

Date: May 26

To: Parents of all scouts who will be attending summer camp with the troop

From: Bob Wilde, Scoutmaster

Attendance - The week long summer camp is a main focus of the Boy Scout camping program. All scouts should be strongly encouraged to attend regardless of how new they are to the troop or what they have done with the troop in the past. Summer camp is primarily for 12-13 year olds but we are willing to take 14 year olds who are at least life scouts and well behaved.

Equipment - After I receive it I will be distributing a copy of a portion of the information which will be given us by the Great Salt Lake Council. It will contain a list of things to bring to camp, a list of merit badges which can be earned, partially or completely, at camp, and general information about camp. We will be staying in Adirondack cabins so your scout will not need a tent. As soon as we arrive at camp the scouts will have to take their packs and hike into our camp site. That means they need to pack in a single pack, not in a lot of smaller bags. When camp is set up they will go to the water front for their swim check. They need to have their swimming suits and towels in the top of their packs to get to them quickly. We will not provide lunch for them on Monday. Have them bring a sack lunch.

Money - The charge for camp is \$60.00 for the entire week. Since this is a council camp the church budget policy allows the scouting program to ask the members to contribute for their expenses. Please have your money handed in to the committee by June 15.

At camp the scouts will also need some money. Some merit badges, like basketry and wood carving cost money. If your scout is a second year summer camper and interested in the Order of the Arrow he will also need \$35.00 for his initiation fee.

Father's participation - Scout policy requires that we have "two deep" adult leadership at all times. We may need to fill some of the second adult days with fathers. We operate on a first come, first served basis. Since we may end up calling you to ask for a day and a night you may wish to call first so you can get your preferred day.

Advancement - Summer camp is an excellent opportunity to earn merit badges and pass other requirements for advancement. However, merit badges are only a part of the summer camp experience. I personally feel that the scout who returns from summer camp with six or eight merit badges and does nothing else has missed the point of summer camp. Before going to camp each scout should know which merit badges he wants to get while there.

Physicals - B.S.A. requires all scouts to have a physical exam within the last three years. This year we do not have the opportunity to have them done as a group. Please have your scout's physical handed in to your ward Scoutmaster by June 15, 2002.

Camp Steiner - Camp Steiner's elevation is 10,400 feet. That means it will very likely be cold at night, even though we are camping in July. Be prepared with a warm coat and a warm sleeping bag. You will need a pad to sleep on. Foam, a thermarest, anything soft to go under a sleeping bag will do. The scouts will also need sun tan lotion and mosquito repellent. The ground is very rocky. Do not bring sandals. Our troop has seen snow at Steiner in August. BE PREPARED.