

Troop 586 Summer Camp

Greetings Parents,

I know that with the holidays just around the corner and recharter fees due in December the last thing you want to hear about is more money out of your pocket...

Since we will be going to Camp Falling Rock outside Newark for summer camp in 2007, they have a different payment schedule. You can view this payment schedule by going to www.skcbasa.org and clicking on summer camp. Review the color brochure concerning summer camp and the programs offered.

Speaking of money....only about ½ of our Scouts participated in the popcorn sale which was an excellent way to earn money for campouts, summer camp and equipment. We have no Scouts selling the soap, which they make \$1.00 per bar. Our next fundraiser is not until the car wash in the spring and the Scouts only earn between \$15 - \$25 usually, if they work all day and if it doesn't rain.

We're pretty sure our fee will be \$210.00 per scout. IF we have twenty scouts attend summer camp, we will get two adults free.

The following fees will need to be paid to the troop treasurer, Sue Kelley, by the following dates:

January 25th -- \$25.00, February 22nd -- \$60.00, March 26th -- \$60.00 and the final balance will be due by Thursday, April 26th, which the treasurer will let you know how much to pay, but count on at least \$75.00.

These dates and amounts will be posted on the troop website as a reminder.

It will be important for the Scouts to work on prerequisites for their merit badges they want to complete at summer camp before they get there and we will get more information out to the Scouts by the middle of June.

If this is your 2nd year or more at summer camp, you must plan on earning 5 merit badges. If this is your first year at summer camp we want you to earn Swimming MB and **two** of the following: Art, Leatherwork, Pottery, Basketry, or Woodcarving. You will also be participating in their *First Class Emphasis* program to help you meet requirements to earn your Tenderfoot, 2nd Class and 1st class ranks.

Since the boating activities are so far away from the campsite and other activities, Scouts should plan on earning Rowing, Motorboating, Canoeing and Kayaking in one summer.

We normally do not advise Scouts to work on First Aid, Camping, Cooking, Wilderness Survival, or Hiking at summer camp because these should be done on the unit level.

If you want to look at the Merit Badge requirements on line, go to www.meritbadge.com. This is an excellent resource. It gives the requirements for all of the merit badges and worksheets to help the Scout record their progress on the merit badges.

If your Scout is interested in the "Expeditions" offered at Camp Falling Rock, please have them let us know on the reservation form that is attached to this email. Normally, Simon Kenton Council does not offer the expeditions the week we are planning on attend summer camp unless there is a demand for the program. There is an additional fee for the expeditions, which are listed on the color brochure on the Simon Kenton Website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Yours in Scouting,

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