

# Summer Camp 2011 !! June 26-July 2, 2011

Since Troop 935's founding in 1967, we have annually attended Buckeye Council summer camps at the formerly owned Camp Buckeye and Camp Tuscazoar. We now call Seven Ranges our summer home. Since 1969 we have attended '2<sup>nd</sup> Period', the second session of camp operation. This week usually falls in the last week of June. It allows camp staff to work out all the program 'bugs' in the 1<sup>st</sup> period and the weather is usually more comfortable. It is before most summer vacation time, July 4<sup>th</sup>, fall sport conditioning, band camp & practices and the heat of the summer.



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# Boy Scouting philosophy

## AIMS of Scouting program:

- Growth in moral strength and character
- Participating citizenship
- Development in physical, mental, and emotional fitness

## METHODS to accomplish the Aims:

- *Advancement*: Self-reliance-ability to help others-challenge
- *Ideals*: Oath - Law - Motto - Slogan
- *Patrols*: Peer groups-elected representation-activities
- *Outdoors*: All outdoor programs
- *Adult Association*: Image-role model-example
- *Personal Growth*: Good Turn-service projects-religious emblems
- *Leadership Development*: Leadership skills and practice-citizenship
- *Uniform*: Commitment to aims-identity



# Troop 935 & Buckeye Council's philosophy

*Seven Ranges is NOT a 'merit badge factory' summer camp.*

Please don't expect your son to come home with handfuls of merit badges. Our week at camp is very busy with a lot of opportunities for Scouts to pursue many interests in the diverse program areas. *There is very, very little down time.* Most of our Scouts limit themselves to two merit badges, which still allows time for other activities and even some "fun".

7R is the only place in the world where a Scout can participate in the nationally recognized Pipestone Camp Honors Program. They will learn and practice the patrol method, leadership, ecology, and become part of our time endured traditions. We are one of the few camp systems in the country that brings Scouts back on a five year program, which guides Scouts to earn their Life Scout rank. National and local statistics show that Scouts that do not attend summer camp rarely continue in Boy Scouts. The summer camp week is integral to our Troop program and reinforces the Scouting Aims that are lived 24 hours a day during our week.

We will work with each Scout to prepare him for selecting the appropriate merit badges and advancement program areas. Please permit us to guide your Scout in his activity selections so that he will have an accomplished week in numerous ways, and that isn't quantified by his merit badge count. There must be time for him to just go have fun and try new adventures. After all, it's summer camp!

# Schedule ... this is final...



- ◆ Feb 8<sup>th</sup>: \$50 deposit for Early Bird payment due
- ◆ March 15<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> \$50 Early Bird payment due
- ◆ April 15<sup>th</sup>: final \$120 balance due for Early Bird discount  
(discounts of \$10 for each additional son) & Merit Badge selections due
- ◆ June 1<sup>st</sup>: All final payments due. Physical forms are due  
(download physical forms from Troop website)
- ◆ June 21<sup>st</sup>: Last meeting before summer camp. We load troop gear and personal buckets onto trailer.
- ◆ June 26<sup>th</sup>: Sunday at **10:30 a.m.!!!** We will **DEPART** from *Jackson Fire Station #3* on corner of Strausser & Wales for camp. Bring a water bottle and sack lunch to eat while we are waiting at check-in.
- ◆ June 30<sup>th</sup>: at approximately 6:30 p.m., dessert and family night campfire at Pug Wug Campsite.
- ◆ July 2<sup>nd</sup>: at 7 Ranges we will depart after breakfast meal at approximately 11 a.m., returning to MCUMC.
- ◆ Drivers will be needed to and from camp!

# Personal Gear ... strongly recommended!...

- ◆ Class A Uniform (to be worn on Sunday!!): Scout shirt with current patches located properly, Scout shorts, socks, Troop 935 hat, Troop 935 neckerchief & slide, clothes hanger for shirt
- ◆ Shirts: (6) Troop 935, Scouting related, or blank t-shirts, (1) blank long sleeve shirt or (1) blank sweat shirt
- ◆ Shoes: (1) pair of well broken-in and sturdy hiking boots with good ankle support, (1) pair of tennis shoes, (1) pair of shower shoes/sandals
- ◆ Pants: (2) pair of Scouting pants/jeans; (3) pair of shorts - with pockets and BELT; (please leave the sweat pants and athletic shorts at home).
- ◆ Underwear/socks: (6) pair of underwear; (8) pair of thick, athletic socks
- ◆ Swim suit, (3) towels, flashlight with spare batteries & bulbs
- ◆ Medication in accordance with Troop campout policy.

# Personal Gear (con't.)

- ◆ Toiletries - tooth brush, toothpaste, soap, chap stick, deodorant, mirror, tissues, comb, glasses, glasses case, contacts, contact case and solution, retainers, night headgear, medications, etc...
- ◆ Pocketknife (recommend a cheap one...)
- ◆ Compass, canteen/water bottle, regular pillow, poncho/rain gear, clothes line clips;
- ◆ Sleeping pad, summer sleeping bag, backpack, & rain cover for backpack;
- ◆ Scout handbook, paper, pen/pencil, merit badge book(s), any other materials for advancement, 3 foot long whipped knot rope, sun screen, 'non-aerosol' insect repellent



# What NOT to bring ...under any circumstances...

- ◆ Electronic devices/games/Ipod/MP3 players,
- ◆ Collector cards
- ◆ Lighters
- ◆ Radios, Walkman, Cell phones, etc...
- ◆ Candy, snacks – we WILL get critter visits in camp
- ◆ Clothing with inappropriate wording/pictures
- ◆ Guns & ammunition
- ◆ Fireworks
- ◆ Sheathed knives – folding knives only
- ◆ Aerosol cans of any kind
- ◆ Too much money – a fool and his money soon part ways
- ◆ Family heirlooms, jewelry, library books, or other unneeded or irreplaceable valuables
- ◆ Bad attitude!



# Check In ... coordinated by Senior Patrol Leader...

- ◆ Arrival at 7R parking lot
- ◆ Deliver Pipestone wood to trailer
- ◆ Check in by Leaders
- ◆ Forms and physical review by camp staff at Netawotwes Pavilion (next to parking lot & admin lodge)
- ◆ Hike all personal gear (less bucket) up to campsite
- ◆ At Pug Wug campsite, Troop immediately puts on swim suits and reports to water front for swimming test  
*(if your son is a weak swimmer – get him into lessons now!)*
- ◆ While Troop is at the swimming test, parents and committee set up three dining flies in campsite (trailer should arrive from parking lot)
- ◆ After swimming, Troop will return to campsite and BOYS will unpack personal gear and remaining troop gear
- ◆ Troop will prepare for dinner at 5 p.m., at which time parents should depart camp.

# Dining

...great food and fellowship...



- ◆ Family style dining, manners are stressed
- ◆ Waiter duty, each Scout will take his turn
- ◆ Meal knots – each meal has a different knot that will be required prior to entering hall (older Scouts will help)
- ◆ Balanced meals at lunch and dinners
- ◆ We need to know about any special meal requirements immediately
- ◆ Peanut butter, jelly, and bread are on tables for each meal for more finicky diners
- ◆ Each meal will have water, bug juice, or lemonade on the table (sometimes all!). We encourage each Scout to drink 2 to 3 juice sized glasses of water at each meal.
- ◆ Flag raising at Parade Grounds each morning prior to breakfast and retreat nightly after dinner.

# Hygiene

...washing? ...why?...

- ◆ Swimmer's Test after check in – put swim trunks and towel on very top of backpack for quick access
- ◆ Campsite has a latrine with two stalls and a urinal, and they are cleaned by Scouts & inspected by Leaders and Camp Staff daily
- ◆ Wash basin with soap located right in front of latrine. Hand sanitizer at latrine & leader's dining fly.
- ◆ Hand checks are routine prior to meals.
- ◆ Shower house nearby open during day & early evening, separate from adult facilities.
- ◆ Scouts are monitored by adults for wearing same clothes, pillow head, 'Scout aroma'....

# Merit Badges

...their first, but only if...

First year Scouts that have completed the Tenderfoot Rank requirements *and* have successfully passed their Swimmer's Test, will be permitted to take an appropriate level Merit Badge as approved by Troop Leaders (i.e. Pioneering, Orienteering, Rifle, Fishing, Leatherwork).

First year Scouts not through Tenderfoot rank will take the **FROG** (Fundamental Requirements and Outdoor Growth) program each morning from 9-11 am, which reviews Tenderfoot & 2<sup>nd</sup> Class rank.

*Those that are NOT able to swim at least one length on Sunday at check-in will go to lessons during the week at instead of taking a merit badge.*

# Miscellaneous part 1

- ◆ Send enough spending money, *but not too much: please no more than \$40*. All 1<sup>st</sup> year & most older Scouts turn their money into the 'Troop 935 Savings But No Loan' on Sunday. Scout can withdrawal throughout the week as needed. It is locked and only accessible by adult leaders. This system prevents excessive 'slushy spending', falling through tent platforms, losing all his money, & allows us to make sure any merit badges fees are paid for.
- ◆ Thursday night dessert & campfire in PugWug campsite –all family members are welcome! BUT please respond to Troop Committee inquiries to how many are coming so adequate food can be requisitioned. You may be asked to bring along some food or contributions for the evening event. *We also ask that you please keep in mind that while your Scout will be happy to see you, please think about homesickness and be cautious of how he will be feeling after you leave.*

# Miscellaneous ...and some more...

- ◆ Scouts need to get a plain 5 gallon bucket with lid that they are to put heavy items in and will be loaded into trailer on packing day (have fun and decorate!).
- ◆ Your SCOUT will hike HIS personal gear to & from the campsite – pack wisely!
- ◆ Mailing address (ONE letter for the week is enough! Please!):

***Scout's name***

Troop 935 – Pug Wug  
7070 Meter Rd. NE  
Kensington, OH 44427



- ◆ Camp office (emergency needs only!) **330-738-2085**
- ◆ Leaders will have cell phones, but they will only be checked once per day for messages: **330-844-6070 or 330-464-9330**

# Camp Honors - Pipestone

## Official statement from Buckeye Council:

"Pipestone is not a required program. It is offered as part of the overall summer camp program for Scouts to utilize it, if they so desire. Any coercion to participate is detrimental to its values. Coercion and peer pressure are not necessary to make the program function. The requirements have been structured so as to appeal to the Scouts strictly on their own merits. It is something that should attract and interest the majority of Scouts and be consistent with current Scouting advancement. Scouts who work to earn the five years of Pipestone are also being encouraged toward orderly advancement in rank."

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Consistent with Troop 935 philosophy, all boys must earn the right to take part in the Pipestone Camp Honors.  
"Honors *earned* are valued much more than honors *given*."

# Camp Honors - Pipestone (con't)

## First year requirements

(must be signed off by 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> year Candidates by noon Friday of camp week)

- ◆ Pipestone Wood: cubic foot, see website for specifics
- ◆ Scouting Skills: *Earn 10 parts of any rank or one merit badge, at camp.*
- ◆ Ecology: *Identify in the field: 15 trees, plants, or shrubs; 4 constellations; and 8 insects.*
- ◆ Swimming: ***Jump feet first into water over your head, swim non-stop using any stroke a distance of 25 yards.***
- ◆ Good Turn: Unit Participation: Good Turn to be performed on at May campout or *during the week at summer camp (least preferred)*
- ◆ Scout Spirit: This is the daily practice of living the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Camp Spirit is very important. A Scout could complete all the other requirements and not be eligible because he did not live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law *before or during* camp.
- ◆ Youth campers must be in camp from **Sunday Campfire through Saturday check-out to qualify for camp honors.** Only serious personal reasons are justified excuses for leaving. Vacations, athletics, and other such activities are **not** excusable.
- ◆ Each year's requirements are listed on Troop website.

# Summary

please heed... been there... done that...

- ◆ Mark your Scout's name on his gear, clothes, and uniforms – similar green hats, red shirts, underwear, etc... easily gets mixed up or lost.
- ◆ Packing: Have your Scout go through the list and lay out what plans to take. Review it with him to make sure he has enough, but not too much for the week. Remember - HE (not you, me, or his big sister) has to hike with his gear to our campsite on Sunday & back down to the parking lot on Saturday.
- ◆ Encourage your Scout that he will experience some wonderful, yet very challenging things during the week, and all we ask is that he 'Do His Best' each day.

# Summary



WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE  
YOU ARE NOW BECOMING

Dining Hall sign at Camp  
Tuscazoar, 1983

- ◆ DON'T WORRY – we've never lost a Scout in more than 80 years. You will get him back on Saturday.
- ◆ We promise to return to you a tired boy - there's vey little down time during the week. Don't plan on him doing too much on Saturday after he gets home.
- ◆ When he returns home let him know how proud of him you are for the accomplishments he has earned, because whatever he brings home will have earned. And if fell short, we will try again next year. He will be that much closer becoming the young man we all want him to be.