Troop 72 Summer Camp Meeting

Camp Minsi
Pocono Summit, PA
July 12-18, 2015
Week 4

Camp Rules

• The Scout Oath and Scout Law are the rules of camp
• The SPL and ASPLs are in charge
  – Help with organization, define roles and duties, as well as be
    the first response for incidents while at camp
  – Adult Leaders provide guidance
• Required attendance – morning and evening colors, all meals, evening Vespers, opening and closing camp fires, OA Call Out, closing ceremony
• Class A uniforms required – Sunday check-in, opening and closing campfires, evening colors, Vespers, dinner, Chapel Service, OA Call Out, and closing ceremony
• Two-deep leadership per BSA guidelines

Camp Rules, continued

• Campsites and tents are homes and must not be entered without permission – including friends’ tents
• Night time rules – In site 10 PM – Quiet 11 PM
• The buddy system is required at all times
• Shoes must be worn at all times. No Crocs. Open toe shoes only allowed at waterfront itself, NOT to and from.
• ALL electronics should be left at home. NO cell phones!
  – SPL and ASPLs allowed cell phones for communication with Leaders only
• Personal firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment not permitted.
  – Equipment necessary for merit badges is provided by Camp Minsi.
• No inappropriate knives.

Summer Camp Committee KNIFE Policy

• Knife blades shall be no longer than 4.5”.
• Blades should be sharpened to provide a clean cut, reducing the need for force to make a proper cut.
• Knives shall be manually opened, and either locking or spring-held into position. (Automatic open knives are illegal in the state of PA.)
• During scouting activities, the knife user shall carry a signed Tote n’ Chip card, and apply the knowledge from this training at all times when using his knife.
• Knives prohibited from use and possession during scouting activities include: machetes, straight knives (non-folding), butterfly knives, throwing knives, and the like, plus those employing spring-assist to open or close the knife, such as spring-assist folding or stilettos.
• If there is a question regarding the use and possession of a particular knife, the scout or parent must first confer with a Troop 72 Leader.
What to Pack

- Foot locker
  - Clear plastic bin helpful to see your stuff
  - Tight sealing to keep dry
  - Hinged lid can be helpful
  - Consider putting each day’s clothes in separate Ziploc bags
- Clothing and personal items
  - Complete Field/Class A uniform – shirt, shorts or pants, socks, belt, neckerchief – leave pins and patches at home
  - Use list in hand-out as a good guide
  - Be sure to label all your items with your name
- Merit Badge Pre-reqs
  - No Eagle Pre-reqs = No Eagle MB Class
- Minsi Muck Hike – Be Prepared
  - Old clothing and sneakers that you don’t care about
    - Will get very muddy

What to Pack, continued

- Day pack and water bottle – Bring in CAR
  - Bathing suit, towel and medicines – Sunday check-in
  - Must carry re-usable water bottle around camp every day
  - Scouts must drink 4-6 full bottles throughout each day to stay hydrated – critical that this is followed
- Money ~ $25 (optional) plus merit badge costs
  - Merit badge supplies – Don’t buy until after Monday’s class
    - EXCEPTION – Buy Rifle or Shotgun $20 wristband Sunday
  - Trading post and snack bar
  - Tickets for OPEN shotgun and rifle shooting
- Tick Repellent – new virus, life threatening, TICK CHECKS!
- Miscellaneous
  - Camp chair, Hanger for Class A shirt, Twine for tent corners, 9’ x 11’ Tarp for over the tent, Rope for tying down tarp

What NOT to Pack

- Packaged food
  - Food NOT allowed in tents – attracts wild animals, including skunks, raccoons and black bears (and bees)
- Mess kit (not necessary)
- Electronics of any type (Exception – GPS)
- Aerosol or flammable substances
  - Bug sprays, antiperspirants, etc. must be roll-on or pump spray
    - Aerosols damage the tent’s water repellency
- Please no Axe products – severe allergy within Troop

Assembly & Packing Trailer – Sun., July 12

- Scouts Arrive Camp Spirit by 9:00 A.M. Sunday July, 12
  - Scouts must:
    - Be dressed in Class A uniform upon arrival at camp.
    - Have DAY PACK with water, lunch, bathing suit, towel & MEDS
  - Foot lockers and hard sided gear - place BEHIND trailer
  - Soft items such as sleeping bags - place at SIDE of trailer
- Packing trailer
  - Priority: 1) Troop Gear  2) Scouts’ Gear  3) Misc. – chairs, etc.
  - Hard sided items will be loaded on trailer first
  - Soft gear will fill upper space on trailer to allow optimal packing
    - Will not stay with foot locker – Label everything
  - Place sleeping bags in labeled plastic garbage bag for protection
**Carpooling To and From Minsi**

- Carpooling – will be assigned prior to departure if your Scout/family has not already organized
  - Parking is VERY limited at Minsi
    - The Troop WILL be carpooling
  - Leaders attending camp can fill cars with Scouts
  - Carpooling permission forms required prior to departure
  - Form addresses travel to and from camp
  - Parents highly encouraged to carpool together to have relatively full cars coming home
  - On Saturday, July 18, for return to Camp Spirit, if NOT riding with parent, Carpooling Permission Form is required.

**Sunday Assembly and Departure**

- Roll call and final instructions – 10:00 A.M., or upon completion of packing gear.
- Depart Camp Spirit ONLY when all are dismissed.
- Assembly at Camp Minsi – Target 12:15 P.M. (buffer to allow for traffic along route and at camp)
  - Park in designated parking lots upon arrival. Will be directed to these lots by camp staff.
  - Assemble immediately in the designated spot (communicated earlier at Camp Spirit) with ALL remaining gear – back packs, etc.
  - Roll call will be conducted again while waiting for camp guide
  - Eat lunch in car (if allowed), or while waiting for check-in
    - No food provided by camp until dinner after 5:45

**Camp Check-In**

- Our scheduled Check-in is at 1:00 P.M.
- Only Troop trailer will be allowed at camp site
- During check-in following will occur
  - Medical re-check at Health Lodge
  - Dining Hall orientation
  - Troop photo
  - Waterfront orientation and swim checks (if needed)
  - Campsite inspection PRIOR to moving into tents
- Scouts choose tents based on highest rank of Tentmates – occurs when time allows
- First year scouts will be grouped together with appropriate Leaders

**Camp Check-Out**

- Closing Ceremony
  - Saturday 10:00 A.M. – Troops, Scouts recognized for special awards
  - Required attendance wearing Class A uniform. Parents invited.
  - All gear will be packed on Troop trailer prior to Closing Ceremony
  - Parents are responsible for transporting boys by carpool
  - Troop departs following ceremony and final site inspection
  - Scouts and parents MUST check out with Mr. Smith
  - Meet back at Camp Spirit to unload trailer and collect personal gear
  - Additional pick-up details, if necessary, communicated by email in the later part of week. Check for email Friday evening.
  - Boys departing early, leaving and returning during the week MUST complete Authorization for Camper Release form
- Form turned in to Mrs. Fitch prior to Sunday’s departure for camp
What is due and when...

• DUE TONIGHT – June 15
  – Med Form – ALL parts – See Mrs. Kelly Hartshorne
  – T-shirt / Sweatshirt orders
  – COPE permission form
  – Dues paid THRU the end of JULY – See Mrs. Dianne Searcy

• DUE by June 22
  – Food Allergy and Religious Dietary Information
    • Complete form tonight – Give to Mrs. Robin Fitch
    • If long list of “can’t have”, also tell “can have”
  – Photo order and payment
  – Sunday Night Family Cookout reservation and payment

• DUE at CAMP SPIRIT – on July 12 (if necessary)
  – Completed Routine Drug Administration Form
  – Camper Release Form

Medical Forms – BSA Requirement

• Part C – Doctor exam – Due tonight (6/15/15)
  – Must be completed by doctor
  – Must have doctor’s signature
  – Must have clearly written doctor’s address
  – Must have clearly written date
  – Hand to Mrs. Fitch or Mrs. Hartshorne

• Parts A and B were required with re-charter in January, upon joining, or with crossover in March
  – Complete Parts A & B TONIGHT if not brought with you
  – Available tonight or online at:
    • http://www.campminsi.org/resources

Medications

• If taking medications along to camp
  – Must neatly complete Routine Drug Administration Record
    • See Mrs. Fitch for forms TONIGHT
  – Medications must be in original containers with current information on labels
  – Label must match information on Routine Drug form

• Place medications in a Ziploc bag with completed Routine Drug Administration Record
  – Write the following on the bag:
    • Scout’s first and last name
    • Troop 72
    • Campsite – Site 4, Mohawk (Subject to change)
    • Week 4

Camp Items for Parents

• Sunday Night Family Cookout
  – Sunday July 12 – Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Potato Salad, and...
  – $10 / person, $4 / children under 6
  – Money due to Mrs. Searcy on or BEFORE June 22

• Camp photo
  – 5x7 / $7
  – 8x10 / $10
  – Money due to Mrs. Searcy on or BEFORE June 22
  – If cost decreases by $1 – returned to Scout Account

• ONLY for Emergencies at home
  – Call: Mr. Steve McKenzie (610-462-2628) or Mrs. Robin Fitch (610-360-5475)
  – Camp office (570-839-9108)

• Parent visitation
  – Allowed only with Mrs. Fitch’s agreement before hand
  – Must sign in and out with camp office, obtain visitor’s pass, and pay for meals per Camp Minsi Leader’s Guide page 9
FUN STUFF AT CAMP !!!

• Afternoon Adventures for age 14+ scouts
  – Spar Pole – Monday – Free
  – Whitewater Rafting w/ Pocono Whitewater – Tuesday – $20
  – Minsi Muck Hike – Wednesday – Free – Open to ALL AGES
  – Hickory Run Hiking – Thursday – $10
  – Mountain Biking the Lehigh Gorge – Friday – $20

• Evening Programs
  – Open swimming and boating, special shooting sports activities, sports, games, Troop competitions, crafts, presentations, service opportunities, night hikes and more...

• Minsi Village Programs
  – Help carve a totem pole, experience dug-out canoe making, tomahawk throwing, Minsi Village patch, Minsi Warriors program

More Fun Stuff...

• Order of the Arrow (OA) Day – Thursday
  – Wear OA Shirt during day
  – Bring OA Sash for Call-Out Ceremony
  – Cook Dinner in site – no mess kit needed
  – OA Call-Out from sites

• Frigid Froggie –
  – Every morning @ 6:30AM to earn patch

• COPE – Age 13+ at Camp Trexler every morning
  – Complete permission form tonight

• Huge (~30 person) War Canoe

• We are really close to the Trading Post!!!

Merit Badge & Outpost Info

• No Eagle pre-reqs = No Eagle badge class
• Geocaching MB – Must bring GPS
• Boating – Must have water shoes
• BLUE CARDS – Monday – Record of your ATTENDANCE!
• OUTPOSTS – Thursday
  – Wilderness Survival – Bring Knife, Survival Kit
  – Trail to Adventure – (First Years) – Bring Tent
  – Voyager – Evening canoe trek across Stillwater Lake
    • Special outpost destination
  – Minsi Village – Experience the culture of Native Americans
    • Sleep in primitive structures
    • Native American campfire stories
    • Learn the significance of Drums
• Do Tick Checks DAILY – Especially Outposts
  – New, life-threatening virus

Additional Information & Links:

• http://www.campminsi.org
  – You will find: Links to ALL Camp Minsi files, including Leader’s Guide, BSA Medical Form, Routine Drug Administration Record, Food Allergy & Religious Dietary Information Form, Camp Menu
• Troop 72 Website – Camping Corner
  http://troop72campspirit.org
• Camper Release Form:
  http://trexlercamp.org/camp_files/global/ParentReleaseForm.pdf
• Do Tick Checks DAILY – Especially Wilderness Survival
  – New, life-threatening virus
• Average temperature: “80 Daytime ~ 60 Nighttime
• Minsi means “Place where rocks are gathered together”