

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

February 14, 2008

Dear Scout Parents,

This letter and its attachments, contain important information about this year Summer Camp. Please keep all this information until we've completed our week of fun and adventure. Summer Camp is an exciting time for a boy. Most of a scout's favorite memory of Boy Scouts happens at Summer Camp. Your son will have many opportunities to learn new skills while they earn merit badges, but most of all they will have fun doing it.

We will be camping at **Camp Daniel Boone** near Canton, NC from **Sunday, June 15th through Saturday June 21th**. The total cost for camp is **\$255.00** (extra costs may be involved depending on which merit badges your son will be working on, see Merit Badge Information). First payment of \$85.00 was paid January 10th, 2008, and your other two payments of \$85.00 before March 6th 2008, and May 5th 2008 to be able to attend summer camp. Please make all checks payable to **BSA Troop 128**. If you need financial assistance for summer camp please see Andy Messmer. No boy will miss Summer Camp because of a financial need. Please don't forget that your son may have money in his "Scout Passbook Account" that can go toward Summer Camp.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, June 15, 2008	12:30 pm	Meet at Epworth UMC, load up, and leave
Wednesday, June 18, 2008	5:00-10:00 pm	Family Night at Camp (see attachments)
Saturday, June 21, 2008	11:00 am	Arrive back at Epworth UMC

UNIFORMS

Every boy must show up at Epworth UMC in full Class-A uniform when we meet to leave for camp. If your son needs financial assistance with getting a full Class-A uniform please contact me ASAP. We will be taking a group photo when we arrive at camp, and uniforms are required at certain events during the day. A full uniform consists of a Scout Shirt, belt, pants/shorts, and socks.

MAIL & EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

If you would like to send mail to your son, here is the address:

Your Son's Name
Troop 128
Camp Daniel Boone
3647 Little East Fork Road
Canton, NC 28716

If you need to reach your son for an emergency, you can either call the Camp at 828-648-0435 (8:30a-10:00p) 828-648-6770 (10:00p-8:30a) and they will find your son, or you can try to reach me on my cell phone 704-796-0488 (**NOTE: Cell phones do not receive reception well at Camp Daniel Boone.**). Either way, we will have to hunt your son down in his class and have him call you on the pay-phone or on my cell phone. The boys are not allowed to have cell phones with them during camp.

MEDICAL EVALUATION BY A DOCTOR

Attached is a blank medical form. Your son may already have one on file with the Troop. If the **Class 2 section of the medical form is 36 months old before we depart Camp Daniel Boone on Saturday June 21st**; you must have a doctor complete the Class 2 section of the medical form before your son before summer camp. Some of the activities will be strenuous in nature and we want to make sure your son can safely participate. We also will need to know any medications/prescriptions that your son will need at camp. We will also want to know about any allergies your son may have. He will be in an outdoor environment the entire week. We want everyone to have fun and return home safely. Your son will not be allowed to attend camp without this completed. If you have not had the "MEDICAL RELEASE FOR EMERGENCY CARE" form completed and notarized, you must before we leave for camp. The troop will need current medical insurance card on file. A copy of your insurance card front and back will be needed to attach to your son's medical form. In any case of your child needing any medical attention we will always try to reach you before anything is done. This is why we always need current emergency contact information.

FAMILY NIGHT

Wednesday night at 6:00pm Camp Daniel Boone treats its campers and adult leaders to a good ole North Carolina Hoedown. We also invite any family members to come and participate in the fun. Dinner is served outdoors (picnic style) and scouts can take part in sack races, horseshoe tosses and limbo competitions. Stay for Boonesboro Village's Highland Games beginning at 7:30 P.M. Parents are asked to purchase a temporary meal ticket for \$5 in the Trading Post. The evening will close with a Camp-wide Campfire with all the troops and parents attending. The campfire will have entertaining skits and jokes. Family night should be wrapped up around 10:00 pm. Attached are maps showing how to drive to Camp Daniel Boone, and where our campsite is once you get there. You will have to park in the parking area and walk into the campground.

MERIT BADGES

Attached is a list of all the merit badges available for you son. Some have pre-requirements that your son will not be able to meet before camp. Some are geared toward older scouts. Please help your son choose his merit badges and his schedule for day. We will be going over this in the scout meeting. **I need the schedules back to me by February 28th, 2008.** Making this schedule does not guarantee that the boy will get into the classes he wants. The Goin' Great Program is also available for young scouts. This program helps them to advance quickly through the Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class Ranks. If a boy goes through the Goin' Great Program he will only be able to take one merit badge that is offered at Goin' Great Program. Either path is a good one. It's up to your son which one he wants to do. Please ask Andy Messmer, Scott Butts, or Neil Ashworth if you want advice on which path your son should take.

PACKING LIST

Attached are lists of what to pack and a list of what not to pack.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me at 704-796-0488 or email me at neil1@vnet.net. I'm very excited about Summer Camp this year. I think the boys are going to have a blast.

Yours in Scouting,

Neil Ashworth
Assistance Scoutmaster

Attachments:

1. Personal Health and Medical Record
2. Medical Release for Emergency Care
3. Merit Badge Program/ Goin' Great Program /Schedule
4. Map to Camp Daniel Boone
5. Map to Blackfoot Campsite
6. Packing List