

PREPARING FOR CAMP

Before you go to camp, certain promotional and informational data should be shared with the Scouts and parents in your unit.

SCOUTS

- ❖ What to bring
- ❖ What activities to prepare for
- ❖ What merit badges are offered & what are the prerequisites

PATROLS

- ❖ Get Patrol Flag ready
- ❖ Sharpen skills for inter-patrol competition

PARENTS

- ❖ What are camp costs
- ❖ When fees are due
- ❖ Camp dates
- ❖ How to send mail
- ❖ How to contact camp for an emergency

UNIT LEADER

- ❖ Needs to know all of this and more
- ❖ Recruit transportation
- ❖ Recruit camp adult leadership
- ❖ Review **ALL** Medical forms for current signatures, dates, medicines your Scouts are taking and medical concerns
- ❖ Review **ALL** Firearms Permission Forms and know restrictions
- ❖ Know custody status of all Scouts

TROOP LEADERS

- ❖ Need to remember the advancement and activity goals set by their Troop Leader's Council and plan their participation accordingly.

Many Units hold a PARENTS INFORMATION MEETING a few months before camp. This meeting can take place at a Court of Honor, a Committee Meeting, or in place of a Unit meeting. It is here the details of camp are presented to the parents. Questions and Answers will take up a majority of the program. Do not expect to have all the answers but assure the parents that a reply can be found either in this leader's guide, the camp specific guide or through the Council Service Center.

CAMP PROMOTIONAL IDEAS

- ❖ Encourage Webelos to cross-over in February, so that you may have time to prepare them for camp.
- ❖ Have fundraising projects to help scouts earn their own camp fees.
- ❖ Initiate a program whereby scouts who perform well in the Troop get a full or partial scholarship to camp.
- ❖ Invite former or current staff members to your Troop.
- ❖ Talk about the activities at camp to heighten interest.
- ❖ Have the Order of the Arrow Camp Promotion team make a presentation to your Troop.
- ❖ Review advancement goals of each scout and show them how they can meet these goals and still have fun at camp.

SUGGESTED AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Hand Out Information Sheet
3. Explain Date, Location, Costs
4. Explain Program Highlights
5. Describe Advancement Opportunities
6. Questions and Answers
7. Final Reminders and Adjourn