

TROOP 157 SUMMER CAMP BULLETIN

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- ◆ **TO CAMPERS AND PARENTS:** The information in this bulletin is important and necessary for an enjoyable and successful camp. Please, read it carefully and keep it for reference.

- ◆ **DEPARTURE FOR CAMP.** All Scouts, Scouter, and especially parents who will help transport kids to camp will meet at Oakwood UMC on Sunday, July 10th. We will load gear from 6:30 to 7:00 A.M. — ready for departure at 7:03 A.M. Please arrive at 6:30 so we can make our schedule. Everyone will need to buy his/her own meal (going to camp and on the return trip) at KFC, McDonalds, Subway or a similar restaurant.

- ◆ **SUPPLY LIST.** Again, here is a list of supplies that we believe you'll need. PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON EVERY ITEM YOU TAKE TO CAMP. CLOTHING AND OTHER ARTICLES FOUND AT CAMP WILL BE RETURNED ONLY IF THERE IS A NAME ON THEM. Beds and mattresses are provided in each cabin. Suggested spending money for camp is \$30-50. Starred (*) items are required. Double starred (**) items are optional, or if available. Your name should be on the outside front cover of merit badge books.
 - Pack/Suitcase/Duffle Bag*
 - Sleeping Bag/Sheet & Blanket
 - T-Shirts
 - Socks
 - Merit Badge Books*
 - Scout Handbook*
 - Spiral Notebook*
 - Pen*
 - Bible**
 - First Aid Kit*
 - Spending \$\$\$ (\$20-50)
 - Compass
 - Pocketknife
 - Flashlight*
 - Canteen or water bottle*
 - Jeans
 - Shorts
 - Shampoo
 - Underwear
 - Towels
 - Soap
 - Swimsuit
 - Poncho/Rain Gear
 - Tennis Shoes*
 - Hiking Boots**
 - Life Jacket**
 - Water Skis**
 - Fishing Gear**
 - SCOUTING SPIRIT*
 - Personal meds if needed
 - FULL UNIFORM*
 - OA Sash (If OA Member)*
 - Pillow
 - Dirty/Wet Clothes Bag
 - Toothbrush
 - Toothpaste
 - Personal Items
 - Camera**
 - Cards/Games**
 - Cap
 - Chap stick
 - Insect Repellent
 - Sun Lotion
 - Box Fan and extension cord
 - Light backpack for books

- ◆ **TAKE A FULL UNIFORM.** A full uniform is Scout pants, Scout shirt, Scout belt, Scout socks. If you are an OA member, take your sash. YOUR DINNER TICKET ON FRIDAY IS YOUR UNIFORM! No ticket— no dinner!

- ◆ **MERIT BADGE BOOKS.** These must be purchased ahead of time at the Scout Service Center, 30 Briercroft Office Park or checked out from the Troop Librarian at Summer Camp. **BE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON THE OUTSIDE FRONT COVER OF EACH BOOK.** Look through the requirements of each book, and take what you need. Examples: fishing = fishing gear, photography = camera, etc. Odds of successfully completing the Merit Badge increase dramatically if you have actually read the Merit Badge book.

- ◆ **MAIL CALL.** Every boy enjoys receiving mail from home. However, since the camp is in a rural area, all mail should be sent no later than Tuesday, July 15. Please use return addresses on all mail (in case it arrives after we've left). Mailing address and camp emergency numbers are listed below.

Camper's Name
Lake Murray State Park — Camp #2
BSA Troop 157
13528 Scenic State Highway 77
Ardmore, OK 73401

EMERGENCY ONLY! SCOUTS
CANNOT CALL HOME FROM CAMP!
1-580-223-4044 (8 A.M.—5 P.M.)

- ◆ **IT'S A NO-NO!** The use of alcohol, tobacco, chemicals/combustible materials, cigarette lighters, fireworks, or drugs are grounds for calling parents and sending a Scout home. Even if the parent approves of such use — it is not acceptable at Scout camp. Earrings will not be worn at camp. Rings or studs in any part of the body are not permitted. This policy is firm and will be strictly enforced. Pranks on campers are not tolerated — and will result in an uncomfortable situation. Twenty-one (21) is considered adult age.
- ◆ **TRADING POST.** Campers can look forward to our Trading Post; drinks, snacks and candy. Camp t-shirts and water bottle holders from previous years will also be for sale.
- ◆ **CAMP T-SHIRT.** A camp T-Shirt is included in the cost of summer camp and will be distributed at camp on Sunday. We will all wear our camp t-shirts on Monday.
- ◆ **IMPORTANT.** All Scouts need to stay at camp until we have finished breaking camp on Saturday (about 11:30 A.M.). Camp is over after all the work is done!
- ◆ **INVITATION.** We invite all parents and Scout families to come Friday night! Dinner will be at 6:30 P.M. The Awards Campfire and Order of the Arrow Tap-Out Ceremony will follow. There is no cost to parents for the dinner. However, please call, text or email Mr. Jake Bentley, 806-632-0742, jake.bentley@suddenlink.net, to make reservations, so we know how many to plan for. (Have you ever prepared a dinner for six —and had sixteen show up?) We're planning a big ol' fashion barbecue! (with all the trimmings) outdoors — lots of good food!
- ◆ **PARENT CARPOOL.** Some parents may want to come up on Friday — some moms may want to carpool. I will act as a central contact for anyone who wishes to contact others about carpooling to camp on Friday night. Call, text or email Jake Bentley, 806-632-0742, jake.bentley@suddenlink.net.

◆ **ALL SUMMER CAMP FEES ... MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY June 27th**

◆ **BANKING PROCEDURE TO BE USED AT CAMP.**

1. Since there is nowhere near our camp to spend money, and since money has a way of getting "lost" — we will again implement a banking system at our Trading Post. This ensures the safety of each camper's money. **CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE TRADING POST FROM CAMPERS.**

2. On Sunday evening, each Scout and Scouter should make a cash (no checks) deposit of \$20-50 (suggested) for the week. A balance sheet is created for each camper and adult. Purchases at the trading post are charged to each individual's balance sheet. We will cut off trading post privileges when \$10 remains so that campers will have adequate funds for lunch on the trip home. Any remaining funds will be refunded on the last day of camp — which is Saturday by 11:30 A.M. Money will not be ready before that time.

3. While this is a safety feature, it will also be used as a teaching strategy for several merit badges.

◆ **MEDICAL CONDITIONS.** Any serious medical condition or medications to be taken should be discussed directly with our medic. All medications will be checked in to the medic at camp during the Sunday evening check in process at camp. All medicine should be in a ziplock bag clearly labeled with the campers name and dosing instructions.