



April 2007

Dear Scouts and Parents:

This year Troop 22 has reserved a campsite at Camp Mountaineer, a Boy Scout camp in Morgantown, West Virginia. Mountaineer offers a lot of program options and badges that are difficult for us to offer when we run our own camp. So this is an opportunity to do things at scout camp that were not available last year. The troop will still run its own advancement program, but we want to take advantage of the program that we are paying for as well. The week should be great fun, one of the highlights of the summer. Certainly the most important Scouting event of the whole year is summer camp.

Camp dates are Sunday, June 24 – Saturday, June 30, 2007

FEES:

Mountaineer's early bird registration rate is \$190 for the week, with a non-refundable deposit of \$100 due with the permission form by April 30, 2007 and the balance due by May 21, 2007. This fee includes food, campsite fees, equipment especially purchased for camp, and other expenses. Fees for registrations received after 4/30/07 are \$215, with payment in full due by May 21, 2007. For families with more than one Scout in the troop, there is a \$10 sibling discount available. There may be some additional merit badge fees depending on badges selected.

We want every Scout in Troop 22 to have the opportunity to attend summer camp, and we do not want cost to be a barrier. Camp scholarships are available to cover a significant portion of camp fees. Parents, please see Ari if you would like assistance with a scholarship for your Scout, or if you would like to arrange for a more flexible payment schedule.

PHYSICAL EXAMS:

Medical forms are due by June 11. The form requires a physical exam within the last 3 years. The medical history and insurance information needs to be checked and signed yearly. We have existing forms that can be re-signed if the physical exam part is up to date. If you do not have one on file with us, get it filled out and handed in. 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 the week at camp will also need to have a medical form. For adults over 40 years of age, the physical exam part needs to be redone yearly. All forms need to be accounted for by June 11. For adults under 40 years old, use the same form as the boys.

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 get to Ari 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 the best care of your son. **All medication will be stored and dispensed by our designated adult medical leader.**

DEPARTURE / ARRIVAL:

Meet at the church parking lot **Sunday, June 24 at 9:00 AM**, with bag lunch.

Pick up at the church on **Saturday, June 30 at 2:30 PM**.

We will need drivers on both days. On the permission form please state which day you are going to drive. It is about 4 hours to camp. You will be called to confirm driving.

EQUIPMENT:

A list is provided to help you pack.

MAIL:

Scouts love mail at camp. Please do not bother sending any mail after Wednesday:

Scout's name

Troop 22/Mohawk

Camp Mountaineer, BSA

187 Camp Mountaineer Road

Morgantown, West Virginia 26508

TELEPHONE:

Scouts will not have access to a phone at camp. If an emergency arises where you NEED to talk to your son, call the camp and leave a message for Ari. He will call you back as soon as possible. The Camp Mountaineer EMERGENCY number is 304-291-0737. Adults will have cell phones at camp, but will not keep them running for you to call us unless we contact you first. We know some boys have their own cell phones – please leave them at home, it is OK to be disconnected for a few days.

MONEY:

There is a trading post at camp with food and craft items. There is little need for boys to have access to most of these things. Money will be collected from each Scout and kept in an account for his use when the trading post is visited. Each Scout will need to have some money left over at the end of camp for a fast food visit on the trip home for our four hour drive on Saturday.

PROGRAM:

There are more things to do at camp than any boy can possibly do in a week. Merit badge courses are certainly a big part of camp, but are not everything. For older boys, 3-4 merit badges are more than enough to keep you busy, while new boys should consider taking swimming or one other for their first year. We will be able to work on a lot of program for our first and second year Scouts to help them advance and have a good time at camp. We will also talk about program at meetings. There will soon be a

list of available merit badges and which requirements should be done at home.

Close to 40 merit badges were offered in 2006 including: archery, astronomy, backpacking, camping, canoeing, climbing, cooking, disability awareness, environmental science, fishing, forestry, fire safety, geology, golf, Indian lore, journalism (camp newspaper), lifesaving, mammal study, oceanography, orienteering, pioneering, reptile study, rifle, rowing, soil & water conservation, swimming, water skiing, wilderness survival and wood carving. When we have a final listing of merit badges for 2007, we will share them with Scouts.

ADULT LEADERS AT CAMP:

At this point in time we have a number of adult leaders staying the week, including: If you are interested in attending camp or can help (especially with food and equipment support) let Ari know (preferably in writing or email).

Yours in Scouting,

Ari Klein, Scoutmaster

Rich Hoban, Summer camp coordinator