

Information

Troop 157 has, for thirty plus years, held its own summer camp. This year's camp is July 10-16, 2016 and is held (lakeside) at Lake Murray State Park in Ardmore, Oklahoma. The camp has acres of wooded, lake-front property and is secure from the public.

The property has 34 cabins to house campers — and 12 other buildings including a dining hall, trading post, first aid clinic, craft house, woodshop, showers, and chapel.

Our camp is unique! It is held to help Scouts earn advancements, merit badges, to learn leadership skills, and to have a positive, life-long experience.

The cost of the camp is \$225.00 for each Scout and adult for the entire week. Scouts that have popcorn and Jack Link's credit will have that applied to summer camp first. The cost covers three (all-you-can-eat) well-balanced meals a day, materials for classes, awards, leasing fees, fuel for drivers and the financial impact of programming summer camp.

Dedicated adults give of their time and talents to provide a meaningful experience for each boy who attends and participates in our summer camp. Be assured that from the first day to the last day, your son will receive the best experience that he can receive. Even in a group of large numbers — each boy is an individual, and there is an adult there for his needs.

SCOUTMASTER'S NOTE:

The conduct of Scouts at summer camp is expected to exemplify the Scout Oath and Laws. If it does not a Scout will be grounded by the Scoutmaster and will not be allowed to participate in activities.

The camp will exercise zero tolerance for misconduct, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, and inappropriate dress. **There can be no exceptions!**

You'll Want To Know

We can house a total of 160 people. **SIGN-UP STARTS NOW!** All adults and Scouts can sign up with a \$100 deposit and pay the final \$125 by June 27th (deadline for payment-in-full).

Each year, we try to add new things that are welcomed. These range from new menu items — to new activities — to new events. New for this year is the "Scout Ninja" Challenge

A Scout can earn five merit badges, advance in rank, and still have plenty of free time for other quality, supervised activities.

Initial sign-ups for scouts will take place in May. The troop can get discounted prices on supplies by ordering early, but we must know an approximate figure before committing to quantities.

A medic will be on duty at the camp all week. The safety and health of our campers is always foremost!

Camp bulletins with detailed information will be sent out prior to camp.

NOTE: Every Scout who reaches the ultimate goal of Eagle Scout credits a major influence in his Scouting career — with the responsibilities, experiences, and rewards received at summer camp!

Some of the merit badges offered at camp:

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| Environmental Science | First Aid |
| Citizenship in the Community | Orienteering |
| Citizenship in the Nation | Swimming |
| Citizenship in the World | Camping |
| Communication | Family Life |
| Personal Management | Cooking |
| Personal Fitness | Lifesaving |
| Emergency Preparedness | |

Summer Camp Facts

Summer camp staff is made up of adults and high school Scouts. Any Scout who is in tenth grade or above may apply to serve on staff. These positions range from dressing in an interpretive camp costume, directing a skill, teaching a class, or helping in many other ways.

A trading post is available at scheduled times daily. **NO CASH!** All spending money is collected upon arrival at camp, and a balance sheet is created for each camper. Camper's purchases are charged to their balance sheet — no one loses money. Do not bring food to camp, either.

Camp officially ends at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday. Everyone is needed and expected to be there until that time. This camp belongs to all of those in Troop 157, and the work is shared equally. Leaving early fails to teach the proper concepts.

Parents and friends are invited to a complimentary, chuckwagon style BBQ, family dinner (on the grounds) on Friday evening. Reservations, however, should be made in advance so that we can plan properly. Following dinner is the Awards Ceremony and the Order of the Arrow Tap-Out Induction Ceremony — a very impressive, colorful, Indian performance.

The camp offers opportunities for scheduled classes and activities, and free time for select activities — including sailing, tubing, skiing, campfires, sports, archery, rifle shooting, archery, fishing, rifle shooting, tours, field trips, and arts and crafts (with special ceramic awards).

Summer Camp Questions

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Lake Murray State Park
Ardmore, Oklahoma
July 10-16, 2016

Boy Scout Troop 157
Jake Bentley
Scoutmaster

EXPLORE ---- The Interpretive Camps !

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Mountain Man Camp

Step back in time with us to the Green River Rendezvous of 1837 and experience the mountain man life. Just as the mountain man competed at Rendezvous in knife throwing, log sawing, and black powder rifle shooting contests, you too will get to fire the Hawken 50 caliber black powder rifle and test your skills with throwing knives and log sawing. Experience the mountain man lifestyle with food and drink. See how the mountain man formed his own lead balls for his rifle. Scout skills include knife and ax use and scouts will train for the Totin' Chip certification. The Totin' Chip grants a Scout the right to carry and use woods tools. This camp holds nothing but fun for those who have a little adventure in their spirit.



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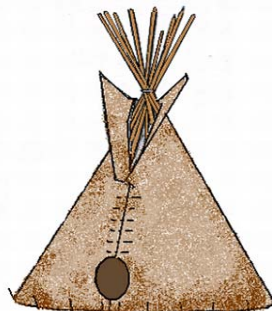
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Sign Up Today!



Indian Camp

Be our guests in a Comanche camp. The staff at this camp will be in Indian dress and will live out the customs of the American Indians.



What a great day of fun you can have at the Indian Camp. You can do: Tomahawk Throwing, Indian Tracking, Indian Crafts, Arrowmaking, Beadwork and Archery. If you are really into Indian crafts you can make a beaded belt, bracelet, or headband. At the Indian Camp you can work on the scout skill of fire building and earn the Fire'n Chit. This certification grants a Scout the right to carry matches and build campfires.



Music Camp



Music is like a soothing massage for the spirit. Bring your banjo, guitar, horn, harmonica, juice harp, or just your voice and enjoy creating some joyful noise at Music Camp. It presents a chance to let your hair down and just have some fun in song.

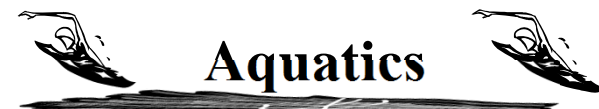
"Scout Ninja" Challenge

Come to this camp and compete in the "Ninja" Challenge. Test your strategy and endurance on the traverse wall and C.O.P.E. (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) elements. Scouts will experience team building, leadership, and communication skills. Scouts will be encouraged to earn the exclusive Troop 157 "Knot Head" Chit which helps you meet rank advancement requirements of Tenderfoot, 2nd Class and 1st Class.



Fine Dining Camp

OK, so you guys that have been to Summer Camp before know that we don't really have a Fine Dining Camp. But we do have the best food of any Summer Camp, anywhere!! We have some of the best cooks in this part of the U.S.A. at our Summer Camp and we make sure they have the best ingredients to work with. The results are, well how else do you explain everyone gaining weight at camp???



Aquatics

Our waterfront activities are top-notch! Safety is always first with our qualified and dedicated instructors. You can earn merit badges in... Water Skiing, Lifesaving, Canoeing, Motor boating, Sailing, and Swimming. Tubing and Knee boarding are always favorite activities that you can do. And yes, the water trampoline will return again this year!



Craft Center



Always a popular area of camp, you can show your creative skills! Painting ceramics is one of the crafts you can enjoy. Make a really nice art piece — and maybe win top prize! You can spend free time doing what you like to do. The scout's ceramic piece make great souvenirs and look wonderful on their Eagle table.

