

Troop 149 Boy Scout Camp Sign-Up Steps July 25-30, 2010

1) Confirm that the dates work for your son (Sunday July 25-Friday night July 31)

The Troop will travel together up to camp on Sunday at 1:00PM; parent(s) are welcome to join us for the trip up, but are not required to do so.

2) Review merit badge options including detail about age/experience appropriateness

(attached). We recommend the boys take on at least 5 or 6 badges. If you follow the suggested guidelines, including having your scout do the suggested badge pre-work, even the youngest scouts can bring home a bunch of merit badges.

- **Boys who wish to do handicrafts (such as Art, fingerprinting, pottery, pulp & paper, sculpture, woodcarving) and/or Native American (basketry, Indian lore, leatherwork) related badges need to sign up for the Handicraft and Native American Workshops.** Scouts will choose one of the badge areas to work on the first day of camp; when they finish one they will move on to another.
- **Younger Camper Merit Badges:** Particularly good options for first time campers and/or our younger scouts: Handicraft Workshop, Native American Workshop, Mammal Study, Reptiles and Amphibians, Space Exploration, Geology, Motor-boating, Archery, Nature.
- Our Scoutmaster recommends that scouts with **at least one year of Boy Scout experience** consider doing one or two Eagle badges at camp.
 - Good options for rising seventh graders and up: Camping, Swimming, Environmental Science, First Aid
 - Scouts who are at least entering 8th graders (in 2009/10; Penguins and up) can also consider Emergency Preparedness.
- Other camp activity options include (troop will cover all extra fees):
 - Padi Snorkeling (not a badge; must be 14 and classified as a Swimmer)
 - Padi Scuba (not a badge; must be 14 years old and classified as a Swimmer)
 - COPE (not a badge; includes High Ropes, Low Ropes, Climbing; must be 13 years old or older)

3) Fill out the merit badge schedule form and permission slip including the section with a request for parent volunteers (attached). All parents are welcome, encouraged and asked (we need your help with supervision) to join us at camp for any number of days or overnights. At least one parent from each Crossover Scout is required to join us for 2 nights during the week. We will also need parents of older scouts to volunteer to help out either during the day or overnight (or both) to supplement the efforts of Rob, Paula and Nancy.

4) Return both completed forms, with a check for \$75 to Laura Gerberick(6703 Pleasant Street, Mariemont) as soon as possible and preferably by May 1. After May 1 the cost per scout will increase to \$100. Laura will begin registering our boys for badges as soon as possible. **As badges are 'first come, first serve' and some have number limits, registering earlier rather than later helps assure our boys get the badges they want.**

5) Schedule a camp physical (Boy Scout Medical; see Troop website - www.mcc149.com under 'forms') for your son and yourself (if you are planning to come up to camp). These need to be returned to Irene Compton by July 1.

Feel free to call with questions! – Laura Gerberick 271=5445