

This is an invitation to the VHS annual statewide meeting, exhibit, trading session, and introduction of the VHS officers.

Camp Monocan, BSA, is the camp of the Piedmont Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. It is located to the east of the Blue Ridge, one mile north of Nellysford, Virginia, in Nelson County.

Permission to use Camp Monocan was extended to VHS by the Scout Executives and Camping Committee of the Piedmont Area Council, BSA.

We welcome interested senior scouts and scouters (adult leaders) to join us during the VHS meeting. We hope counselors in Reptile Study, Zoology and Nature Merit Badge will attend and see the exhibits.

*Dear Michael:  
A letter soon after  
in answer to yours of  
9/13/64  
today*

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ANNUAL  
VHS STATEWIDE MEETING  
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WHEN: Saturday, October 3, and Sunday, October 4, to noon.

WHERE: Camp Monocan, BSA, in the Charlottesville-Waynesboro area.

VHS will use only those camp areas designated by the Camp Ranger and Mr. Costello M. Craig of Bedford --the VHS regional chairman.

FAMILY GROUPS: VHS families are encouraged to camp in the area if space is available. Check with the Camp Ranger or Mr. Craig.

BACHELOR QUARTERS: The Adirondack area of Monocan is available for male campers, individuals or small groups. The large building will house about 40 and has a stove. The smaller Adirondack lean-tos house four each; five of these. Total capacity of area about 60. Cots and mattresses are on site. No blankets are available. Bring bedroll or blankets and flashlight. No electricity at site.

CAMPING: The area affords opportunities for setting up tents or tent-trailers.

NON-CAMPERS: The Charlottesville-Waynesboro area provides MOTEL or tourist accommodations to suit all needs. VHS cannot handle the reservations end of this. Each individual or family must arrange to suit themselves.

SEATS: Bring cushion or folding chairs. Saturday afternoon session will be discussion period.

FOOD: Bring all food supplies you will need during your stay, or plan to use restaurants away from camp. No meals served by messhall staff during this season. Bring box lunches and box supper.

ARRIVAL: Do not arrive before noon Friday, October 2.

DEPARTURE: All VHS must clear camp before or by noon Sunday.

EXHIBITS: ALL VHS EXHIBITS ARE TO BE SET UP SATURDAY MORNING IN AREA INDICATED BY Mr. Costello Craig.

LET US LEAVE THE AREA IN AS GOOD, OR BETTER SHAPE IF POSSIBLE, THAN WE FOUND IT. PLEASE REPLACE ALL OBJECTS THAT ARE MOVED DURING STAY.

STATEWIDE MEETING PROGRAM:

Families and friends of VHS members are welcome at the VHS annual meeting. Scouters, Merit Badge Counselors and senior scouts (Explorers or scouts who hold, or are candidates for, reptile study M.B.) are welcome to attend meeting and exhibits. If you can't attend both days you may wish to plan your visit by the general outline provided below.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3,

A.M. 9:00 EST Move into camp; set up tent or trailer in space designated by Camp Ranger or Mr. Costello Craig.

Set up exhibits. Make certain all cages are sound, escape-proof and tamper-proof. Lock or seal cages with tape. LABEL ALL EXHIBITS.

Do not exhibit small fragile items such as articulated skeletons, skulls, etc. These are subject to damage. If you wish to put such items on exhibit provide locked case.

NOON

Luncheon break (Box lunches are in order).

P.M. 1:30 EST

DISCUSSIONS:

- (1) Ten to fifteen minute papers on subject of your choice (within herpetology).
- (2) Thumbnail sketch of project you are working on (within herpetology).
- (3) Comments upon VHS program, bulletins, activities, etc.
- (4) Introduction of VHS Officers (present) for 1965-1966 biennium.
- (5) Questions; discussion.

P.M. 5:30 EST

Supper break.

7:30 EST

Slides, films, etc. in camp messhall. (There is electricity available there. A 2" X 2" slide projector and a 16 mm color and sound movie projector will be available. A screen will be up. If you need special equipment you are invited to bring it along.)

P.M. 10:00 EST VHS Officer's and Advisers meeting. Taps.

STATEWIDE MEETING PROGRAM cont'd

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, (morning only)

Early morning hunt in areas designated by Camp Ranger or Mr. Costello Craig.

No hunting on the Shenandoah National Park or other similarly restricted areas.

Distribution map discussions carried over from evening before.

ANY WOODPILES OR ROCKPILES THAT HAVE BEEN DISRUPTED WILL HAVE TO BE RESTACKED BEFORE DEPARTURE AT NOONTIME FROM CAMP MONOCAN, BSA.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 at PINE CAMP, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

2:00 P.M. EST Robert J. Gagnon, Chairman, SEVHS

Regular October meeting of the Southeastern VHS. Pine Camp is a City of Richmond recreation area. Those going home from Statewide Meeting through Richmond may wish to drop in to see this local meeting in progress. All VHS members invited.

VIRGINIAN REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN SPECIMENS PARTICULARLY ARE DESIRED FOR EXHIBIT AT ANNUAL STATEWIDE MEETING AT CAMP MONOCAN, OCT. 3-4. Cages, vivariums, aquariums, terrariums, must be supplied by the exhibitors.

LAWS FOR LOG-ROLLERS

- I. Study and know the local snakes first; then LOOK before you TOUCH.
- II. DO NOT HANDLE POISONOUS SNAKES without tools or training.
- III. Do not take risks with poisonous snakes; follow safe practices.
- IV. Hunt using the buddy system -- it may save your life, or his.
- V. Do not enter upon a property without the owner's permission.
- VI. Students (under 21) obtain your parents' permission and carry a written or signed waiver of responsibility for injury which can be presented to property owner where you have o.k. to collect.
- VII. Adults: check insurance policy and hospitalization status.
- VIII. Close all gates; replace logs, rocks, slabs, affecting habitat.
- IX. DO NOT COLLECT MORE SPECIMENS THAN YOU NEED FOR STUDY or RECORD.
- X. Do not litter an area with glass jars, food wrappers, etc.

ORGANIZE LOCAL COMMUNITY, COUNTY, REGIONAL, MEETINGS OF VHS MEMBERS

VHS Officers will help you plan a program, obtain a speaker, get a color slide talk, or help locate a good film on herpetology. A local or county-wide meeting can provide members a chance to trade ideas and notes on amphibians and reptiles. Educational, service club, fraternal lodge or other institutions may lend facilities to

this use. After a get-acquainted session, and with some planning, the meeting can be thrown open to interested members of the public. Officers of the Society may be reached as per addresses in roster. VHS Secretary offers half-hour to hour color slide presentation on "Snakes of Virginia" to interested groups for evening programs.

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