

Summer Camp Preparation

As many of you know, summer camp is right around the corner. In fact, we will be leaving in just over 1 month for our week long adventure. The goal of summer camp is to have the best time possible. To some, this may be done by earning merit badges, or completing the requirements for your next rank. To others, it may be a time to relax and spend time with friends. Whatever your individual goals for summer camp are, just remember that we need to Be Prepared.

Like I said above, we only have a few weeks left before we leave. By now we should have completed our physicals, or have appointments made for them. We should be getting all of our equipment ready and making a list of items that we will need. Items such as batteries for flashlights, bug spray, and especially rain gear all need to make their way into our bags. For the new scouts, the troop does have a Summer Camp Packing List to jog your brains as to what to bring and what not to bring. For those of you working on Merit Badges at summer camp, now would be a good time to ask for Blue Cards and start reviewing the requirements. Check with the Librarian for available Merit Badge Books for each badge. Worksheets are also available online to help you prepare for each merit badge as well. Even though these are not required to obtain the merit badge, they help you focus on the topic and will give you a head start on a lot of the requirements.

Some of the greatest scouting moments in a scout's life can be made at summer camp. Whether it is memories of earning their first merit badge, camping in a tent for a week, or just spending time with their friends, we want to ensure that these memories are positive ones. By spending a little more time preparing for summer camp, we can do our best to make it a great week full of fun and exciting times.

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