

Troop 409 Summer Camp Campers & Parents:

These notes repeat the discussion during the parents' meeting at the recent troop meeting...

Information on Camp Rand can be found at the Council's Web Site, at <http://www.gswcbsa.org/summercamp/index.htm>

Please look at this for camp information, etc.

Transportation to/from camp

- we need drivers
- **sign up sheets will be out in the next few meetings**

We will stop for lunch at McDonalds in Santa Fe on the way to camp. Scout should bring money for this. \$5 should do it.

Wear class A uniforms, including scarf & troop hat, for travel to camp

- if lost, scouts will be required to purchase replacement neckerchiefs at \$4 each
- scouts will not be allowed to travel without these
- required for dinner at camp

Wear swimsuit under uniform on trip up

- swim tests will happen before we can unload & unpack
- carry towel and change of underwear in daypack

Equipment

- Scouts will sleep in tents provided by Camp Rand
- Bring your own cot, foot locker with lock, floor tarp, coat hangers. (See attachment)
- We will send out recommended equipment lists in subsequent communications (e.g. email, handouts, etc.)
- Make sure your scout can open/close his lock. Combination locks are best because there is no key to lose.
- Make sure your scout packs his stuff so he knows what he has.
- Put his name on EVERYTHING.

Tent-mates

- Scouts will sleep 2 per tent
- No tents will be shared between youth and adults
- Scouts will generally be allowed to select their own tent partners.
- Scoutmasters reserve the right to restrict or otherwise modify their choices.

Do not bring anything that you can't afford to lose.

- No open-toed shoes (sandals, etc.) – camp rules
- No camo clothes – camp rules

– Personal Electronics are not allowed – phones, games, CD players, radios, etc. – these will be confiscated by adult leaders and returned to parents after returning to Albuquerque.

Lost & Found

- camp box exists at Dining Hall
- troop box in camp
- best to mark everything with name and perhaps troop number. Adults will not arbitrate between scouts claiming the same item. We will just confiscate it.

– losing an item comes with no guarantee that it will be found or turned in.

Trading Post sells supplies, snacks, drinks, T-shirts, junk... The troop will maintain a bank (one of the adults) for scouts to deposit & withdraw money to/from. If you wish to use this service, place money in an envelope with scout's name on it, filled with bills in the denomination you wish us to give to your scout (we won't make change), and any special instructions (e.g. \$X per day, etc.).

– We can not monitor what they spend it on.

– There may be occasions when we make them buy some things with their own money (e.g. replacing a lost water bottle, neckerchief, etc.)

– We strongly discourage but will not arbitrate “loans” to other scouts... Talk to your son beforehand about his financial responsibility.

Personal Snacks

Camp rules forbid keeping snacks in campsites. Do not bring snacks to camp.

Friday night – Parents' Night. Eat with scouts. Dinner is on order of \$5 per person or so. There is a campfire awards ceremony afterwards.

– We need a tentative headcount for visitors and dinner guests by the time we leave for camp.

– If you tell your scout that you are coming, don't disappoint him.

– Only registered, trained Scouters are allowed to stay overnight in the troop campsite.

– A family camping area does exist away from the troop campsite.

Leaving camp early on Friday

– discouraged, but possible

– don't do this without informing scoutmasters!!!

Since BSA has no secret societies, parents certainly have the right to visit their son anytime, even other than Parents' Night, however this is discouraged and can be disruptive to the camp program.

A health facility is located at each camp and is staffed by persons trained to handle minor accidents and illnesses. Special arrangements for treatment of more serious cases have been made with physicians in the town nearest camp. If such treatment is required, the camper's parents will be notified by a telephone call, and their desires concerning further treatment will be respected.

Prescription medicines should be in original containers, placed into zip-lock bag with scout's name and any instructions clearly written on enclosed paper. These will be normally be dispensed by camp medical personnel.

Special Dietary needs require informing the camp administration in writing of these needs by May 1st. We will do our best to serve you. They can generally accommodate vegetarian meal requests without any problem. People with disorders such as lactose intolerance, wheat allergies, etc., may bring their own food items to use as supplements, and we will be happy to store/refrigerate them. Please mark items with the person's name.

Homesickness will generally start appearing Monday evening – scouts are tired and reality of camp has been superimposed on their previous fantasies. We will deal with it at camp in a manner consistent with the advice of camp professionals and our own considerable experience, but not allow a scout to contact home – this only makes it worse.

No telephone land lines exist in camp
– most cell phones will not get service
– scouts not allowed to have cell phones.

We will not allow scouts to call their parents. Messages will be forwarded from scouts to their parents at the discretion of the scoutmasters – meaning probably not unless special circumstances warrant this.

Messages from parents to scouts should be limited to those of an emergency nature, and can be forwarded through any of several emergency contacts we will provide in Albuquerque. Emergency messages can also be sent to the camp via the Council Office.

Mail Service – Mail is delivered daily. For a scout to receive mail while at camp means you probably have to send it before he leaves for camp. Scouts like receiving mail, a lot. Mail to:

Scout's Name
Troop 409, Polvadera Monte camp site
Camp Rand
PO Box 459
Chimayo, NM 87522

Meals will be served family style, with scouts taking turns being table waiters for their meals. It would be enormously helpful to the Scoutmasters if you could have your scout practice setting a table and clearing a table at home before he comes to camp, and appreciate washing his hands before he does so.

– Scoutmasters will insist on basic table manners and personal hygiene

Scouts will be held accountable for their behavior.

– The guiding principles are the Scout Oath and Scout Law

– Scouts will be held responsible individually for any damage they cause to camp equipment and/or facilities.