

Summer Camp 2008

The PLC and Advisors of this troop are very excited about our summer camp program for this summer and we hope everyone will be able to attend. We want to share with you the details of camp this year, so you can start preparing for a great time.

We will be going to Tesomas Camp located in Northern Wisconsin 8 miles North of Rhinelander. Camp will be June 29th (6:30AM) – July 5th (4PM).

Highlights of Camp

Since 1935, Tesomas has been providing an outdoor program second to none. With approximately 1,100 acres, Tesomas prides itself on a commitment to excellence and the best customer service anywhere. The more than 70 staff members provide programs in ten different areas, some of which were the first of their kind in the nation. Its 33 straight "A" ratings for National Accreditation reaffirm that it is the place "Where camping is KING!"

Camp Cost

Total cost of camp is \$242.00 (\$10.00 late fee).

Please give all payments to Sandy, so they can be applied to your balance.

Refunds

Camp fees are non-refundable as we encourage units to transfer fees to another Scout from the unit who is attending camp. However, the Samoset Council will deal with each situation in which a written refund request is received and endeavor to be as fair as possible. All refunds are calculated after the \$50 nonrefundable deposit. These are the guidelines we follow:

- Sickness, injury or family tragedy during camp resulting in the Scout being sent home during: First third - 50% refunded; Second third - 25% refunded; Final third - no refund.
- Sickness, injury or family tragedy before camp resulting in the Scout not attending: Notification before camp - 100% refunded; Notification at check-in - 50% refunded; Notification after check-in - no refund.
- All other reasons (baseball tournament, change in vacation plans, etc): Notification at least 1 week before your camp date - 50% refunded; Less than 7 days, no refund.

Transportation

We will transport the youth to and from camp. Any electronic device the scout brings for the car ride will remain in the vehicles during camp. Only the scout will be responsible for any damage or loss to the item. No Electronics are to be brought out of the vehicles including cell phones.

Medical Forms

Please get the following items done ASAP as we have to mail them to camp in advance.

Scouts need Class 1 & 2 Medical Form Signed by physician within last 36 months prior to camp

Adults 18 – 40 years of age need Class 3 Medical Form Signed by physician within last 36 months prior to camp

Adults 40 years of age or older Class 3 Medical Form Signed by physician within last 12 months prior to camp

Medicine needs to be sent in original containers with troop name on the bottle.

Camp Swim Test

Almost everyone took the swim. If you did not take the test please pack your swimsuit and towel in a bag that they will carry on their laps in the vehicles they travel in.

Equipment

We will be sleeping in troop tents. Please see separate list for what to bring and what not to bring. Put your name on everything!

Trading Post

- The Trading Posts will be open at various times throughout the day. Specific hours will be posted at each camp. It will be closed for all meals, flag ceremonies, and during chapel.
- Here you will find all the merchandise you need including everything from hats and shirts to collectibles. You will also be able to purchase additional toiletries, cooking supplies, and other camping necessities.
- You will be able to purchase candy, soda, slushies, and any other food items. Please clean up after yourselves.

Troop Leadership

Leaders are teachers, listeners, motivators, disciplinarian to mention just a few roles of a Scout leader. The leader's role in camp is probably the most challenging; it is also the most rewarding.

Training for leaders will also be available during camp.

- **Climb on Safely**
- **CPR, AED, & First Aid Certification (\$30.00)**
- **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills**
- **Safe Swim & Safety Afloat**
- **Trek Safely**
- **Youth Protection**

Merit Badges

Merit badges are part of the experience. Every scout is encouraged to earn some of these at camp and we will help the scouts pick the ones he will be most successful at. See separate list for merit badges.

Some Merit Badges will have pre-requisites. Please make sure these are completed prior to camp.

Model Design & Building, Photography, and Space Exploration each have a \$5 fee to help cover merit badge materials. Scouts taking shotgun are charged a \$20 fee to cover shells & clays.

Older Scout Programs (13 and older)

Scouts get a taste of adventure on-site with our 60' climbing tower, featuring walls for rappelling, climbing, and team-building. For the most daring Scouts and leaders, our famous Hanna Zip-line offers a breathtaking ride to the ground from the top of the tower. The challenge continues just a few steps away at Project C.O.P.E. Participants walk the line on our 45' high-ropes course and test their limits at our low course events, building teamwork and working through various obstacles.

*Long pants are required.

Younger Scout Programs

Eagle Quest offers opportunities to help young Scouts complete their Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks.

Certain requirements will require the Scouts dress for the activity. Swimsuit, towel, and shoes are needed for all swimming requirements. Long pants are recommended for hikes.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AT CANYON CAMP

Aquatics

Swimming Instruction

Recreational Swimming

Scout Lifeguard Instruction*

Mile Swim

Rowing and Canoeing Instruction

B.S.A. Snorkeling

Board Sailing

Kayaking

Snorkeling

- Free time from 3:30 -5:30 (Wednesday until 5:00) is great for activities like open shooting, boating, climbing, field sports, swimming, and program area instruction.
- Program areas will also have organized and themed events/competitions that will be promoted throughout the week.

Family Night

Wednesday from 3:30-7:30, Main Camp: Invite your friends and family to camp for a visit, tour, and meal. During the afternoon visit program areas. Then join us for our picnic style meal at 6:00. Tickets for this meal may be purchased in the Program Center for \$5 a plate. The evening program will conclude with Native American dancing and the Call-Out Ceremony for the Order of the Arrow.

*You need to let us know if you will be attending, so we can let Tesomas know.

Visitors should be reminded that they are not permitted to drive to campsites or activity areas. All vehicles must remain in the parking lot. Camp is not capable of providing transportation

Mail

Mail for your Scout(s) should include: Outgoing mail leaves by 9:00 a.m. The mailbox is located at the Trading Post. Incoming mail may be picked up by a troop leader at the camp office during the afternoon.

Parents should be warned that mail sent on Thursday or Friday may not reach the Scout before he leaves camp on Saturday.

Scout's Name and Troop #

(Camper's Name), (Unit #)

Tesomas Scout Camp

5403 Spider Lake Rd Rhinelander, WI 54501

Telephone

In case of an emergency, parents can reach the Camp Director at (715) 365-3111. Fax number is (715) 365-3112.

The camp telephone is located in the camp office and is for camp business and emergency use only. The telephone is available to Scouts only when accompanied by an adult leader. When placing a long distance call, you must either call collect, use a calling card, or place the call on your credit card.

Homesickness

Homesickness can be prevented. Parents are the best ones to prevent this. Parents must not promise their child that if he doesn't like it, he can come home. This promise sets the boy up for defeat. Parents must try to transmit positive messages about camp, emphasizing that his days at camp will be worthwhile experience and they are happy that he is going. If a child wishes to take something special with him that reminds him of home, such as a pillow, blanket, or toy, he should be encouraged to do so. This special object will be a reminder of and a link to home. Do not tell a Scout to telephone if he needs anything. Such advice could be contrary to the policy of the camp against indiscriminate use of phones. When the Scout is ready to leave, avoid a dramatic departure scene. While the boy is at camp letters are generally sent. They provide a bond with home during separation. The tone of the letter and its contents have a great effect on the production of homesickness. The letters should be conversational about events at home and ask questions about his experiences at Scout Camp. They should never contain such lines as: "We all miss you very much; we love you so." "Your dog hasn't eaten since you left." "We served your favorite meal last night; too bad you could not be with us to eat it." Items that may cause jealousy between the children at home such as, "Yesterday, we bought your brother a new bike that is much better than yours," should be avoided. Campers sometimes break into tears after reading such well intentioned letters from home.

Homesickness is a common occurrence and if faced with understanding and care is just another step in the process of growing up. Parents, members of the troop, and the Camp Staff should all be aware of its causes, means of prevention, and above all, its cure, which is simply a great deal of understanding and willingness to help another person deal with his feelings and get involved with the Scouting Program

Closing comments

We want all of our scouts to attend summer camp. Advisors will be taking their time and abilities to put into your sons week at summer camp. Camp is a huge part of our program and we want all to participate.

The troop spends 51 weeks of the year planning for the week of summer camp and that in his one week at camp he will receive 144 hours of concentrated Scouting...while a Scout attending only Troop meetings for one year accumulates about 75 hours of Scouting.