



March 15, 2010

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 2008. 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 Friday, August 6, 2010 to Friday, August 13, 2010**

**FEES:**

Camp costs \$130 for the week, and is due with the permission form by June 14. This fee includes food, campsite fees, equipment especially purchased for camp, and other expenses. I do not anticipate additional fees.

**PHYSICAL EXAMS:**

Medical forms are due by June 14. BSA now requires a new physical exam each year. Please turn in completed physical exam forms to Jim Zippert. 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. 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 Rich Hoban 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 **Friday, August 6 at 9:30 a.m.**, with bag lunch. Pick up at the church on **Friday, August 13 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 1 1/2 hours to camp. You will be called to confirm driving. **Drivers for the return trip on Friday, August 13 should plan to arrive at Camp McKinley by 9:00 a.m. (it may be easier to come the night before).**

**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 14 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. You may leave a voicemail for Rich Hoban at (216) 310-9843, which will be checked daily for non-emergency calls.

**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 different every day: patrol and individual offerings (competitions, hikes, bike rides, trips, projects, swimming, 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, throw a baseball around or read.

**STAFF:**

We are fortunate to have a great staff at camp. If you want to be part of it either is presenting something special to the boys, teaching a merit badge, helping with food and equipment support, or something else let Ari or Rich know.

Yours in Scouting,

*Ari Klein, Scoutmaster Troop 22*