

## DETAILS/LOGISTICS

### TRAVEL

We will meet on the parking lot at **Sandymount School** at 8:00 a.m. and we intend to leave at 8:30 am. Please be on time! We may need to battle lane closures in Delaware as well as Delaware and New Jersey beach traffic. I am doing my best to assign drivers and riders before Sunday. **Scouts must wear Class A uniforms.**

### LUNCH ON SUNDAY

We will be stopping for lunch before we arrive at camp. We will picnic in Ralph Stover State Park, approximately ½ mile from Camp Ockanickon. Boys should bring a bagged lunch! If car assignments are made before Sunday, then arrangements may be made with the driver with respect to drinks, etc. **Bottom line is that issues regarding stops prior to RSSP are up to the driver.** Plan to have a bagged lunch with a drink.

### PACKING

How to pack is entirely up to the scout. Some scouts prefer to pack in a footlocker or plastic bin rather than a backpack or other travel bag. A bin or footlocker may be easier to access, especially in light of living in two-man tents and/or Adirondack shelters.

### TENTING

We will have a campsite assignment three weeks prior to camp. The troop has requested a site but there are no guarantees. Assume that boys will be paired up as tent mates. The sooner the boys pair up, the better. Tent selection will occur through a lottery, but after the adult leadership has the opportunity to view the camp and select an “adult leader area”. The SPL is exempt from the lottery and has the first choice (after the adults). If the site has Adirondack shelters, boys may be housed in groups of six. In choosing tent-mates, boys should consider if there are other pairs with whom they would like to be joined. This way, boys can work out the need for a large tarp and rope, in order to provide privacy. **REMEMBER: Tarps may not remain closed at night or for lengthy periods of time.**

### DUTY ROSTERS

Daily DR Schedules will be posted. These rosters typically include color guard, general campsite maintenance, latrine maintenance, fire patrol, and dining hall waiters. Jobs are assigned randomly. Each scout is expected to perform the tasks that are assigned to him. Adults are also expected to perform assignments.

### TROOP PHOTOS

Each troop has the option of having a troop photo taken on Sunday night before/after dinner. Photos are \$7 for an 8X10 “framed” (matted?) picture. We

will receive the photos on Sunday or Monday. Money must be paid up front. Cash or check payable to "Explorer Post 507".

## **HEALTH LODGE**

Please have health forms turned in to the troop ASAP.

The camp staff includes an EMT, registered nurse and medical doctor. The camp requires that all medications are kept at the Health Lodge, with the exception of things like epipens, inhalers, etc. Medications should be in a ziplok-type bag with medication form(s).

The camp asks that scouts not bring "as needed" medication(s) with them. The camp regularly stocks, acetaminophen, ibuprofen, Benadryl, etc. Please provide authorization for the dispensing of these types of medications with the health forms.

## **DRESS**

Class A (field) uniforms must be worn on the trip to and from camp. In addition, Class A uniforms must be worn for dinner EVERY night and at the opening and final campfires.

At other times, scouts should wear a Class B uniform. If a scout does not have a Class B uniform, he may wear other shirts. REMEMBER: We are at a scout camp! Please leave shirts that may be offensive to others at home; eg. Hooters, beer companies, etc. Scouts may be asked to change their shirts if this policy is not obeyed. The staff at Ockanickon is very strict when it comes to dress code. In addition, no scout will be allowed to enter the dining hall if he is wearing a wet bathing suit.

## **OPEN SESSIONS/AREAS**

Scouts will fill in their schedules with various activities. There will also be free time in which a scout should take advantage of "open areas". These open sessions include various activities from rank advancement activities to mountain boarding to open boating, swimming and shooting ranges. Some of the activities have age restrictions and some are open to all scouts. **IF A PARENT DOES NOT WANT A SCOUT PARTICIPATING IN PARTICULAR ACTIVITIES (eg. ARCHERY OR RIFLERY) PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCOUTMASTER OR ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER, IN WRITING, BY JULY 30.**

## **CONTACTS/CELL PHONES**

After we receive our campsite assignment, I will send out information regarding how to send mail to campers. That information will also include how to contact us in the event of an emergency. The camp has emphasized that they do not want cell phones in program areas. The camp – and Troop 395 adult leaders -- reserves the right to ask a scout to leave a program or confiscate phones. **If a scout has a cell phone in camp, he is not permitted to take the cell phone to program areas, nor is he to use it in a manner that creates a distraction.**