

Straight From the Heart

Summer Camp 2011 Edition

Troop 257, Trailhead District, HOAC

March 2011

Departure & Arrival Checklist

- ❑ Meet in the north parking lot of the **Atonement Lutheran Church on Thursday, July 14th at 8:00 a.m.** Please plan to stay to help your son through the check in process.
- ❑ Scouts must **wear their full formal Class "A" uniform** on the morning we depart. Scouts not wearing Class A's will be sent home.
- ❑ **Pack Class "B" uniform, Handbook, swim trunks and poncho / rain gear** at the top of camp box.
- ❑ Many scouts prefer to wear their swimsuits under their uniforms so they can quickly change for the **swim test**. The test is taken immediately upon reaching camp
- ❑ Pack a **sack lunch, including a drink** for your scout. We'll stop on the way at a roadside park in Appleton.
- ❑ We will return to the Church parking lot on **Saturday, July 23rd around noon**. Plan to meet your son at the Church then. Please don't be late; everyone is ready to be home.

Class B Troop T-Shirts

Every Scout at camp must have a short-sleeve troop T-Shirt. Most adults at camp have at least one Class B shirt as well. Contact Mrs. Hardwick if you need to purchase a Class B shirt for your Scout or yourself.

BARTLE EMERGENCY NUMBER

Do not call camp unless it is a true emergency. The camp phone is (417) 646-8115. Incoming calls are taken by the camp staff and forwarded to the requested party.

Hours of operation:

7:00am—10:00pm—camp business and
After 10:00pm —**(emergencies only!)**

If you call, ask for an adult from Troop 257. They will get someone as soon as possible.

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Check-In Stations

Wednesday July 13th we will be doing the check-in process, scouts will be checked off at each station. **Doing your check-in the night before we leave will give you extra time to get anything completed that you don't already have done. It will also make for a more relaxed Friday morning.**

1. The 'Zero Balance' station will **confirm all fees are paid. Tracy Reynolds will make sure your account is current. Boys or adults, whose accounts are in arrears, will not be allowed to attend camp until payment arrangements are made.**
2. At the Start station you will receive your check-in sheet and **verify that your son's Family Summer Camp Contract is on file.** If not, one will need to be submitted at this time.
3. Mail Station – drop off mail you want delivered.
4. The health form station will verify that your son's health form is up to date. **Don't wait until the day of camp to fix the health form.**
5. The medications station will accept prescription and over-the-counter medications. **Please see "Medication at Camp" on page 3.**
6. The **Merit Badge** station will verify that your son (2nd year and above) has the appropriate fees for merit badges for which they are signed up. Money will need to be in a Ziplock bag separate from spending money. The bag will need to be marked with the Scout's name. It will not be collected.
7. The equipment check station will verify that your **scout is wearing full formal Class "A" and swim trunks, and that his formal Class "B" uniform(s), Scout Handbook and a poncho / rain gear are at the top of his camp box.** This station will also accept your son's scout box combination or an extra key.
8. The trailer station will accept your son's camp box and gear.
9. Finally, the Finish station will accept your son's completed check-in sheet.
- 10. The fun begins!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

QUESTIONS ABOUT SUMMER CAMP?

Contact your Camp Scoutmaster:

Dennis Wagner

e-mail : dk5wagner@gmail.com

Home : 913-648-8268

Cell Phone while @ Camp: 913-961-3349

Medical Forms

Please update the health forms for boys and adults **now**. Turn your forms in at any Troop meeting.

Without a current health form on file, ***you will not be allowed to remain on the Reservation!***

Medication Long Form: Authorizes troop to give Tylenol to your scout – need a form on all scouts

Medication Short Form: Turned in on check in day – Put meds to be given at camp in a Ziploc bag with photo of scout and this short form

Camp Contract and FUN

Our goal is for every Scout to have a fun and rewarding experience at Camp. There are great opportunities and memorable experiences to be had by all who come to Bartle. In order for this goal to be accomplished there are a number of expectations.

The attached Family Summer Camp Contract outlines these expectations. **The contract must be reviewed by the Scout and his family, signed, and turned-in prior to boarding the bus.**

Scout Money

Your son will manage his own spending money while at camp. If you think this will be a problem for your son, please call Mr. Wagner. Remember, you can replenish the money on Visitors Day or through mail sent to scout.

Special Notice for Adults

You must be registered with the district in order to attend camp at any time other than Visitor's Day. There is a nominal charge of \$15 to register adults.

Council Refund Policy

If the Scout or adult is sent home by the camp medical staff, the Council will grant a pro-rata refund (by day) of the "balance fee". (The deposit is non-refundable).

If a camper leaves without being sent home by camp medical staff, there is NO refund.

Visitors Day Checklist

- Visitor's Day is **Sunday July 17th** from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Please plan to arrive **before 11:00**. We will have a short invocation and begin eating lunch.
- Bring a **picnic lunch** and table setting for your family and your scout.
- BYOS. **Bring your own seating**. Many parents bring portable tables, as space is limited.
- Please bring **extra food** to leave for dinner. Your son and the adults staying at camp will have the leftovers for supper. We will have troop coolers in camp for food storage.
- Please bring some **extra ice** to keep the food cold.
- Boys without family on Visitors Day feel very lonely. If you will be unable to attend Visitor's Day, please notify Mr. Wagner to discuss arrangements for food and extra attention.
- Have fun!**

Summer Camp Fees

	Before 4/21	After 4/21
2nd Year Scout and Above	\$290.00	\$300.00
1st Year Scout	\$300.00	\$310.00
Full-Time Adult Leader	\$290.00	\$300.00
Part-Time Adults(per day)	\$47.00	\$57.00

Payments are due now. If you need to make special arrangements, please see Mr. Aspleaf or the Treasurer. As always, any special arrangements will be kept confidential.

Mail

Scouts love to get mail! Please write early, and often. First-year parents especially! Delivery takes 2-3 days, so please start writing before your son leaves. You may also give all your letters/care packages to the troop camp postal person. The letters must indicate the day you want it delivered.

Write to:

"Scout's Name" Troop 257
 Camp Lone Star, Campsite Seneca
 Bartle Scout Reservation
 5525 N.E. Scout Camp Road
 Osceola, Missouri 64776-9000

Camp Box & Locks

- ❑ Camp boxes should be the 12" high, 12" deep and 21" long wooden camp boxes. They can be purchased at Mickey's Surplus Store.
- ❑ Lock the box with a key or combination (preferred) lock.
- ❑ Bring a copy of the combination or an extra key for the adult leaders.
- ❑ If you choose to use a combination lock, have your son practice with it before camp.

Camp Uniforms

- ❑ **Formal Class "A"**
 - Khaki Boy Scout Shirt
 - Troop 257 neckerchief
 - Tie slide
 - Scout shorts
 - Scout belt
 - Scout socks
- ❑ **Formal Class "B"** is the red Troop 257 t-shirt, Scout shorts, Scout belt and Scout socks.

Wear your Class A the day we leave. Pack your Class B at the top of your camp box with your Rain Gear and Scout Manual.

Scouts Leaving Camp

If your son needs to leave camp for a family activity, sports or any other reason, he must leave camp with a parent or other adult that he knows. If he leaves with an adult other than a parent, Mr. Wagner must have a signed note from a parent identifying the adult and when they will depart, and that adult must present a photo ID for positive identification.

The Camp Scoutmaster and Camp Director must sign the boy out of camp before he leaves. Please let Mr. Wagner know before camp if any boy will be leaving camp early.

Homesickness

Parents, if your son calls home and tells you that he is homesick, please call Mr. Wagner (Cell 913-961-3349) at camp and let him know. Past experience shows that Scouts will not tell the adults at camp that he has called Mom or Dad and asked them to come pick him up. When we see or hear that a Scout is homesick, we can provide special attention and activities to help the boy.

We ***strongly encourage*** you to leave your son at camp for the full session, even if he says that he is homesick and wants to come home early. Learning what it's like to be away from home is an important part of camp.

Medications at Camp

Our first aid kit contains Tylenol (acetaminophen) and Advil (ibuprofen) in addition to basic first aid items. You will need to provide all other medications, whether prescription or over-the-counter. **All** medications that you provide must be in their original container with the proper dosage listed.

Medication will ***only*** be given if a parent has signed a medication form indicating dosage and conditions to dispense. This includes medication you provide and the troop-supplied Tylenol and Advil.

Two medication forms are included in this newsletter. The first form is the **long form**. Please complete this form and return it to me by the May 24th troop meeting or mail it to me. This is important to allow me time to organize the records. If you wish to authorize me to dispense over-the-counter medications to your son at camp, you should turn in ***at least*** the long form, even if your scout does not take prescription drugs. If your son will not be taking any medication at camp, ***I still need a response***. Otherwise, I will be forced to call you.

The second form is a **short form**. Please fill this out and bring it with your Scout's medication the first day of camp. ***Please attach a photograph of your scout to this form.*** This will be used as a safety check by all those dispensing medication. Please make sure that the information on both forms agrees. You can always turn in an amended long form if your scout's medication needs changed.

Every year, one or two scouts run short of their meds. Please include one extra day's supply of medication, just in case. Also, for scouts who use inhalers, please provide an extra inhaler. Please emphasize to your scout ***the importance of taking their medication*** and of taking the responsibility to see me when it is time for their medication.

Both forms are included in this newsletter. If you need extra forms, they are available on the troop website, or you may call me at 913-642-5371. My home address is 9407 Kessler, Overland Park, KS 66212, and my e-mail address is debbi@everestkc.net.

Each year, the biggest challenge of this job is to get everyone to turn in an accurately completed form on time. I hope everyone will make a special effort to help me with this challenge. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Jeannette Booth