



March 31, 2008

Dear Scouts and Parents:

This year Troop 22 will be running its own summer camp program. We have reserved a campsite at Camp McKinley, a Boy Scout camp in Lisbon, Ohio, where we were in 2006 and other years. We will have a staff of qualified counselors for merit badge and advancement needs. We are planning a program that will mix advancement and fun. This year we have extended an invitation to attend camp to another unit that we hope will attend.

Camp dates are Saturday, June 21 to Sunday, June 29, 2008 , Saturday to Sunday

FEES:

Camp costs \$130 for the week, and is due with the permission form by May 19. This fee includes food, campsite fees, equipment especially purchased for camp, and other expenses. I do not anticipate additional fees.

PHYSICAL EXAMS:

Medical forms are due by June 9. The form requires a physical exam within the last 3 years. The medical history and insurance information needs to be checked and signed yearly. We have existing forms that can be re-signed if the physical exam part is up to date, but are in need of a new medical form coordinator. If you do not have one on file with us, get it filled out and to Ari. We use these forms throughout the year at weekend camps. ***We will not take any boy who does have the correct paperwork.***

Any adult who is staying the week at camp will also need to have a medical form. For adults over 40 years of age, the physical exam part needs to be redone yearly. All forms need to be accounted for by June 9. For adults under 40 years old, use the same form as the boys.

If a Scout should suffer an injury or illness at camp, he will be taken to a doctor or hospital. Parents will be notified as soon as possible of their son's condition. We will also have cell phones at camp that can reach local authorities and the local emergency medical unit.

MEDICATION:

On the permission form, please state clearly if your son has any medication that he takes. If so, give directions for their use. It is imperative that this information gets to Rich Hoban so that it can be organized BEFORE we leave for camp. Please do not make work for us by not turning things in on time. Please do not withhold or delay giving information that would be useful for us to take to the best care of your son.

DEPARTURE / ARRIVAL:

Meet at the church parking lot **Saturday, June 21 at 1:00 PM**. Pick up at the church on **Sunday, June 29 at noon**. We will need drivers on both days. On the permission form please state which day you are going to drive. It is about 1 1/2 hours to camp. You will be called to confirm driving. **Drivers for the return trip on Sunday, 6/29/08 should plan to arrive at Camp McKinley by 9:30 AM or stay Saturday night in camp.**

EQUIPMENT:

A list is provided to help you pack.

MAIL:

We will have adults coming out to camp on different days who will be glad to carry mail. More details at the June 16 potluck.

TELEPHONE:

Scouts will not have access to a phone at camp. Personal cell phones should be left at home. If an emergency arises where you NEED to talk to your son, call the camp and leave a message for Ari. I will call you back as soon as possible. The Ranger, EMERGENCY number is 330-424-0256. We will have cell phones at camp, but will not keep them running for you to call us unless we contact you first. You may leave a voicemail for Rich Hoban at (216) 310-9843, which will be checked daily for non-emergency calls.

MONEY:

There is no trading post and nothing for the boys to spend money on at camp. Some boys may get access to a store during the week. Money will not be collected this year and held for boys. Please make sure that your son has no more than \$15.

PROGRAM:

Scouts will have advancement time scheduled each morning followed by one merit badge. Boys will choose two merit badges to earn, devoting alternating mornings to one of them. First year boys will take one. The afternoons will be reserved for a patrol and individual offerings (competitions, hikes, trips, projects), and open times.

STAFF:

We have a number of adults who have volunteered their time to teach sessions or help support the camp program. At this point in time we have a number of adults staying all or most of the week, including: Mark Binnig, Rick Brown, Bob Daley, Jeff Deitz, Rich Hoban, Dan Kalynchuk, Ari Klein, Tom Linton, Dan MacDonald, Don Nash, Ray Schmidt, Bill Smith, and Steve Vasse-Hansel (sorry if I missed someone). If you are interested in presenting an activity at camp or can help let Ari or Rich know (preferably in writing or email).

Yours in Scouting,