



Summer TIMES

YOUR MONTHLY SOURCE FOR MISSISSIPPI VALLEY COUNCIL SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION

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Pre-camp Leaders Meetings

Find help and ask those burning questions about camp

The Pre-camp Leaders meeting can be an invaluable tool for Troop leaders to ask questions and find answers so you can prepare for camp. This year we have changed a few things up so the meetings can be more time efficient, less travel, and in a smaller setting to get more interaction with you as a leader. Camp administration will be there to answer program questions, check-in/ check-out procedures, new program features and more.

The highlight will be the unveiling of our new Online Merit Badge sign-up process and more detailed explanation of merit badge schedules, times, and new offerings. While at least one representative from each Troop should attend, all leaders are invited to come and share. Each Pre-camp Leaders meeting will be held at a local restaurant and you are welcome to come and eat (on your own). Please RSVP so we know how many materials to prepare.

Wednesday, February 29th -Quincy-Cassano's Pizza (312 N 27th)

Thursday, March 1st -Keokuk-The Hawkeye (105 N Park St)

Wednesday, March 7th -Burlington-Happy Joe's (1024 S. Roosevelt)

High Adventure Opportunities

Ever wonder how to keep older Scouts interested in staying in your Troop? GIVE 'EM ADVENTURE!

2012 will mark one of the first times that our council is offering not 1, not 2, but 3 different opportunities for your young men to experience summer camping like never before. It all get's kicked off with "Trail Crew" week where Scouts will work directly with our Camp Rangers on trail building and conservation education at both of our camps. Next is the National Youth Leadership Training where your Scouts will learn those leadership skills that will make your Troop stronger and help keep them in the program. Last is X-Treme Scout program. Final details are being put into place, but Scouts that sign up will have a week full (the week of July 8) of high adventure opportunities including COPE, 2 day canoe trip down the Mississippi River (including camping on a river island), touring of the Keokuk Power Plant with the Army Corp of Engineers, mountain boarding, zip line, climbing tower, "Scout vs. Wild" wilderness survival and a possible day of SCUBA. Don't let your Scouts miss out this summer, start promoting TODAY as there is LIMITED SPACE in each program! Also be sure to check out the Physically Strong Adventure Race where your Scouts can use their skills to compete. Find more information at: <http://www.mississippivalleybsa.org/Council141/Program/AdventureRace>

Summer Camp Backdating

Suggested steps to help you get to camp!

- **Family Friends of Scouting**-This is a part of your Camper Savings Plan but did you know that without your Troops direct support of Family FOS that we could not operate 2 camps, employ 2 full time Rangers, and keep up with the maintenance cost to operate year-round? FOS also helps provide Camperships to needy Scout families, keep camp cost low compared to other camps (church camps, sport camps, etc.) not to mention all the behind the scenes operations of Scouting such as full time membership recruitment, Scout Shops, mailings, websites, and much more. Support Scouting today and help keep our program strong for the thousands of youth that we all serve!

Camper Savings Plan

Save Money!

Make sure the Troop Committee pays special attention to the "Camp Savings Plan". This plan is an incentive plan to help you save money and also help you promote camp to all of your Scout families. Keep up with the deadlines and make sure they are clearly marked on your Troop's calendar.

- **Campsite deposit in by 2/1/12 COMPLETE**
- **Hold Troop Summer Camp Kickoff by 2/28/12**
- **Make deposit of \$250 by 3/23/12 with estimated number of attendees**
- **Hold Family FOS by 5/4/12**
- **Make final payment on-time by 5/4/12**