall Building 351 along the base fence and the Navy/Marine Corps helicopter pad (home of Marine ONE - the President's helicopter) through two stop lights. Turn left at the base gasoline station onto a short street. Turn right in one block and proceed straight on to the Dining Hall, which will be on the left after a nine-story high-rise building. Upon arrival, report to the Dining Hall Supervision. Meal clearance was arranged on February 6 by ASM Kain with Bolling's Food Manager, Mr. O'Leary, 202-767-4427.

7:30 a.m. - Depart Bolling for White House. Target arrival time at the White House is 8:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. Park where ever you can, and arrive at the White House Visitor Pavilion, 15th Street and E Street. Plan on a walk, as there is no nearby parking. Object is to arrive as early as possible, as tickets are first-come, first served. Look for the three flags, and the blue canopy. Ticket booth opens at 8:30 a.m., but our walk-through tour will not start until 10:00 a.m. Use the intervening time for a group photo, and to tour the White House Visitor Center at the Pavilion. Two videos and numerous exhibits are available to understand the tour, since we will not have any guide. Once inside the White House, our walk-through will take 20-35 minutes. Restrooms are only available in the Visitor Center. PROHIBITED IN THE WHITE HOUSE: oversized back-packs, food, chewing gum, and knives with blades over 3=94. Although no photography is permitted in the White House, cameras may be carried inside, and used outside.

10:30 a.m. (approximately) Upon leaving the White House, walk to the Ellipse. On the East side of the Ellipse is a statute/memorial to the Boy Scouts of America.

Upon leaving the BSA Memorial Statue, proceed to the National Museum of American History, SE corner of 14th and Constitution. Proceed in and up to the 1920's soda fountain for rest break and a snack. There are neat things to see on the way into and out of the Museum of American History.

Proceed on to the National Archives at NW corner of 7th and Constitution. At the National Archives, see the actual Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. Possibly also on display will be the German and/or Japanese surrender documents from World War II. A Wendy's and a MacDonal'd's are available at 9th and E Streets.

The U.S. Navy Memorial and Naval Heritage Center is located on just north of the National Archives on Pennsylvania Avenue between 7th and 9th. The

base of the memorial is a circular granite map of the world, the largest of its kind. The Heritage Center, behind the memorial=92s NE quadrant, houses the Arleigh Burke Theater. "At Sea" is an excellent surround-sound movie about life on an aircraft carrier. The sound shakes the building and the movie quality makes you feel as if you were right there. Reputed to be a "must see" by Washington Scouters. Movie is shown every hour on the hour. Memorial and Center are free. Movie is \$3.00 for children, \$3.75 for adults.

At this point, options are available to use what remains of the afternoon.

Option 1 - U.S. Capitol Building. Guided tours begin in the Rotunda at regular intervals until 3:45 p.m.

Option 2 - National Air and Space Museum, 7th and Independence. Museum includes the Wright brothers' 1903 Flyer, Lindbergh's Spirit of Saint Louis, Chuck Yeager's Bell X-1, John Glenn's spacecraft Friendship 7, Apollo 11 Command Module, and a Viking Mars Lander. Museum is open until 5:30 p.m.

3:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Supper available at Bolling Air Force Base Dining Hall, cafeteria-style. Average cost: \$2.50.

7:00 p.m. - Reassemble at Drill Hall Building 351.

7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. - Advancement, fellowship, and possible basketball or other sports competition with other visiting Scout units.

10:00 p.m. - Taps

Sunday, February 18, 1996

7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. - Proceed from Building 351 by automobile approximately 1 mile to Bolling Air Force Base Dining Hall for breakfast. Cafeteria-style. Average cost: \$1.50. Directions: see above.

10:00 a.m.-11:00 - Tour the Navy Museum, Building 76, Washington Navy Yard, 9th and M Streets, S.E.. Highlights include a gun deck section, a fully rigged foremast fighting top from the frigate USS Constitution, and a submarine room with operating periscope.

11:00-12:00 noon - Tour USS Barry, a Navy destroyer commissioned from 1956 - 1982. Pier 2, Washington Navy Yard.

12:00 noon - Lunch. There is a McDonald=92s available inside the Navy Yard. Estimated cost: \$3.00?

of the five cars got lost en route. Possibly doing it in a driving snow contributed to this. We're normally pretty good navigators.

4. On Sunday morning, we inserted the Lincoln and Viet Nam memorials between breakfast and the Navy Museum, since they are open around the clock.

5. The Scouts really liked the Navy movie at the Navy Memorial. Yes, it is a MUST SEE! (We got an unexpected bonus - a free screening of the history of the USS Mason, the first ship manned by a predominately black crew). (As X-navy, I'm really ashamed of the way we treated our black brethren, but I suppose we were no worse than the other services. I remember the '50's and the '60's, but I was in a mixed Scout troop from day one, and prejudice was just so foreign to me and my buddies, I just can't fathom it in others.)

6. The only real disappointment was the USS Barry. That was going to be a highlight of Sunday, but when we arrived at the pier, some woman stuck her head out of the port hatch to the bridge and announced simply, "We're closed." I asked why. She said they were concerned about ice on the decks and ladders. I asked if we could at least walk up along side the ship. She said, "Sorry, no!" I then went into the Navy Museum Gift Shop and placed a call to the PO in charge of the Barry. I think it was the same woman. I pleaded to bring the Scouts on board, said we would all sign releases, etc. NO! I then asked if we could come on board and just stay below decks. Just see the inside spaces. There was also a group of 60 NJROTC midshipmen who had come all the way from Florida to see the Barry. The lady said, "Well, Okay" with great reluctance. By the time we got back other to the gangway, she had changed her mind again. It was really embarrassing having cheered the fellows up from their initial disappointment to dash their hopes yet again. As a lawyer, I'm aware of liability issues. But to tell the truth,

I don't think ice was the real problem. There may have been some ice, but I think the crew just used it as an excuse. When the lady came out the second time to tell us to get lost, she wasn't even in uniform. If I were in charge, I would at least have said something like, "I'm sorry you can't come on board, but come along side on the pier, and I'll show you everything I can from pierside." She just had no concept or interest in making a good impression. This was the only off-key note the entire trip. Everything else was A++. I don't think the Scouts even minded the Barry problem, because I took them down the pier and gave them a full explanation of anything and everything that was visible, and they felt satisfied, since they didn't know (as I did) how much they were missing by not getting on board.

7. Thanks again for smoothing the way by phone in advance of our arrival. I was going nuts getting ready to embark on the drive (against

the advice of the Maryland State Police, by the way) and anticipating what appeared to be the real possibility of persevering to DC only to find "no room at the inn." You saved my bacon, brother, and I'm sincerely grateful. The Scouts are really grateful, and a small token of appreciation is on its way by snail mail.

BRAVO ZULU, Professor Beaver!

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| >>>-----> | Tuckahoe Lodge 386 - Ordeal '62 - Brotherhood '65 |  
>>>-----> |  
"I used to be a Bear, but I'll always be an Eagle, and a Silver Beaver too."  
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Well this is probably enough to get you started. Let me know what you think and what specifics would be helpful.

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Peter Murphy,

Just want to echo Steve Robinson's thoughtful and excellent response on how to handle your challenging Scout.

From what you wrote it is difficult to know just what is going on in this lad's mind. He may not himself be able to articulate why he acts the way he does. Perhaps he really doesn't want to be in Scouts and is there only because he was forced and hopes that he'll be asked to leave. Maybe he is frustrated that he hasn't been able to get into activities that really interest him - only getting into things where he hasn't excelled and where he has been branded by various labels. He may also be engaging in this behavior as a way of protecting himself from getting hurt; e.g., he has failed before (or thinks he has because of other people's statements) and has adapted by using these behavior to keep a distance from people so they can't hurt him. All of this theorizing doesn't matter much though, because the key thing is to find out what he does like and it may take some time and patience to earn trust and confidence.

At the same time it really is important to have a chat with the parents to get a feel for how things are at home. It wouldn't surprise me to find that his behavior with your Troop is completely different than what his behavior is when he is at home. The parents may be able to provide some insights or give you some clues, even if it is by demonstrating that they hold a tight reign (which could be part of the problem).

Once you find some anchor points, consider whether there are any activities that would attract his interest and where he could with a bit of effort have a success experience. If you can find something that gets him excited where he can succeed, he may start to show some different behaviors (slowly and gradually).

While we certainly can't engage ourselves in amateur psychological therapy, we can learn enough to try to build a caring, enriching environment that may provide opportunities for this Scout to become more involved. If you succeed in finding a way to give this opportunity then you may well get as much as is possible out of the 5% or small spark that is there.

And while it is especially important to help this Scout, you will have to be careful not to do so at the expense of the others Scouts in the Troop. If the other boys perceive a special treatment being given to this Scout they may undo a lot of your work by how they treat him (negatively). It might be worthwhile to have a chat with your SPL and ASPL about what they think could be done to motivate or induce this Scout

to be more involved and have them be part of the process in a limited way.

If after you have given your best to do what you can to help it doesn't seem like anything has changed, don't fret too much. Sometimes the results are not always apparent in the near term. It may not be until later in life that he appreciates the caring environment he had with your Troop and then some of the things he learned will kick in.

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