

T U N I C A D I S T R I C T
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o c t o b e r 23-25, 2009

To: All District Members and Families of Tunica District

Tunica District invites your family to our yearly Fall Cub Family Campout. This event is designed to give everyone a great time camping overnight or as a day trip. It will be held at Camp Avondale, Lake Istrouma at Avondale Scout Reservation in Clinton. YOUR CAMP SITE IS PROVIDED!

This Family Campout is for Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, and their family members. We are also inviting any Boy Scout Troops and/or Crews who wish to participate and "lend a hand" with various activities to join in as well.

Deadlines:

- September 23, 2009. at 4pm LAST DAY TO REGISTER WITHOUT A LATE FEE!
- September 24, 2009 and later the fee will be \$20.00 per person!
- October 9, 2009. LAST DAY to Register

REGISTRATION & COST: There is a \$10.00 EVENT fee for each Scout AND siblings. ALL adults will need to pay \$5.00 event per person, UNDER 5 WILL BE NO CHARGE. This covers your patch, insurance, restroom facilities, craft supplies, event awards, and other expenses.

EVERYONE MUST BE REGISTERED FOR THIS EVENT. Unit Leader must have registration papers for this event in the Scout Office by the close of Business on September 23, 2009
October 9, 2009 WILL BE THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT.

This booklet should be duplicated as needed for your unit, especially the pull out "Registration Form" and the "Part A Form". Use this as a resource guide for all the families in your Unit who will be attending the Family Campout. Please go over the "Rules and Regulations" to ensure a safe and happy camping experience for new and old alike.

PLEASE register early as this makes it easier for items to be order and planning ahead.

If you have any questions please contact Rick Wilkinson

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Tunica Family Campout
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

CLOSE OF BUSINESS Deadline for Normal Registration at the Scout Office September 23, 2009

Friday October 23, 2009

5:00-9:00pm Registration and Set-up Campsites
9:30-10:00pm Adult Cracker Barrel Meeting (Must attend to get Saturdays Schedule)
10:30pm Taps – Lights out (Respect others please be quite)

Saturday, October 24th

6:00-8:00am Early Check In at dining hall (Headquarters)
Reveille & Breakfast
8:30am Opening Ceremony
9:00-12:00am Game Time
12:00-1:30pm Lunch
1:30-5:00pm Free time: Leaders training (tenitive), fishing, pack time.
5:15pm Flag Lowering
5:30pm Dinner
8:00-8:45pm Campfire program
9:00-9:30pm Cracker barrel (Dining Hall)
10:30pm Taps – Lights out (Respect others please be quite)

Sunday, October 25th

7:00-8:00am Reveille & Breakfast
9:00 Scouts Own Service
9:30-10:00 Closing and Awards
12:00pm Camp Closed Remember Leave no Trace!

Tunica District Family Campout General Information:

Please read in detail because things have change. National has set some new guidelines for us to follow. These are very important, if they are not followed we will have to go home and miss out on all the fun that we have planned.

LOCATION: The campout will occur at Lake Istrouma Summer Camp Area, on the Avondale Scout Reservation outside of Clinton, Louisiana. All participants are required to enter through the front gate for this event. **YOUR CAMP SITE IS PROVIDED FOR YOU!** **FORMS: REQUIRED** Medical forms (Class 1) for each person (Scout, adult, siblings, and leaders) must be turned in at you check in, they will be returned at Closing Ceremony, Sunday. Registration Forms need to be filled out completely. I have had to change them, to fit in the information that is need. Please mark either register Scout or non-register for Adults and siblings, register your pack together, number your pages of forms (1 of 4, 2 of 4, 3 of 4, 4 of 4), fill all the blanks in and don't forget your pack # and contact number of leader in charge. Email address is really important as well.

SITE SELECTION: The number of people pre-registered will determine where your Campsites will be. We do recognize that some Packs have adopted specific campsites that they maintain during the year, and wish to use these sites for the Family Campout. We will do our best to accommodate you. Please put what site you would like to have on the back of your registration paper. Location maps will be distributed to all participants at registration. Please use the Leave no Trace methods.

HEADQUARTERS: Headquarters (dining hall) will be staffed throughout the weekend for your questions, safety needs, and information. Questions concerning general assemblies, flag ceremonies, eventjudging, lost and found, and maps will be available.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: First aid will be on site. All Medical needs will need to be reported to Headquarters, please. Emergency numbers will be provided at registration.

RESTROOMS: Restrooms are at each campsite. Please keep them as clean as possible. Leave no trace methods should be used at all times. Restrooms must be cleaned before leaving your site. If something is not working please report it to headquarters as soon as possible.

EVENT INFORMATION

LEADER & STAFF CRACKER BARREL: All Cub Scout leaders, Boy Scout Adult Leaders, Senior Patrol Leaders and any adult are invited to a brief meeting on Friday night at 9:30pm at Headquarters. We will review the weekend's activities and respond any questions. This counts as a Roundtable for those that are working on leader knots

Assistant leaders that have not been trained but would like to be trained. This training will be in the afternoon from 1:30-4:30.

FISHING TOURNAMENT: We're looking for the biggest, the smallest, and anything in between. So bring your fishing poles and secret bait to catch the big one in lovely Lake Istrouma. Fishing will begin Saturday lunch period and close at 5:00pm. If you catch one (hook and line), have an adult measure it and bring the information to Headquarters by 5pm to register your catch. Good Luck! {Fishing Belt Loop}

DEN FLAG CONTEST: If your den has a flag that they would like to enter, or your boys would like to make a special one to reflect our theme, bring it to be judged at this campout! Each Den may submit their flag at Headquarters between 12:00 and 1:30on Saturday. Have your flag labeled (if not evident) as to what Pack and Den. Flags can be picked up at headquarters after 5:00pm on Saturday evening.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES: Units have an option of performing their own "Scout's Own Service" anytime during the campout or attend the group service to be held at the Chapel Sunday 9:00 to 9:30am. The Scout's Own Service program consists of a Call to Worship, Hymns or Songs, Scriptures or Readings from a variety of Religious or Inspirational Sources, Responsive Reading, Personal Prayer, Group Prayer, Inspirational Reading or Message.

CAMPFIRE: Bring your flashlight, chairs, and mosquito spray and join us at the campfire. We encourage every pack to present a skit or song. Leaders please do some run-ons, skits and songs yourself. If your boys see, you participating, they will. If your unit would like to present a skit, please let Headquarters know by 1:30 pm on Saturday.

Recommended Items to Bring

We suggest you consider a "DAY BAG" to be carried at all times containing: Sunscreen, Rain gear, camera, map, itinerary, a cup for drinking, maybe a towel, some of the games might get wet or messy. Leaders and experienced campers, please help those in your Pack that are new to the Family Campout experience. Below is some useful information on items that should be brought to the campout. It is not necessary to spend a lot of money on equipment. Regular household items can be used for sleeping and cooking without investing in special "outdoor" gear. Tents can be borrowed from a neighbor, or from a Boy Scout Troop affiliated with your Pack. (Ask your Boy Scout troop to come with you to help.) If a tent is borrowed, we recommend practicing putting it together prior to the campout and making sure all the parts are there. A ground cloth is recommended for under the tent. There are a number of informational resources which pack leadership can provide to their families regarding equipment. The Cub Scout Leader Book, (Cub Scout Camping), the Cub Scout Leader How-To-Book, and the Webelos Scout Book Outdoorsman all contain camping information.

For those camping as a group, the following ideas can be useful when camping as a group:

- Plan at least 1 meal together or all your meals
- Share on supplies or cost for meals
- Duty or Chore roster (share the work)

RULES AND REGULATION

- We will all live by the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack and the Cub Scout · Motto. We will have fun!
- Buddy System: Tiger Cubs, Wolves, Bears, Webelos and siblings should use the buddy system anywhere outside of your campsite. Always go in pairs for safety. Tell an adult when you are leaving the campsite.
- Alcoholic Beverages or Smoking: Alcoholic beverages or any kind are not permitted by the BSA policy. Possession or use is grounds for immediate dismissal for the campout. There should be no smoking in front of youth participants. All camp buildings are "smoke-free". If you must smoke, it must be done out of sight of youth participants. Butts must be "field dressed" and disposed of properly. Please be conscious of the ever-present danger of brush and forest fires.
- Vehicles: Speed limit is 7 mph.
- Wear seat belts-no more persons per belt.
- Vehicles are to be parked in parking lot after unloading at campsite.
- NO riding in open vehicles (beds of pick-ups, even if there is a camper shell)
- NO motor homes or RV's; NO generators
- On Sunday, do not move vehicles until after 9:00
- WALK (do not run) within your Pack's campsite area.
- CLOSED-TOED SHOES must be worn at all times.
- Stay out of Lake Istrouma. Fish from the edge. No watercraft permitted.
- Fish may be taken from the lake (with a hook and line); Bait may be put into the lake, however that is all that should go in.
- Do not ditch or trench your tent or fire ring.
- Leave your campsite in better condition than you found it.

Trash bags should be brought by all for removal of garbage. Place all garbage in trash dumpsters. Not on the ground. Each unit shall police its own area before checking out.

- NO radios, televisions, tape/CD players, game systems or pets permitted. This is an outdoor experience please make it great.
- NO bikes allowed because of safety rules.
- Uniforms: Field Uniform (full uniform) should be worn at Religious Services and the Campfire. Activity Uniform (Scout T-Shirt or other tasteful T-shirt within the spirit of the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack) may be worn during events, games, and free time.

Knives, Hatchets, Axes, Chain Saws, or Firearms:

- NO firearms, long handled axes or chain saws are permitted.
- NO fixed blade, survival, or sheath knives are permitted.
- Hatchets may be used by Boy Scouts and/or Adult leaders only.
- Folding and pocket knives are allowed for those who have earned their Whittlin' or Totin' chips.
- Fueled Stoves and Lanterns: Outdoor gas or propane stoves and/or lanterns are to be used only by ADULTS. No flames inside tents or pop-ups.
- Rocks and Sticks: Rocks will not be thrown and sticks will not be swung.

Campfires:

- Do not pit or trench fires
- NO trees are to be cut. You may collect dead wood from the ground
- Bring your own firewood or charcoal.
- Fires are to be built within the unit campsite and should be kept to the minimum number and sized needed for cooking. Charcoal fires may be built on heavy-duty aluminum foil to minimized fire scar and residue.
- NO chemical fuels should be used to start wood or charcoal fires; the fire starter stove is the only allowable means of starting a charcoal fire on camp premises.
- Clear all burnable material from your 10-foot fire circle. DO NOT strip grass.
- NEVER leave your fire unattended. Have an adult oversee the fire at all times.
- Have a bucket of water nearby in case sparks start a fire away from the fire.
- Your fire must be "cold out" when you are finished cooking and before Taps. Spread the coals and ashes and then sprinkle them with water. Stir and sprinkle until the site is gold. Feel it with your hand to make sure.
- Use an existing fire ring, if possible.
- All cold leftover wood is to be removed (you may move them into the wooded area) from meadows and campsite areas prior to leaving the grounds.

REMEMBER:

A SCOUT LEAVES IT BETTER THAN THEY FOUND IT.

SCOUTS REFUND POLICY

The following policy statement is applicable to all Council and District events where a fee is collected. This includes events such as District Day Camps, Cub Resident Camp, Summer Camp, Winter Camp, Training Courses (Scoutmaster Fundamentals, OWLS, Wood Badge, Etc), Camporee, etc.

- 1. Written refund requests will be considered only if received in the Pennington Scout Center 10 days prior to the start of camp.*
- 2. Written refund request submitted after the event will be considered only for personal illness or family emergencies. No refund requests will be accepted after 10 days following the close of camp.*
- 3. A service charge of 25% of the full activity fee will be assessed on all refunds.*
- 4. Refund checks will be issued within 30 days following the close of camp.*
- 5. Fees are only transferable within the same unit to a Scout not currently registered for the event.*