

# Boy Scout Troop 236

May 12, 2009

Dear Scout,

We are very glad that you have signed up for summer camp this year. We know that you will find it a lot of fun. There will be lots of time to work on merit badges (and basic skills, if you need them), and there will be plenty of time to do fun things on your own, as well.

Equipment You Need. We have attached a list of things that you either should, or might want to take to camp with you.

What to Wear. All scouts report to summer camp in their full Class A uniform – including neckerchief. Since we will be taking our swim test short after you arrive at camp, it is recommended that you wear your swim trunks under your Class A uniform pants. This will save you the trouble of finding and changing into your swim trucks after arriving. Full Class A uniforms will be worn for breakfast each morning and for dinner each evening. It is recommended that throughout the day (with the exception of breakfast and dinner) that Class B's be worn.

Medical Forms. Medical physical forms must be completed and turned in to Mr Mark Richardson by June 1, in order for him to process them in time for camp. Doc can do the medical exams for you or you may have them done by your own doctor. **Do not wait for the last minute for your medical exam. Every Scout must have a new medical form. The medical forms we have previously used and just updated are no longer accepted by BSA. You must have had a tetanus shot on or after July 1, 1999.** If you need a tetanus shot, Doc can do that for you also. **Parents, please be certain that you have signed the medical form for permission for emergency treatment, you have signed the talent release, and that the tetanus information is filled out.**

## Getting To Woodland Trails ---

Take Ohio Route 725 West from Miamisburg to Camden, Ohio  
Take Ohio Route 127 North (right) from Camden for about 1.5 miles.  
Turn left at the WOODLAND TRAILS sign on the left side of the road (be on the lookout for billboard across the highway on the right [has a sign for Housing Development. This is a short distance after the small rest area also on the right.)

## When and Where To Arrive --- Sunday June 21

- Adult and Youth Leadership Staff, report to Buzzard's Roost - 11:00 AM
- Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders: - report to Buzzard's Roost - 11:15 AM
- All other Troop members, report to Buzzard's Roost - 11:30 AM
- First year campers: Drive directly to the main parking lot and unload your gear at the lot. Representatives from the Troop will meet you there to help guide you to Buzzard's Roost and to the campsite for your Patrol.
- Please DO NOT GO INTO THE REGISTRATION AREA IN THE SHELTER  
Our troop will be meeting next to the main parking lot, but not in the shelter.
- Returning campers: (those who have been to summer camp at Woodland Trails at least once before: Park in the lot below Buzzard's Roost (overflow parking across from the Chapel) when arriving. BRING YOUR GEAR UP TO THE CAMPSITE. We are doing this so we don't flood the main parking lot with just our Troop members' cars. All of the campsites are full, so we will probably have 400 to 450 campers during the week. We will be taking ABOUT 100 just in our Troop.
- **BE SURE TO EAT LUNCH BEFORE YOU COME.**

Registering at Summer Camp --- Report to Buzzard's Roost with your gear, in full Class A uniform - including neckerchief. You may put your gear down at your Patrol's campsite, but **DON'T START SETTING UP YOUR TENT UNTIL YOU HAVE CHECKED IN AT THE BUZZARD'S ROOST SHELTER.** Check-in with the Troop 236 Adults at the following stations:

- *Register* - Identify yourself to the adult at the first station of check-in so that it can check off that you have arrived;
- *Merit Badge Schedule* - Identify yourself to the adult at the second station and receive a copy of your merit badge schedule for the week;
- *Medications* - Fill out the medications forms and give the adult in charge any medications you will be using at camp;
- *Bank Deposit* - We have found that boys spend whatever they have in their pockets. We offer boys (and their parents) the opportunity to deposit their spending money for the week into our Camp Bank. One of our adults is responsible for the bank and keeps it with them at all times during the week. The scout may ask the adult for any amount of their money at any time. No restrictions are placed on withdrawing the money. It is just a safe place to keep it.
- *T-Shirts* - Each boy attending summer camp for the first time, will receive 2 new purple Troop 236 T-shirts. Each returning scout will receive 1 new Troop 236 T-shirt. These are shirts that can be worn as Class B shirts. Markers are available for you to put your name on your shirts. (You may even choose to put your name on your neckerchief).

What To Do After Registration --- Take your Gear to your Patrol site, set up your tent, if you have time, and put on your bathing suit beneath your Scout uniform so you will be ready for the swim check. Say good-bye to your parents, brothers and sisters, grab your teddy bear, and we will be quickly getting ready to check in with the camp. About 12:30 PM, we will form as a group to register for camp. (We can't register until everyone is there, so don't be late. With a group as large as ours, if we are late, that could throw the entire camp into a late schedule.)

Sunday Afternoon Schedule --- Doc and our Senior Patrol Leader will go to the Main Shelter and register the Troop. As soon as we are registered, we will begin the rest of the check-in procedure together as a group. The following is our itinerary.

- **Medical** recheck. Normally Doc can have already done this, and we just take the forms and medications up to the first aid area.
- **Dining Hall** orientation. We will learn how the meal set-up and clean-up procedures will work this year.
- **Trading Post** for an orientation. They will tell us about their hours this year and what special new things they may be selling.
- **Swimming pool** for the swim check. We would suggest that you either wear your swim suit under your uniform when you come to camp, or that you have it very close to the top of your gear so you can get it on as soon as you arrive. We will also have an orientation to the pool and safe swimming regulations at that time.
- **Orientation to the camp.** This is for all campers, so you can become familiar with the camp. New things will also be pointed out to returning campers on the way to the various check points on Sunday.
- **Return to Buzzard's Roost:** Finish setting up tents and move in.
- **SUPPER:** We will gather at the Buzzard's Roost flagpole at 5:30 PM. Flag retreat at the Flag Quadrangle is at 5:45 PM. Supper will be served at 6:00 P.M. **WE ALWAYS GO TO SUPPER AND ATTEND THE EVENING EVENTS IN FULL CLASS "A" UNIFORM INCLUDING NECKERCHIEF.**

#### SPECIAL THINGS TO CONSIDER

- We are a very large Troop and everyone at camp pays attention to what we do and how we do it. Therefore, it is **everyone's** responsibility to set a good example at all times. **This includes appropriate language.**
- We will be camping by Patrol, and all duties will be carried out by Patrol. If everybody helps, no one has to work too hard. Remember, also, that points will be awarded for cooperation.

The Patrols have a competition throughout the week. Points are awarded for good campsite inspections, being in uniform, doing Patrol duties and many more reasons. The winning Patrol at the end of the week gets a pizza party at a time chosen by them - whether at camp or later in the year.

- **Tents** – The camp furnishes canvas wall tents for you to use. If you will be using the camp's tents which have no floors, **BRING A PLASTIC GROUND CLOTH. Troop 236 allows you to use your own tents at camp.** We will not be using the Troop 236 tents during summer camp. Most scouts choose not to use the camp's canvas wall tents, so plan ahead to tent with another patrol member and decide who will bring a tent. The tent must be large enough to accommodate at least you and a tent-mate of your choosing comfortably for a week, and no more than 3 total scouts may share a tent. You use your own tents at your own risk of wear, tear and damage.

- **A Scout's tent is his own private place. Therefore, do not enter another Scout's tent without his permission, and do not bother him in there if he is resting or has a special project that he is working on.** (Remember. at camp, as well as at home, sometimes it is necessary to be alone for a while .....respect that.) **Do not help yourself to your friend's pop or snacks unless he offers it to you.**

- Be safe with fires. Fires should be no higher than waist high. **Please do not dig a pit for the fire.** This causes erosion. **Do not spray things like insect repellent into the fire.**

- Remember that we have animals running around the camp that are just looking for some nice Scout to leave his snacks open, or in a place that is easy to get into. So be sure (if you must take a snack, or some goodies) that they are kept in tightly closed container, and up out of the way. Rocky Raccoon will help himself to your snacks if you give him a chance.

- Do not bring valuables to camp. Bring only those things that you will absolutely need. (Do not bring Eagle badges, religious medals, and Arrow of Light pins.) Those things are easy to lose in the tall grass and woods. We have no reason to believe that anyone in our Troop might be dishonest enough to steal anything, but other people can come into our campsite and take something without our knowing it. We have not had problems in the past, so we don't need to start having them now, and a little prior planning and thought helps prevent those problems.

- Scouts should not bring cell phones to summer camp. These have been a problem with scouts in the past staying up very late making phone calls, and some have been lost or damaged.

### **Do not leave any valuables at the pool.**

- Bring only enough money with you that you think you will use. There are many things in the Trading Post, like tee shirts, hammocks, craft kits, etc. Under most circumstances, \$15.00-\$20.00 should be enough for you. I would suggest, also, that you put it in an envelope with your name on it, and give it to whichever adult leader will be assigned to watch the money for that particular day.

- Again, although we have not had any problems in the past, it should go without saying that **smoking cigarettes (or anything else) or consumption of alcohol or unprescribed medications is strictly prohibited**, and will lead to the Scout being sent home immediately, with no second chance.

- As you know, some of the merit badges that you may be working on require some of the work to be done **BEFORE** going to camp. Make sure that you know which of those merit badges have special requirements and which do not; and bring them along with you when you come to camp. We will be working on some of the merit badge prerequisites during the first couple of troop meetings in June. Be familiar with the required prerequisites for the merit badges that you sign up for.

**Note: If you are taking Swimming Merit Badge, be sure to bring long pants and a long-sleeved button shirt with you. You will need these to take off in the water.**

**If you are taking horsemanship or plan to go on a trail ride, you must wear long pants and shoes or boots with heels. No tennis shoes are allowed for safety reasons. If you are taking COPE, you must wear long pants.**

- We will be doing lots of fun things and you will be doing lots of work toward your merit badges (and everyone wants to get at least one of those), but be sure to save some time each day to do something just for fun for yourself. Camp is for fun as well as work.

### DAILY CAMP SCHEDULE

- Each day we will get ready for morning Troop announcements and raising of our national flag. The remainder of the day will include:

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- 7:30 AM Raising of national colors and the Troop flags and morning announcements (quadrangle)
- 7:45 AM Breakfast (dining hall) FULL CLASS "A" UNIFORM, unless told otherwise
- 9:00 - 12:00 AM Merit Badges all over camp
- 12:15 PM Lunch (dining hall) CLASS "B" UNIFORM unless told otherwise
- Quiet time (Buzzard's Roost)
- 2:00-5:00 PM Merit Badges all over camp
- Clean up for supper
  - 5:30 PM Flag retreat (Buzzard's Roost)
- 5:45 PM Flag retreat (quadrangle).
- 6:00 PM Supper (dining hall) - FULL CLASS "A" UNIFORM
- 7:00-9:00 PM Evening Camp wide Program or Merit Badges
- 9:15 PM Snack and/or Troop Fellowship (Buzzard's Roost)
- 10:30 PM Light's out (No one leaves the campsite after lights out.)

Leaving Camp During the Week --- Boys who leave camp during the week (for that baseball or soccer game) must be signed out upon leaving at the Main Camp Office besides the Trading Post, and must be signed in upon returning at the Main Camp Office. IN ADDITION, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE TROOP 236 ADULTS KNOW IN ADVANCE THAT A BOY WILL BE LEAVING CAMP, AND ALSO BE NOTIFIED WHEN THE BOY LEAVES AND WHEN THE BOY RETURNS.

#### LEAVING CAMP ON SATURDAY, JUNE 27

Camp ends on Saturday, June 27 at about 10:30 AM.

**DO NOT LEAVE FOR HOME WITHOUT CHECKING OUT WITH THE ADULT IN CHARGE AT THE BUZZARD'S ROOST SHELTER. DO NOT PLAN TO LEAVE EARLY UNLESS YOU HAVE A VERY LEGITIMATE REASON. YOUR DOING SO MEANS THOSE WHO STAY MUST DO YOUR SHARE OF THE NECESSARY CLEAN UP BEFORE WE CAN LEAVE CAMP.**

Before anyone leaves, we must complete all of the required work.

- All equipment must be inspected, properly stored, and the site must be like we were never there before we leave. After each Patrol has completed this task to the satisfaction of the Leadership Staff, we will have breakfast at the campsite. It will be a Continental Breakfast (cold cereal, rolls, milk, fruit, etc.) Since the dining hall people will send only enough food for the registered participants, we are sorry, but we are unable to provide breakfast for early arriving parents or guests. **Please plan to stay until everything is cleaned up.**

- **Your driver should plan to arrive NO LATER THAN 9:30 AM.** He/she can park in the Buzzard's Roost lot or the main parking lot. If you would like to show your guests around the camp, that is fine, BUT DO SO ONLY AFTER ALL OF THE WORK IS COMPLETED AND Breakfast IS FINISHED. Please do not ask for special exception to leave early, because it is not fair to your brother Scouts to make them take your share of the work while you do something else.

IN ANY EVENT, PLEASE *DO NOT LEAVE FOR HOME WITHOUT CHECKING OUT WITH THE ADULT IN CHARGE AT THE BUZZARD'S ROOST SHELTER.* If going home with someone other than your own parent, make sure to let the adult in charge of check out know.

#### MAIL

If you are worried about Getting MAIL from your favorite girl friend or school teacher, or even Mom and Dad, here is the address that you should give people:

Woodland Trails Boy Scout Reservation

Your name

Troop 236

Buzzard's Roost

265 Gasper-Somers Road

Camden, Ohio 45311

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER is 1 (937) 452-3840 (this is long distance)

**BE PREPARED TO WORK VERY HARD, GET TO KNOW A LOT OF GREAT NEW FRIENDS, AND HAVE A LOT OF FUN.** We are all looking forward to spending a week at summer camp with you.

Parents' Night --- This year Wednesday night is Troop 236's parents' night. Parents are invited to come from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. This will give you an opportunity to see your son's patrol campsite and for your son to show you around the camp. Your son will already have eaten dinner so do not bring dinner for them.

Parents at Camp --- Any Parent is welcome to come to camp to be an adult leader for the entire week or just for several days. Remember, when you are at camp, you are not a parent to your son, but a leader to all of the boys at camp. Please tell Mr. Ritter by June 2 if you are planning to be at camp (and what specific days and nights) so that we can better plan the week. We also invite parents to come out Friday (beginning at 4 pm) to sit on Boards of Review. Many of the scouts will be earning rank advancements during summer camp and we need a minimum of three people on a board of review and most boards of review will be needed on Friday. If you have never served on a board of review, we encourage you to sit on some boards Friday night to learn the rank advancement process, get to know some of the scouts in the troop, and to enjoy the evening. Parents are welcome to stay the night, but please plan to stay until the Troop is dismissed on Saturday. If you come out to camp Friday evening only and don't stay over, we expect you to leave your son at camp and return to pick him up on Saturday morning.

Yours in Scouting,

Charles D. Goodwin, Scoutmaster (885-3804)  
Greg Schoeppner, Assistant Scoutmaster (689-1618)  
Mark Feuer, Committee Chairman (438-9088)

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## SUGGESTED PERSONAL EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST TROOP 236 SUMMER CAMP --- CAMP 2009

Only official Class "A" Scout uniforms including neckerchief should be worn during breakfast, dinner, flag raising and lowering ceremonies, and during the evening activities unless otherwise specified. Class "B" uniforms or casual clothes may be worn and recommended to be worn at other times, depending on the activities\*

### Required

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform Shirt (short sleeved)                           |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform Shorts  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Socks (with red band)                             |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Belt (web type or buckle)                         |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Troop Neckerchief (We will wear this rather than bolos) |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neckerchief Slide                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Ground cloth                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking Boots (or equivalent)                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag  | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra batteries for flashlight |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain gear   | <input type="checkbox"/> Ball point pen/pencil          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweater, jacket   | <input type="checkbox"/> Compass (if you have one)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swim trunks   | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Knife                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear (at least 3 pair)                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Handbook                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handkerchiefs (as needed)                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellent               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Towel   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra changes of clothes                                |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant        |   |

### Highly Recommended

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Day-pack or bookbag              | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cot – most scouts bring cots</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic tub for cloths           | <input type="checkbox"/> Comb                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic bags                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mirror (metal)                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watch                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Pad if not bringing a cot |  |

### Optional

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sharpening Stone            | <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Soap      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Eyeglasses  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Book              | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera/Film       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Musical Instrument          | <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Pad        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moccasins/Slippers          | <input type="checkbox"/> Fieldbook         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Scouting Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Stationery/Stamps |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merit Badge Handbooks       |  |

**Bring long pants and a long sleeve button shirt if you plan to take Swimming M.B.**

**Bring long blue jeans if you plan to take COPE.**

**Bring long blue jeans and shoes or boots with heels if you plan to ride horses.**

Note: If for religious or health reasons, long trousers must be worn, that is permissible, but they will probably be hot.

Swim trunks must be used as soon as you get to camp, so have them close to the top of your bag or wear them under your uniform when you come to camp.

You must be able to carry everything in from the parking lot, so be careful of what you bring.

All appropriate uniform insignia must be in place. (Do not bring medals or medallions, such as religious awards or Eagle badges.

\*Class A uniforms consist of the regular Scout shirt, Scout shorts, neckerchief, and red top socks. Class "B" uniforms consist of the regular shorts and socks with Scout related white or solid color tee shirts --- no "art" type tee shirts.