

INFORMATION UPDATE FOR SUMMER CAMP 2009

SCOUTS NEED TO COMPLETE ALL MERIT BADGE PREREQUISITS PRIOR TO July 13 PRE-CAMP MEETING. Check the prerequisites carefully and bring them with you to camp (this info was handed out previously when you selected your merit badges or you can access the info from the Summer Camp Leader's Guidebook at the troop's website. Scouts will also need to bring Merit Badge books for each badge they are signed up for. Before you purchase these at Council, check out the Troop library.

If your Scout needs a **special diet** you will need to let Mike Peterson know by July 13.

Pre-load for camp will be: Saturday, July 25 at 7 - 8pm at Church.

Bring your camping gear all packed with bathing suit & towel on top. Do not bring your lunch or anything that you want to use in the car on the drive up to camp. Medications should not be packed with gear.

Leave for camp on Sunday, July 26 at 8am.

Be sure to bring your lunch and a drink, & all medications. We will stop at a rest stop near Clare for lunch prior to arriving at camp. Do not pack your lunch with the rest of your gear! **Wear your Class A uniform for the drive to Camp or you will not be able to get in the car.**

Return from camp on Saturday, Aug 1 around 2:00pm. We plan to leave camp between 10 and 11 am. We will stop for lunch on the way back. Money for lunch is included in camp fees that are already paid.

MAIL:

Scouts enjoy getting mail from home through the week. The mailing info is attached. In order for your Scout to receive a package during the week you will need to **mail packages Friday or Saturday of the previous week.** Our campsite is **Chief Pontiac.**

Mailing Address:
Scout's Name, Troop 51, Chief Pontiac
Lost Lake Scout Reservation
4930 S. Lake Station Ave.
Lake, MI 48632

Emergency Camp Phone Numbers: 989-544-2551, fax: 989-544-3992. Include Scout name and Troop 51 in your message.

ADULT HELP AT CAMP: If you have volunteered to drive to and/or from camp and/or help at camp **THANK YOU!!** The **adults camping with the Troop** will be Troop leadership and you all **need a physical (Forms available on Troop website. Under 40 physical every 3 years, 40 & over physical every year).** We would prefer that all adults camping with the Troop **complete the Youth Protection Training** available online at <http://www.olg.scouting.org/>. In order to complete the Youth Protection Training online you will need to have your BSA membership number handy (this means you are a registered committee member or other leadership position within the Troop and have completed a registration form). If a parent is coming to stay at family camp, he/she is not considered part of the Troop leadership, he/she does not need a physical, and your direct involvement with the Troop may be limited. **Drivers should have a completed Drivers Information sheet** (available on Troop website) **on file with the Troop.**

Packing:

You can access the Troop's **packing checklist** and a suggested packing list from the Summer Camp Leader's Guidebook page 12(available on Troop website). **Label everything** (a Sharpe pen works well). **No mess kit** is needed – we eat in the dining hall cafeteria style. You might want to bring a **water bottle or a mug with a lid**. We recommend **2 pairs of tennis shoes**. **NO SANDALS**. **NO CELL PHONES**. **NO ELECTRONICS**. We suggest both a **swim towel** and a **separate bath towel for showers**. **Pack your bathing suit and towel on the top of your bag for easy access**. You will need to go to the waterfront shortly after we get to camp (even if you already passed a swim test). It does not mean that you have to swim. Some Scouts like **water shoes** for the beach. **Books, drawing supplies, cards, games** are encouraged. Bring a **BSA hat**. Don't forget your **Boy Scout Handbook, pen/pencil and notebook**. Make sure you have **everything you need for your merit badges** (ex: First Aid merit badge needs to bring a **First Aid kit** (see merit badge book for list), golfers need to bring their **Golf clubs**, fishing badge needs **fishing equipment** (pack hooks separate from pole). **Swimming merit badge must bring pants (no jeans), a button down shirt, belt, shoes & socks that can get wet**. Please check prerequisites carefully for all other Aquatic Merit Badges. Photography needs a **digital camera** if possible. If you bring a **disposable camera bring \$15** for developing. Pictures must be developed at camp to receive merit badge credit. Bring all **completed merit badge prerequisites**. Bring **spending money**. If you think your Scout may have trouble budgeting, you may want to distribute the money into envelopes, one for each day. Scouts will wear their **Class A uniform to camp on Sunday**. We recommend that **T shirts for the rest of the week be Class B or other Boy Scout T shirts or a solid colored T shirt**. Don't forget to bring **medications** with you on Sunday. Do not pack these items in with your other gear. Scouts may bring snacks from home but **PLEASE, PLEASE make them healthy snacks low in sugar content**. **NO peanut products** (ie. Peanuts, trail mix, peanut butter, or anything that might cause an allergic reaction). Pack snacks in a plastic bag/container with the Scout's name on it. Snacks are not allowed in tents and will be kept in the trailer. Scouts may bring a bike and helmet (we will know by pre-camp meeting if we have a trailer for the bikes). Both **bike & helmet must be labeled with Scout Name, Chief Pontiac, Week 6, July 26**. Scouts may bring a **pocket knife**. New Scouts without a Tote 'n Chit need to keep the knife in their pack until they have their class at camp. Prefer a locking blade and a blade no longer than 3". Bring a **camp chair with your name on it**. Bring **bug repellent – No Spray – lotion or towelettes**. Don't forget **extra batteries** for the flashlight.

Medical Information:

The only medications that Scouts are allowed to have on their person are **epi pens and inhalers**. All other medications are administered by the Health Staff or the leaders.

If your Scout takes a **prescription medication** you will turn in the labeled medication to the leaders on **Sunday July 26** before we leave the Church (you should have already filled out a medication form – available on Troop website- and turned in the form in June. If this is a new medication please bring a filled out medication form with you.) Prescription medications are stored with and administered by the Camp Health Staff.

If there is any regular medication that your son normally takes but is off for the summer (example: Ritalin) you might want to consider putting your Scout back on the medication for the Camp week. This will help your son have the best camping experience possible.

Any **over the counter medications** (ex; Tylenol) that you would like to send with your Scouts should be labeled and put in a plastic bag also labeled along with the **OTC Medication form** (available on Troop website) so that the leaders can administer it to your Scout. Please include recommended dosage. Over the counter medications are kept with the leaders.