



TROOP 125 SUMMER CAMP 2010 – RESICA FALLS SCOUT CAMP EAST STROUDSBURG, PA

PARENT INFORMATION SHEET

***THE INFORMATION ON THIS SHEET WILL BE PERIODICALLY UPDATED IN THE WEEKS
AHEAD AS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE***

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Summer Camp Dates:

Sunday July 4th to Saturday July 10th, 2010

Departure / Arrival Times:

- Depart St. Joseph's Church - Sunday July 4th Time: **TBA**
- Depart Resica Falls Scout Camp - Saturday, July 10th approx. 11:00 a.m.
Arrive St. Joseph's Church approx. 3:00 p.m.

Troop 125 Mailing Address While at Camp:

Scouts Name
Troop 125, Campsite: **TBA**
Resica Falls Scout Reservation
1200 Resica Falls Road
East Stroudsburg, PA 18302

Phone Contacts:

Marty Graney (Scoutmaster) – 302-528-4384 (cell)
Jim Adams (Committee Chair. / Assist. Scoutmaster – 302-312-6671 (cell)
Resica Falls Camp Office – 570-223-8312

Scout Fees:

\$300 per scout if the total fee is paid by May 1st. The fee will be \$325 if the total fee is paid after May 1st.

The Cradle of Liberty Council requires a reservation fee of \$50 per Scout to reserve a spot at camp. The payment deadline for the reservation fee is April 1st. Please complete the permission form and return it to the troop leadership with the \$50 reservation fee no later than March 25th.

Cradle of Liberty Council (Resica Falls Scout Camp) Camp Fee Refund Policy:

The criteria used to consider a refund will include the following reasons only and appropriate documentation should be submitted with your letter requesting a refund:

1. illness – a written statement is required.
2. Extreme family emergency.
3. Summer School – a written statement is required from school principal or guidance counselor.

Transportation Fee:

Transportation to and from summer camp will be provided by adult leaders attending camp and parent volunteers. As in the past, the transportation cost associated with transporting the troop to and from summer camp will be shared by all Troop 125 scout families. Each family requiring transportation for their scout, to and from camp, will be assessed a transportation fee. This year the transportation fee will be approximately \$15 per family. **This fee is an approximate fee only and has been estimated using current fuel prices and an approximated number of scouts attending camp. Once the total number of scouts attending camp is known, a final transportation fee will be determined. This Parent information sheet will be updated in April and posted on the Troop 125 website. Please check the website for a finalized transportation fee and other updated information.**

The troop committee requests payment of the Transportation Fee no later than Thursday, July 1st (last troop meeting prior to summer camp).

Camp Site:

Scouts will be paired together and each pair of scouts will share a standard two-man B.S.A. wall tent. Tents are approximately 7' wide X 9' deep. Each tent is equipped with 2 cots on an elevated wooden "pallet" or platform.

First Year Scouts.

All first year scouts will participate in the first year camper program at summer camp. This program is known as the "Dan Beard" program.

The "Dan Beard" program provides a great opportunity for new and first year scouts to get a jump start on advancement. The program provides strong instruction in the skills

required for advancement to Tenderfoot, Second Class and even some First Class requirements. Scouts will learn everything from knife safety, basic knots, outdoor skills, compass and map reading and much more. Throughout the week participants will also visit some of the many other program areas such as aquatics, waterfront and the rifle range. The program utilizes the Patrol Method so scouts will also learn how the patrol method functions. The Patrol Method also enables instructors to break the boys into smaller instructional groups. The "Dan Beard" program will culminate in a 5 mile hike towards the end of the week. This hike is intended to highlight the adventurous side of scouting while putting their newly learned skills to the test. Scouts participating in the program will be given free time each day to allow them the opportunity to earn an additional merit badge (in addition to the Swimming and Leatherworking merit badge which they will work on as a part of the program) or to enjoy some of the many other camp activities.

Medical Forms:

All Scouts and Leaders attending camp must submit a BSA Annual Health and Medical Record form to the Camp Health Officer on the day of check-in. Please note that unlike previous years, it is now BSA policy that all scouts have a physical examination completed by a certified and licensed health care provider within 12 months preceding summer camp. If your scout does not have a current BSA Annual Health and Medical Record form (dated after July 4th, 2009) on file with the troop an updated medical form will be required. Please complete all parts of the medical form (Parts A, B, and C).

Scout Medical Forms must have all immunization records dated. Please do not submit copies of school physical and immunization records, rather kindly transfer the dates on those forms to the BSA medical form in the appropriate section (*Part A - Immunizations*).

Part 'A' of the Annual Health and Medical Record requires an attached photocopy of both sides of the scout's insurance card. Please do not neglect to do this; many hospitals do not accept the B.S.A. Health and Medical Record Form as a legal document for coverage justification

In Addition to the Health and Medical Record Form all scout and adult leaders are required to complete a *Drug Administration Form*. There are two sections to this form. Section 1 gives permission to the Health Lodge officials to dispense over the counter medications to Scouts or Scouters who may have need for this medication while at camp. This section should be completed and signed by a parent or guardian.

Section 2 of the *Drug Administration Form* is for any medication that is brought to camp. Parents, complete and sign this section if your scout needs to bring **prescription, Over the Counter, or Emergency Medication** to camp. This includes medications that are taken routinely, sometimes or in the event of an emergency.

Note: The Cradle of Liberty Council is currently updating the Drug Administration Form, therefore copies of this form are not yet available. When the form becomes available the troop leadership will distribute copies to our Troop 125 families.

If your scout uses prescription medication, make sure he brings enough for the entire week of camp. All medications must be in the original container. While at camp, all medications, including over-the-counter medications will be held by the camp Health

Officer and will be disbursed only by qualified medical personnel. Insulin, inhalers and Epi-pens will be the only exceptions.

Please note that the Boy Scouts of America and the Cradle of Liberty Council assume no responsibility for administering prescription medication. Any Scout requiring Injectable Medications should be able to administer these medications themselves.

THE BSA ANNUAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL FORM AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FORM ARE DUE MAY 20, 2010.

Uniforms:

The Class 'A', Summer Uniform (short Sleeve uniform shirt with Short or full length uniform pants, and green BSA uniform socks) will be required for Summer Camp. Scouts will be required to wear the uniform for check-in at camp on Sunday afternoon, at the evening meal each day of camp, at evening campfires and for the Closing Ceremony on Friday evening. Please note that the only acceptable alternative to the uniform pants is blue jean pants or shorts.

For their daily routine at camp, Scouts should dress appropriately for their activities and weather conditions. The Class 'B' uniform, Troop T-shirt and scout pants or shorts, is encouraged to be worn.

Health Services:

The Health Lodge will be staffed 24 hours a day by a certified Health Officer.

Special Medical or Dietary Needs:

If your scout has any special medical or dietary needs please bring this to the attention of the Troop Leadership so that arrangements can be made with the camp staff in advance. Also, please note any medical or dietary needs on the *Permission Form* and the *Personal Health and Medical Record Form*,

Allergies:

If your scout has any allergies or special health conditions, please make sure to bring these to the attention of the Troop Leadership and note these conditions on the Scout's Medical Form and Permission Form.

Emergency Contacts:

Please list three emergency contact names and phone numbers on the attached permission form. Remember to list phone numbers which will be valid during camp. For example list phone number which will be valid during the day and evening hours.

Items To Bring To Camp:

A check list of Items to bring to camp is attached herewith. Your scout will receive this checklist again, as we get closer to Summer Camp.

It is recommended that scouts pack their personal gear in some type of “duffel” bag or a standard size foot locker. These can be stowed away under their cot. Foot lockers can also double as a night stand.

Scout Cell Phone Policy:

The leadership of Resica Falls Scout camp and the Troop 125 adult leadership strongly encourage scouts to leave cell phones at home. This is for a variety of reasons, including:

- Increased probability of difficulties related to homesick Scouts calling home at will, or leaving camp without the knowledge or approval of the unit leadership.
- Cell phones, like all valuables, should not be brought to camp so they cannot be accidentally lost or stolen.
- Cell phones detract from the type of peaceful, natural environment that is key to a positive outdoor summer camp experience.

Additionally, Scouts should not be in Merit Badge Classes with cell phones on, nor will they be held by staff members at the waterfront facilities. Also, no facility or provisions will be made available for Scouts to charge their cell phones.

Please be assured that ample communication will be in place at all times for a Scout to contact a parent when needed and for a parent to contact a Scout in case of an emergency.

Energy Drinks:

As a matter of troop policy, for obvious reasons, all energy drinks such as *Monster*, *Red Bull*, *5 Hour Energy*, etc will be prohibited at camp.

In-Camp Footwear

In the Interest of safety, all Scouts will be required to wear closed-toed footwear while in camp. No sandals or shower shoes will be permitted. Scouts will also be required to wear water shoes or an old pair of sneakers while at or around the waterfront areas.

Trading Post:

The camp Trading Post will be open to provide a full selection of advancement materials, craft items, T-shirts, patches, mugs, soda, snacks, ice cream, comfort items and some Scout supplies. About \$40 to \$50 per scout should be enough to meet most Scouts' needs during the week. This would include money he may need if extra supplies for merit badge work (such as craft kits) are needed. Please be sure your Scout has appropriate spending money and counsel them to use it wisely so that it last the entire week. In addition scouts should keep enough cash to buy lunch at McDonalds on the way home on Sunday.

Please assist the troop leadership by counseling and instructing your scout on the following:

Lighters, Lanterns, matches, candles and any other things that could potentially create a flame are not permitted in tents. Violation of this policy will result in expulsion from camp.

When camping, no youth is permitted to sleep in the tent of an adult other than that of a parent or guardian. There are no exceptions to this policy.

Buddy System: all scouts must use the "Buddy System" for any activity that occurs outside the troop's campsite.

Hazing: Hazing is never permitted in any form. Those involved in hazing will be expelled from camp immediately.