

TROOP 23

2010

SUMMER CAMP

INFORMATION

NAPOWAN ADVENTURE BASE

N4789 24th Ave.
Wild Rose, WI 54984
www.napowan.org

Camp Phone Number
920.622.3680

Week 1 – July 11 thru July 18
Week 2 – July 16 thru July 24

Dear Parents,

Troop 23 will be going to summer camp for two weeks starting **July 11th through July 24th, 2010**. This information packet should be kept in a safe place and read over again several times as camp time approaches!! We highly encourage all scouts who wish to attend camp to go for the full 2 weeks. This is a great opportunity to learn new skills, earn merit badges and become closer friends with many of the other boys in the troop. This year, the troop is subsidizing the 2nd week for all boys who attend for both weeks, to help lower the fees for 2 weeks and encourage 2-week attendance. However, we realize that not everyone will be able to attend for 2 weeks, so we are including the pricing and information for 1 week as well.

The fees for camp are as follows:

Scouts

2 weeks \$480.00

1 week \$285.00

Council has set up three dates for payment in full. The later you pay, the higher the fee will be. We cannot change this payment schedule so all payments must be made at the correct time, or a higher fee will be charged.

All forms are included in this packet.

Summer Camp Coordinator: Rose and Bud Hittie 847-342-8583

Troop Committee Chairs: Kathy Ehret 847-394-5060 Dianna Franzen 847-632-9801

Summer Camp Timetable

Please keep this list handy and mark these dates on your calendar. Details about each item can be found elsewhere in this handout.

Feb 4th Summer camp info available @ www.troop23.org.

Feb 18th Summer camp deposit due (COH) \$100.00 for 1 week or \$200.00 for two weeks

March 4th Summer camp final payment due - Early Bird Rate
\$185.00 for 1 week or \$280.00 for 2 weeks

- April 6th **Mandatory summer camp meeting/merit badge selection - please mark your calendars.**
- signed Code of Conduct
 - T-shirt order form due
 - signed permission slip due
- April 9th Summer camp final payment due-Regular Rate \$210.00 for 1 week or \$310.00 for 2 weeks if paying after this date, balance due is \$240.00 for 1 week or \$340.00 for 2 weeks
- June 3rd New BSA Health Form required (last troop meeting)
- July 8th Trailer loading/spending money/medication turn in.
- Money must be in singles
 - Troop uniform must be shown to verify you are bringing
- July 11th First week leave for camp
- Wear Summer camp troop t-shirt and swim trunks
- July 16th Second week leave for camp
- July 17th Day at ***Mt. Olympus Water Park – Wisconsin Dells*** (If we have enough scouts for a second week of camp.)
- July 18th First week return from camp
- July 24th Second week return from camp

MEDICAL FORMS

We must have your son's completed medical form by June 3rd.

New BSA Health Form required.

<http://flyers.nwsc.org/Form2010medform.pdf>

Make your appointment now to avoid school sports physicals in the spring.

Medication for Scouts, whether prescription or over-the-counter (such as Tylenol), must be checked in with us on the night we collect gear.

DO NOT GIVE YOUR SON MEDICINE TO KEEP IN HIS TENT AND TAKE ON HIS OWN!

Please turn in all medicine in its original prescription bottle (in a ziplock bag) with the Troops medication request form on the night you bring your son's gear.

TROOP ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Northwest Suburban Council requires accident insurance for all Scouts and Scouters in attendance at Camp Napowan. Our Northwest Suburban Council Scouts and Scouters are covered through the Council Accident and Sickness policy provided through Mutual of Omaha.

MARKING OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Mark all clothing and personal belongings with last name and Troop 23.

A Sharpie works great.

LAUNDRY

Laundry will be done for two week campers during the middle weekend. So you will only need to pack clothing for one week.

MERIT BADGES

Please review the list of 2010 Merit Badges included in this packet. Your son needs to choose the ones he wants to work on before going to camp. 3 – 5 badges per week is the average. Right after the name of the badge, you will note the items he needs to do before going to camp. Please help your son prepare for a successful experience by encouraging him to review the Merit Badge Pamphlets, and by following up to see that he completes any requirements listed. Merit badge books can be checked out from the troop or bought at Council. Please have your son circle those merit badges he wants to work on. This will only be his preliminary selection. **Please bring this form, filled out, with you on April 6th. This is a mandatory meeting for your Scout and at least 1 parent.** This is where your son's choices will be finalized. We will discuss the merit badge options at this meeting and answer any questions about the program you might have at that time. If your son came home last summer with some partials on badges, please bring those cards with you to the sign-up meeting and make a note of that on the selection sheet.

For summer camp, we advise the Scout to go to <http://meritbadge.org> to print out the worksheets for the merit badges they will be working on.

Adult Assistance

We will need adults in the troop to help with transportation of the boys to and from camp and to help out during the week. We are not asking for a weeklong contribution, anything from 3 days on up would be appreciated. This is a great opportunity to see the camp and get to know the boys better. Adult leaders are required to submit a NEW BSA

Annual Health and Medical. There can be no exceptions to this rule so make sure you schedule your physical when you schedule your kids.

Additionally, all adults are required to complete the “Youth Protection” training course. This program is available on-line and takes approximately 45 minutes to complete. The link to the training can be found at: <http://www.nwsc.org/BOYSCOUTtraining.php>

Please make a copy of your training certificate upon completion and bring to troop meeting so that it can be added to the troop training log.

If interested in participating, please contact Rose or Bud Hittie.

Additional Activities

COPE course – COPE stands for Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience. The program is designed to develop leadership, personal confidence and team cooperation. It involves climbing, swinging, rappelling and problem solving. The program is open to scouts who have been to camp at least one year previously and who are 13 years old before January 1st. The program takes 1 half-day session. Adults who are interested can also participate.

Snorkeling, BSA – Work with the waterfront staff to earn this special patch.

Kayaking, BSA - Work with the waterfront staff to earn this special patch.

BSA Lifeguard – Scouts who are at least 14 years old and strong swimmers can work to gain their BSA Lifeguard certificate.

Firem’n Chit /Totin’ Chip – New scouts who do not have these cards can earn them at Summer Camp. (Firem’n certifies a scout to carry matches and start a campfire, Totin’ Chip certifies them to carry a pocketknife). Boys who do not have a Totin’ Chip are not allowed to carry a knife at camp. We will collect knives at the beginning of the week and distribute them back to the boys once they earn their chip.

Paul Bunyan Woodsman – This special card can be earned at camp by assisting another scout in earning their Totin’ Chip and assisting in an approved project.

Mile Swim – Each week the camp offers a special mile swim contest. Scouts who successfully complete the full mile can earn a special patch.

Rank Advancements – Boys can work on rank advancements while at camp. Leaders will be available to assist with activities, and perform scoutmaster conferences and boards of review when necessary. This is the perfect time to get first aid, swimming and water safety, camping and other rank activities done. Take a look at your book to see what you might need to do and plan on putting some time in working on advancement.

SPENDING MONEY

The amount of money to bring depends on your son's program plans. He will be provided with a lunch at the water park. On the way up, you son will need \$5 to \$10 cash for purchase of a meal on the way up to camp. It is **strongly** recommended that no more than \$2 to \$3 per day be supplied for spending money. He should also have spending money in the bank for the meal on the way home. When turning money in to the Troop bank, you will need to list what any additional monies are for.

Bring cash in singles. You will be sent to get singles if you don't.

Do not allow them to bring extra cash, as it is just likely to get lost.

Extra cost items:

- Rifle shooting -10 rounds \$1.00
- Shotgun shooting - 5 rounds \$2.50
- Rifle or shooting merit badge - \$30.00
- Open shooting/rifle - \$1.00 (10 rounds)
- Open shooting/shotgun - \$2.50 (5 rounds)
- Water Skiing Merit Badge - \$30.00
- Motor Boating Merit Badge - \$15.00
- Open Water Skiing - \$10.00
- COPE - \$20.00
- Space Exploration (estimate) - \$10.00 This includes the rocket kit.
- Horsemanship - \$60.00
- Cooking - \$10.00

Your son can participate in Rifle and Shotgun open shooting even if he does not work on those Merit Badges. We recommend that you purchase kits for Space Exploration, Leatherwork, Woodcarving and Basketry before you go up to camp. They can be purchased there for \$5 to \$10, but they have less of a selection and can occasionally be out of stock.

MAIL

Send cards and letters!

Your son's name

Troop 23 - Wolf Campsite B

Napowan Adventure Base

N4789 24th Avenue

Wild Rose, WI 54984

NO CARE PACKAGES!!! This puts the troop in danger when food is left in the tent. If you send a care package, it will be returned to you unopened. The boys get plenty of

food and anything extra is unnecessary. We will have a box when we load the trailer (7/8) for you to give us cards/letters to your son throughout the week(s).

How to get to Napowan Adventure Base

Please visit the Napowan website: <http://www.napowan.org/>

TROOP UNIFORM FOR CAMP

The Summer Camp t-shirt is worn to and from camp. They do not need to wear uniform pants or shorts.

Each Scout will receive the Summer Camp t-shirt. Two week campers will receive two.

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE # 1-920-622-3680

When an emergency call is made, the Troop Leader must be found and notified by the camp officials. Depending on the leader's schedule and location in camp, it may take an hour or more before a return call can be made. **Boys will not be allowed to call home. This is a camp rule. There are pay phones for leader's emergency use only. Calls home are disruptive to your son's schedule and can actually cause "homesickness".** From past experience, the more phone calls that go home, the more homesick the boy can become. **Please trust us ...this applies to cell phones as well.**

SUMMER CAMP PACKING LIST

Things to bring to camp: (Please check items off as you pack.)

- ___ swim trunks (1st week campers wear trunks under clothes)
- ___ Boy Scout shirt
- ___ tee shirts or short sleeve shirts (remember you will receive a camp shirt)
- ___ shorts
- ___ several pairs of long pants - jeans and sweats
- ___ underwear or boxers
- ___ lots of old socks
- ___ sleeping clothes
- ___ sweater, windbreaker, or sweatshirt
- ___ poncho or raincoat
- ___ shoes (2 pairs)
- ___ – **NO SANDALS (ANY KIND) ALLOWED EXCEPT AT AQUATICS!**
- ___ sleeping bag and pillow
- ___ sleeping pad – **NO COTS OR AIR MATTRESSES ALLOWED**
- ___ several towels (bathing and beach)
- ___ soap, shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste
- ___ comb and/or brush

- ___ Kleenex
- ___ day pack (boys usually carry a back-pack)
- ___ two-pocket folder (to keep merit badge paperwork)
- ___ flashlight & extra batteries
- ___ pocketknife and Totin' Chip Card - you must have card
- ___ pencil and small notebook or paper
- ___ Scout Handbook (in Zip-Lock bag)
- ___ canteen or 1 quart water bottle
- ___ compass
- ___ merit badge pamphlets - with completed written homework and any required craft kits
- ___ Order Of Arrow Sash - if already a member
- ___ bug spray – no aerosol cans
- ___ watch
- ___ closed-toed shoes with heels if doing horse back riding
- ___ rocket kit (if you plan on doing rocketry merit badge)

The Troop will not be responsible for lost or stolen items. Items not to bring to summer camp and will be confiscated

- Incense
- Matches
- Lighters
- Food/Snack items
- Cots or air mattresses (this is for the Scouts only, Adults may bring cots)
- Cell Phones
- Distracting Gadgets
- Electronic Toys
- Personal Entertainments Devices – i.e. iPods, MP3 players, etc.

Discouraged items

The Scout should not bring more 1 knife.

Any items of personal or sentimental value

– Do not bring any items you can't lose!

PLEASE NOTE:

Sandals – these will only be allowed in the Aquatics area. The Scout will need to wear regular shoes (with socks) walking to Aquatics and all other areas of the camp.