



# TROOP 175 SUMMER CAMP 2018

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Dear Scouts & Parents:

It's almost time for Summer Camp at Lake Allatoona! Here are some details.

- **Camp Opens:** 3:00 p.m. **Sunday, June 3, 2018.** Please **arrive before 2 p.m.** for Opening Ceremony.
- **Camp Closes:** 10:00 a.m. **Saturday June 9.** Please **arrive by 9:30** to load the car.
- Transportation to and from camp is the parents' responsibility.
- Each boy must have a signed **registration/release form** and **BSA health form.**

## Arrival and Check-in at Mess Hall

When you get to camp, park at the gravel lot at the top of the hill (DO NOT DRIVE DOWN THE LOOP) then walk down to the Mess Hall for check-in. Bring your medical form, medications, special dietary requirements, and any other special needs or information for us. Once we get you checked-in, we will let you know which cabin you are assigned to and THEN you can bring your gear down.

## Mandatory medical form & exam

Each Scout must turn in a **BSA health & medical form 680-001, Rev 2014.** This form (attached) **requires a recent physical exam** (dated 6/3/2017 or later). **This form is REQUIRED for check-in – no exceptions.** Be sure that inoculations are current, especially tetanus! Sometimes the boys forget to wear shoes, and occasionally someone gets a cut.

## Campers must attend the full week of camp

**Each Scout that attends camp must attend the full term!** When boys leave early it causes disruptions and incomplete work on merit badges. Please work out your schedule to allow your son to enjoy the full camp experience. During the school year we're very accommodating to the multiple demands of each Scout's schedule. However, for Summer Camp I ask you to give priority to this one week.

Over the past few years there have been an increasing number of conflicts preventing a Scout from being at camp for the full week. This year, those disruptions need to be rescheduled. I'm happy to discuss any hardship, but please do not assume that your Scout will be allowed to miss time during the week.

## Clothes

We'll have a Poopsheet with a full packing list, but here's an overview:

- We wear full **Class-A uniform** for opening and closing ceremonies only.
- We wear **shorts, t-shirts and swimsuits** for the rest of the week
- First- and second-year Scouts: if you're taking **Swimming** or **Lifesaving Merit Badges**, you need **long pants, a long-sleeve button-up shirt and a pair of old shoes** for personal floatation.
- **Shoes** must be worn at all times, including **water shoes** or sandals on the waterfront.

### **Don't bring food**

Your son should NOT to bring ANY food or drinks with him. The boys get three good meals a day, with refreshments every evening, and private supplies have created problems in the past. We will confiscate food items and the Scout may be sent home. If your Scout has **special dietary requirements, please give those to me in writing by May 29**. In the past we've been able to accommodate most requests but we're limited by the rudimentary capabilities of the mess hall.

### **Don't bring this stuff!**

To make sure camp operates smoothly, we must prohibit certain items from camp. Any Scout caught with prohibited items will be subject to disciplinary action determined by the Scoutmaster. Any Scout asked to leave camp must have his parent(s) or legal guardian come immediately to pick him up.

- Water guns, water balloons, or **any item that disrupts the orderly operation of camp.**
- **Electronic games or devices** including hand-held games, iPods, cell phones, radios, televisions, gaming consoles, etc. The items will be confiscated and returned at the end of camp.
- **Valuable items:** cash, watches, rings/jewelry, expensive cameras, binoculars, etc.
- Open-bladed hunting or sheath knives. **BSA only allows knives with folding blades.**

### **Contact information**

- Please provide us with contact info so we can reach you, day or night, in case of emergency.
- At drop-off time we'll provide contact info for the Camp Director and an alternate adult in case you need to contact your son during camp.

### **Visitors**

Adults are welcome to visit camp when the boys are not in merit badge classes. We require their participation on schedule to complete their requirements.

- Please schedule your visits to coincide with your Scout's free time.

- If you want to visit camp, please pre-arrange your meeting with the Camp Director.
- Adults will not be allowed to spend the night at camp without prior permission, so don't expect to spend the night unless you make arrangements in advance.

### **Friday**

Friday afternoon is devoted to closing games and the campfire. Humans are welcome to join us, but not pets. Boys will not be allowed to leave camp until Saturday morning.

### **Saturday morning**

On Saturday the boys will be proud of what they've done during the week and anxious to show you around.

- Plan to **arrive at camp at 9 or 9:15** if you want time to look around before loading the car.
- Closing Ceremony begins at 10 a.m. Saturday. The boys will leave for home following the ceremony.

If anyone has questions about camp, please call me at 404.735.6357 (cell). We look forward to another exciting week of fun at Camp 175!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Wyatt', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kevin Wyatt  
Scoutmaster, Troop 175