

## SUMMER CAMP NOTES

1. Meet at the elementary school at 7:00 am Sunday morning. Take a group photo on the steps of the school. Leave the parking lot no later than 7:45.
2. Stop at the South Mountain Rest Stop on 70 for a bathroom break.
3. Stop at the Sidling Hill Rest Stop on 68.
4. When you get off 68 onto 40 (going into PA) stop at the MacDonald's for late Breakfast/early lunch. Camp will not feed you until dinner.
5. Try to arrive at the camp by 12:00 or so. You may have to wait in line to get into the camp parking lot but it won't take long.
6. Once parked have the boys get 1 trailer/cart and unload all of the adult's stuff into them and have them take the items into camp. The boys should then unload the troop trailer of their gear and a chuck box for each patrol. NO DINING FLIES ARE TO BE UNLOADED. The camp provides them.
7. At some point your Boy Scout Coordinator from the camp should be greeting you. He will help direct things. Assign one or two adults as well as the SPL to meet the coordinator and everyone go through the camp to look at the conditions of the camp and the equipment at the camp. You will be going to Ft. Moultrie site.
8. Note the following:
  - a. \_\_\_ Conditions of all tents. If there are torn tents ask to have them replaced.
  - b. \_\_\_ Conditions of dining flies. Ask to have torn flies replaced.
  - c. \_\_\_ Cots. Check the condition of ALL cots. Ask to have damaged ones replaced.
  - d. \_\_\_ Tent floor boards. They should be in good to great shape with no broken wood. Ask to replace if anything is broken.
  - e. \_\_\_ Stoves. Make sure all of the stoves supplied are clean and in good working order. Check hose connections and verify the stoves light and all burners work. Ask to have any unworthy stoves to be replaced.
  - f. \_\_\_ Latrine. The Latrine should be clean. No Toilet Paper on the ground. Relatively smell free. Stocked fully with Toilet Paper. A cleaning hose and broom should be there. Ask for any other cleaning supplies.
  - g. \_\_\_ Sink. It should be clean and clutter free. Nothing in the drain. Make sure all faucets close.
  - h. \_\_\_ Sump. The sump is about 30 feet away from the sink and consists of a funnel with a solid waste screen and lid.
  - i. \_\_\_ Picnic tables. They should be in good to great condition. No broken wood. Not rickety.
  - j. \_\_\_ Camp site. It should be free of any trash. It should also have no standing pools of water or mud.
  - k. \_\_\_ Look at the trees and be aware of any dangerous branches at or above the tents.

9. Have the boys stow the gear quickly. Change into swim suits, bring towels and take all of the medical forms with the boys to the Handicraft Pavilion. **MAKE SURE THE BOYS ARE HYDRATED.** You may have to wait for medical checks but the faster you get to Handicraft the faster they'll get through it. Once complete proceed to the Aquatics area for the swim test. You will be greeted and directed by one of the Aquatic Directors.
10. Once complete the swim test, have the boys return to the camp site to continue setting up camp. At this time I recommend that two adults go to the camp Program Hall to find out about any adult training available.
11. Have any adults needing his/her tent set up to do so at this time.
12. At this time the boys should unload the large Troop Dining fly, the one with metal poles, and set it up in a central location and once up, put three to four picnic tables under it to use as an office and a place for the boys to play cards or sit in the case of rain.
13. Make sure all Patrol areas are 100% set up and ready to go. Avoid any food prep/eating areas being exposed to the sky.
14. Patrols. Evenly distribute the boys into Patrols, preferably prior to leaving. Also have a duty roster set up for the entire week and post on each chuck box. Avoid an adult and son being in the same Patrol. Encourage independence.
15. Cooking. Have older scouts work with younger scouts in cooking and food prep. Adults should not do the work but be there for guidance.
16. There is an "AXE BOX" you will have to have the boys get at the commissary. Once obtained, the boys need to set up an "AXE YARD". This is an area, located within sight of the center of camp but away from the tents/walking area that must be roped off. In the "AXE YARD" there must be adult supervision and only 1 scout allowed within to chop wood for the camp fires.
17. Flag. There is an American Flag in the "AXE BOX" that is to be hoisted in the morning and lowered in the evening. The patrols are to line up in front of the flag. Announcements to be made. A pair of different scouts are to raise and lower the flag every day. Along with the pledge every morning. Remember, the flag is to be raised as quickly as possible and lowered slowly.
18. Programs. The scouts must leave for their respective programs no later than 10 minutes prior to their start. Aquatics may need to leave 15 minutes prior. Make sure the boys know their schedule and they have signed Blue Cards. They also need to abide by the "BUDDY SYSTEM" as much as possible. "Braddock's Brigade" is on the road between the camp site and the parking lot.
19. Parade Field. There are specific times that the entire troop must be at the parade field every day. ALL BOYS must wear CLASS A uniforms unless specifically told not to. Silence is to be maintained upon arrival to the parade field as well as an orderly line.
20. Fire drill. There will be a fire drill. Pay attention to the time and make sure to send two runners to the Program Hall to report all present and accounted for our troop.
21. Fire Warden. A different boy is to be assigned each day Fire Warden for the campsite. He is to monitor the camp fire and make sure NO ONE steps within the stone fire ring. As well as throw anything into the fire.

22. BLOOD CIRCLE. It is tempting for boys to have knives out while sitting around the camp fire. Have them maintain the "Blood Circle" which means no one can sit within an arm's length of the boys while having an open knife. No mumblypeg!! Even with sticks.
23. Night time. Do not feed the fire after 8:30. Set up a lantern at the latrine and keep on Medium throughout the night. 9:00 start the boys to sleep (brush teeth, put gear under cover in case of rain). Put all food coolers under the seats of the picnic table to prevent animals from getting into the food. **NO FOOD IN TENTS.** If there is food in tents it will attract Raccoons! 10:00 PM –in tents and whisper level. 10:30, NO TALKING. PERIOD.
24. Avoid boys calling home. Especially the younger ones. This could create home sickness.
25. Morning. Up at 7:00 AM. ALL SCOUTS out of tents at 7:00. Make sure runners are at the commissary at the required time. Make sure food preparers are cooking as soon as possible.
26. Wednesday. MANDATORY SHOWER NIGHT. All boys must shower.
27. Trading Post. **Limit number of sugary drinks!** This should include Slurpee's. The boys will become sick if they have too much mostly because they will avoid water. Also keep an eye on candy consumption. Buddy system required.
28. **POOPING.** Possibly the most troubling thing you will experience. If the boys do not go to the bathroom (POOP) they will get cramps and feel sick. They need to be encouraged to go. It may require some delicate discussion.
29. Notification. The boys need to tell at least one adult where he will be at all times.
30. Vespers (religious program). Usually Monday Night. Silence upon arrival to the flag field.
31. Hats. Someone (adult) needs to go pick up the hats for this year's attendees.
32. Photo. This is usually towards the end of the week and is taken at the Flag Pole on the parade ground.
33. Shower Cleaning Duty. There is a sign up sheet in the Program Hall for each Troop to clean the boy's bathroom. The sooner you sign up the more choice you have
34. Showers. The boys must use the Buddy system for showers. The camp usually requires at least 1 adult from the troop to sit outside during showers. This prevents mishaps and misbehavior. The Adult Male showers are across the small footbridge next to the Program Hall. The Female showers are also near the Program Hall. Behind the parking lot. The best time to shower is during programs.
35. Bathrooms. The latrine is intended for boys/men use. They are primitive. If there are enough females (2 or more) in camp I recommend making sure the latrines are clear and have one female stand guard while the other female uses it. Otherwise the females will have to use a spot-a-pot usually located near the Trail-To-Eagle program trail. Or the female showers. But they are both a slight distance away. I see no reason why the Latrine cannot be shared with proper procedure and supervision. The Latrine needs to be cleaned every day.
36. Cleanliness. There should be hand soap and hand cleaner at the sink next to the latrines. ALL ADULTS need to enforce the boys clean his hands after using the latrine. Those boys will be preparing your food!
37. Adult Programs. If an adult is planning on staying the week I encourage participate in the Adult Merit Badge program for the camp. It requires the adult becoming acclimated with the entire camp program.

38. Adult Training. The Program Hall will have adult training all week. Safe On Climbing, Safety Afloat, Leave No Trace, Hazardous Weather Training, etc. These are free and usually take only an hour or so.
39. Tea/coffee. Tea and Coffee is available in the program hall 24/7. There is also the ability to charge devices.
40. Medic. Camp personnel are always available in the program hall. He/She will usually sleep in a room off the hallway, across from the Camp Office. A medic is on call 24/7. The local Hospital is Uniontown Hospital and is about 30 minutes away.