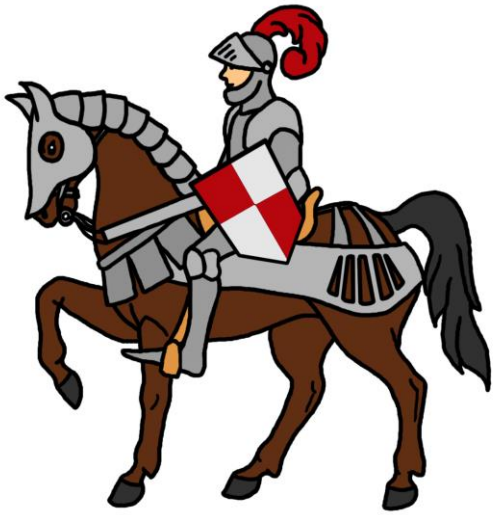
CAMP SCOUTHAVEN
2014

"Where Imagination Comes Alive"

"Knights of the Roundtable"

Parent's Guide



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Dear Parents:

Congratulations on your choice to send your son to Camp Scouthaven- a Nationally Accredited Cub Scout Summer Camp! Maybe you have even decided to attend with him! We know that your stay will be a lot of FUN!

This Parents' Guide is designed to serve as an "Essentials", giving you all the necessary information for an enjoyable stay at camp. Your Pack Camping Coordinator has a full Leaders' Guide. If you would like a copy, please feel free to ask your leader, make a photocopy, or access it online at www.wnyscouting.org under Resident Cub Scout Camping.

In this guide you will find a what to bring list, important information on our program and refunds, critical information on the services of Camp Scouthaven and other necessary information.

The staff of Camp Scouthaven is pleased to serve you this summer and we will "Do Our Best" to make your stay a memorable experience for you and your son. Please don't hesitate to ask if there is anything we can do!

Again THANK YOU for choosing Camp Scouthaven!

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Our Goal at Camp Scouthaven

To deliver the purposes and aims of Cub Scouting through outdoor adventure and FUN.

Purposes of Cub Scouting

- Character Development
- Spiritual Growth
- Good Citizenship
- Sportsmanship and Fitness
- Family Understanding
- Respectful Relationships
- Personal Achievement
- Friendly Service
- Fun and Adventure
- Preparation for Boy Scouts

Aims of Scouting: Helping boys and young adults build character, train in the responsibilities of citizenship, and develop personal fitness.

Methods used to achieve those aims:
Ideals, the den, advancement, family involvement, activities, home and neighborhood centered, uniform, and character connections.

IMPORTANT SERVICES OF CAMP SCOUTHAVEN

What you can expect at Camp Scouthaven!

CAMPSITES:

- *Each campsite contains the following:*
- 10' x 20' gray awning
- 2 picnic tables
- Garbage can
- Camp fire area and fire tools (shovel, hose, broom, rake)
- Canvas Wall Tents (9'x 9' square) - Each tent is equipped with 2 cots and 2 mattresses. Tents are approximately 6" above the ground on wooden platforms.
- Latrine with washstand and fountain

CENTRAL SHOWER HOUSE:

Our central shower house is equipped with the following:

- Showers with private changing areas
- Shower house will be closed daily for cleaning (Times-TBA)

PROGRAM AREAS:

Areas are fully staffed with program designed for Wolves, Bears, Webelos I, Webelos II ***(THEIR RANK AT CAMP IS THE ONE THEY ARE MOVING TO FOR THE FALL)*** *(i.e. Wolf is now a Bear)*

- Waterfront- Swimming and Boating
- Shooting Sports- BB Gun and Archery, Action Archery (Webelos II only), Air Rifles (Webelos II), Sling Shots
- Activities (games)
- Nature
- Fishing (dock and fishing boat)
- Outpost (Outdoor Skills/Crafts)
- BMX-for Webelos only
- Biking (Wolves/Bears)
- Frisbee Golf/Basketball court

OTHER FACILITIES:

- Health Lodge- Nurse on duty full time
- State of the art Kitchen and Dining Hall- All meals prepared by our staff
- Trading Post– Stocked with memories, snacks, t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, etc.
- Morning coffee run to your campsite

CAMP HEALTH SERVICES:

New York State law and BSA policy requires the official BSA medical/ health history & Over the Counter Medication (OTC) forms are on file with the Camp Health Officer during camp participation. Forms require Physician and parent signatures. If the OTC form does not have a physician's signature the Camp Health Officer cannot administer any OTC medication.

All Medical & OTC forms are to be given to the Health Officer on check in day.

All Cub Scouts and Adults must have had a physical examination within the last 12 months upon arrival at camp. It must be completed on the BSA form with Parts A, B, and C filled out. Forms are available at http://www.wnyscouting.org/gnfc-camping/cub-scout-summer-camp-2013/44857 or at the council office.

Upon arrival at camp, a medical recheck will be made. Any Cub Scout not having a completed and signed medical form will be UNABLE to participate in any activities in camp. He must have a completed health form within 24 hours of arrival.

A Health Officer is present in camp at all times and a local doctor is on call for emergencies. All first aid treatment will be given and recorded at the health lodge. Serious cases are sent to the local hospitals. All injuries must be reported to the health officer. All prescribed medications are to be dispensed by the Health Officer.

If anyone goes to the hospital by ambulance or by car his medical form and hospital packet accompany him.. It includes map to the hospital, insurance information, and important phone numbers. This policy applies to campers, leaders, and staff.

PRESCRIPTIONS:

All medicines should be in their original containers and have their original labels. All medications must be given to the Health Officer at Check In. Leaders and campers must report to the Health Lodge at the proper times to receive their medication(s). The only exception to this rule is in the case where physicians' orders require emergency medication to be kept on the person at all times. (i.e. bee sting kits or rescue inhalers.)

The safety of the Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts is always the top priority of the Staff while conducting any activity at camp.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Parents are requested to leave notice of their whereabouts with the Cubmaster if they plan to be away from home while their son is at camp. If the parents cannot be reached, it is a wise idea to have **the name and phone number of another person who can be contacted in case of emergency.**

CAMP TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

The Camp Scouthaven office phone number is **(716) 492-0331.** This number is available 24 hours a day. Emergency calls made after 9 PM will be answered by the nurse.

VISITOR MEALS:

Visitors are always welcome at Camp Scouthaven. However, we ask that parents contact their son's Cubmaster or leader prior to coming out to camp. If a visitor wishes to stay for a meal, they must make a reservation at least 24 hours in advance. **All visitors must sign-in at the camp office and sign out upon leaving camp.** Visitor meal charges are to be paid at the camp Trading Post and are as follows: Breakfast $4.50, Lunch $6.50, and Dinner $8.50

FAMILY BBQ:

The last day of each resident camp session is Family Day. Family members and visitors are welcome to join us for our theme event, Family BBQ and closing campfire. **BBQ tickets must be purchased at the Trading Post by the 3rd day in camp. The BBQ cost is $8.50 per person**, **under 10 yrs. $6.50, children under five eat free.** Hot dogs will be available if requested when ordering BBQ tickets for children under 10 years. The theme event is from 4-5:00 with the BBQ immediately following. We conclude with a closing campfire which should be over by 8pm.

VISITORS IN CAMP:

For liability and safety reasons, all visitors must sign-in (receive a colored bracelet) and sign-out of camp at the Camp Office. When the Camp Office is closed, the Sign In/Out Book will be located on the camp office porch by the mailbox. All visitors and campers are required to wear a colored bracelet at all times while in camp.

TELEPHONE:

Cell phone service is limited (Verizon works well) A pay phone is located at the camp office.

MAIL SERVICE:

Daily postal deliveries and collections are made at camp. Mail will be picked up from the mailbox at the camp office at 10 AM each day. It would be very helpful if the Cub Scouts could ask their correspondents to include their Pack number in the address. Mail will be delivered to the Pack at Siesta. The correct mailing address for the camp is:

Scout Name

Pack #____
Camp Scouthaven
10784 Rt. 98
Freedom, NY 14065

DUTY TO GOD:

Religious services will be offered on the evening of Day 2. If a Pack would like information on a specific service (i.e. Mass, Sunday morning worship etc.) please check at the Camp Office.

Remember a Scout is Reverent!

REFUND POLICY:

All refund requests must be made by submitting an Official Refund Request Form available at the Council Service Center or Council Website.

The requests *must* be:

- Filed and submitted by the parents.
- Signed by parent and Unit Leader.
- Received by August 30, 2013

All requests will be subject to a $25 cancellation fee. After August 30, 2014, refund requests will be subject to a 50 % cancellation fee. Refund requests received after September 8, 2014 will not be considered. Circumstances under which refunds will be granted are as follows:

1.) Illness of Scout prevents his attendance at summer camp.

2.) Illness or death in the campers' immediate family prevents attendance at camp.

3.) Family relocation makes attending camp impractical.

4.) Mandatory attendance at summer school that is verifiable.

5.) A camper leaves camp for medical reasons, in such cases, the camper will receive a pro-rated refund for the unused portion of camp fee.

(HOME-SICKNESS IS NOT CONSIDERED A REFUNDABLE MEDICAL REASON.)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION IF ATTENDING CAMP AS AN ADULT

MANDATORY ADULT TRAINING:

Youth Protection

All adults, registered or non-registered, attending resident camp **must** have Youth Protection Training. Proof of training will be requested at time of check in.

Training can be completed at www.myscouting.org. If certificate is not presented at check in training will be completed the evening of the first day at camp.

Liquid Fuels

If a Pack uses liquid fuels, there must be a leader trained in liquid fuels on sight. Proof of training must be shown.

HEALTH FORMS

All adults attending camp must have a BSA health form with parts A, B, and C completed within the last year. The form can be found at www.wnyscouting.org

RULES AND REGULATIONS

SMOKING:

A Scout camp is hardly the place for a boy to learn to smoke or to further the habit. Pack leaders are not permitted to smoke or use smokeless tobacco in the presence of boys. There is a designated areas for those leaders who do smoke.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND ILLEGAL DRUGS:

Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are not permitted in camp. Offenders will be removed from camp immediately and authorities will be contacted. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

ARRIVAL AT CAMP

Coordinate with your camp coordinator or Cubmaster for your session dates and times of arrival. It is best if the entire Pack arrives at the same time so we can begin to check in process. If you cannot attend the same week as your Pack, please contact our camping department and we will gladly welcome you another session.

The check in process will include a camp tour, a health re-check (need health form) and a swim test (adults may pre-test before camp see dates and times below). All adults will attend a brief meeting to obtain all necessary information (schedule etc.)

GENERAL SAFETY

RUNNING IN CAMP:

All cubs are excited to arrive in camp and just can't wait to see everything all at once. Please remind your cubs to slow down. We don't want anyone hurt before the fun begins.

THROWING STONES:

Due to the serious injury that stone throwing can cause, it **will not be tolerated** at camp.

LIQUID FUELS:

Use of propane lanterns and stoves are subject to prior approval. Submit Liquid Fuels Request Form, indicating proof of proper adult LF training.

AEROSOL CANS:

Spray cans of any kind are dangerous and must be left at home. They destroy the ozone layer, are fire hazards, and will neutralize the water repellency of the canvas tents. This includes aerosol insect repellent.

FLAMES IN TENTS:

A Cub Scout flashlight will furnish the entire tent light that is necessary. No open flames are permitted in any tent.

PARKING AND DRIVING:

While in camp, all leaders' vehicles must remain in the parking lot. For the safety of your cubs, only camp vehicles will be allowed to drive past the parking lot. The **5-mph speed limit** will be strictly enforced to protect your campers.

VEHICLE PERMITS:

Because of potential safety hazards, vehicle permits are restricted to Camp Service Vehicles only. Any requests for special dispensation for health or other reasons must be submitted in writing to the Camp Director 2 (two) weeks prior to arrival at camp.

SPECIAL NEEDS

We wish to best serve you during your stay at Scouthaven. If you or your son has dietary (all meals are served family style, please review the menu which will be posted on the camping site April 2014), health related, or religious needs please fill out the special needs request form found at www.wnyscouting.org under Cub and Webelos Resident Camp. You may also contact the camping department directly at susan.gruber@scouting.org or at 716-891-4073.

KEY PROGRAM INFORMATION

ADVANCEMENT AT CAMP:

Cub Scout Advancement is a family activity. Achievements and Electives in the Wolf and Bear books should be completed at home and signed off by the boys' Akela. Webelos Activity Badges are Den and Family activities and should be completed at home. As such Camp Scouthaven does not focus on advancement and does not hand out any advancement paperwork. However please be sure to have your son bring his handbook to camp so that at night you and he can review his accomplishments of the day. We do recognize that camp presents some unique opportunities for boys to complete certain Sports Belt Loops and Pins. Boys may earn the BB Gun and Archery Belt Loop and may complete some requirements toward the Aquanaut, Fishing, Geology, and other Webelos Activity Badges. Be sure that any requirements that your son completes are reported to his Den Leader.

WATERFRONT REGULATIONS:

Any person attending camp who wishes to utilize the waterfront must participate in a swim test on check in day, including adults**. Cub Scouts must swim test AT CAMP as we have a lake and not a pool. However, adults may take advantage of the pre-camp swim testing at local school pools**. Dates and times are as follows:

N. Tonawanda HS- Wed. March 26, 6:30-8:30PM (405 Meadow Dr., North Tonawanda)

Hamburg HS- Wed. April 9, 6:30-9PM (4111 Legion Dr., Hamburg)

Sweet Home HS- Wed. April 23, 6:30-8:00PM (1901 Sweet Home Rd., Amherst…use door #47 in front of building)

William St. School (Lancaster) Wed., May 7, 6:30-9:00PM (5201 William St, Lancaster)

SWIMMING:

White swimmer: These are considered non-swimmers and may only use the white (shallow) area of the lake.

Red swimmer: To become a red swimmer you must jump in the water, swim 50 feet with one turn.

Blue swimmer: To become a blue swimmer you must jump in the water, swim 100 yards, with one lap using a resting back stroke.

BOATING:

Canoes: Only Blue swimmers may use the canoes.
Kayaks: Only Blue swimmers may use the kayaks
John Boats/Row Boats/Paddle Boats: blue swimmers, red swimmers, or an adult blue swimmer with a white swimmer.
Sail Boats: Only Webelos II Blue swimmers with a lifeguard.

WEBELOS OVERNIGHT PROGRAM:

Webelos II: If your son is a Webelos II, he will have the opportunity to attend an overnight on Day 3. All Webelos IIs will go "on the hill" at 2pm and participate in Action Archery and Nature. They will then stay up there for a foil dinner and participate in an evening program designed especially for Webelos II. They will then sleep under the stars or in lean-tos and return the next morning for breakfast.

Warm clothing, good footwear, a sleeping bag, and a garbage bag to put everything in are encouraged for these outings. Please pack clothes, flashlight, bug spray, and water bottle in a backpack which the scout will carry. Sleeping bag can be put in a garbage bag which will be transported by the staff.

BMX/BIKE PROGRAM

Webelos will utilize our BMX course while our Bears and Wolves will participate in a bike program on the camp road.
Campers (adults and scouts) are welcome to bring their own helmet and bike. **Bikes will only be allowed to be used at the designated time and place for the program. Adults are not permitted on the BMX course but can participate with their Wolf or Bear in the bike program**. **Bikes may NOT be ridden around camp.**

THEME:

Each year we have a different theme, which runs throughout camp. This year we are celebrating Knights of the Roundtable! Look for theme decorations, a theme skit, and much more as we head back to the middle ages!

DINING HALL

Each Pack is assigned tables. The Pack is to assign one waiter per table for every meal to set up and clean up(one adult leader should accompany the boys). The waiters arrive 10 minutes before the meal. The dining hall steward will give direction to the set up and clean up.

WHAT TO BRING

What follows is a suggested list of equipment for an enjoyable stay at camp. It does get cool in the evenings, and each boy should be prepared for the weather. Please label all items with the Cub Scout name and Pack #. Please pay special attention to the items that should be left at home.

PERSONAL GEAR

_____ Uniform (s)
(Neckerchiefs may be left at home)
_____ Extra Shirts & Pants
_____ Socks & Underwear
_____ Jacket
_____ Rain gear
_____ Sleep Wear
_____ Sneakers and / or Hiking Boots
_____ Swim Wear / Swim Shoes
_____ Towels & Toiletries
_____ Shower Shoes
_____ Sleeping Bag or Blankets
_____ Pillow
_____ Flashlight w/ extra Batteries
_____ Wallet w/ Money *(A fully stocked trading post is available. Cash, credit, and checks accepted. For your convenience money can be put on account for the week)*
_____ Handkerchief
_____ Bug Repellent
_____ Cub Scout Handbooks

OPTIONAL PERSONAL GEAR

_____Watch
_____Camera and Film
_____Song Book
_____Bible, Prayer Book
_____Fishing Pole and Tackle
_____Sun Screen
_____Stationary and Stamps
_____Laundry Bag
_____Camp Chair

PRE-ORDER A CAMP T-SHIRT

Ask your Cubmaster or Camping Coordinator about pre-ordering the 2014 Camp T-shirt! Order forms submitted by Pack. Orders due by April 26th.

WEBELOS II OVERNIGHT – Please bring a garbage bag to load gear in & labeled

_____ Sleeping Bag
_____ Pillow
_____ Rain Gear
_____ Water Bottle
_____ Flashlight
_____ Jacket or Sweatshirt
_____ Bug Repellent
_____ School Backpack for hike

WEBELOS I – EVENING EVENT AFTER DINNER DAY 3

_____ School Backpack
_____ Water Bottle
_____ Flashlight
_____ Bug Repellent
_____ Rain Gear
_____ Sweatshirt

PLEASE LEAVE AT HOME

Pets, Fire Works, Fire Arms, Ammunition, Aerosol Cans, Radios, Televisions, Personal music devices, Electronic Games, Squirt Guns, Dice, Un-Scout like Literature, Alcohol, and Illegal Drugs, and Valuables.

PLEASE REMEMBER CAMP SCOUTHAVEN IS AN ALCOHOL FREE CAMP!

QUESTIONS?

Contact

1. Your Cubmaster or Camping Coordinator
2. The Council Camping Department susan.gruber@scouting.org or 716-891-4073
3. The Camp and Program Director askscouthaven@gmail.com