



March 2012

Dear Scouts and Parents:

This year Troop 22 will be running its own summer camp program. We have reserved a campsite at Camp Mahonegon, a Boy Scout camp in Ellamore, West Virginia. We are planning a program that will mix advancement and adventure.

**Camp dates are Sunday, June 24, 2012 to Sunday, July 1, 2012**

**FEES:**

Please submit a \$75 deposit by May 7. Another \$100 is due with the permission form by June 11. This fee of \$175 includes food, campsite fees, transportation, equipment especially purchased for camp, and other expenses. **Whitewater rafting will cost extra for boys wanting to go, but I do not have the figure at this time.**

**PHYSICAL EXAMS:**

Medical forms are due by June 11. BSA now requires a new physical exam each year. We use these forms throughout the year at weekend camps. ***We will not take any boy who does have the correct paperwork.***

Any adult who is staying more than 72 hours at camp will also need to have a medical form. Adults need to complete the same physical form used by the scouts.

If a Scout should suffer an injury or illness at camp, he will be taken to a doctor or hospital. Parents will be notified as soon as possible of their son's condition. We will also have cell phones at camp that can reach local authorities and the local emergency medical unit.

**MEDICATION:**

On the permission form, please state clearly if your son has any medication that he takes. If so, give directions for their use. It is imperative that this information gets to us so that it can be organized BEFORE we leave for camp. Please do not make work for us by not turning things in on time. Please do not withhold or delay giving information that would be useful for us to take to the best care of your son.

**DEPARTURE / ARRIVAL:**

Meet at the church parking lot **Sunday, June 24 at 9:30 a.m.**, with bag lunch. Pick up at the church on **Sunday, July 1 at 2:00 p.m.** We will need drivers on both days. On the permission form please state which day you are going to drive. We estimate it is over 4 hours to camp. You will be called to confirm driving.

**EQUIPMENT:**

A list is provided to help you pack.

**MAIL:**

We may have adults coming out to camp on different days who will be glad to carry mail. More details at the June 11 potluck.

**TELEPHONE:**

Scouts will not have access to a phone at camp. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR SON TO CAMP WITH A CELL PHONE.** If an emergency arises where you NEED to talk to your son call one of the adults at camp (phone list will be provided at the potluck). I will call you back as soon as possible. We will have cell phones at camp and will try to keep them running for you to call us unless we contact you first.

**MONEY:**

There is no trading post and little for the boys to spend money on at camp. Some boys may get access to a store during the week. Please make sure that your son has no more than \$20.

**PROGRAM:**

This year we will work together on a pioneering project, work on advancement up to first class, and go on several trips from camp. Rafting will be a choice, caving at Bowden Cave, hiking around Seneca Rocks, a possible trip into Dolly Sods overnight, and more. We are going to West Virginia because there are tons of outdoor adventures to have there.

**STAFF:**

Our troop is fortunate to have several experienced adult leaders who are willing to come to camp with your sons for the week. Don Nash, Paul Urminski, Steve Vasse-Hansell, and Dan MacDonald will join me. All of these adults has spent more than 10 years helping out the Scouts of Troop 22. We need is parents of current Scouts to come forward and help. Please let me know if you can come to camp for part of the week or for the whole time.

Yours in Scouting,

*Ari Klein, Scoutmaster Troop 22*