

## Summer Camp 2011

This information along with the Muskingum Valley brochure available on our Troop web site will hopefully cover all your questions or your son's. In this packet you will find Camp information for posting at home in case of an emergency that may come up, directions to camp, departure and return times, review of medicine and medical form procedures, visitor policy and how to pick up your son earlier than Saturday's dismissal time, money, and final checklist for packing.

### Camp

**Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation**  
**16905 CR 271**  
**Coshocton, OH 43812**  
**(740) 829-2526**

If sending mail to your son- add your scouts name and Troop 96

**Only emergency calls will be accepted for scouts.**

Bruce Hotte, Randy Lofland, Dr. Dave Condon and Jason Somerville will be at camp all week. Dr. Norm Smyke (Scoutmaster Troop 295) and two other adults from Troop 295 will also be in camp all week.

**(WE ARE STAYING IN THE EAGLE WOODS CAMPSITE)**

Bruce will have his cell phone with him. I may not have it on all the time especially when I am at the pool or on the lake. **In a true emergency**, you should call the camp at the number listed above and they will find us. My cell phone is (614) 309-1246. Please use this only if it is **essential or an emergency**.

### DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

The easiest way to camp is to follow Route 161/16 through New Albany. It will turn into Route 16. Follow Route 16 through Newark toward Coshocton. Follow Route 16 past Conesville to the red light at Route 16 and State Route 83. Turn right. You will go over a bridge almost immediately. At the end of the bridge (approximately .04 of a mile) is an intersection of State Route 83 and CR 271. Turn right. Follow CR271 for 3 miles to the entrance of Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation (MVSr), it will be on the right hand side of the road. There is a small sign that indicates that it is MVSr. Follow the road to the parking area. NO VEHICLES ARE PERMITTED TO BE DRIVEN AROUND CAMP OR TO CAMPSITES WITHOUT THE CAMP DIRECTORS APPROVAL.

MVSr is west of Coshocton. So, if you miss your turn from Route 16, Coshocton is your next stop, and you will need to turn around.

## **DEPARTURE TIMES TO AND FROM CAMP**

**We will be leaving for camp on Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM from Kingsdale Shopping Center parking lot.** We will meet at 11:00 a.m. at Kingsdale Shopping Center at the northwest corner of the Macy's parking lot along Tremont. Scouts must be in Class B uniform to travel. Class B uniform is our Troop camp T-shirt and either scout shorts or plain green shorts similar in color as an alternative. Please help them look decent so we can make a good impression as a Troop.

**Scouts MUST have a Class A uniform for camp.** Class A uniform for Troop 96 is a scout shirt, scout pants or shorts, scout belt and scout socks. Please bring this on a hanger. I need to see that everyone has their uniform before we will depart.

Drivers, as I know today, for the trip to camp and back will be Bruce Hotte, Randy Lofland, Dave Condon, Mark Erickson, Jason Somerville and Norm Smyke. Norm will have his trailer and we will load all troop and personal equipment into the trailer at Kingsdale. We will have the trailer in our campsite, so this will facilitate our setup and take down at the end of camp. If anyone else wants to drive either to or from camp, please let me know.

Check in time at camp on Sunday is 2:00 PM. **Everyone must pack their swim suit and towel at the top of their bag or backpack.** We will be going to the pool to complete the swim test. *Everyone* will go to the pool to take the swim test. Be Prepared!

Going over we will make a stop at Wendy's near Newark. Scouts will either need to eat before they come to Covenant, bring a sack lunch, or bring money for our routine stop at Wendy's on the way over. Make sure you have this money available and not packed in your gear in the trailer.

Camp will conclude on Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you desire to pick up your son on Saturday, you will need to be at camp at 9:00 AM. The boys will be dismissed after the closing ceremonies.

We the adult leaders, need to know if you plan to come for parents night, plan to pick up your son early for any reason, or plan to pick up your son on Saturday.

## **MEDICATION AND MEDICATION FORM**

All medication that needs to be taken during camp must be in the original container with the instruction label from the pharmacy attached and must be accompanied by a "Medication Instruction" form completed and signed by a parent. (Included on last page)

Medications are given out at meals – 3 times a day, during each meal. If a scout needs to take medication at a certain time, this needs to be on the "Medication Instructions" form. Do not send over-the-counter drugs with your son. They keep these at camp, but you

need to put on the “Medication Instructions” form what your son needs to take. If they use inhalers, they may keep those with them.

Please put all your son’s medicine and the “Medication Instructions” form into a plastic bag that is sealable, and write his name on the outside of the plastic bag. Please give me the plastic bag at Kingsdale before we depart.

## **PICTURE ID**

In addition to the Camper Release Policy, if a scout has plans to leave camp earlier than on Saturday, then the person picking him up must be listed on the scouts medical form and if the person is not a parent, you must also include a permission form signed and stating who is picking up your son. This is a BSA requirement and is in no means meant to inconvenience you, but to make sure your son is kept safe and only allowed to leave with someone you know.

## **MONEY**

At camp they have a trading post (camp store). Boys can purchase forgotten or lost camping items, merit badge books, craft kits needed for merit badges, toiletries, t-shirts, snacks, soft drinks, ice cream etc.

Some scouts will need to purchase the craft kits when they get to camp when they need to work on it for the merit badge, so they need to take some money. During the week they always like to get an ice cream or something from the trading post so I recommend that they bring some money. I would suggest they bring about \$20 - \$25 to spend at the trading post.

This is my fourteenth year of camp with Troop 96. I want to say I’ve seen it all, but the boys never cease to amaze me. Do not send a lot of money. They will loose it. I discourage the boys from borrowing from one another as this just leads to problems. They will spend it all by mid week unless you set some limits for them.

If they get in a bind, I will establish a Scoutmaster account at the trading post in which the **boys can put merit badge needed items only** on a tab that we will pay when we leave camp and then you can reimburse the troop when we return.

\*\*If your son is going to eat at Wendy’s on the way to camp on Sunday, make sure they have some money for this in addition to money they have for the week at camp. Plan for about \$5.00 for Wendy’s. Remember that they will spend any and all money before camp is over.

Pop and ice cream are available at a reasonable price at the trading post.

As we discussed at our meetings, please do not send any food to camp. We don't want any uninvited critters raiding our camp during the day or night. They will get plenty to eat at the meals.

## **PARENTS NIGHT**

Wednesday evening is family night at Muskingum Valley Scout Reservation. Scout families are welcomed to join us in camp. We normally order pizza from a local pizza restaurant and we would like to know if you plan to attend and how many so we can be prepared with enough food. Plan to arrive between 5 and 6. Remember that it will take you 2 hours from Columbus on Wednesday afternoon due to traffic through New Albany. The evening activities include Trading Post time, Order of the Arrow call outs, and the campfire program put on by the campers. It's a great time to see your scouts in camp and see what they have been doing. The program will end about 10:00. The drive home at night will be much faster.

## **FINAL CHECKLIST**

The next page attached is a final checklist to help your son check off his items for the trip so that nothing is forgotten. Please make sure that **ALL** your son's belongings are marked so we can identify things if needed. I suggest that you roll a pair of shorts, a shirt, underwear and socks together and secured with a rubber band for each day of camp. This will make it very easy to pull one set out and be ready to go rather than searching for the correct items through his bag or footlocker.

*Please, please, please*, parents check what you son is packing with him against the checklist provided below. Remember that they are going for a week so one pair of shorts, one shirt and one pair of socks is **NOT** enough. They need clothes for a week, toiletries to keep clean, towels, extra shoes, and sleeping gear. Every year someone shows up a camp with no change of clothes, only one or two pairs of socks or no sleeping bag. And while it is summer and hot, it has been known to rain or get cool at night, so the raingear and lightweight sweatshirt might be handy.

## **FINAL THOUGHTS**

If you are coming to camp we look forward to having you. When you do come to camp, don't forget to register at the camp office when you arrive. If you plan on spending a night we need to know in advance and you must have a new physical on file with the troop before we leave to go to camp. This is a very well run camp and every year our scouts have fun. They will be very busy all day with activities. There is plenty to do and once they get used to the routine of camp, they will have a blast. I will do everything to assist them to complete their programs and merit badges. If you have any concerns, please feel free to discuss them with me before we leave on Sunday.

**\*\* REMEMBER:**

**If you are going for the swimming merit badge,** you must also bring with you a button up long sleeve shirt, long pants, and an old pair of shoes, all of which will get wet. Do not bring good clothes because you will be jumping into the pool with these on. If you forget these items you will **NOT** complete the merit badge.

**If you are doing the canoeing merit badge,** you will need a towel, **old** spare clothes and an **old** extra pair of shoes for swamping.

**If you are doing the climbing merit badge,** you will need cotton or denim pants. Nylon or polyester pants are not acceptable. No pants = No climbing. Period.

Is everything ready to go? Here is a final checklist to help you in your packing.

	Class A uniform – (pants or shorts, belt, shirt, and socks)
	Clothes for a week (remember scout oriented shirts or plain colored t-shirts are permitted only) I suggest at least one long pair of pants and long sleeve shirt extra in case it is cool.
	Swimming trunks and towel for pool (remember to pack these on top)
	Back up pair of shoes
	Rain coat or poncho
	Towel for bathing ( Yes they will be expected to shower)
	Toiletries (SOAP, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant etc)
	Sunscreen ( This is important even if you son protests)
	Bug Spray (Essential)
	Merit badge books for the ones you signed up for
	Boy Scout handbook, notebook, and pencil
	Water bottle
	Flashlight with spare batteries
	Medication forms completed and medicine in a marked prescription bottle with scouts name on the bottle and all in a plastic bag
	Sleeping bag
	Pillow
	Personal first aid kit
	Fishing pole and tackle. No hooks can be on the fishing pole when transporting.
	Camp Chair
	I would suggest a backpack similar to what they carry for school to haul their items during the day. It will save them trips back to camp.
	Dirty clothes bag
	Light jacket or sweatshirt
	Camera with film (Disposable camera works best – Put name and Troop # on it)
	Hiking boots
	Pocket knife and compass
	Plastic drop cloth

**\*\*\*Thing scouts are NOT permitted to have at camp:**

CD players, radios, video games

Fireworks

Lighters

Slingshots

Pagers

Cell Phones or Walkie Talkies

# Troop 96 Medication Instruction Form

Scout's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## In case of emergency call:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Other instructions \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Any condition now requiring medication? (Circle one) Yes No

### PRESCRIBED:

Medication \_\_\_\_\_ Dosage \_\_\_\_\_ Time Given \_\_\_\_\_

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## All medication must be turned in to the Health Officer in the original container at check in.

Please list any restrictions of activities for medical reasons \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for the camp staff members to administer to the above named individual the following over the counter medications per the instructions provided on the bottle as conditions indicate, or by the individual's health care provider, and/or emergency care of injuries or illnesses that may occur at camp.

### Circle all that apply:

Acetaminophen (Tylenol)

Antacid tablets (Tums)

Antibiotic ointment (Neosporin)

Ibuprofen (Advil)

Anti-itch lotion/cream/ointment (eg. Caladryl)

Benadryl for allergic reaction

Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

The health form is correct so far as I know, and the person described has permission to engage in all prescribed activities, except as noted by me. In the event I cannot be reached in case of an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the adult leader in charge to hospitalize, secure proper anesthesia, or to order injection for my son.

\*\*All prescription medication must be accompanied by attached medication form, be in the original container with instructions clearly printed on container and turned in to the medication officer. Only bring enough medication to last the duration of camp.

Signature of parent or legal guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: This form must be completed and signed, prescription medication must be in the original containers, and all placed in a sealed plastic bag with the scouts name printed on the plastic bag.**