
March 20, 2006

Dear Scouts and Parents:

This year Troop 22 will be running its own summer camp program. We have reserved a campsite at Camp McKinley, a Boy Scout camp in Lisbon, Ohio, where we were in 2000 and 2002. We will have a staff of qualified counselors for merit badge and advancement needs. We are planning a program that will mix advancement and fun.

Camp dates are June 25 - July 2, 2006 , Sunday to Sunday

FEES:

Camp costs \$130 for the week, and is due with the permission form by **May 22**. This fee includes food, campsite fees, equipment especially purchased for camp, and other expenses. I do not anticipate additional fees. There will be a \$500 late fee.

PHYSICAL EXAMS:

Medical forms are due by **June 12**. The form requires a physical exam within the last 3 years. The medical history and insurance information needs to be checked and signed yearly. Geoff Wilson has any 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 to Geoff. 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 12. 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 to 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 25 at 9:30 AM**, with bag lunch.

Pick up at the church on **Sunday, July 2 at noon.**

We will need drivers on both days. On the permission form please state which day you are going to drive. It is about 1½ hours to camp. You will be called to confirm driving.

EQUIPMENT:

A list is provided to help you pack.

MAIL:

We will have adults coming out to camp on different days who will be glad to carry mail. More details at the June 12 potluck

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. I will call you back as soon as possible. The Ranger, EMERGENCY number is 330-424-0256. We will have cell phones at camp, but will not keep them running for you to call us unless we contact you first.

MONEY:

There is no trading post and nothing for the boys to spend money on at camp. Some boys may get access to a store during the week. Money will not be collected this year and held for boys. Please make sure that your son has no more than \$15.

PROGRAM:

We are looking at most boys taking two merit badges taught in morning sessions. First year boys will take one. The afternoons will be reserved for a daily rest time, patrol and individual offerings (competitions, hikes, trips, projects), and open recreational and advancement times. We will try hard not to schedule too much of the time at camp. Some boys just like to have time to play in a stream, make music, throw a baseball around or read. Boys will find out more about program during weekly meetings, but it is going to be fantastic!

STAFF:

We would not be able to accomplish running our own camp with a great staff. We have a number of adults who have volunteered their time to teach sessions or help support the camp program. At this point in time we have a number of adults staying all or most of the week, including: Tom Linton, Ari Klein, Don Nash, Bill Smith, Bob Daley, Dave Rodney, Steve Vasse-Hansell,. and Paul Urminski Others will come out when they can. If you are interested in presenting an activity at camp or can help (especially food and equipment support) let Ari know (preferably in writing or email).

The following page has a list of safety issues that you should review with your son.

Yours in Scouting,

Ari Klein

SAFETY AT CAMP:

The first order of business at camp is safety. Activities at camp are planned to be as safe as possible while still having fun. The following short list of rules must absolutely be obeyed for us to keep your son at camp the whole week:

- 1) All liquid fuels will be under the supervision and control of adult leaders, most particularly, storage of fuel and refueling of stoves.
- 2) Shoes must be properly worn at all times at camp unless an exception is made for a particular activity. Sandals are not the best shoes for camp, but are acceptable if just walking in open areas. Playing and walking through the woods should be done with shoes or boots on.
- 3) No fireworks, alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or prohibited medications are allowed.
- 4) Swimming is prohibited unless part of a supervised badge or activity. Scouts will have time to swim as a troop.
- 5) All foods will be properly stored in coolers, shaded areas, or other designated places. **THERE WILL BE NO FOOD IN TENTS FOR ANY REASON. DO NOT BRING PERSONAL FOOD!** If you want something get on the meal planning team or ask for it.
- 6) Scouts must use the buddy system at all times.
- 7) No flames or bug repellents are allowed in or near tents. Each tent will have a water bucket next to it. Boys need to make sure that fire buckets are filled at all times.
- 8) Scouts will not run or play in the tenting or cooking areas of camp.
- 9) There will be no "going to the bathroom in or near tents.
- 10) Tents will be kept neat and clean. Dry all clothing and towels before putting them away, even if they are dirty. Bring a plastic bag for dirty clothes.

EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST FOR SUMMER 2006/Camp McKinley
MARK ALL ITEMS WITH PERMANENT MARKER!!!!

REQUIRED ITEMS:

- ___ Scout uniform shirt, Troop T-Shirt, scarf, beret, belt
- ___ Scout shorts or pants
- ___ socks for an active week
- ___ underwear for the week
- ___ extra pair long pants
- ___ extra shirts (no crude messages, (at least one long sleeve for sun)
- ___ light sweater or heavy shirt
- ___ sturdy hiking shoes or boots
- ___ tennis shoes
- ___ poncho or rain jacket
- ___ windbreaker
- ___ **UTENSILS, BOWL, PLATE, CUP**
- ___ swim trunks
- ___ towels (2)
- ___ toothbrush & toothpaste
- ___ toilet paper in plastic bag
- ___ bar of soap and shampoo
- ___ comb
- ___ light sleeping bag or blankets (sheets make good liners)
- ___ foam pad/air mattress
- ___ Scout handbook (in plastic bag)
- ___ Laundry bag
- ___ waterproof ground cloth
- ___ plastic trash bags (3)
- ___ flashlight & extra batteries
- ___ canteen/ water bottle
- ___ Insect repellent
- ___ personal medication as needed
(with CLEAR directions for dosage. Make sure any prescriptions are in original container)

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

- ___ Fishing gear
- ___ chap stick
- ___ sun screen
- ___ camera & film
- ___ merit badge books (REQUIRED!!) (available at Scout HQ or troop library)
- ___ Equipment needed for specific merit badges
- ___ notebook & pencil (in plastic bag)
- ___ compass
- ___ candle
- ___ pocket knife
- ___ matches
- ___ baseball mitt
- ___ chess sets, cards

POCKET MONEY;

Not much needed. No more than \$15.

Scout in SWIMMING MERIT BADGE: requires a pair of long pants, long sleeve button down shirt, and shoes that WILL get wet. Plan ahead. This also goes for Lifesaving merit badge.

TENTAGE

Patrols need to determine their own tenting situation.

DO NOT BRING OUT:

Fireworks, expensive watches, jewelry, food, squirt guns, electronics of any sort (phones, CD players, I-pods, cell phones, etc - learn to get away), frowns or bad attitudes.