

Troop 380 Summer Camp Newsletter – 2009

GENERAL INFORMATION

Our Troop will be camping at Seven Mountains Scout Camp from Sunday, July 12 through Saturday, July 18. We will be staying at the Elks Campsite. If you have any question beyond the information provided in this newsletter, please contact Rick Ramsay at 441-7133 or Chad Solt at 466-6498.

FEE

The fees for summer camp are as follows.

- \$252 before May 15th.
- \$283 between May 15th & June 1st.
- \$315 after June 1st.

To take advantage of the early discount and register for camp, your payment must be received by May 12^h. Provide your payment to Rick Ramsay, Chad Solt, or Bob Sutherland. Checks are made payable to "Troop 380, BSA."

WHAT TO BRING

Items are typically packed in a footlocker or "Action Packer." You may also use a backpack.

Suggested Individual Items

- Scout uniform & handbook
- Sufficient "play" clothes
- Underwear
- Boots
- Swim trunks & two towels
- Sleeping bag
- Toilet articles
- Socks (6-pairs)
- Raincoat or poncho
- Pajamas or night clothes
- Jacket or sweatshirt
- Individual mess kit
- Individual first-aid kit
- Flashlight

Desirable Items

- Folding pocket knife
- Insect repellent
- Handkerchief
- Canteen
- Compass
- Sewing Kit
- Prayer book / Bible
- Sunglasses
- 10' wash-line/cord
- Fishing gear
- Baseball / glove, frisbee
- Money for trading post

Prohibited Items

- Hammocks
- Aerosols & punk sticks
- Sheath knives
- Fireworks & lighters

Seven Mountains Scout Camp website:
<http://www.jvbsa.org/> (Camping link)

MERIT BADGES

The attached sheet contains the merit badge schedule. Scouts should sign up for merit badges in advance by circling the desired merit badges on the form and returning it to Rick Ramsay or Chad Solt. Please note the following guidelines:

- New Scouts who do not plan to attend Wilderness should spend their time on rank advancement through the Netami Clan program. Please talk with Rick Ramsay or Chad Solt.
- Scouts should take time to complete any partial merit badges before signing up for new merit badges (Bob Sutherland has the partial blue cards).
- Merit badge pre-requisites must be completed prior to attending camp; refer to the merit badge schedule.

It is the responsibility of each Scout to obtain and review a current merit badge booklet for each merit badge prior to arriving at camp. Merit badge booklets are sold at the Trading Post, but waiting until camp arrival will not leave sufficient time to review merit badge requirements and pre-requisites.

Merit Badge Fees: *There may be fees associated with certain merit badges; for example: Shotgun Shooting; shells; Archery; arrow kit; handicraft: kits for associated handicraft projects. Plan accordingly.*

MAIL & PHONE

Incoming and outgoing mail service is available. It is nice to write to your son, but please send your letters early! Use the following address:

Scout <name>, Troop 380
Elks Campsite
Seven Mountains Scout Camp
227 Sand Mountain Road
Spring Mills, PA 16875

The camp emergency and business phone number is (814) 364-1017.

DEPARTING FOR CAMP

We will car-pool, just like any other Troop outing, in order to limit the number of cars in camp. Please contact Rick Ramsay or Chad Solt if you would like to drive on Sunday.

We will meet for camp departure on Sunday, July 12, 1:00 PM at the *Lion's Club*. Note: this is a change from years past, when we met at the Military Museum parking lot. We are in conflict with the People's Choice Arts Fest this year.

RETURNING HOME

It is your responsibility to pick up your son on Saturday, July 18 or otherwise make arrangements for his return. Please arrive at Elks campsite between 9:00 – 9:30 AM Saturday morning. Camp dismissal is at 10:00 AM. We plan on holding a Court of Honor on Saturday morning to distribute merit badges and rank advancements; plan to attend!

LEAVING CAMP

To leave camp the scout: "MUST HAVE A SIGNED RELEASE BY THEIR CUSTODIAL PARENT BEFORE CAMP." We discourage Scouts from leaving camp. If you must pick up your son for any reason, an adult leader from our Troop must sign him out of the camp office. You "will be asked to provide identification" when you pick up your son. Please coordinate ahead of time.

FRIDAY DINNER IN ELKS

Parents are invited to visit camp on Friday evening for a chicken barbecue and evening campfire. *This is a change from years past, when the Chicken BBQ Dinner was on Wednesday.* The dinner is \$8.00 per person and must be paid and registered in advance. Please do this on Sunday just before departure. Arrive for dinner by 5:30; the evening campfire ends by 10:00 PM.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Your son requires a completed BSA Class 2/3 medical form in order to attend camp. Paul Wagner is coordinating medical forms for the Troop. Please contact Paul immediately, 466-7628, if you have not turned in or updated a medical form.

If your son is taking any medications, they must be placed in a plastic bag with the following information clearly marked: Scout's name; Troop 380, Elks Campsite; dosage information. Turn medications in on Sunday prior to departure. They will be turned into the Health Lodge Director; your son will go to the Health Lodge throughout the week to receive his medication.

TRADING POST

The Trading Post is maintained for the camper's convenience. Available items include handicraft items, Scout equipment, t-shirts, sweatshirts, gifts, candy, ice cream, and soft drinks. Provide your son with money for the Trading Post, as you feel appropriate.

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2008 Merit Badge Schedule

Time	Pool	Waterfront	Nature Lodge	Health Lodge	Outdoor Skills	Handicraft	Shooting Sports	American Heritage	Sports
9:00-9:50	Lifesaving BSA Lifeguard	Rowing	Environmental Science/ Fish & Wildlife		Camping	Woodcarving/ Leatherwork	Shotgun/ Archery	Civics*	
10:00-10:50	BSA Lifeguard 1 st /2 nd Class Skills on Tues. & Thurs.	Canoeing	Forestry/ Stalking*	First Aid	Camping	Pottery/ Art	Rifle/ Archery	Communications	Fishing
11:00-11:50	Swimming	Rowing	Oceanography/ Soil and Water Conservation		Wilderness Survival	Space Exploration/ Basketry	Rifle/ Archery	Citizenship in the Nation	Fly Fishing
2:00-2:50	Swimming	Canoeing	Environmental Science/ Weather		Orienteering Pathfinding*	Indian Lore/ Collections	Shotgun/ Archery	Citizenship in the World	
3:00-3:50	Instructional Swim 3:00-3:30	Open Boating	Open Nature/ Nature		Pioneering	Open Handicraft	Open Shotgun/ Open Archery		
4:00-4:50	Open Swim 3:30-4:50	Open Boating/ MB Qualification	Open Nature/ Mammal Study/ (Netami Track)		Open Scout Skills	Fingerprinting/ Art (Netami Track)	Open Rifle/ Open Archery MB Qualification	Open American Heritage	Fishing (Netami Track)

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MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

Please note: No Troop 380 Scout will be allowed to take more than 4 merit badges. It is recommended that scouts take 3 merit badges so they can take advantage of other programs being offered and enjoy camp. Circle your merit badge choices and return to Pierre Lallement prior to June 1. The Program Director would like to have all merit badge registration forms handed in 2 weeks before arrival day.

The list below has the prerequisites that need to be completed before camp. The difficulty rating below is only a guideline indicating the skill and maturity required to complete the merit badge at camp. It is not a requirement. For example, any scout can sign up for Citizenship in the Nation, but this may be a difficult badge for young scouts. There are open times listed on the Merit Badge Schedule in the forms manual. These times are to give scouts more time to complete their badges and also for the first year scouts to take a beginner badge. All supplies needed for certain badges can be purchased at the Trading Post and not at the Program Areas. The price list for these merit badge supplies is in the Leaders Manual under Trading Post. Only Scouts with Blue Cards filled out and signed by the Scoutmaster or Unit Leader will be able to participate in merit badge classes (make sure to bring all blue cards on Monday with each class being taken), also any partials for the merit badges being offered.

Merit Badge Information

Merit Badge	Difficulty	Information
Archery	First Class	Arrow kits can be purchased at the Trading Post. ~\$5.
Art	Scout	Prerequisite: 4
Basketry	Scout	Will need to purchase material for baskets at the Trading Post. Scouts must weave a square basket, a round basket, and a stool. If Scouts intend to buy all their projects they should plan to bring approximately \$25.
Camping	First Class	Pre-requisites: 8c, 8d & 9. A written note from a Scoutmaster will suffice for 20 days and nights of camping. Bring equipment to spend Thursday night at the outpost camp.
Canoeing	Second Class	Must pass BSA swimmer test.
Citizenship in the Nation	Star	Prerequisite: 2
Citizenship in the World	Star	Prerequisite: 7
Civics	Scout	Special 75 th Anniversary Class
Collections	Tenderfoot	Bring a collection or photographs of your collection.
Communications	Star	Prerequisites: 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8
Environmental Science	First Class	No pre-requisites.
Fingerprinting	Scout	No pre-requisites.
First Aid	First Class	Pre-requisites: 1 & 2d
Fishing	Scout	Bring your own tackle if you like.
Fly-Fishing	Second Class	Bring your own tackle if you like.
Fish & Wildlife Management	Scout	Pre-requisites: 5 & 8.
Forestry	Star	Pre-requisites: 5 & 7.
Leatherwork	Scout	Material for this badge can be purchased at the Trading Post. Kits range from \$3 to \$20.
Lifesaving	Life	Pre-requisites: First Class and must pass the BSA swimmer test.
Mammal Study	Scout	No pre-requisites. Netami only

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Nature	Scout	No pre-requisites.
Oceanography	Second Class	No pre-requisites.
Orienteering	First Class	Pre-requisite: 7.
Pioneering	First Class	Pre-requisite: 2. Must have a working knowledge of knots and lashings.
Pottery	Second Class	No pre-requisites.
Rifle Shooting	Tenderfoot	No pre-requisites.
Rowing	First Class	Must pass BSA swimmer test
Shotgun Shooting	Star	No pre-requisites. Shotgun tickets must be purchased in the Trading Post for \$0.25. Scouts should plan to bring approximately \$15.
Soil and Water Conservation	First Class	No pre-requisites
Space Exploration	First Class	Must purchase a rocket kit. Will need ~\$10.
Stalking	Scout	Special 75 th Anniversary class.
Swimming	Scout	Pre-requisite: First Class. Must pass BSA Swimmer test. Need a long sleeve shirt and long pants to complete clothes inflation requirement.
Weather	Second Class	No pre-requisites
Wilderness Survival	Scout	Pre-requisite: 5. Will spend Thursday night at an Outpost Camp.
Woodcarving	Tenderfoot	Pre-requisite: Totin' Chip
BSA Lifeguard	Life	Must pass BSA swimmer test. First Aid and CPR certification.
Mile Swim	First Class	Must pass BSA swimmer test.
Snorkeling	BSA First Class	Must pass BSA swimmer test. Done by appointment with the Aquatics Director.
BSA Scuba	Star	Must pass BSA swimmer test. There is a \$50.00 additional charge for this course.

The merit badges in bold are required for Eagle

Open Areas for times 7 to 9 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday are for Patrol Competitions /Camp-wide Games and Demonstrations. Open Areas for times 3 to 5 pm each day are for MB Qualification and the following merit badges: Fishing, Fly Fishing and Mammal Study. You must check with the Program Director for what time these will be offered.

Lifesaving and Swimming merit badge participants must bring a long-sleeve button down shirt and long jeans to be used in the pool for clothes inflation.

Canoeing and Rowing merit badge participants must wear closed toe shoes.

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Netami Schedule 2009

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:30	Introduction Attendance New Scout Hike T-5,9	T-4A, 4B	S-2C, 2D ** Meet at Campfire Circle	S-1A	S-1B, 5 F2, 6 T11
10:30-12:00	T-12A, 12B	S-7A, 7C 10:00-10:50 **F8A 11:00 – 12:00	S-2E, 2F Totin' Chip	F-9B, 9C 10:00-10:50 **F1 11:00 – 12:00	S-1B, 5 F2, 6 T11
12:00-1:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:30-3:00	S-6A, 6B, F8D	F-7A, 7B, 7C	F-8C Fireman Chit	Games & Activities **meet at the Indian Field	Makeups

Netami Clan meets at the Netami Clan Shelter unless otherwise noted.
(Netami Clan Shelter is Located behind the campfire circle.)

Note: ALL Troop 380 new scouts will do the entire Netami program – attending ALL Netami activities.