

Winter Camp January 13-15, 2012

Winter Camp Fees

Participant Fee - Early-Bird Registration: \$40.00* Paid on or before December 30, 2011

Late Fee: \$60 paid after December 30, 2011

Visitor Fee: Visitors may eat in the dining hall at a cost of \$5.00 per meal and may pay at the Camp Office or Trading Post.

Adult Leader Fees

There will not be a charge for 2 adult leaders with each troop (minimum of 8 scouts) at Winter Camp 2012. Leaders in excess of this quota will be asked to pay \$20.00 to offset the cost of their meals. This policy was instituted to help hold down the cost to the Scouts. The fee is transferable. For example, several adults planning to come in to help the Scoutmaster on a rotating basis will be covered for meals. Any adults registering after December 30, 2011 will be charged! Free adults after December 30, 2011 will be expected to pay \$20 each and additional adults will be required to pay \$40 each.

T-Shirts

T-shirts are \$10.00 each and must be ordered by December 30th. See registration form for available sizes.

Payment of Camp Fees

Fees are payable at the De Soto Area Council Service Center by cash, check, or credit card, and **all payments must be submitted prior to a unit's arrival.**

Camperships

A limited number of camperships will be available for De Soto Area Council scouts whose families demonstrate a need. Camperships may be awarded for up to 50% of the camp fee for resident camping programs on a first-come, first-serve basis. This assistance is available council wide. Camperships will be awarded based on the following criteria:

1. Participation in Popcorn Sale by Troop/Scout.
2. Scouts need
3. Availability of Funds

The remaining percentage of cost then becomes the responsibility of the Scout's Unit and/or family.

Parents of Scouts requesting camperships should be given a copy of the form to complete. It must come back to the designated troop leadership for their permission

and submission to the council. Camperships are due at the Council office by December 30, 2010 at which time the review process will begin and will continue until funds are exhausted. Late applications will be accepted if funds remain available. Campership applications are available at the Council office.

Refund Policy

All refunds must be requested in writing. Please note that we will hire our staff and make equipment purchases based on the number of participants that you have reserved with us. Once we hire our staff and purchase equipment, supplies, food, etc., those funds are no longer available for refunds. Refunds are not available for vacations, sports, band, events, summer school, or changing one's mind.

Health and Safety

Medical Form: Parts A & B of the Annual BSA Health and Medical Record (#34605) must be completed and signed by parent. Medical forms must be available upon request.

The Health Lodge will be prepared to handle minor accidents or illnesses. Special arrangements for the treatment of more serious cases have been made with the hospital in El Dorado (15 minutes away). In the event such treatment is needed, the Scout's parents will be notified by a telephone call giving the nature of the emergency. Their desires concerning further treatment will be followed. If the parents of the Scout will not be at home during the weekend their son is at camp, please find out where they can be reached. Please note the information on the Scout's medical form.

All injuries, regardless of the extent, must be reported to and treated at the Health Lodge. The Health Lodge is prepared to handle minor injuries and illnesses. All other cases will be treated at a nearby hospital or doctor's clinic in El Dorado. The Health Lodge will be manned 24 hours a day for emergencies.

Camp Security

In order to control the personnel that enter or leave the camp the following requirements have been established.

*Everyone arriving or leaving camp must sign in/out at the CAMP OFFICE.

*Any visiting adult (parent, friend or visitor) must register at the CAMP OFFICE and receive a temporary badge. This badge must be turned in upon leaving camp.

*When returning a Scout or Scouts to camp after dark, the adult must register at the CAMP OFFICE BUILDING then walk the Scout or Scouts to their camp site and sign out when they leave camp. They may not be driven to their sites.

*All adult leaders will have a wristband to identify them. These will be issued at check-in. If another leader comes to camp during the weekend, he/she will be required to register and receive a band.

*All staff members will wear a Staff badge or shirt for identification.

*Permission forms must be signed by a parent/guardian for another individual to pick up their child. The form must be turned in at check in or at the time of pick up. This

individual must sign in at the security building and show picture identification in order to pick up the child. Next, they will then be required to sign out with the Scoutmaster and the camp office when leaving camp with the child. A permission slip should be turned in at check-in if there is a special situation concerning custody of a Scout. When a Scout leaves camp and does not plan to return during the weekend, or at the end of the program weekend, the parent or authorized person must sign the Unit Roster. The Unit Leaders will be given a copy of the roster, which was turned in at check in. After all the scouts have been picked up and signed out, the leader will return the roster to the camp office.

In order to check-in, every Scout and Adult listed on the Registration must be accounted for. If anyone cannot attend or is going to be late you must have a signed permission slip from a parent or guardian. Lack of these slips will result in the necessity of a phone call by Camp personnel and DELAY CHECK-IN.

Boy Scout Camp Leadership

At least two adult leaders, one of whom must be 21 years or older, are required for all outings. This includes leadership for Scouts and Troops that are camping for just one day.

Each Troop must be under the leadership of an adult (over 21), preferably the registered Scoutmaster. If the Scoutmaster is unable to attend full time, the Troop Committee should name the "Camp Scoutmaster." The "Camp Scoutmaster" works with the Patrol Leader's Council and assigns and coordinates responsibilities.

The Senior Patrol Leader should lead the troop with the guidance of the "Camp" Scoutmaster during camp. If your troop's SPL is unable to attend, your troop should elect a "Camp" SPL.

Webelos Camp Leadership

A Webelos Scout may participate in overnight den camping when supervised by an adult. In most cases, the Webelos Scout will be under the supervision of his parent or guardian. It is essential that each Webelos Scout be under the supervision of a parent-approved adult. Joint Webelos den-troop campouts including the parents of the Webelos Scouts are encouraged to strengthen ties between the pack and troop. Den leaders, pack leaders, and parents are expected to accompany the boys on approved trips.

*A permission slip will be required for any parent-approved adult camping with a Webelos Scout.

Location and Dates

Winter Camp 2012 will be held January 13-15, 2012 at Camp De Soto. Camp De Soto is located 6.4 miles south of the T-Rick's Gas Station on the Hwy 82/Highway 167 bypass near El Dorado, AR. After traveling 6.4 miles south of the T-Rick's gas station on Hwy 167, take a left off of Hwy 167 and travel 1.9 miles on Winfield Lake Road to the Camp De Soto front gate. Winter Camp begins Friday, January 13 with check-in held from 5:00pm-10:00pm. Camp ends Sunday morning, January 15, 2012.

For exact directions, visit a map-search web-site and type in 174 Camp Desoto Road, El Dorado, AR 71730.

Insurance

An accident and sickness insurance policy covers every scout in the De Soto Area Council. The council, as part of a year-around policy, provides this for scouting related medical expenses caused by injury or illness. Please be aware of the following:

- Making a claim is the responsibility of the family. A simple, but required, procedure must be followed or the insurance company will reject claims. The family through the troop submits the initial claim document.
- Personal family insurance is the primary provider. The De Soto Area Council's insurance is the secondary provider. If the individual is not covered by a personal health and accident insurance policy then the De Soto Area Council's insurance becomes the primary insurer.
- The council is the premium-payer, but is not the guarantor of payment. A scout receiving medical treatment must provide their home address, not the camps nor the address of the De Soto Area Council.
- Claim forms without the necessary billing documents are useless as are billing documents without the necessary claim forms. If in doubt, or for more clarification, please check these procedures with our personnel at the council service center. The phone number is (870) 863-5166.

Information for Out-of-Council Troops

Troops attending a De Soto Area Council camping event that are not part of the De Soto Area Council will be required to carry accident insurance for their unit. The De Soto Area Council does not provide medical or accident insurance for Out-of-Council units. Units are required to furnish a Certificate of Insurance from their home council. A copy needs to be provided to the camp administration during your check-in session.

It is highly recommended that each out-of-council unit ensure that each scout attending summer resident camp have their own personal insurance card with them. Many local hospitals within our geographic region will not accept our Personal Health and Medical Record form as a legal document for coverage justification.

ALL OUT OF COUNCIL UNITS MUST HAVE A TOUR PLAN APPROVED BY THEIR OWN COUNCIL WITH THEM WHEN THEY ARRIVE IN CAMP.

Pre Camp Training

Each troop must have at least one adult who has completed Hazardous Weather Training from BSA. It is also available through your MyScouting page.

EVERY REGISTERED ADULT IN THE UNIT MUST COMPLETE YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

The Scout Oath and Law

The Scout Oath and Law are primary rules of individual conduct at Camp De Soto Winter Camp. The camp staff will not assume responsibility for, nor interfere with, units unless behavior directly involves the health and safety of persons or the destruction of property, or if the Scout leaders are not present at the time of the problem. The Camp Director and/or Program Director will be notified by staff members of any problem and will then refer the problem back to the unit leader(s). Apparent violation of local, state, or federal laws will be referred to the appropriate authority.

Prohibited Items

- Alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs.
- Tobacco products in front of scouts
- Personal firearms or weapons, including: BB & Pellet guns, rifles, shotguns, handguns, ammunition, bows and arrows
- Sheath knives
- Fireworks
- Pets

Automobile Policy

- No person under age 18 may operate a motor vehicle within the boundaries of camp without the permission of the Camp Director.
- The maximum speed of all vehicles on camp roads is 15 M.P.H. In the main camp, the speed limit is 10 M.P.H.
- Seat belts must be worn at all times & hazard lights must be on.
- No riding outside of a vehicle's enclosed passenger compartment. This means no rides on trunks, hoods, fenders, or the back of open trucks.
- Private vehicles are NOT permitted in campsites. You may unload on the road at the nearest point to your campsite. For the safety of all campers, all vehicles must be returned to the designated parking lot to park for the week (National Standards of the BSA M26). In addition, driving through camp during the week is not permitted - except with vehicle passes.
- Each unit may receive vehicle passes from the Camp Director for medical or physical reasons or to coordinate Scout shuttles to and from special events/programs.

VEHICLES

Each unit will be allowed **ONE** vehicle at a time in camp to transport camp gear to and from the campsite. All other vehicles **MUST** remain in the camp parking lot. Once all gear is transported to the campsite all vehicles must return to the parking lot. Each unit may leave a troop trailer in the campsite for storage of camp gear.

NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN THE CAMPSITE AFTER TRANSPORTING CAMP GEAR.

(Accommodations can be made for persons with disabilities)

Special Accommodations

If an individual needs any special accommodations for physical or health related reasons, please coordinate with the Camp Director two (2) weeks prior to arrival.

Youth Protection

BSA standards for youth protection will be followed. Camp should be a "safe haven" for Scouting youth! ALL adults 18 and older must complete youth protection prior to camp. Protection measures for leaders to implement will include:

- The "buddy system" of two or more Scouts, who stay together, to & from activities.
- One-on-one activities with a youth and adult are not permitted.
- Youth and adults will not share the same tent. (Except for a parent and their Scout)
- Youth privacy is to be maintained in shower and dressing areas.
- A troop must have adult leadership at all times during the troop's stay in camp. The person in charge of your troop must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age; there are no exceptions. In addition, it is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that, "trips and outings may never be led by only one adult. At least two adult leaders, one of whom must be 21 years or older, are required for all trips and outings."
- Scouting is designed to provide a safe and healthy environment for youth. Therefore, per BSA policy, **NO INITIATIONS OR HAZING ARE PERMITTED IN CAMP OR IN THE SCOUTING PROGRAM.**

Leaving Camp

Anyone leaving camp must check out with the Camp Director before leaving and check back in upon returning. Except for special circumstances, Scouts should have no reason to leave camp. If a need arises, Scouts must be under the supervision of two adult leaders. Scouts will not be allowed to leave camp with someone other than their legal parent or guardian without expressed approval of the Scoutmaster/unit leader. Scoutmasters should be advised not to allow scouts to leave camp with someone other than their legal parent or guardian unless they have received prior approval from, or verify approval with, the legal parent or guardian. All troops must sign out before leaving camp (see the section on Checking-out).

Limits To Scouts

All fenced off areas, including the Water Tower.

- COPE Course and the Climbing Tower.
- The Rifle Ranges and Shotgun Range is absolutely off limits EXCEPT during Merit Badge class.
- All program areas during off hours or without staff supervision are off limits to Scouts.
- All camp Staff Living Areas: Camp Staff personnel have designated cabin areas for their extended time in camp. Please instruct campers that they are not allowed in these areas at ANY time. We need the help of unit leaders in enforcing this policy.

Other Safety Rules

- When not in use, all fuel (L.P. gas, etc.) must be kept locked at designated Camp storage areas.
- Throwing rocks is strictly forbidden—except at the Milam's Point rock throwing range.
- The Outdoor Code should be observed at all times, not just for the safety of the plants and animals - but for the safety of the human as well.
- Helmets must be worn at all times while riding bicycles.**

PERSONAL POSSESSIONS

Camp is an outdoor experience. Personal items such as radios, stereos, televisions, i-Pods, electronic games, etc. are not appropriate for an outdoor experience. De Soto Area Council strongly discourages bringing them to camp. In all cases, personal valuables (watches, wallets, and money) should not be left out in the open at camp.

It is recommended that each unit bring a lockable storage container to secure valuables while not in the camp site.

DE SOTO AREA COUNCIL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST, STOLEN OR BROKEN ITEMS.

Theft and malicious mischief will not be tolerated at camp. Offenders will be asked to leave camp and will be given NO refunds.

Uniform

The field uniform (Class "A") is proper attire for evening retreat, dinner and campfires. Full uniform must be worn to the evening meal. Full uniform includes Scout pants/shorts, uniform shirt, and Scout socks. The Camp Director encourages all campers to wear the activities uniform (Class "B") to the daytime activities. The activities uniform includes Scout shorts and a Scout T-shirt. Wet bathing suits are not allowed in the Dining Hall.

In-Camp Footwear & Apparel

Shoes must be worn at all times. No open toed shoes or sandals except at the pool and in the showers. Scouts should also wear water shoes or old sneakers while at the waterfront to decrease the risk of injury.

Troop Provided Equipment

Troops may bring their own equipment to enhance their campsite. All equipment and the use thereof must be in compliance with the Guide To Safe Scouting. Units should bring the American and Troop Flag for display at the entrance to their campsite.

Showers

Hot showers are available 24 hours a day. The shower facilities for Boy Scouts (12-17) are available at the pool and various campsites. Shower facilities are located at the Berry Building for males and females 18+.

Order of the Arrow

An Order of the Arrow Call Out ceremony will occur on Saturday night. A properly conducted unit election should be scheduled through your Order of the Arrow Chapter and be held before you come to camp. Troops from councils other than De Soto Area Council will be required to have a letter indicating permission to be called out at Camp De Soto.

Lost and Found

Found items should be turned in to the Trading post and will be available all weekend and at check-out Sunday. Encourage all Scouts to mark possessions with their name and troop number.

Taps/Lights Out

Taps will be at 10:00 pm. All campers are expected to be in their campsites by that time. Properly supervised unit activities such as night hikes, astronomy, etc., constitute an exception. Remember that sound carries at night and respect your neighbors' privacy. Visiting the campsites of other Troops is commendable and encouraged, but please respect their wishes for quiet after Taps.

Merit Badges

Citizenship in the Community
Citizenship in the Nation
Citizenship in the World
Climbing
Emergency Preparedness
Engineering
Fish and Wildlife
Golf
Medicine
Orienteering
Robotics
Scouting Heritage
Space Exploration

Webelos Activity Badges

Forester
Naturalist
Outdoorsman
Readyman

Afternoon Event

Patrol Competition
(7 to 8 boys per patrol)

Canoe Race
2K Run
Rifle Shoot
Orienteering
Obstacle Course
Pioneering