

Northeastern Pennsylvania Council

Cub Scout Summer Camp Promotion How-To for Your Pack



Dear Scout Leaders,

Scouting teaches values to boys and helps them develop character – values, such as *Citizenship* (living by the rules); *Compassion* (caring about others); *Cooperation* (working together to get something done); *Courage* (facing a new situation that might not be easy); *Faith* (observing nature and knowing there is a God); *Health & Fitness* (playing games and sports and swimming); *Honesty* (being trustworthy and not cheating in the games); *Perseverance* (keep trying to do the difficult things and don't give up); *Positive Attitude* (being cheerful, even when things do not work perfectly); *Resourcefulness* (using resources around you to make things better – recycling, conservation projects); *Respect* (treating others the way you would like to be treated); and *Responsibility* (doing what we should do, and doing what others are counting on us to do).

An outdoor setting provides Scout leaders, and parents alike, the opportunity to teach values to our Cub Scouts. Camping is an important part of Scouting. Each Cub Scout deserves the opportunity to experience it first hand. There are a number of Cub Scout Camping programs in and around our districts and council that we would like to make you aware of. They are:

Camp promotion starts the night of your fall signup. Pictures from camp, pack t-shirts, hats, crafts made at camp, promotional items from camp and handouts promoting the coming year's council camping programs make a good display. Your yearly program planning session should include summer camping. But it doesn't get put on the back burner until spring. Your pack needs to talk it up frequently at committee meetings and pack meetings. Sing songs from camp. Have your Scouts show off their camp hats and t-shirts. A good camping program does not just happen!

Please call your District Cub Scout Camping chairman to schedule a camp promotion for your pack. Included in the promotion are informational handouts for all your parents, static displays, pictures, videos and a question and answer period. The program takes twenty minutes or so. If you do not have a summer camping experience planned for your Scouts yet, and do not know where to start, please contact your Camping committee; and they will be happy to schedule a promotion for you at a pack meeting or as a separate meeting. Then make sure all your Scouts, parents and leaders attend. Let's keep the "Outing in Scouting"! Just call the Scout Service Center at 207-1227, and ask them to put you in touch with a member of your Camp Promotion committee.

Once you are an "experienced camper", your pack will be able to deliver their own Cub Scout camp promotion. This packet will help you to put one together yourself.





Northeastern Pennsylvania Council
CUB SCOUT CAMPING PROGRAM

PARENT & PAL WEEKEND

Goose Pond Scout Reservation & Camp Acahela

Arrive early Saturday, set up your tent, enjoy a round-robin day of activities...including BB shooting, archery, nature, handicrafts, games, swimming (Camp Acahela only), and Scout skills. Saturday lunch, supper and cracker barrel, and a full breakfast on Sunday morning is included in the fee. Each participant will receive a ball cap, patch and certificate. The program also includes a Saturday evening campfire and short Sunday morning Scout's Own worship service. Camp breaks about 9:35 a.m. on Sunday morning. Parent & Pal Weekend is the perfect program for families new to camping and/or busy working families.

There are four Parent & Pal camping experiences available in our council, taking place at both of our council camps – Goose Pond Scout Reservation and Camp Acahela – during the months of June, July and August. Reservations are made by the pack or individual families.

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

Camp starts at about 9:00 a.m. and ends at about 3:30 or 4:00 p.m. (depending on the location). A full day of non-stop activities may include archery, crafts, nature, games, swimming and Scout skills. Each day starts off with an opening flag ceremony. Boys and leaders are assembled by dens and each den will have an individualized schedule for that day's program. Lunch, followed by a special lunch program will be featured each day. Scouts bring a bag lunch and drink. A short closing and lowering of the flag will end the day. On Friday, camp may follow a special schedule, such as beginning at noon and ending with a family picnic and campfire program. While advancement activities may occur, Cub Scout Day Camp is for F-U-N and sharing new experiences, and making new friends; and is not focused primarily on advancement.

There are Cub Scout Day Camp opportunities available in three areas of our council: one in Wayne County; one in Lackawanna County; and one in Luzerne County. Reservations are made through your Cub Scout Pack or by individual families.

Cub Scout Resident Camp

Overnight Cub Scout Resident Camp is held during the months of July and August. There are two camping opportunities to choose from: regular Cub Resident Camp, which consists of six days and five nights and runs Sunday thru Friday; and Cub Adventure Camp, which consists of three days and two nights and runs Sunday thru Tuesday. Each pack must decide which week they would like to attend. Packs should reserve their campsite early. The pack goes to camp as a group and reserves one or more campsites for their needs. The Scouts sleep in a large canvas camp tent – two to a tent – on a nylon canvas cot that rests on a raised, wooden platform. The canvas tent covers the two cots and the platform. The tent has flaps that can be tied shut at night and opened during the day. The cots and tents are provided by the camp. Each campsite is equipped with a picnic table and a dining fly. Each campsite also has a campfire ring to be used at the discretion of the pack leadership. The pack uses this campsite as a base camp in-between activities and meals. The camp provides three hot meals a day plus evening activities. The program is very structured. Showers are available for campers and adult leaders; and a trading post, for the purchase of snacks and/or Scout “stuff”.

Activities at Resident Camp include BB shooting, archery, crafts, nature, swimming, and Scout skills, to name a few – also special activities, unique to each year’s theme. A leader’s meeting takes place before camp starts. Schedules, maps and all information are distributed to your pack’s leaders at this meeting. If you are not sure about spending a whole week at Resident Camp, you may want to start with the three-day Adventure Camp instead.

Parents attend as camp leaders, basically acting as chaperones. You are not responsible for planning or carrying out the daily program, only making sure your Cub Scouts get from one program area to the next in a timely manner, that they stay together and have F-U-N!

Cub Scout Resident Camp and 3-Day Adventure Camp is a bonding experience for your pack and a growing experience for both Scouts and leaders (parents) who attend. Don’t hesitate to attend with your Scouts. It’s a decision you will never regret!

Note: Resident Camp and 3-Day Adventure Camp takes place at our Cub Scout Camp, Camp Acahela in Blakeslee, PA. Reservations are made through your Cub Scout Pack.



PLANNING A CAMPING EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR PACK

For all camping experiences, hold a camp promotion at a pack meeting in January or February. You can do this in a few different ways:

- Enlist the help of your District Camp Promotion team to come in and put on a presentation for your pack.
- Recruit a Camp Promotion chairperson from your own pack. ***It only takes one person to get the whole pack excited about camping.*** Make up posters, or a tri-fold board, promoting camp (the Scouts can get involved in this). Show slides from previous year's camping experiences. (If your pack has never camped before, visit a camping program the summer before and take slides to show at your pack meeting.) Mount pictures and place alongside a "static display" of a tent, cot, sleeping bag, trunk or Rubbermaid-like container, fake campfire, etc. Have samples of old camp t-shirts, hats, patches, totems, crafts, etc. Explain what camping experiences are available for your pack (for example: Parent & Pal Weekend, Day Camp, Adventure Camp and Resident Camp). Have handouts available to share with your parents/leaders (flyers from the Scout Service Center promoting the upcoming year's camping programs in your district, sign-up sheets, registration forms, equipment lists, etc.)

Then, mention camping at every pack meeting after that. Have sign-up sheets out at every pack meeting. Have a "camping corner" or "table" at every pack meeting. Have your Scouts decorate empty juice or two-liter soda bottles at their den meeting to save pennies in to go towards their camp registration fee. Have a contest to see which den or which Scout can collect the most money in a designated time frame. Present this den or Scout with a prize from the pack (money off his camp registration fee or a camping item, for example).



CAMP PROMOTION CHECKLIST

TABLE DISPLAYS

- Pictures from previous camping experiences
- T-shirts from previous camping experiences
- Hats from previous camping experiences
- Totems/fobs from previous camping experiences
- Crafts from previous camping experiences
- Brochures/flyers for the upcoming year's camping experiences

CAMP PROMOTION VIDEOS

- TV and VCR needed

STATIC DISPLAY

- Tent
- Cot
- Sleeping bag
- Foam pads (optional)
- Pillow / blanket
- Stuffed animal
- Fake campfire
- Plastic crate for lamp stand
- Tent lamp
- Boys' Life magazine
- Pen / notepaper
- Gateway ideas



WHERE TO SET UP A CAMP PROMOTION DISPLAY

- School assembly or open house
- Mall show
- Pack Meeting
- Blue & Gold Dinner
- Program Launch
- Pow Wow

NOTE: Invite the newspapers. Have them take pictures of Scouts next to the tent, etc.

Pack Plan for Attending PARENT & PAL WEEKEND

1. Recruit a chairperson from your pack.
2. Hold a camp promotion night (see previous page). Have a sign-up sheet out at this and every pack meeting after that.
3. Collect money (Parent & Pal fees must be paid in full when paying for reservations.)
4. Register at the Scout Service Center using only an official Parent & Pal reservation form. Pay attention to deadlines. (Note: Reservations for the Goose Pond Weekend usually fill up very fast – by the end of January.)
5. Hold a meeting with all families who will be attending the camping weekend. Go over the equipment list. See if anyone needs help obtaining anything on the list.
6. Arrange rides – agree on a time to leave and/or arrive at camp. Make sure everyone has directions.
7. Have a good time!
8. Recognize the Scouts that attended at a future Pack Meeting.
9. Recognize and thank any parents/leaders that went out of their way to help in any way.

Pack Plan for Attending CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

1. Recruit a chairperson from your pack.
2. Hold a camp promotion night (see previous page). Have a sign-up sheet available at this and every Pack Meeting after that.
3. Collect money (deposit or in full).
4. Register Scouts at the Scout Service Center using an official council Day Camp registration form – you will need a separate form with the “health history” filled out for EACH and EVERY Scout, leader and pixie attending camp. Pay attention to the deadlines. Early bird fees expire May 15th.
5. Make sure everyone has an equipment list.
6. Select your chaperones for the week. Make sure every day is covered with an adult chaperone from your pack. You will need at least one parent for every five boys or so. The more chaperones the better. Inform the parents that if they want their son to attend camp, they will have to take a day off work to help share chaperone duties.
7. Arrange for rides, if necessary. Some packs like to car pool.
8. Collect final fees and registration/health forms. Turn in at the Scout Service Center.
9. Have a good time.
10. Recognize the Scouts that attended at a future Pack Meeting.
11. Recognize and thank any parents/leaders that went out of their way to help in any way.

PARENT & PAL NOTES

- Parent & Pal is a 24-hour program (Saturday morning to Sunday morning). It is the perfect introductory camping program for "new" or inexperienced campers. All you have to do is show up. All meals and program are provided for you. Camp tents are available for you to use – or you can bring your own – whatever you are most comfortable with.
 - Parent & Pal is a “complete package”. ***In order to reap all the benefits that our program provides, it is strongly recommended that you do not leave until after the closing ceremony on Sunday morning.***
 - Cub Scouts can attend Parent & Pal as a pack, den or individual family, but it should be one-on-one with your own son (meaning parent/s – son/s) for the best camping experience. Moms or dads **or both** can attend. (Other family relatives – grandparents, etc. – may attend in place of a parent.) (**Note: If there are two Scouts in your family, it is okay to attend with one parent. Also, both parents may attend with their Scout son/s.)
- Note:** If you absolutely must bring another boy with you whose parent cannot attend, you may do so. It is not recommended, but it is allowed. At least that is better than to lose the other boy to a camping experience altogether.
- This program is open to all registered Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts – however, it is recommended that after attending Parent & Pal as a Tiger, Wolf and Bear, that your Webelos Scouts are afforded the opportunity to attend either 3-day Adventure or 5-day Resident Camp to better prepare them for the Boy Scouting program. Scouting is an age-appropriate program within which guidelines have been developed based on the mental, physical, emotional and social maturity of youth members.
 - **** “Family Weekend” – siblings and/or other family members may attend Weekend 3, which is a designated Family Weekend. Also, please plan on bringing any necessities you feel you may need for your younger children – high chair, etc.**
 - If you have any questions about the Parent & Pal Weekend camping program, please call the Scout Service & Training Center at 207-1227, extension 236.

- PARENT & PAL REFUND POLICY -

Camp will not be canceled because of rain. All program areas will either have cover or will take place indoors. Rain gear is necessary to walk from one program area to the next.

A request for a refund **“must be made in writing”** and submitted to the Scout Service Center, at which time it will be reviewed by the Council Camping Committee. Because of expenses already incurred, a \$10 service charge will be deducted for **each** person.

There will, however, be **NO REFUNDS** for cancellations made after 5:00 p.m. **“on the Friday one week prior to the event”**, because food and supplies will have been ordered; or for "no shows" the day of the event.

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EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR PARENT & PAL

- ❑ Tent (unless you are camping in a campsite, in which case you can use a camp tent)
- ❑ Drop cloth (tarp) for under your tent (to keep the inside, and you, dry) – not needed for camp tents
- ❑ Sleeping bag, extra blankets (it can get downright cold at night) and pillow
- ❑ If bringing your own tent, air mattress, cot or foam pad recommended – the ground is hard – if using the camp tents, you may still wish to bring a foam pad or blanket for under your sleeping bag (it depends on how comfortable you want to be). The camp cots are canvas Army-type cots (Camp Acahela) or metal spring cots with mattresses (Goose Pond).
- ❑ Lawn chair or camp chair – strongly recommended
- ❑ Rug runner for the wooden floor of your camp tent (nothing fancy), or for right inside your personal tent (helps keep dirt out of your tent)
- ❑ A light (lantern) for your tent (or use your flashlight)
- ❑ Plastic milk-type crate to use for a night stand (optional)
- ❑ Flashlight - essential
- ❑ Uniforms are not required, but Scouting t-shirts are encouraged (pack, camp, etc.).
- ❑ Extra socks, especially if rain is indicated
- ❑ Comfortable shoes – **you will be doing a lot of walking!**
- ❑ Jacket or sweat shirt – the air is cool to cold at night
- ❑ Swim suit, towel, etc. (Camp Acahela only)
- ❑ Any toiletries you wish to bring - showers will be available.
- ❑ Bug repellent (spray not recommended – aerosol sprays take the waterproof finish off tents)
- ❑ Snacks if you wish (you really won't need them, though and snacks are not allowed in your tent)
- ❑ Soda if you wish – lemonade, iced tea, juice, milk, coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be available to drink.
- ❑ All participants are requested to bring a canteen or water bottle (especially if it is hot) **"and a cup "** - to cut down on the use of paper products. Please carry with you at all times. (Parent & Pal cups will be available to buy at the Trading Post for \$5.)
- ❑ Rain gear, if indicated by the weather

Note: If assigned to a campsite, someone from your unit should bring 2 lanterns (one for the picnic table and one for the latrine area) and a tablecloth, or two, for the picnic table.



SOME GENERAL RULES TO OBSERVE

- NO fireworks are allowed on BSA property!
- **“NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES” are ever allowed on BSA property** – please adhere to this policy - **violators will be requested to leave camp immediately!**
- **SMOKING SHOULD BE DONE OUT OF VIEW OF THE BOYS!!** Field dress all cigarettes – DO NOT throw butts on the ground! A small Ziploc snack bag works good to put butts in.
- **“NO open fires are allowed on the ground unless it is at an established campfire pit.”**
- Absolutely **“NO”** heaters or anything that produces a flame, “of any type”, are allowed inside tents on BSA property. Any equipment that runs on propane should absolutely not be used inside your tent!
- **NO** sheath knives, machetes, or other oversize knives are to be carried or brought into camp by any parent or Scout.
- Leave your area as clean, or cleaner, than you found it – remember, a Scout is CLEAN!
- You will be doing a lot of walking. If you have a health problem, PLEASE let us know!
- **DO NOT KEEP “ANY” FOOD IN YOUR TENT AT NIGHT** unless you want “critters” in your tent with you!! Bring any food or snacks inside the dining hall, or your safety vehicle before you go to bed – the same goes for garbage. (Note: candy is food!) Please bring bags of garbage to the back of the dining hall, before leaving on Sunday.
- NO passengers are ever allowed in the back of a pick-up truck on BSA property!
- **IMPORTANT! SCOUTS ARE REQUESTED “NOT” TO BRING POCKET KNIVES WITH THEM TO THIS CAMPING WEEKEND!!**

DAY CAMP NOTES!

(Please NOTE – this page was updated on 4/20/10)

- Cub Scout Day Camp is a week-long camp (Monday – Friday). Campers arrive early in the morning and leave late afternoon.
- Cub Scouts can attend Cub Scout Day Camp as a pack, den or individual.
- Your pack **MUST** provide leadership for the week in the form of adult chaperones. Make sure every day is covered with an adult chaperone from your pack. You will need at least one parent for every five boys or so. The more chaperones the better. Inform the parents that if they want their son to attend camp, they will have to take a day off work to help share chaperone duties. Chaperones are responsible for moving their boys from one program area to the next, keeping their boys together and disciplined, and helping them to have a good time.
- NEW Tiger Cubs (as of June 1st, or boys that will be in first grade in the fall) **MUST** have at least one parent with them during the entire week. This rule only applies to NEW Tiger Cubs. Graduated Tiger Cubs will be Wolf Scouts as of June 1st.
- **All participants, Scouts, leaders, chaperones and pixies attending camp** will need to complete the Sections A & C of New Boy Scouts of America Health form (#34605) to attend Day Camp.
- Any child attending as a Pixie must be able to use the bathroom by themselves. **Children attending the Pixie program must have a parent in attendance as a chaperone or staff member on the specific day that the Pixie is attending the program.**
- Registration should only be submitted on an official Day Camp registration form.

Day Camp Refund Policy:

- The first \$30 of each camper fee is not refundable and not transferable. This “deposit” is **forfeited** if the Scout does not attend camp.
- Other fees paid prior to camp are *generally* transferable to other ‘new’ or ‘add-on’ Scouts in the Pack, but **not refundable**.
- Refunds will not be given once the session of camp has begun.
- In cases involving extreme circumstances only (doctor’s excuse, summer school, etc.), request for a refund must be made in writing by September 1 to the Council Camping Director for review.
- Any/all refund requests may not be processed until after September 1. Checks will be made payable to the listed on the original receipt.

- Please call the Scout Service Center at 207-1227 should you need more specific information.



Pack plan for attending RESIDENT CAMP

1. Recruit a chairperson from your pack.
2. Hold a camp promotion night (see previous page). Have a sign-up sheet out at this and every pack meeting after that.
3. Arrange to visit your local Cub Scout Resident Camp. This can be done as a pack activity or by your pack promotion people. You will get more families excited about camping if you do this as a pack activity; and it is an important step in hour camp promotion. Take a hike around the camp, have a picnic lunch, or just take drinks and snacks. Call the Scout Service Center beforehand to get permission to visit the camp; and to let the camp ranger know someone is on the property.
4. Collect money (deposit or in full).
5. Register each Scout that will be attending, at the Scout Service Center, using only an official Resident Camp registration form. Pay attention to deadlines. Early bird fees expire May 15th.
6. Give each Scout an official BSA health form to be signed by their family doctor – Class 1 & 2 for Scouts and adults under forty, and Class 3 for adults forty and over. This health form will be good for three years for Scouts and adults under forty – although it should be updated and signed by the parent during the in-between years. Adults forty and over must renew their health form every year.
7. Find out what the program theme will be and the date of the council's Camp Leader meeting. Camp Leader packets will be presented to you at the Camp Leader meeting. Read carefully and make appropriate handouts for participants going to camp, such as maps, schedules, picture order forms, Friday night barbeque signup forms, etc.
8. At least **six to eight weeks** before camp, hold a meeting with all the families of boys who will be going to camp (Scouts also attend this meeting).
9. Recruit leaders from this group for camp – you must have at least two parents or leaders each day (more is better). Any leaders staying overnight will also need a BSA health form (see above), signed by their doctor. Adults staying in camp less than seventy-two hours must complete a health form, but it does not have to be signed by a doctor. HOWEVER, any adult attending camp without a health form signed by a doctor CANNOT participate in aquatic activities – no matter how many days they are signed up for.
10. Go over the theme and get ideas from everyone for a “gateway” design and any other campsite decorations you will be using that relate to that theme. Recruit volunteers to round up and make decorations.
11. Review the Scout's Equipment List. Find out if any of the Scouts need help obtaining equipment from this list.
12. Review the Pack Equipment List. Find out who can help bring what items from this list.

13. At least **four weeks** before camp, meet again to go see how everyone is coming with the creation of the campsite decorations. Ask if anyone is having problems obtaining equipment from either the personal or pack equipment lists.
14. Make tent assignments. If you have an odd number of boys, per BSA policy they cannot bunk three to a tent. The odd boy out can either bunk by himself, or with his parent.
15. Distribute copies of camp maps, directions and schedules and review. See if anyone has any questions.
16. Start a sign-up sheet for the Friday night family barbeque and group pictures.
17. Start a sign-up sheet for parents who cannot stay as a leader, but who may want to visit for one or two days. Obtain BSA health form from these parents (they may or may not have to be signed by a doctor (see above). However, remember, any person that turns in a health form NOT signed by a doctor will not be able to go swimming – no matter how long they are in camp. Make up a chart showing which parents will be visiting on which days and at which meals they will be staying for. Give the camp notice as soon as possible that you will be having extra parents for those certain meals on those certain days. You will have to pay extra for these meals.
18. Meet at least once or twice more to work on gateway or campsite decorations. You will feel the excitement grow with each meeting.
19. Finish collecting all money: registrations fees, picture money, barbeque money, meal money, etc.
20. Collect completed health forms and place in a folder.
21. At your last meeting, make sure parents have all the information they need: check-in and check-out times, emergency phone numbers, address of camp, etc. Agree on a time to arrive at camp and where to meet. Make sure everyone has directions.
22. Direct Scouts on whether to wear their uniforms or pack t-shirts for check-in. Also, wear swimsuits under uniform pants or shorts for the required swim test that takes place after registering. Keep a towel in an easily accessible place.
23. Recruit parents to help with the initial set-up of the gateway and camp.
24. If you are attending an out-of-council camp, you will need to complete a Local Tour Permit (#34426), have it certified by your local council office and take with you to camp.
25. Have a good time!
26. Recognize the Scouts that attended at a future Pack Meeting.
27. Recognize and thank any parents/leaders that went out of their way to help in any way.

RESIDENT CAMP NOTES!

- Cub Scout Resident Camp is a five-day camping experience for Cub Scouts or Webelos Scouts. Tiger Cubs are not eligible to attend Resident Camp.
- Adventure Camp is a three-day camping experience for Cub Scouts or Webelos Scouts. Tiger Cubs are not eligible to attend Adventure Camp.
- Cub Scout and Webelos Scouts attend Resident Camp as a Pack. The pack must provide two-deep leadership; that is, a minimum of two leaders. They do not have to be the same leaders every day. If you have a small group and can only provide one leader, you may be able to request to be put into a campsite with another small pack that also has one (or more) leaders.
- Leaders are responsible for moving their boys from one program area to the next, keeping their boys together and disciplined, getting them up in the morning and to bed at a reasonable hour at night, and helping them to have a good time.
- You can avoid homesickness by keeping the boys as busy as you can, especially before bedtime. Plan your own campfire programs, or play board games. Make sure whatever you do involves ALL your Scouts, especially those you think you may have a problem with.
- Tents and cots are provided for you at Resident Camp and Adventure Camp. You will need a sleeping bag, clothes, toiletries, etc.
- All meals are provided for you in the dining hall.
- Activities include, but are not limited to: archery, BB, nature, games, swimming, crafts, Scout skills, Webelos activity badge programs, etc. The program is very structured. Evening programs are also provided.
- A council Camp Leader's Meeting will be scheduled before you attend camp, to give you information and answer any questions you may have.
- Camperships are available for Cub Scouts that cannot afford to come to camp on their own. No boy should be denied the chance to attend camp. For more information, ask your Cubmaster, or call the Scout Service Center. Campership applications must be completed and submitted into the Scout Service Center by May 1st.
- Please call the Scout Service & Training Center at 207-1227, should you need more specific information.



THIS IS CUB SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP.....

- It is reveille in the **FRESHNESS** of **EARLY MORNING** when drowsy boys pop out to watch the stars and stripes ascend to the top of the flagpole.
- It is acquiring the **INDEPENDENCE**, **SELF-RELIANCE** and **SATISFACTION** that come from knowing how to take care of one's daily needs and the needs of **COMPANIONS**, in deep woods.
- It is play and work, **GIVE** and **TAKE**, and **GROWTH** of **BODY**, **MIND** and **SOUL**.
- It is life with **FLOWERS** and **BUTTERFLIES**, with the wild things that make possible the world of fable.
- It is the "CAMPFIRE when the wood has fallen low and the ashes start to whiten 'neath the **EMBER'S CRIMSON GLOW**."
- It is wondering at the **MYSTERIES** of **NATURE** and the **WISDOM** of the **CREATION** – law and order, the interdependence of plant and animal, color, harmony, design, male and female, and the **GREAT PURPOSE** behind it all.
- It is attuning one's ear to the **SYMPHONIES** of **NATURE** – symphonies that were a part of the first music of the universe – a music that will continue as a **NEVER-ENDING ATHEM** of **PRAISE** to the Creator.
- It is learning the meaning of immortality from the life cycle of butterflies and birds and trees and the deeper yearnings of the soul of man.
- It is acquiring a **SENSE** of **BELONGING**, of **KINSHIP**, of **PARTNERSHIP** with **NATURE** and nature's God.
- It is storing within mind and heart the **SERENITY** of **NATURE** for days of stress and strain.
- It is **FREEDOM** to shout and hear the **ECHO** of your voice which is possible only in the country, **FREEDOM** to explore hollow trees, dense, untrodden forests, **FREEDOM** to catch salamanders and crayfish in a lake (to observe and then release back into the wild, of course), **FREEDOM** to be one's self and to **DREAM** of what one may become.
- It is an **OPPORTUNITY** for boys 8, 9 and 10 years old, to have a **GOOD OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE** and to better prepare them for Boy Scout camp.



“Suggested”
PERSONAL EQUIPMENT LIST
for Cub Scout Resident Camp

(It is strongly recommended that clothing be labeled, ESPECIALLY hats, jackets and rain ponchos.)

****HEALTH FORM (signed by doctor)

Official Cub Scout uniform (consists of BSA shirt, pants or shorts, belt, hat, neckerchief, slide and socks)

Jeans/shirts/shorts

Daily changes of underwear

Sweat pants/shorts to sleep in

Swimming trunks

Raincoat or poncho (write name on)

Two pairs of sneakers (if sending new shoes, don't expect them to come back looking like new)

Boots or “ducks” for rainy days

Socks (several – at least 7 or 8 pair)

Duffel bag or day pack for carrying swim suit articles

Sleeping bag & blankets (2)

Thin air mattress or foam pad

Pillow w/pillowcase

Footlocker, suitcase or Rubbermaid tub

Piece of carpeting or old throw rug for tent platform floor

Bag for dirty laundry

Rope for clothesline/snapper clothespins

Two plastic crates for a nightstand

Toothbrush/toothpaste

Towels (at least 5 to 6)

Washcloths (at least 2 to 3)

Comb and/or brush

Mirror (optional)

Hanger for uniform

Kleenexes

Insect repellent (NO AEROSOL CANS)

After-bite stick

Spending money

Wallet or change purse

Pen/pencil & paper

Scout handbook (NAME IN IT)

Flashlight (at least a 2-C battery type)

EXTRA BATTERIES & BULBS

Battery lamp or light for inside tent

Alarm clock (optional)

Watch

CANTEEN OR WATER BOTTLE

CUP w/name (for use in campsite)

Deck of cards (optional)

Prayer book/Bible (optional)

Camera/film (optional)

Fishing equipment/bait (optional)

Self-addressed/stamped envelopes (to home) (optional)

(NOTE – A helpful hint from parents who have been there:

Pack and label your son's clothes by days in a Ziploc bag, underwear, shirt, shorts & socks. That way, he can just grab a bag each day and be dressed in a jiffy, instead of rummaging around in his trunk or suitcase for hours and trying to decide what to wear.)

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROHIBITED AT CAMP
RADIOS...TAPE PLAYERS...MATCHES...FIREWORKS...ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES...KNIVES OF ANY KIND

ALL MEDICATIONS MUST BE GIVEN TO THE HEALTH OFFICER AT CHECK-IN
ON SUNDAY (except certain inhalers)!

“Suggested”
PACK EQUIPMENT LIST
for Cub Scout Resident Camp

The following items are all optional, at the discretion of the Pack, but will make your stay for the week much more pleasurable.

Extra sleeping bag
Extra blankets
Extra pillow
Extra braided nylon rope for clotheslines
String / rope for miscellaneous uses
At least 3 propane lanterns (discuss)
Tripod lantern stand or tree (optional,
but very, very helpful)
Extra propane bottles
Propane stove (coffee for leaders)
Matches
Coffee pot and/or tea kettle
Pots (optional)

Hose with nozzle
Shovel
Rakes (lawn & garden)
Broom
Lysol spray
Lysol disinfectant
At least four liquid pump soap

Paper towels
Garbage bags
Paper cups / paper plates
Napkins
Plastic utensils
Frying pan spatula
Cutting board & sharp knife
Hot chocolate
Coffee/tea
Sugar / Cremora
Iced tea and / or bug juice

Five-gallon water jug w/spigot
Two-five gallon jug for iced tea/bug juice
Large coolers (for ice & fruit)
Vinyl tablecloths for picnic tables

Extra dining fly / poles
Hammer
Ax (for firewood)
Bow saw
Extra firewood
Fluorescent tape (to mark ropes & ax yard)
Duct tape

Make arrangements with parents to send snacks for different days – for example: watermelon, apples, oranges, plums, nectarines, grapes, etc.

Dutch oven for doughnuts
Oil / tongs / heavy gloves
Ingredients for doughnuts
Brown paper bags
Sugar (plain, confectioners)
Buttermilk refrigerator biscuits

Shower curtains for latrines (if needed for privacy)
Tension rods / metal shower curtain hooks (for shower curtains, if needed)

Tacks / push pins for bulletin board
Ziploc bags (large and small)
Extra batteries / bulbs

Pack banner
Pack flag
American flag
Flag pole stands (three-foot pieces of PVC pipe, cut at a slant & hammered into the ground work well)
Gateway materials

Campfire planning materials (books w/skits, songs, cheers, run-ons)
Scout handbooks (Wolf, Bear & Webelos)
Appreciation gifts for the staff

Craft materials (lace, yarn, leather goods, leather hole punch, wood pieces, beads, feathers, felt, scissors, white glue, hot glue gun and glue, etc.) for camp totem

Markers / pens / pencils / rulers

PACK FIRST AID KIT
(although all first-aid problems go through the camp nurse, bandaids do come loose, etc.)
Bandaids (large/small – funny ones)
Solarcain first aid spray
Peroxide
Tylenol
“After Bite” for insect bites

MORE HINTS FOR THE CAMP LEADERS!

- Make sure you have enough propane lanterns. You need at least one lantern at the latrine area and at least two near the dining fly area.
- Bring enough propane to last the week (figure one small can per lantern per night).
- If you don't have tripod lantern stands or "trees", bring chain link lantern holders that will fit around the tree trunks (chain and s-hooks)
- Glow sticks – five to ten or one per tent or boy
 - Use to ease first night jitters, as needed
 - Hang one on the outside of the leader's tent so their tent can be found easily in the dark for emergencies or bathroom trips.
 - Hint – store used glow sticks submerged in ice during the day – the "glow" will last two nights instead of one night.
- Make a pack banner or sign to hang between the trees.
- Fluorescent tape should be tied at intervals on all ropes and tie-downs to prevent tripping accidents (should also be used at the "axe yard" – that is, area where you keep your firewood).
- All clotheslines should be tied high enough to prevent choking accidents.
- Garbage bags can also be used for emergency rain gear.
- Vinyl tablecloths for the picnic tables are a nice touch of home and are more sanitary.
- A large piece of used bulletin board, foam board or other soft board can be erected for a bulletin board, if there is none in the campsite already. Wedge in between two trees or build a tripod (good Webelos project). Display camp roster, waiter's schedule, fire site duties, daily schedules, map of camp, etc. Don't forget tacks or push pins. Hang in a sheltered place. A piece of clear plastic will keep dew off in the morning, or place papers inside plastic page protectors.
- Bring an assortment of Scouting books – Wolf, Bear and Webelos handbooks, song and skit books, nature books (bird, wild flower and tree identification books). Choose fun and spirited songs. Stay away from gray areas. There is no place in Scouting for this kind of material.
- Bring lots of gimp for "down" time (when??) and an instruction book.
- Bring plenty of props to decorate your campsite and "play up" the theme. Also use for the gateway and Friday night's campfire skit.
- Use one tent, closest to the dining fly, for your supply tent.
- Bring good humor, patience and be prepared to have fun!!

All these items are very useful – some are needed, some just add to the fun and some make camp life a little more like home. This doesn't mean one leader must organize the list and pack it. Decide at your pre-camp meetings who will bring what and divide the duties among all your leaders, or families. Camp, like anything else, is more enjoyable with some planning and organization.

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CHECK-IN DAY AT RESIDENT CAMP

- Scouts should arrive on time for check-in. Don't be late. There is a lot to do. (You will be assigned a time for check-in at the Council's Pre-Camp Leader's Meeting.) It helps if camp leaders can arrive a few hours before the campers to get a good start on setting up camp (check if your camp will let you do this). The parents of the boys should plan on staying around just long enough to get their son's organized and help put the finishing touches on the camp set-up.
- Have pack t-shirts or uniforms on for a pack picture.
- Have a swimsuit on under clothes or have a suit and towel handy to quickly change into. A swim test is done as part of the registration process.
- Have adult and youth Health Forms ready to hand in to the camp nurse and any medications that have to be left at camp. A medical check is also part of the check-in process.
- Have money ready to hand in for registration fees not paid yet.
- Have money ready to hand in for pack photo orders.
- Have money ready to hand in for family Friday night barbeque reservations.
- Have extra schedules and/or camp programs made up for all Scouts and adults attending camp. (You should have received these at the Council's Pre-Camp Leader's Meeting.)

HAVE FUN!!



“THE KEY TO LIVING IS GIVING”

I have been told that in order to enjoy life
to the fullest, you have to experience all that you can....
and with each of these new situations,
there comes a learning experience.....
and when you learn something new,
you want to share it.....
and it is with sharing, that we grow as a person

The Cub Scout Camping program is a tremendous growing experience for all boys and adults who participate in it. But like all other leadership positions in the Scouting program, the people who run your Parent & Pal Weekends and Day Camp camping programs are ALL VOLUNTEERS! Won't you please come and share your knowledge with us, so that you may help a young man to grow. Please contact your district Cub Scout Camping Chairman and reserve a spot for yourself on the staff of Parent & Pal Weekend or Cub Scout Day Camp!

Remember.....
if you haven't the time to help a boy,
there is always someone with time
to show him the wrong way!



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