



MT NORRIS SCOUT RESERVATION 2010 PRE-CAMP INFORMATION



WHY YOUR SCOUTS NEED SUMMER CAMP

The Boy Scout program is deeply rooted in the outdoors and adventures it holds for boys. In this setting, boys learn appropriate outdoor skills to aid them in emergencies and the course of their adult lives.

Well-planned troop meetings, hikes, overnight campouts, and other outdoor activities all give Scouts the opportunity for advancement, leadership development, and the ability to live with others. These activities and skills all occur under the wise counsel and guidance of a Scoutmaster who sets the example for the boys he leads.

Outdoor adventure is easy for boys to find in Vermont. A well-trained staff serving as role models for these boys is not as easy a task. At summer camp our youth will find a staff ready and willing to serve them the finest outdoor experience possible. It is easy for a troop's youth leadership to teach basic skills such as knife sharpening, setting up a tent on well-drained land: it is not as easy to cater to each individual Scout's age and rank. This is where Mt. Norris summer camp staff can aid your troop. Let us guide your Scouts through lifesaving merit badge, orienteering, pioneering or an program with High Adventure emphasis.

Think of Mt. Norris as an outdoor laboratory, not just a summer camp. It is a place Scouts will mature, develop leadership skills and potentially discover a skill that will become a life-long vocation. In this laboratory our Scouts will live Scouting's ideals, function as a patrol, grow personally and as a group, and advance in rank while having fun!

KEEPING PARENTS INFORMED

One of the best ways to promote camp in the Troop and create enthusiasm is through the use of Parent's Night programs. These are special meetings of the Troop attended by all Scouts and their parents where the focus is on summer camp.

Troops are encouraged to hold two such programs. The first should be held soon after the week of camp is selected and other details are decided to kick off the summer camp promotion effort. It is important the Troop keep the parents well informed about the Troop's summer camp plans. First, parents need to know why it is important their boy should attend camp and understands the value it has for their son(s). They need to know what their children will be doing at camp and be assured there will be adequate food, high standards of health and safety, and proper supervision. Secondly, the parents should be informed of the Troop's plans such as payment dates, costs, leadership, transportation, etc. Parents should know these things early because they may have family plans to make. They can only be enthusiastic and supportive of the Troop's plans by knowing what those plans are. The Second program should be held as summer camp approaches to finalize details.

CAMP PROMOTION IN THE TROOP

The words "summer camp promotion" means everything possible to get as many of the Troop's Scouts to camp as possible. Promotion starts with the Troop signing up for camp. Then, encouraging every Scout to attend summer camp should be an ongoing process in the Troop right up until the day the Troop leaves for camp.

Camp should be mentioned frequently and every boy is expected to attend with the Troop. Follow-up with all boys not signed up and their parents. Summer camp should be discussed with new boys and their parents when they join. Start early on those Webelos who will be graduating from a Cub Scout Pack into your Troop in the spring. Your retention of new Boy Scouts will even go up if they attend Boy Scout summer camp!

Talk up summer camp at every opportunity. If your unit would like a camp promotion presentation please contact Aaron Strong, Mt. Norris Camp Director. The more promotion done, the more Scouts get to Camp!

BOY SCOUT RESIDENT CAMP: FIRST CLASS ADVENTURE (FCA)

This program is designed for new Scouts, those coming to a Boy Scout camp for the first time and working on Tenderfoot through First Class skills. The program is designed as a "hands on" experience for the Scouts to master their outdoor skills. These activities are primarily centered in the Outdoor Skills area. Some of the Tenderfoot to First Class requirements may not be completed at camp. The troop has the responsibility for providing program activities that lead to First Class. The council will assist the troop at summer camp by providing learning materials, opportunities and qualified, trained staff.

OLDER SCOUT OPPORTUNITIES: EDEN ADVENTURE PROGRAM (EAP)

The EAP is a more challenging program for your older scouts who have attended summer camp in the past. Activities include climbing, bouldering, rappelling, backpacking and hiking for starters. Scouts can sign up at camp for any of the adventures offered. Earn (or partially earn) climbing, hiking and backpacking merit badges.

ADULT SCOUT LEADER OPPORTUNITIES

LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING – Plans are underway to provide Boy Scout Leaders with the opportunity to attend training at camp! More info to come; check the Council website:

www.scoutingvermont.org

SAFETY AFLOAT AND SAFE SWIM DEFENSE - The aquatics staff will teach these sessions. Because so many Scouting activities involve the water, it is important that adult leaders be versed in promoting safe aquatic activities. This training gives leaders the knowledge to conduct aquatic activities in a safe manner.

TREK SAFELY – An experienced member in treks will instruct this course. It is designed for those leaders interested in planning week-long High Adventure programs for their units.

SCOUT LEADER ACTIVITY – 2010 will begin a new program for all leaders in camp to earn recognition for doing a variety of events. More information will be handed out at the Sunday evening leader's meeting at camp.

MERIT BADGES AVAILABLE

Aquatics

Canoeing
Swimming*[^]
Small Boat Sail
Rowing
Lifesaving**
Water Sports

Handicrafts

Leatherwork
Basketry
Sculpting
Photography
Wood Carving

Nature

Mammal Study
Bird Study
Envir. Science*
Fish & Wildlife
Soil & Water
Reptile Study
Nature
Geology
Insect Study

Outdoor Skills

Orienteering
Wild. Survival
Camping*
Cooking
Pioneering
Fishing
Hiking*[^]
Weather
Backpacking

Shooting Sports

Archery
Rifle Shooting
Shotgun Shooting

Fitness

Athletics
Climbing
Sports

First Aid

First Aid*
Emergency Preparedness**

* - Eagle Scout Required Merit Badge

*[^] - Hiking OR Swimming OR Cycling

** - Emergency Preparedness OR Lifesaving

DATES – PLANS – FEES

Total Camp Fee is Due by June 18, 2010

2010 fee is \$300.00

Early Bird discounted fee is \$270.00 if paid in full by May 14th.

Second week fee is \$250.00

Your troop may select your week(s) of camping from the following:

1 st Week	July 4 - July 10
2 nd Week	July 11 - July 17
3 rd Week	July 18 - July 24
4 th Week	July 25 – July 31
5 th Week	Aug. 1 – Aug. 7

PROVISIONAL CAMPERS - Occasionally, there may be a conflict with some of the boys about the week(s) their unit is coming to camp. Mt. Norris firmly believes that all boys who want to attend camp should be able to no matter what week their troop is coming. Our solo Scout program fulfills this need. The Solo “troop” will stay in their own campsite with their own scoutmaster (a paid staff member) if greater than 10 boys. If the number of solo Scouts is less than 10, the Scouts will be placed with a troop. Solo Scouts have the same opportunities as any other Scout.

CAMPERSHIPS:

Financial assistance for Boy Scouts registered in the Green Mountain Council demonstrating a financial need is available for those attending the Mount Norris Scout Reservation.

Campership applications must be received by April 16th. All Camperships are needs based.

Recipients of financial aid will be notified before the May 14th Early Bird deadline.

Scoutmasters should contact the Council Service Center for details. The application will be posted on the camp website.

LEADERS' FEE SCHEDULE

# Scouts	1st Leader	2nd Leader	3rd Leader	4th Leader	5th Leader	6th Leader
1 - 4 Scouts	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00
5 - 16 Scouts	Free	Free	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00
17 - 24 Scouts	Free	Free	Free	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$90.00
25 - 32 Scouts	Free	Free	Free	Free	\$90.00	\$90.00

Larger units: for every eight (8) additional Scouts you receive another leader free.
The \$90 fee covers food costs.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- One half of unit's camp fee (per boy) due in office by March 31st.
- Early-Bird fee (per boy) due in office by May 14^{th**}.
- Entire fee, in full (per scout) due in office, by June 18th.

- Late fee of \$20.00 per Person will be charged after June 18th

****Webelos** that transition in the spring, will be given an extension until June 18th for the Early Bird fee of \$270. After June 18th the fee will be \$320.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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