

Summer Camp 2008 Information

1. All Scouts should receive a summer camp notebook with the camp schedule, their own schedule, copies of the merit badge books for the merit badges they are to be working on, Merit Badge blue cards and so on.

Please be sure you have the correct blue cards for the merit badges you plan on completing. (HAVE YOUR BLUE CARDS WITH YOU AT CHECK IN ON SUNDAY—DO NOT LEAVE THEM IN YOUR NOTEBOOK.)

If you had a book bag for school, it would be a good idea to bring it to summer camp to keep your notebook and other materials in for the week.

Scouts should be working on reading their merit badge books and doing their pre-requisites in order to complete the merit badges at camp.

For a review go to www.skcbbsa.org, under “Camping” on the left side of the page, click on “Summer Camp”, click on “Boy Scout Summer Camps”, then on the left side of the page, scroll down and click on “Merit Badge Pre-requisites”.

It’s a good idea to read through the merit badge pamphlets on the merit badges you’re taking to know what will be expected and to get ahead on some of the merit badges.

Please bring pencils, paper and/or pens and anything else you need to complete your requirements.

2. Scouts and parents should report to Camp Falling Rock **no later than 1:30 p.m. on Sunday July 15^h. Scouts and leaders are to be in uniform** with swimming trunks under pants if you are planning on getting in the pool anytime during the week. Bring your blue cards to the medical re-check to be turned in. Directions attached.
3. We will take all personal gear back to the campsite and drop them off and grab towels for the swim test. Scouts and Leaders can then take off their Scout shirts. (Please bring a hanger to hang up your Scout shirt every night to keep it looking fresh for the week.)
Camp Falling Rock will provide a tractor and wagon to take items to the campsite. No personal vehicles are permitted on the camp grounds at all.
4. A camp guide will then take us to the necessary stops in the camp, i.e.; medical rechecks (if you are going to be taking medication at camp keep it with you on Sunday. The medical staff will want to see the medication), the swim test, a tour of the dining hall and instructions and so on.
5. Troop 586 will get up at 6:00 a.m. each morning and take showers. Please plan on bringing two towels, one for showers and one for swimming or the boat docks.

If you are going to be spending a lot of time at the boat docks, you may take your shower in the evening, if you prefer. Then you won’t have to sleep with lake water on your body.

Quiet time in camp will be 10:00 p.m. No one is to leave the campsite after that time. Everyone must be in bed no later than 11:00 p.m.

6. We will be assigned a breakfast and lunch time and need to be at the dining hall at least 15 minutes before that time. Waiters need to be inside the dining hall 30 minutes before meals. For lunch and breakfast you can wear an appropriate/approved T-shirt and shorts. For dinner you must be in full uniform.
7. The SPL, ASPL's and PL's will develop a duty roster for the week. Please check it Sunday evening to see what and when your camp duties will be for the week and record them in your notebook.
8. **Parents** – Scouts are not permitted to call home without the permission of the adults in camp. We do not encourage the Scouts to call home often. If a Scout forgot something, he forgot it and it stays at home, unless it is of an emergency nature. We are trying to teach the Scouts to be responsible for themselves and to be prepared.

Review with them the information in their summer camp notebooks. They should check, double-check and triple-check what they need for camp before they go.

9. **The adults in camp** – The adults who volunteer their time at summer camp are there for safety and liability reasons. The youth leaders are in charge. If a youth is having a problem with another youth he can not resolve or problems with a Merit Badge counselor or completing a requirement, then he is to come to an adult leader.

The adults will encourage the Scouts to stay on task and get their work done for their merit badges. There is plenty of time for fun but no time for "horseplay" or "time to waste".

10. **Friday night** in camp is the awards/recognition campfire.
Parents are invited to attend the campfire and join the Scouts for the evening meal. We must let the camp know on Sunday when we check in how many extras we will have on Friday night for dinner. The dinner fee is \$7.00 and must be paid to our troop treasurer, Sue Kelley, before we arrive at camp.

If you want the Friday night dinner and Saturday breakfast combo, it's \$10.00.

Parents are permitted to spend the night Friday night in their own tent or camper in the parking lot area. This is the first year they are allowing this and it will be evaluated to see if they do it again.

11. Saturday morning's breakfast is continental. We are to leave the camp by 9:00 a.m. Parents should show up by 8:00 a.m.

The tents will need to be put back in order and swept out. The campsite will need to be policed and left in better shape than when we found it. The canopies will need to be taken down.

SCOUTS –Do not wait until Saturday morning to let the leaders know you had a problem with a Merit Badge counselor. **NO ONE IS PERMITTED TO LEAVE CAMP SATURDAY MORNING UNTIL THE MERIT BADGE CARDS ARE COLLECTED AND REVIEWED WITH EACH SCOUT.**

THE LEADERS WILL TAKE CARE OF GETTING BACK THE PHYSICALS AND MEDICATIONS. DO NOT LEAVE CAMP WITHOUT YOUR MEDICATIONS.

IF YOU HAVE WORKED ON THE READING AND PRE-REQUISITES YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO FINISH ALL OF YOUR MERIT BADGES AT SUMMER CAMP, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, MAMMAL STUDY AND REPTILE STUDY.

THE SUMMER CAMP PATCHES WILL BE HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING ON **MONDAY NIGHT, JULY 21st**, ALONG WITH ANY COMPLETED MERIT BADGES AND RANK ADVANCEMENTS, EARNED AT SUMMER CAMP.

OPEN TOE TYPE SHOES ARE NOT PERMITTED, PERIOD.SO, DON'T BRING THEM.

SCOUTS SHOULD PLAN ON WEARING SOCKS AT ALL TIMES WITH THEIR SHOES/BOOTS.THIS KEEPS THEIR FEET DRY AND PREVENTS BLISTERS.

CLOTHING & OTHER MATERIALS NEEDED FOR SUMMER CAMP SHOULD BE PACKED IN A FOOT LOCKER OR LARGE RUBBERMAID TYPE CONTAINER. THIS NEEDS TO FIT UNDER THE COT PROVIDED IN THE TENT.THIS IS THE SIZE OF A SINGLE BED.THERE ARE NO LAUNDRY FACILITIES AT CAMP .

IT IS ADVISABLE TO PACK EACH DAY'S CLOTHING IN A GALLON OR TWO GALLON SIZE ZIPLOCK BAG.THEN AFTER WEARING, THE CLOTHING CAN BE PUT BACK INTO THE BAG SO THAT THEY WON'T SMELL UP THE OTHER CLOTHES.

ALL SCOUTS SHOULD PLAN ON BRINGING TWO PAIRS OF SHOES IN CASE ONE PAIR GETS WET, HE CAN WEAR THE OTHER PAIR WHILE THE WET ONES DRY OUT. EVERYONE SHOULD BRING A RAIN COAT, SUIT OR JACKET.IT ALMOST ALWAYS RAINS AT LEAST ONE DAY AND ACTIVITIES DO NOT STOP BECAUSE IT'S RAINING.

A LIGHT WEIGHT FLEECE TYPE JACKET IS A GOOD IDEA IN CASE WE HAVE A COOL DAY OR NIGHT.

ALL SCOUTS SHOULD PLAN ON BRINGING A **1 QUART BOTTLE OR CANTEEN** OR WATER BACK PACK, TO CARRY WITH THEM AT CAMP WHILE WORKING ON MERIT BADGES.

WE WILL PROVIDE LOTS OF FLUIDS IN THE CAMPSITE, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO **DRINK AT LEAST 2 QUARTS OF WATER, GATORADE OR FRUIT PUNCH EVERY DAY**.MORE IF IT'S REALLY HOT AND HUMID.

IF IN THE LEADER'S OPINION A SCOUT IS MAKING TOO MANY TRIPS TO THE TRADING POST TO BUY CANDY, SLUSHY'S, AND/OR POP AND NOT EATING MEALS OR COMPLAINING HE IS NOT FEELING WELL, HE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE VISITING THE TRADING POST.

If the Scout is found in the Trading Post instead of working on Merit Badges or is found to be behind on Merit Badges, he will not be permitted to visit the Trading Post.

MOSQUITO REPELLANT, SUN SCREEN, POWDER – ALL NECESSARY ITEMS.

NEED MOSQUITO NET FOR TENT – SEE MR. NORTH.

DO NOT SEND FOOD TO CAMP....THIS ATTRACTS INSECTS AND ANIMALS TO THE TENTS!THE SCOUTS RECEIVE ADEQUATE FOOD WHILE THEY ARE AT CAMP.

For everyone.....

MONDAY, JULY 21st WILL BE OUR LAST MEETING UNTIL MONDAY, AUGUST18th.

We'll have hot dogs and chips and drink on the 21st and Scouts will receive their merit badges earned at summer camp.Board of reviews can be done on the 21st if Dr. Emser is notified ahead of time.

On August 13th, the PLC will meet for dinner and plan out the upcoming year of Scouting, at 6:30 p.m., until 9:00 p.m.

Scouts should be submitting ideas and places they want to go on campouts to the PLC.All activities must be tied into Scouting.

ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, CONCERNS.....