

2010 Parent's Guide

J. Edward Mack Scout Reservation



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Dear Parents,

Thank you for supporting the values and ideals of Scouting, by encouraging your son to attend Camp Mack. With another summer camp season approaching, I hope you and your son are excited as we are! The staff and volunteers have been preparing since the end of camp 2009 and we have all kinds of new and exciting activities this year.

If this is your son's fourth year coming to a Cub Camp or his first, either way we want to assure you he will be in good hands! Scouting is "fun with a purpose." Everything we do at Scout camp, as in your son's pack will help your son grow into a better man in the future. In the great outdoors, he'll learn new skills, make new friends and get to experience nature at its best.

Please be assured that your son's safety and well being are our number one priority! I hope you are able to join your son as a leader during the camping session. It truly is the best time you will spend with your son. He will never forget the time you spend with him! I'll thank you again on his behalf for choosing to send him to Camp Mack this summer.

After you take a look at this Parents guide, talk to your leaders if you have any questions. You can feel free to call me at (717) 989-0878 or email me at ACHORN@peoplepc.com with any questions your leaders can't answer. Thank you again for your support of Scouting. I look forward to meeting you and your son at camp!

Yours in Scouting,

Angie Horn

Angie Horn,
Camp Director

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Camp Philosophy

The goal of scouting is to develop desirable character, personal fitness and citizenship skills in young people. One of the ways the Pennsylvania Dutch Council, BSA does this is through a summer camp program.

The council's approach to camping is to introduce Cub Scouts to camping early in their scouting career in day camp, family camp and then gradually increase the amount of time a boy is in resident camp from three days to five days.

Your boy will be attending an accredited camp that has a fully trained staff. Our camp also supplements the regular staff with the volunteers who come to camp. These leaders bring skills and talents that enable the council to provide a diversified program.

The council strives to help a boy learn to participate in age-appropriate programs which will maximize his camp experience by encouraging him to do activities as an individual, making new friends and building self-esteem. The strength of the boys attending camp will continue to build a quality program which will meet the needs of units and the youth members for years to come.

DIRECTIONS TO MACK SCOUT RESERVATION:



The camp can be reached by several different routes and is easily accessible from major highways and interstates. **To use MAPQUEST, type in: 2 Scout Lane, Newmanstown, PA 17073** for your destination.

J.E. Mack Scout Reservation is conveniently located about 2 miles north of the intersection of US 322 and PA Rte. 501 (Brickerville).

From ROUTE 76- PA Turnpike- Take the Lebanon exit and at the top of the exit ramp (traffic light) turn Left onto route 72 north. Route 72 and 322 split. Stay in the right lane; follow US 322 East to Brickerville. Turn left onto PA Rte. 501 North. Go 2 miles to entrance to camp on left.

MAIL & FACILITIES

Mail: Our camp has daily mail service. **Due to the shortness of the stay of Cub Resident Campers, we recommend that mail should not be sent to them.** However, **Webelos Resident Campers** may receive mail late in their week. Incoming mail is distributed to the campsite's mailbox/folder located in the Camp Office. Outgoing mail should be deposited in the Camp Office mailbox by 10:00am daily.

Incoming mail should be addressed as follows:

**J.E. Mack Scout Reservation
c/o (Scout Name, Pack #)
2 Scout Lane
Newmanstown, PA 17073**

Phones: The J. Edward Mack Scout reservation phone number is **(717) 626-8711**. This line is available only for official camp business and must be kept open for emergencies. There is not pay-phone service available at Camp Mack, due to the popularity of cell phones. Most cell phones have reception at camp. **We strongly recommend that units discourage Scouts from bringing their own cell phones to camp.**

Unit leaders and parents who need to keep in contact with home or office are encouraged to make use of their personal cell phones, **please do so out of eyesight of the scouts**. This will help curb potential homesickness problems as well as lessening disruption for the total camping experience for the boys and others in camp.

Messages: Phone messages will be placed in the unit's mailbox, unless marked URGENT, and then all attempts will be made to get it to the unit as soon as possible

Camp Office: The camp offices are located in the small building to the right of the Trading Post. This is the hub of camp operations and is manned by a staff member to answer phones, questions, and provide assistance, information, and forms which you may need while in camp. The Program Director office can be found here as well. The Camp Director's office is located right across the walk way.

Office Hours: The office is open during all program times with the exception of meal times and "Siesta".

Laundry Facilities: A small coin operated Laundromat is available for use for those unforeseen happenings. The Laundromat is located on the breezeway at the comfort station. Laundry detergent is available in the trading post.

Lost and Found: If your Scouts "misplace" or found something, a lost and found box is located on the porch of the Camp Office. Items of value, such as; watches, wallets etc., will be locked up in the camp office for the owner to claim. Unclaimed items will be either be thrown away or donated to a clothing bank at the end of the camping season. We will make every attempt to return an item to its rightful owner.

CAMP TRADING POST: As a service to campers, a Trading Post is operated at camp. Among the items for sale, are fun kits, books, merit badge pamphlets, Camp Mack souvenirs (hats, t-shirts, patches, sweatshirts, etc.) camping equipment, batteries, personal hygiene items, stamps and much, much, more. Snack available in the afternoon and evening hours may include candy, snacks, ice cream, Popsicles, slush-puppies, hot dogs, popcorn, bottled water and soda and many other items. **Cash, Check, MasterCard and Visa are accepted.**

Facilities & Services:

HOW MUCH MONEY SHOULD MY SCOUT BRING TO CAMP? Past sales trends have shown us that the average Scout spends approximately \$10-15 per session in the Trading Post. Please make sure that your Scout is prepared by reviewing the costs of den/pack photos, as well as souvenirs and snacks prior to attending camp. We recommend that unit leaders be aware of Scouts carrying large sums of money and offer to hold it for them. This will avoid disappointment in the event the money is misplaced, lost or stolen.



SOUVENIR PHOTOS: After your group arrives in Camp, a photographer will be available to take a souvenir group photo of your den/pack. The cost of each 8"x10" Color print is \$7.00 **and should be pre-ordered** on your registration form, or ordered at check-in. Photos will be ready at checkout.

COUNCIL SCOUT SHOP: We suggest that parents use the Scout Shop at the PA Dutch Council Service Center, which is located at 630 Janet Avenue, Suite B114, Lancaster, PA for any necessary uniforms or gear prior to camp. The phone number is (717) 394-4063.

Regular Hours of Operation: Mon & Fri 8:00am - 5:00pm
Tue-Wed-Thu 9:00am - 6:00pm
Summer Hours (after June 1) Mon ~ Fri 8:00am - 4:30pm



Facilities & Services:

Campsites are equipped with BSA standard canvas wall tents on wooden tent platforms. Each tent contains two cots. Air mattresses or foam pads (not provided) could add to your comfort. Each site is also equipped with a picnic table, trashcan. Additionally, each campsite features running water and a pit-latrine. The following tools are provided and can be found hanging on the side of your latrines; shovel, rake, broom and fire bucket. Additional supplies such as toilet paper and trash bags can be obtained from the Camp Office or Ranger.

SHOWER HOUSES / RESTROOMS: Flush toilets and hot showers are available as a convenience to campers. The new "Comfort Station" is conveniently located between the main parking lot and swimming pool. Occasionally unsanitary conditions require us to temporarily close the facilities until the responsible parties correct the situation. Shower houses are meant to supplement-not replace the washstands and latrines in the campsites. Shower houses are closed to campers after taps.

DINING AT CAMP MACK: All meals are served cafeteria-style in the Camps Pavilion. The council employs a professional food service company that provides nutritious, balanced meals. With one exception, the Webelos dinner on outpost nights is prepared by the Scouts. The camp menus are based on school lunch menus and will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Pavilion. A full line salad bar, along with peanut butter/jelly and bread are available at all lunches and dinners.

CAMP POLICIES:

Special Dietary Needs / Restrictions: We will do our best to accommodate anyone with special dietary needs, provided we are given adequate notice. If your child have any special food needs PLEASE let the Camp Director know by filling out the Dietary Food / Allergy Form in the registration packet or can be found on the website www.padutchbsa.org and returned with all other forms. If we don't know we can't accommodate. It is also important to note any restrictions or allergies on your Scout's medical form.

Guest Meals: Occasionally packs may have a guest or leader in camp that may stay overnight, or is just visiting over mealtime. If the guest is taking the place of a camper who is not in camp, there is no charge for the meal(s). Otherwise, he or she should pay for the meal at the Camp Office. The cost is \$6.00 per meal (except the Family Night Meal) Family Night Meal will be a Chicken BBQ dinner. (cost is \$8.00)

CAMP STAFF: Our Camp Staff is made up of youth and adults, ranging from 14 to 75 or more years old. The youth staff is selected based upon their knowledge, level of experience and leadership, enthusiasm for Scouting, and overall maturity. Many are Eagle Scouts, or are close to attaining it. The adult staff is knowledgeable and experienced as well. We try to hire only the best role models and teachers in their fields. All of our staff undergoes extensive training in BSA Policy, First Aid, CPR, Customer Service, Teaching Techniques, Safety, Youth Protection and many, many more topics before they ever see their first camper. The average staff member has 3-4 years of on-the-job experience at camp.

We are proud of our staff and are confident that they will live up to your high expectations. We strive to make your time at Mack as hassle-free and enjoyable as possible. If you ever have any comments, compliments, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to share them with us.

Open Door Policy: The Camp Director, Program Director and the Pennsylvania Dutch Council all have an open door policy. This is to say that any leader or camper can request an appointment to discuss problems confidentially.

Complaints/Concerns: If you have a problem or a concern please let the Camp Director know about it at the earliest possible opportunity. Suggestions for improving the operation of our camps and camp programs are always welcome.

The Camp Director is responsible for the overall operation of the camp, health & safety, youth protection, business transactions, staffing, unit relations, maintaining the standards as set forth by the BSA and PA Dutch Council, and coordinating all services provided by camp.

The Program Director is responsible for any programs taking place in camp, specialty programs, campfires and family night programs. He is also responsible to manage and oversee program areas, and work with the Camp Director to ensure a quality experience for all Scouts and Scouters while in camp.

Camp Ranger is responsible for the maintenance of the physical camp facility, grounds keeping, camp security, enforcement of BSA and Camp Policies and the health & safety of all campers. Please report any damage or maintenance needs through the camp office. Any health and safety items that need attention are given top priority.

Health & Safety Considerations:

HEALTH LODGE: The camp has a fully equipped Health Lodge capable of providing emergency medical treatment for our campers. This is primarily a First-Aid station. We can take care of the cuts, scrapes, bug bites, and sunburn. We are also equipped with an AED and Oxygen. Anything else beyond our scope of treatment protocols will require a trip to the local Emergency Room or Camp Physician's office. The Health Lodge is also equipped with hospital style beds to allow campers a quiet place to rest in the air conditioning. Unfortunately any camper who is either too sick or unable to stay comfortably in his own campsite overnight must return home until he is well enough to stay in camp.

HEALTH OFFICERS: Fully trained health care professionals holding 1st Responder or higher credentials staff our Health Lodge. In any case, they are well versed in the latest treatments for first-aid, CPR, and follow protocols monitored by the PA Department of Health, the local Camp Physician, and the Boy Scouts of America. The majority of the camp staff is also trained in Basic First Aid and CPR. Our Health Officers also serve as program instructors for First Aid and CPR.

INJURIES / ILLNESSES: All illnesses and injuries incurred while in camp must be reported to the Health Officer. Staff members are prepared to give basic first aid treatment in the program areas and will call upon the Health Officer for help if needed. Serious injuries may require the completion of an incident report.

INSURANCE COVERAGE: All registered members of Pennsylvania Dutch Council are automatically covered by health and accident insurance. Under the provisions of this policy, your Scout is covered for any deductible amount not covered by your family's insurance company. (Please verify that your family's current policy number and company information is provided on the medical form.) It is the responsibility of the Scout's parent to file insurance claims. As a courtesy, the Health Lodge staff will provide the initial forms and information required for getting treatment. Neither the PA Dutch Council nor the Health Officers are responsible to follow up on unpaid claims, or file additional paperwork for follow-up treatments.

MEDICATIONS: Check with the Health Officer on storage requirements for prescribed medication. A locked refrigerator is available if needed. Make sure medicine is clearly marked with name and instructions. A unit leader, **MAY** at his discretion, and with parental approval, dispense prescribed medications to youth in his/her charge as long as proper documentation is provided to health officer. Youth may not keep in their possession any medications. The only exceptions would be Epi-Pens, Inhalers, and life-dependent emergency medicine. Please notify your Unit Leader that your son is on medication and the times he needs to take them.

MEDICAL EXAMS: All campers and leaders who are in camp for more than 72 consecutive hours are required to have an up-to-date health history and physical examination form on file with the Health Officer. Units should provide photocopies of the original forms for each person, since they must be kept on file and will not be returned at the conclusion of camp. Any person who arrives **without a current medical form on file may not stay in camp beyond 24 hours, and will not be permitted to take the swim test or participate in any strenuous activities.** Arrangements must be made to obtain a physical exam within that time frame or else the person must return home until the situation is resolved. There is a local urgent care facility that offers walk-in service. Units are responsible for any costs of getting a new physical as well as making transportation arrangements.

MEDICAL FORMS:

All MEDICAL FORMS can be found at www.padutchbsa.org

MEDICAL FORMS:

Cub Resident (under 72 hours) Medical Form:

Scouts – Part A & C (Health History **MUST** be updated every year)

Leaders/Parents – Part A & C (Health History **MUST** be updated every year)

Day Camp Medical Form:

Scouts – Part A & C (Health History **MUST** be updated every year)

Leaders/Parents – Part A & C (Health History **MUST** be updated every year)

Webelos Resident (over 72 hours) Medical Form:

Scouts – Parts A, B & C is **REQUIRED (MUST be COMPLETED & SIGNED by doctor)**

Leaders/Parents – Parts A, B & C is **REQUIRED (MUST be COMPLETED & SIGNED by doctor)**

For leaders and campers, the physical exam must have been conducted within the past year, the medical history **MUST** be updated, and the form must be signed and dated by the parent or guardian (if under 18) within the past year – we prefer that it be within a few months prior to arrival to camp.

Annual Reviews:

It is especially important that the medical history be reviewed and update on a yearly basis. The reason for this is simply because from the original date of a physical bodies change, in height, weight and overall condition. We may develop allergies or require medications, have surgeries or serious illness. It is of the utmost **importance that CURRENT health related information be given so that our Health Officer or Emergency Room Personal may make informed decisions toward the best possible treatment.**

Emergency Contact and Insurance Information should also be reviewed on an annual basis. Family situations, legal guardians, insurance companies often change from year to year. Please ask parents to keep their emergency contact person informed of their whereabouts or of any special information that may be helpful in the event of an emergency.

ACCESSIBILITY: Most of the facilities at Mack Scout Reservation have been upgraded over the past several years to comply with ADA standards. Wheelchair access is available to all program areas as well as the camp office, trading post, dining hall and shower house facilities. Please notify the Camp Director if your unit has any special needs for accessibility and we will do our utmost to accommodate them.

POLICIES of CAMP

Pennsylvania Dutch Council camps are operated for the benefit of all registered Scouts and Scouters in accordance with standards of the council. Rules for acceptance and participation in camp programs are the same for everyone without regard to race, color, creed, or national origin.

Every precaution is taken to insure the safety of all campers and every effort is made to make their camp stay a pleasant and memorable experience. Toward that end, policies and procedures have been established that pertain to everyone in camp. The law of the camp is the Scout Law, which is simple, yet all-inclusive.

SWIM TESTS are done the first day at check in. This is for youth and adults alike that would like to use the pool and the boats at the lake. **BSA POLICY MANDATES THAT WE DO BUDDY CHECKS EVERY 10 MINUTES THE BOYS ARE IN THE POOL.** This is a safety standard that we **MUST** follow.

SMOKING by adults over the age of 18 is approved only in the designated area. At Camp Mack, this is behind the Kitchen, out of view of youth members. Please be responsible for properly disposing of your waste. Youth under the age of 18 are not permitted to smoke.

ALCOHOL & DRUGS: The Boy Scouts of America has firm policies regarding alcohol and drugs, which are not debatable. Any staff member, leader, or camper unwilling to abide by these policies will be removed from camp immediately. Possession, consumption, or being under the influence of alcohol, illegal, or non-prescription drugs will not be tolerated on property of Boy Scouts of America. Anyone facilitating or participating in the aforementioned will be dismissed from camp immediately.

Use of any prescribed medications is authorized when under the care of a physician, and must be disclosed to the Health Officer on the individual's health form.

The Pennsylvania Dutch Council, Boy Scouts of America, supports all local laws, codes, and ordinances of the government bodies in whose territory we operate facilities. Additionally, the council supports the National Council, BSA policy on drug abuse.

Knives, Saws & Axes may be used only in campsites and program areas. Sheath knives are not permitted at camp. Proper axe-yards and Totin' Chip rules should be followed. It is the responsibility of the unit Leadership to insure safety precautions are followed.

Firearms / Weapons may not be brought to camp. Only BB Rifles or Bows provided by the camp will be used. Only BBs/arrows provided by the camp can be used. Other Firearms, BB guns, Paintball Guns, Blow Guns, or weapons related to martial arts or personal protection will be confiscated and turned over to the PA State Police for proper disposal.

Fireworks of any type are prohibited in camp and are against the law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Items will be confiscated and turned over to the PA State Police for proper disposal.

Fires are a potential hazard in camp, particularly if drought conditions exist. Campers must be cautious with fire following the guidelines of the Camp Fire Guard Plan and Outdoor Code. During times of extreme drought or high heat, a ban on open fires could be imposed. You will be notified if and when those conditions are in effect.

Fishing is permitted at Squire Lake during daylight hours. PA Fish and Game Commission laws must be observed. Fishing licenses are required for those over the age of 16. A Catch and Release policy is in place.

Pets are not permitted in camp at any time during the camping season in compliance with the Pennsylvania State Health and Safety Codes. This policy does not pertain to pets of permanent camp residents or service animals.

Open Toe Shoes such as sandals, flip-flops, crocs and aqua shoes are only permitted in shower houses, waterfront or pool areas. For your own protection, when hiking to and from these areas, or around camp, sturdy closed-toe shoes (boots or sneakers) are required.

Personal Property: The Pennsylvania Dutch Council cannot be responsible for loss or damage to personal property at camp. Scouts should be encouraged to lock their valuables in a trunk or footlocker when they are not in use. It is recommended that campers have insurance coverage for property brought to camp. Most homeowner's policies include provisions for this type of coverage. Report any thefts immediately to Camp Director, Program Director or Camp Ranger.

Uniforms: It is recommended for Cub Scout day and resident camps that you bring pack t-shirts or plain colored short sleeve shirts. Shorts or long pants according to the weather. For **Webelos** camp it is recommended to bring one full uniform for evening ceremonies and anything special that may come up while in camp.

***Note to Parents:** Please request that Scouts leave articles of clothing at home which may advertise or promote anything that may contradict the values and ideals that Scouting is trying to teach.

Vandalism / Destruction of Camp Property: Vandalism and pranks are not only contrary to the values of Scouting, but can result in significant financial loss, injury, loss of program, and potentially closing of the camp, affected facility, or program area. There is a fine line between harmless fun and taking things too far.

Any Scout or unit that takes part in vandalizing, destruction or theft of camp property will be held financially responsible for all losses incurred, and possibly may face legal prosecution and expulsion from camp without refund of camping fees.

Visitors: Due to the busy daily and evening programs, visits other than those provided in the weekly camp schedule by parents, relatives, and friends are not encouraged and should be kept to a minimum. These visits while well intentioned can greatly distract or interfere with a Scout's participation as well as his advancement. **All visitors, regardless of purpose or duration of stay are required to sign in at the Camp Office and receive a visitor badge.** (See the Youth Protection section for additional information)

Youth Protection

We take our responsibility for the welfare of youth entrusted in our care very seriously. For that reason, policies have been established which pertain to the control of visitors on camp property, release of youth from camp, and verification of no-shows at camp. Policies are summarized below and will be covered in greater detail at the pre-camp leaders' meeting and as part of the den/pack leader's orientation upon arrival at camp.

ABSENTEES/ NO SHOWS: When any youth camper on the den/pack's roster does not arrive with the den/pack, an absentee/no show verification form will be completed and a check will be made with the parent or the legal guardian.

SIGN IN / SIGN OUT: All visitors must report to the Camp Office to sign-in and sign out. Temporary visitor passes are issued to those persons who are in camp for a limited time. This policy does not apply during family night activities.

Whenever a camper, leader or staff member departs camp, he / she must also sign-in and sign-out at the office. Anyone suspected of being an unauthorized person should be reported to the nearest program area director, leader, or staff member who will contact the Camp Director. This procedure will be modified on Friday during family visits.

COLOR CODED WRIST BANDS: These are issued to all campers upon arrival at camp and must be worn at all times to properly identify to others that you belong in camp. Meals may be denied to anyone not wearing a wristband or possessing a meal voucher. In the event a wrist- band is lost, a replacement is available at the pool office during normal program hours.

I.D. VERIFICATION: If a parent or legal guardian needs to pick-up their child during camp, they need to inform the den/pack leader prior to pick-up. The person picking-up the Scout must come with a den/pack leader to the camp office so that the child can sign-out and identification be verified. Prior to departing, a camper release verification form must be completed. Upon return, the camper must again be brought to the office by a responsible adult and not merely dropped off. This policy will be modified on Friday evenings during Parent's Night activities. **Staff members may be identified by burgundy-colored staff shirt and name tag.**

LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS: The Camp Cubmaster (primary leader for the pack/den in camp) is expected to have charge of the pack/den at all times and is responsible for the conduct of pack/den members. Cubmasters need to know of Scouts needing special attention due to physical challenges or personal problems such as heart trouble, asthma, allergies, special medication requirements, excessive shyness, ect. At least two adults need to attend camp with the pack, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age and be registered leader with the BSA. The other adult must be at least 18 years of age. At least one (preferably ALL) unit leaders in camp should have current certification in Youth Protection Training.

HAZING, INITIATIONS, and BULLYING do not belong in Scouting and will not be tolerated at camp. Leaders will see to it that all campers are told to report improper incidents immediately. Leaders need to be alert for behavior that appears to be hazing or initiation-related and report it to the Camp Director.

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT PLAN OVERVIEW

MACK SCOUT RESERVATION

The purpose of this plan is to help the Staff of Mack Scout Reservation and volunteer Scout leaders identify, evaluate and support campers who are having serious behavior problems. These behaviors often interfere with his own success in the camp program, his health and safety or the health and safety of other people in camp. It is our expectation that before arriving at camp, den/pack leaders will have discussed this plan with the parents of boys who will be attending camp and especially the parents of Scouts who have exhibited difficult behavior in previous outings or meetings. Our goal for all Scouts is full participation at summer camp while maintaining an enjoyable and safe environment. **The following is a summary of guidelines discussed in this plan. This checklist is intended to serve as a quick reference for evaluating problems that arise during each week of camp.**

MEDICATION MANAGEMENT:

- Health form accurately completed and signed by parent / guardian and physician
- All medication submitted or reported to Health Officer
- Scout receiving medication at designated times, as prescribed
- If Scout refuses to take medication, parents are notified
- If problem persists, Scout may be sent home

MANAGING SERIOUS AND ONGOING BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS

- It is the Den/pack Leadership's responsibility to handle typical problems at camp.
- This plan is intended to help adult leaders change negative and inappropriate Scout behavior as a way of building character both at camp and at home.
- If the difficult behavior continues and seems to interfere in a major way with the Scout's success in the program, his health and safety or the health and safety of another camper, the Volunteer Leadership, or Camp Staff, it should immediately be reported to the Camp Director.
- A plan for immediate improvement will be discussed between the Scout, his leaders, the Camp management, and by phone with the parents.
- If the Scout is not able to show significant improvement in his behavior to the satisfaction of the Camp Director or if the behavior is serious enough to warrant immediate action as determined by the Camp Director, the Parents / Guardians will be asked to pick up the Scout immediately.
- If the Parents are unable or unwilling, and the Scout is out of control and becomes a danger to himself and others, the Camp Director will notify local authorities and emergency medical services and the Scout will be removed from the Mack Scout Reservation property at the expense of the Scout's family.

Conformation Letters

You will receive a letter in the mail approximately three weeks prior to your camping session. Things that will be in your conformation letter are as follows:

- Den assignment
- Site assignment
- Check – in Time (PLEASE make sure you are on TIME)
- Packing List

Family / Visitor Night

In keeping with the Council's "Open Door Policy" we encourage units to take advantage of the Family Night program. Parents have the opportunity to visit the camp, eat a meal with the den/pack, and attend the closing campfire where Scouts and their units are recognized for the accomplishments of the week. This program is completely optional and flexible. **The cost for family night dinner (Chicken BBQ Dinner) is \$8.00 and must be pre-ordered no later than your session check-in time.** Camper's meals are included in their registration fee. It is up to the individual unit to promote Family Night.



CAMPFIRE PROGRAM:

Den/packs will line up for campfire at the announced time in front of the flagpole at Flag Plaza. Parents and visitors may be seated at the Campfire Circle prior to the Scouts arrival. If the weather is not cooperating, an abbreviated program will be held in the Pavilion. The campfire is expected to end by 8:30. After campfire, Scouts and their families are free to depart camp.

PLEASE NOTE: Pets are not permitted in camp at any time during the camping season in compliance with the Pennsylvania State Health and Safety Codes. This policy does not pertain to pets of permanent camp residents or service animals.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do all adults need to be registered BSA members?

No, a parent can come out to fill in for a leader, as long as at least ONE registered adult is with your troop at all times.

What if an adult does not have a medical form?

More than 24 hours on camp property requires a medical form.

What is expected of me as a parent coming along with my son?

We ask that you help the leaders and assist ALL the boys within the campsite.

Do all adults / leaders have to take a swim test?

Yes, if you would like to get in the pool and go boating according to National Policy.

What do you recommend if a Scout is homesick? Does it happen often?

We all miss something about home; a spouse, your own bed, your dog, easy chair and TV, Etc. to what extreme and how we deal with it is key. No one answer fits every youth. Keeping busy, writing a letter, trying something new can all help. Each homesick Scout should help develop an action plan on what they can try to help overcome feeling homesick. Calling home is highly discouraged! Most will overcome feeling down quickly. The Camp Commissioner is available if the youth wishes to talk to someone outside the pack/den. The staff is here to help, so please let us know if we can help!

I'm a Scouter, which means I NEED COFFEE! Where is coffee available?

Coffee is available for adults, free of charge in the Pavilion. We all work together to make sure coffee is available for everyone. You can feel free to start the coffee anytime.

What happens at outpost for Webelos?

The boys and leaders will get their gear (sleeping bag, flashlight) and take a small hike. Once they get to the site the boys will make a tent out of plastic and make their dinner. They will have a campfire and sleep in the tent they made.

Can I help my son in the restroom / changing area?

No, a parent or leader can't help their son with this due to BSA policies. Under youth protection guidelines no adults are allowed to be with a boy by themselves.

Will the boys be working on achievements while at camp?

Yes, but according to National Standards we are not to advertise advancement. All boys will be working on getting BB and Archery belt loop since a council camp is the only place they can earn these. They can earn the Summer Time Pack Award as well as other achievements at nature, handicraft, camp craft, campfire and the pool.