

# PARENT PACKET

Theme: Space Cowboys
Kittan District Day Camp 2013
Scott County Park: Whispering Pines
June 10 - 14, 2013

Enclosed you will find the information you will need to send your Scouts to a fun, adventure-filled week at **Kittan Cub Scout Day Camp**! Please pass this information on to all your families attending camp.

#### Camp Hours:

Registration will start at 8:00am and opening at 9am. Closing of camp will be 3:30 EACH DAY. Tigers join us with their Adult Partners for Friday only.

#### **Driving at Scott County Park:**

The speed limit is 25 mph. When you approach the pool area, the speed limit drops to 15 mph. *Please watch your speed, the rangers <u>will give you a ticket!</u> This is your one warning! We will have over 500 scouts, walkers & staff, so let's keep everyone safe!* 

### **Use the Crosswalk:**

When crossing the road, please use the cross walk and DO NOT walk down the side or middle of the road. It is a road for vehicles and does not have safe walking areas. The same rules apply as if you were next to a highway or busy city street. Please help keep your children and others safe from harm.

#### Where To Go at Scott County Park:

When you arrive at Scott County Park, follow the directional signs to Whispering Pines. Park in the first parking lot on the right or left and please do not park or drive past the cones in the parking lot. Follow the instructions on the Instruction Board when you arrive. Your pack will pick out a location in the designated grassy area. This is where you will meet before and after camp as well as have lunch. The staff will have a sign with your pack # on it in this area. Once you have found a meeting spot, please put your pack sign in the ground. This area will also be used for programming during the day this year, please be sure to situate yourself well into the shaded area and leave the outside boundaries for programming. This will help keep the items you leave by your pack sign from getting trampled. We will keep the sign there all week so if/when you have new den walkers they will know where to go. The Opening and Closing Ceremonies will take place behind Whispering Pines Shelter. It is expected that all scouts and parents will attend these ceremonies each day they are in attendance.

## What to Bring:

Each Scout will be provided with a camp T-shirt (stenciled with their new den assignment on Monday) & wristband (at Registration on Monday only, keep this wrist band all week), which needs to be worn **every day**. This is VERY important; as the wristband identifies which children belong in camp and which do not. The shirt will help the camp staff identify the boys and the dens they are assigned to as well as people who are not permitted to be in camp. For the first day of camp, Scouts will be receiving their camp shirts to paint. Once dry, they will change into their camp shirts. All shirts will be kept by Camp Staff until Monday when the boys stencil their shirts. Tiger Cub shirts will be given to them on Friday when they arrive and will already be stenciled.

Please remember this is an outdoor camp with insects and poisonous plants. Your Scout should wear proper footwear, such as gym shoes or hiking boots, <u>with</u> socks, or CLOSED TOED Sandals. **ABSOLUTELY NO OPEN TOED SANDALS, SHOWER SHOES, CROCS, OR FLIP FLOPS WILL BE PERMITTED.** You will be called to bring different shoes if your scout shows up in one of these types of footwear and he will not be permitted to participate at all until proper shoes arrive.

Everything should be labeled with the scouts name & pack #.

Each Scout should bring the following items EACH DAY:

- > Day Camp T-Shirt (wear an extra shirt on first day)
- Hat, cap, or other head protection (it gets very hot, hats provide shade and sun protection for the body)
- > Swimsuit & Towel (it is highly suggested to wear swim trunks all day vs. changing- they always lose their underwear.)
- Sunscreen, Insect Repellant, Absorbine Jr (for gnats)
- Water Bottle
- > Sack lunch (many times Packs will bring coolers, contact your Pack Coordinator)
- > Rain Gear (as weather requires)\*
- Money for trading post (optional, most items range from \$1 to \$5 but select few items are more expensive)
- > Daily Service Project Donations (optional see below for details)

## **Emergency Procedures:**

#### **Inclement Weather**

First, we camp rain or shine. It takes courage to camp in the rain and a scout remembers enduring different weather through camp far more vividly than beautiful sun shiny days. In the event of an emergency, the Day Camp Director will institute the Emergency Procedures as found in the Day Camp Staff Manual. The Day Camp Director will blow three long car horn blasts to signal an emergency procedure has been implemented. At that time, **one representative from each den** will proceed to the Registration Tent for instructions.

Weather is monitored closely throughout the week by Day Camp Administration. In the event of lightning strikes or severe thunderstorms, proceed to the Whispering Pines Shelter and wait for Camp Administration instructions.

If inclement weather moves in during day camp hours, your Pack's Den Walkers will be responsible for contacting parents and the transportation of the youth in the pack to the designated pick up site. We will post any cancellations or early dismissal from camp on the council website <a href="https://www.illowabsa.org">www.illowabsa.org</a> BY 7:30am. Do not contact Camp Administration at home in the mornings during the week of Day Camp and expect a return call as Camp Administration will already be at Camp before 6am each morning. If camp is cancelled AFTER 7:30am, Pack Coordinators shall be contacted directly by camp staff and it will be the Pack Coordinator's responsibility for contacting their own Pack.

### **Lost Scout**

In the event of a lost scout, the Emergency Procedure will be implemented by the Camp Director blowing three long car horn blasts. At this time, one representative from each den will proceed to the Registration Tent for Instructions. They will return to their den to make sure the lost scout is not with their den and then proceed according to their schedules. If the Scout is not found within 15 minutes, the Park Ranger will be notified. If the Scout is not located within 45 minutes, local authorities and the Illowa Council Office will both be contacted.

#### **Trading Post:**

Our trading post hours this year will be 11:30 – 3:30. We will have snacks, drinks & small toys and crafts available. Please do not send large amounts of money with your scouts. \$5 per day will usually suffice. There may be a couple of items ranging in the \$6 - \$8 range.

### **Registration Process:**

- Locate your Pack Sign in the picnic area and meet with your Pack Coordinator
- Assign one person to take attendance of your Pack
- Once everyone is accounted for, send <u>one</u> adult to Registration to register the Pack
- Adults should have names of all campers and:
  - o Have Health Forms for all Den Walkers (if not already turned in)
  - Notify registration of any late arrivals, or early outs
- Once registered as a Pack, proceed down to the Opening Area

#### Den Walkers:

Coordinate Den Walker Schedule with your Den Leader and then Pack Coordinator. Each Pack needs to provide den walkers based on the following for EACH DAY of the camp:

- ➤ One den walker for 1-4 Scouts per rank level
- Two den walkers for 5-8 Scouts per rank level
- ➤ Three den walkers for 9-12 Scouts per rank level

**For example**: Your pack is sending 16 boys to camp. Out of these 16 boys, you have 4 Wolves, 10 Bears & 2 Webelos. With the above requirements, your pack will need: 1 walker for the Wolf group each day, 2 walkers for the Bear group each day & 1 walker for the Webelos group each day, for a total of 4 walkers *every day*. You must break down your pack in their dens, then determine how many walkers you will need, not just the total number of boys going.

You may have different den walkers each day and as always, **Health & Medical forms will be**<u>required</u> for each volunteer. We will have extra medical forms at camp, but not many. *Tiger Cubs*must have their adult partner on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> when they attend day camp. Tiger Adult
Partners do not count as Den Walkers!

You will be combined into larger groups to move as a NEW den through camp. Please work together with the other adults and do not exclude any from the planning processes. *As a Den Walker, please take an active role in the sessions* to help the staff members and scouts. The Activity Leaders do not know your boys as well as you do and will need your help with their names, attention, and enhancing their enjoyment. Thank you for taking time to be here! Without your help Cub Scout Day Camp would not be possible!

If you have any concerns, questions or would like to be on staff next year, please find: Rikka Stewart (Program Director), Gina Ekstrom (Camp Director), Andy Green (Camp Advisor), or Mike Meadows (BSA Kittan District Executive Director). They will be in RED camp shirts.

## Scout Buddy Care (aka Tot Lot):

We will have a Scout Buddy Care available for the children of those on staff or for the walkers at Day Camp for that day. The fee will be \$10 per day, and will <u>not</u> include a lunch or snack for those youth in the Tot Lot. Registration and Health forms will be required for each youth attending the Tot Lot. Children must be potty trained. Parents will take the child out of the Scout Buddy Care for lunchtime, but must return before the 4<sup>th</sup> session starts. Please pick up your children promptly after session 3 so the Scout Buddy Care workers may eat their lunches as well. Only registered cub scouts and adult walkers are to be moving through camp and in the sessions, siblings are NOT ALLOWED to walk around day camp.

You will need to register and fill out a health form at the main registration area, please look for the sign at the Registration Area. Payment will be made directly to the day care provider.

## **Achievements at Camp:**

All achievements done at camp will be on the council website, <a href="www.illowabsa.org">www.illowabsa.org</a>, at the beginning of July. There will be a complete breakdown of Tigers, Wolves, Bears & Webelos. All will include achievements, belt loops and pins. At the time of this letter, it is anticipated that Webelos Scouts will accomplish some, most, or all of the following Webelos Pins: Engineer, Traveler, and Readyman.

### **Camp Activities:**

## Swimming:

We bring a large number of visitors to Scott County Park, but the park is still open to the public while we are there. It is expected that you and your scouts will be kind and respectful to all other park visitors. This is especially important in the Swimming Pool. There is not a special entrance door for anyone to go through, and many people are looking to cool down in addition to your scouts. Please be respectful and represent Scouting well while there. There WILL BE A 10 MIN SWIM CHECK EVERY HOUR which means every 40 minute session will endure at least one swim check. This does not mean that your boys get to stay longer. You must still get them to their next session on time. The park is anticipating numbers of swimmers according to the schedule we provide to them. Over staying your time or skipping a session is not only disrespectful, it may cause the pool to be over capacity. The first den that skips another session to stay longer in the pool will cause the entire camp to lose swimming privileges for the rest of the week. We will be using busses to transport scouts and den walkers to the pool. Scouts will have 2 double sessions of swimming during the week.

### **Activity Sessions:**

Camp staff has put in an immense amount of time and effort to provide to you and your scouts an enjoyable experience and worthy activities. Please be supportive and on time at each session. Please also be aware that some sessions are run by youth and young adults including boy scouts. They do not have the life experiences that adults have. Help them keep your scouts in line but allow the youth to run the sessions as it could be a rank advancement requirement for them.

### **Daily Service Projects:**

Returning this year will be the opportunity for your Scouts and Families to participate in a Daily Service Project. You may bring an item each day for the organization we are serving that day. At the closing ceremonies, the items we have collected will be given to the organization. This will help to achieve some rank specific achievements. Participation is entirely optional. Please have your scouts take their donations to the designated area in the opening area anytime before the closing ceremony.

Monday: Non-Perishable food items for area food pantries

**Tuesday**: QC CAN - Large bags of adult dog food (Purina Pro Plan or Purina Dog Chow preferred), Training treats (soft and small, not the hard biscuits), Large rawhides or bones for chewing, Durable toys, such as Kong or Orka brand (not soft or plush toys), Soft bristled brushes or rubber Zoom Groom brushes, Shampoo

**Wednesday:** Winnie's Place shelter for women and children - Paper towels, 13 gallon trash bags, 123 Photo Batteries 3 volt, Illinois bus tickets (can be purchased at most grocery store customer service counters), Cleaning sponges (kitchen), Butterfly mops, Small flashlights, Wal-Mart, Hy-Vee and Lowes gift cards

*Thursday:* TBA during camp if there will be a donation this day.

Friday: TBA during camp if there will be a donation this day.

## **Den Skits and Chants:**

During the opening and closing ceremonies, your scouts will be asked to voluntarily participate in a skit of their choosing. You may coordinate this for your pack only or by the dens you are placed into. There is a binder at the Registration Area which will reduce the number of similar or identical skits. Please choose one from there and don't forget to sign up for a day and time to perform it! Feel free to change or alter the skits as needed for your numbers of boys.

During down time or travel time, try to work on a chant specific to your den name (White Bears, Yellow Webelos, or Blue Wolves) with all the scouts in your den as your boys are assigned.

Looking forward to seeing great skits & hearing awesome chants! Have a fun week at camp!

### Yours in Scouting,

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