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Dear Scouts and Parents:

This June will be an exciting month full of new adventures for Troop 22. The 19 boy/3adult crew going to the Florida Seabase represents a new High Adventure trip for the troop. Not only is it a new place, but also a record number of participants in a High Adventure. The day after the crew returns the entire troop will head south together by car/van/truck to a week-long adventure in North Carolina. We are not staying at a Boy Scout camp with a merit badge program this year, but are camping on the 100-acre grounds of a boarding school in an area that is a wonderland of beautiful mountains, thick forests, and quick as well as lazy rivers. The Appalachian Trail is close by, as is Cold Mountain and Mount Mitchell, the tallest mountain east of the Mississippi. The opportunities for adventure are without number.

**Camp dates are Saturday June 19 to Sunday June 27, 2004.**

**PROGRAM:**

Scouts this year will have individual as well as patrol offerings. The types of activities that we are currently investigating mostly center on exploring the area: day hikes, overnight backpacking, horseback riding (\$14/hr), canoeing, rafting, swimming, climbing, visiting an Indian Reservation and museum, and much more. We're also planning in-camp activities: building stuff, cooking, performing a service project, and working on personal advancement. What we are not planning on offering this year is scheduled merit badge classes. We would like to have boys experience things that are the most fun and interesting out of doors. Some activities will fulfill merit badge requirements, some will not. Younger boys can have traveling classes for advancement - on a hike one can learn about first aid or hiking safety during a rest break. While you are hiking would be an ideal time to look for signs of animals or identify plants.

**FEES:**

The camp fee will be \$200 for 8 nights and 9 days. This will pay for all currently anticipated costs: Transportation (we have rented 3 fifteen-passenger vans, will have a truck, and will take private vehicles), food, camp fee (about \$20 per person), and some program fees. Not all the program fees are known at this time. We may have special offerings later that will exceed our program budget that we may have to charge for. Camp fees are due by or before May 17.

Families that anticipate this fee being impossible should talk to me or Committee chair Marcia Mauter to arrange camperships. No member of the troop should miss camp for financial reason.

**PHYSICAL EXAMS:**

Medical forms are due by June 7 annual potluck. 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 can 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 done yearly. All forms need to be accounted for by June 7. 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, and give directions for their use. It is imperative that this information get to Ari **BEFORE** we leave for camp. The completed permission form is due May 17 with the camp fee. Please do not make work for us by not turning things in on time. Please do not withhold or delay giving information that we need to take to the best care of your son.

#### **DEPARTURE/ARRIVAL:**

Meet at the church parking lot **Saturday, June 19 at 1:30 PM**

Pick up at the church on **Sunday, June 27 at noon.**

We will not need drivers this year.

#### **EQUIPMENT:**

A list is provided to help you pack. Space will be limited.

It is important that a small overnight bag be packed with sleeping bag, pad, toiletries, and a change of clothes. We will be making a stop Saturday night and will not unpack everything.

#### **MAIL:**

Sorry, this year I don't believe that we have mail access at camp.

#### **TELEPHONE & CONTACT INFO:**

At the potluck I will supply an emergency phone number and exact location of camp (near Celo, North Carolina).

#### **MONEY:**

Please do not send your son with more than \$25. Scouts will have opportunities to buy things as we tour around. Adults can hold money for your son on account if you want.

#### **Adult staff:**

Once again our troop is very fortunate to have a superb group of committed adults who are willing and able to attend the entire camp. Among the adults committed to camp so far: Dan Austin, Mark Binnig, Bob Daley, Rich Hoban, Tom Linton, Dan MacDonald, Pat Murray, Don Nash, Dave Rodney, Brian Schaner (possibly Owen), Bill Smith, Kirk Stewart, Paul Urminski, and Steve Vasse-Hansell. Needless to say we have a great talent base with this group.