The Goshen Bears is an association of dedicated Scouters that has served Goshen Scout Reservation by providing continuing and dedicated services for over 25 years.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

We normally go to Goshen Scout Reservation twice yearly on the last full weekend in September and the weekend following Mother's Day in May.

The fall Workend in 2012 will be a special one for the Goshen Bears. As many of you know the spillway at the dam on Lake Merriwether will undergo major reconstruction beginning at the close of this year's camping season. **GOSHEN SCOUT RESERVATION WILL BE CLOSED,FOR SAFETY REASONS, TO ALL PUBLIC ACCESS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS UNTIL THE CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED**.

Bears are creatures of habit and our twice annual Workends are very special service and social event for all Goshen Bears. Our annual calendar would most certainly be incomplete without a fall 2012 Workend.. Well fellow Goshen Bears we have a unique opportunity this fall. Camp Snyder in Haymarket, VA. has no organization similar to the Goshen Bears and is a bit envious of our history of service to Goshen and would like to initiate a similar association of dedicated Scouters that will provide similar services for Camp Snyder.

So, you say, what does that have to do with us? We have a unique one -time opportunity to show the Camp Snyder folks what a group of well organized Goshen Bears can do for them. Mark your calendars now as we will meet at CAMP Snyder **one week later than our usual Workend** on October 5,6 & 7 as Camp Snyder is fully booked for the last weekend in September We will follow the normal Bear schedule of all day Saturday and half day on Sunday wrapping up with lunch from 12 Noon to 1PM.

Think of this as a Bear Workend only at a different council camp. Just like The Goshen Bears helped out Camp TIAC in Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina, let's jump start Camp Snyder by completing a good Workend of projects for this camp.

Camp Snyder has lots of projects for the Bears to complete. These are similar in scope and the kind of work we already do at Goshen. This is a unique one time opportunity for the Goshen Bears to show the Camp Snyder Ranger and Program Director just what a group of volunteers can do to improve the camp on a Workend.

Important Notice: Work crews need to bring ALL of their own tools. Unlike Goshen, Snyder cannot provide tools or transportation for the work crews.

Bears are asked now to plan this into their fall calendar of events. **Early** pre-registration (on-line or by mail) will be critical for the Head Bear, Workend Manager, the Cook-Caterer and his crew, Camp Snyder Ranger and Program Director for planning purposes **so once the registration opens on September 1st for the Fall 2012 Bear Workend please register as soon as you can.**

Lodging at Snyder is in 2 large cabins with double bunks. Each cabin sleeps 24 in the main room and 2 small rooms sleep 4 each. We will add GI cots as may be needed. The ladies will be sharing the small rooms and use the shower and bathroom facility in the cabin. The men will use the large 'bunk room and the bath facilities in the main Bath house across the parking lot from the cabins. If you wish to bring your own tents we have reserved Camp Site No.2 for the Bears. You may also park your camper in the main parking lot but there are NO Hook-ups available. Please check-in with Jim and Susan at the camp's office inside the main entrance.

If you are unable to preregister on the website PLEASE send an email with your information.to goshenbear@gmail.com and please put **GB Fall 2012 WE** in the subject line.

We want to see many of you at Camp Snyder for the Goshen Bear Fall 2012 Workend.

Sincerely,

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