Hiking Trip Plan

A trip plan prepares you for the challenges of a hike. Take a copy of your trip plan with you and leave one with your parents or other adult. The parts of a trip plan are:

WHERE are you going? Decide on your destination and the route you will travel to reach it and return. For backcountry trips, include a copy of the map with your route marked in pencil.

WHEN will you return? If you are not back reasonably close to the time on your trip plan, someone can take steps to locate you and provide assistance if needed.

WHO is going on the hike? List the names of your hiking partners. Write down who will transport you to the trailhead, if required.

WHY are you going? Going fishing, climbing a mountain, exploring a new area are all good reasons for a hike. Write a couple sentences about the purpose of your trip.

WHAT are you taking? Carry the Scout outdoor essentials and list other equipment and clothing you will need.

HOW will you respect the land by using Leave No Trace hiking skills?

Scout Name: ______________________
Departure Date and Time: ______________________
Estimated Return Date and Time: ______________________
Destination: _____________________________
Route Going: _______________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________
Route Returning: ____________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________
Distance Going: ____________
Distance Returning: ____________
Others on Hike: _______________________________________________________________
Purpose of Hike: _______________________________________________________________
Special Permissions or Permits Needed: _________________________________________________
Sources of Drinking Water: ____________________________________________________________
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Equipment Needed:                      Clothing Needed:
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Food for a Trail Lunch: _______________________________________________________________
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